

# Japan is Fighting For



maining half of the crop to their grasping landlords. Thousands of Japanese are employed in the fisheries, as is natural in an island population. The product of the fisheries furnishes a large proportion of the food of the people, and within recent years canneries have been established and modern methods of taking the fish largely adopted. The ancient and extremely picturesque native method of catching smelts and other comparatively small fish is still, however, followed on some of the more remote islands. The men engaged in this industry go to work after nightfall and depend on the glare of torches to attract the fish to the top of the water. In each boat are carried several tame cormorants. These great birds, by nature fishermen, plunge over into the sea and come up with struggling fish in their beaks. They have been taught, once the fish is captured, to swim at once to their master's boat and yield the fish into his hands, but to make sure that the cormorant will not forget his lesson a firm iron ring is fastened about the throat of the bird, so that it is impossible for it to swallow if it would.

Women and girls are largely employed in the fisheries. On some of the remote islands the fisher girls, armed with a knife and carrying a large bamboo basket attached to their shoulders, swim out into the sea for a considerable distance and load their baskets with shellfish and edible seaweed, which they procure by diving and detaching them from the rocks to which they cling. The wages of a fisherman are about 19 cents a day.

There are no rich men in Japan, as judged by the standards of the United States. There are only two men in the empire who pay an income tax on over \$125,000 a year. More astonishing still to American eyes are the statements that there are only thirteen men in the empire who pay on \$20,000 a year; sixty-seven on \$12,000; ninety-six on \$8,500, and 140 on \$5,500. Out of every 1,000 in the empire there are only seven who have incomes which equal \$1,350 a year.

Yet the 4,000,000 people of this comparatively poor little country buy from the outside world goods to the yearly average of \$7 each. The total wealth of the empire of Japan has been estimated as follows:

Lands	\$2,500,000,000
Mines	250,000,000
Live stock	40,000,000
Buildings	250,000,000
Furniture	700,000,000
Railroads	175,000,000
War and merchant ships	125,000,000
Specie	100,000,000
Miscellaneous	125,000,000
Goods and products	400,000,000
Total	\$3,400,000,000

The Russian empire has a total population of 128,161,000, or not quite three times as many as Japan. The dominions of the Russian empire embrace a total of 8,379,000 square miles, or fifty-five times as much as Japan. If the territory of Russia was as closely settled as that of Japan it would have room to spare for all the people now in the world.

Korea, which plays the part of the bone over which the Russian and Japanese armies are fighting, has a total area of 80,000 square miles—about the same as the state of Nebraska. But, like all the countries of the far East, it is thickly populated, having 10,528,000 people, as compared with the 1,066,000 of Nebraska.—Chicago Tribune

## WESTERN CANADA HAS AN EXCELLENT CLIMATE.

The Saskatchewan Valley Very Highly Favored.

An interesting feature of Western Canada is its climate. Those who have made a study of it speak highly of it. The Canadian Government Agents are sending out an Atlas, and at the same time giving valuable information concerning railway rates, etc., to those interested in the country. As has been said, the climate is excellent. The elevation of this part of Canada is about 1,800 feet above the sea, about twice that of the average for Minnesota. It is a very desirable altitude. The country has a very equable climate taking the seasons through. The winters are bright and the summers are pleasantly warm. R. F. Stupart, director of the meteorological service for Canada, says:

"The salient features of the climate of the Canadian northwest territories are a clear, bracing atmosphere during the greater part of the year, and a medium rainfall and snowfall. The mean temperature for July at Winnipeg is 66, and Prince Albert 62. The former temperature is higher than at any part of England, and the latter is very similar to that found in many parts of the southern countries."

At Prince Albert the average daily maximum in July is 76 and the minimum 48. Owing to this high day temperature with much sunshine, the crops come to maturity quickly. Moisture is ample in the Saskatchewan valley, being about 18 inches annually. It is notable that about 75 per cent of the moisture falls during the crop months. Thus, Western Canada gets as much moisture when it is needed and with several hours more sunshine daily than land further south gets during the growing season, it is not difficult to understand why crops mature quickly and yield bountifully.

Winter ends quickly, sowing is done during April and sometimes in March. Harvest comes in August, about the middle. Cyclones, blizzards, dust and sand storms are unknown.

## MARK TWAIN AND THE SNOBS.

Mark Twain and W. D. Howells were one day lunching in a cafe in New York. Two over-dressed young men entered, and the first said in a loud voice: "Walter, bring me some bisque of lobster, a bottle of wine and a chop. Just mention my name to the cook, too, so that everything will be done to my liking." The second young man said: "Bring me some sole with peas, and tell the cook who it's for." Mr. Twain gave his order a moment later. He said in a loud voice: "Bring me a half dozen oysters, and mention my name to each of them."

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