

PRINCE TOKUGAWA GIVEN ROUSING WELCOME HERE

Distinguished Japanese Statesman Reaches Seattle and Becomes Honored Guest of Local Chamber of Commerce

BANQUET TONIGHT IN
RAINIER CLUB ROOMS

Next Stop of Oriental Dignitary Will Be at Pittsburg, Where He Will Visit Plant of Carnegie Steel Works,

PRINCE TOKUGAWA IYESATO, president of the Japanese House of Peers, present head of the illustrious Tokugawa family and holder of a court rank of the senior second grade, is in Seattle on a sight-seeing and pleasure trip that will take him around the world before he returns to Japan. He was the guest of Acting Japanese Consul K. Hayashi at luncheon today and later in the afternoon made an automobile tour of the city as the guest of President J. D. Lowman of the Chamber of Commerce. He will be the guest at a banquet given in the Rainier Club tonight by the Chamber of Commerce, eleven American and eight Japanese guests dining with the official party.

On his trip across the Pacific, aboard the Japanese liner Awa Maru, the prince was one of the most democratic passengers aboard. Having been educated in England he speaks English with an almost pure accent and he joined in all the deck sports and saloon pastimes, finally leaving the vessel at Smith Cove about 8 o'clock last night, one of the best liked of the passengers.

The Japanese prince has a keen appreciation of the American thirst for personal interviews, and this morning, through his private secretary, H. Shitara, gave out the following statement:

"The object of my present journey is to visit the Anglo-Japanese Exhibition in London and to look at places of interest on the way. I have no other object in crossing America beyond desiring to see for myself the immense development which has taken place there and also to refresh my recollection of the time when I passed through this country before. My present journey has no official or political significance whatever and I am undertaking it in quite a private capacity and only for my own personal enjoyment.

Cannot Imagine War.
"From time to time the newly coined phrase 'The Japanese-American War' appears in the foreign newspapers in Japan, but I personally cannot imagine such a thing taking place. Japan has assisted materially in her progress and civilization and is Japan's benefactor with whom the best terms of cordiality and friendship exist. I sincerely hope therefore, that the friendly relations which so happily exist between our two countries may remain unchanged for many years. I am convinced that this will be the case."

"From Seattle I am going by the Great Northern Railroad through Chicago to Pittsburg, where I hope to visit the Carnegie Steel Works. From there I intend to go direct to Washington, where I expect to spend a few days. During my stay in Washington I hope to have the honor of being presented to the President. If I have the time I hope to go through Philadelphia to New York, where I shall embark on the Mauretania, which sails for Liverpool on May 11."

On their return to Japan by Europe and the Siberian Railroad.
Prince Tokugawa, as his brief personal biography shows, is the sixteenth heir to the shogun Tokugawa Iyeyasu, and was born July 11, 1863. He is decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun. He has been president of the House of Peers since 1908. He went to England in June, 1877, remaining until 1882.

Might Be Ruling Family.
What Prince Tokugawa's personal explanation does not say, but what Japanese historians contend is, that the Tokugawa family might have been the rulers of Japan now had they desired it. Prior to the restoration forty-three years ago, the Shogun Tokugawa was the virtual ruler, the Mikado at that time holding himself aloof from all state affairs. It was the Tokugawa family that negotiated the treaties that opened Japan to foreign countries and paved the way for later development. Instead of accepting an opportunity for full control the Tokugawa family gave control of state matters to the Emperor.

Accompanying Prince Tokugawa is M. Sengoku, son of Viscount Sengoku, and secretary of the House of Peers, and H. Shitara, private secretary to the prince. A private individual steward, Gyonesu Nishigori, attends the prince. Before he left the ship Prince Tokugawa made lavish presents to those aboard with whom he came in contact and complimented the officers, both on the ship and on the service aboard. The boat reached port a day ahead of its schedule, a circumstance that gave Prince Tokugawa an opportunity to see the city and meet his countrymen here.

More than 2,000 persons, most of them Japanese, were at the Smith Cove Docks when the Awa Maru arrived. A string of twenty-five automobiles was drawn up to receive the party. Wagner Band played patriotic airs on the dock and Japanese enthusiasts lustily cried their "banzais" as the boat drew in.

President Lowman, of the Chamber of Commerce, headed a reception committee that greeted the prince aboard the Awa Maru. In the committee were Josiah Collins, chairman of the reception committee of the Chamber of Commerce; Acting Consul K. Hayashi of Seattle; Consul C. Yada, of Vancouver; C. T. Takahashi, president of the Japanese Association of Seattle; M. Furuya, T. Arai and several other prominent Japanese business men of Seattle.

Mayor Extends Welcome.
A letter of welcome from Mayor H. C. Gill was presented to the prince aboard the ship, and President Lowman welcomed him to Seattle on behalf of commercial organizations of the city. In his letter to the prince Mayor Gill said:

"On behalf of the citizens of Seattle, I wish to extend to you the courtesies of the city and to assure you that you will be welcome so long as you remain our guest."

"My only regret is that a previous engagement prevented me from greeting you in person upon your arrival, but I trust I shall have the honor of meeting you before you depart."
The interests of Japan and America—especially in many respects identical and I am sure your hisness will find the people of Seattle willing at all times to foster and promote the friendship that exists between the subjects of the Mikado and the citizens of the United States.

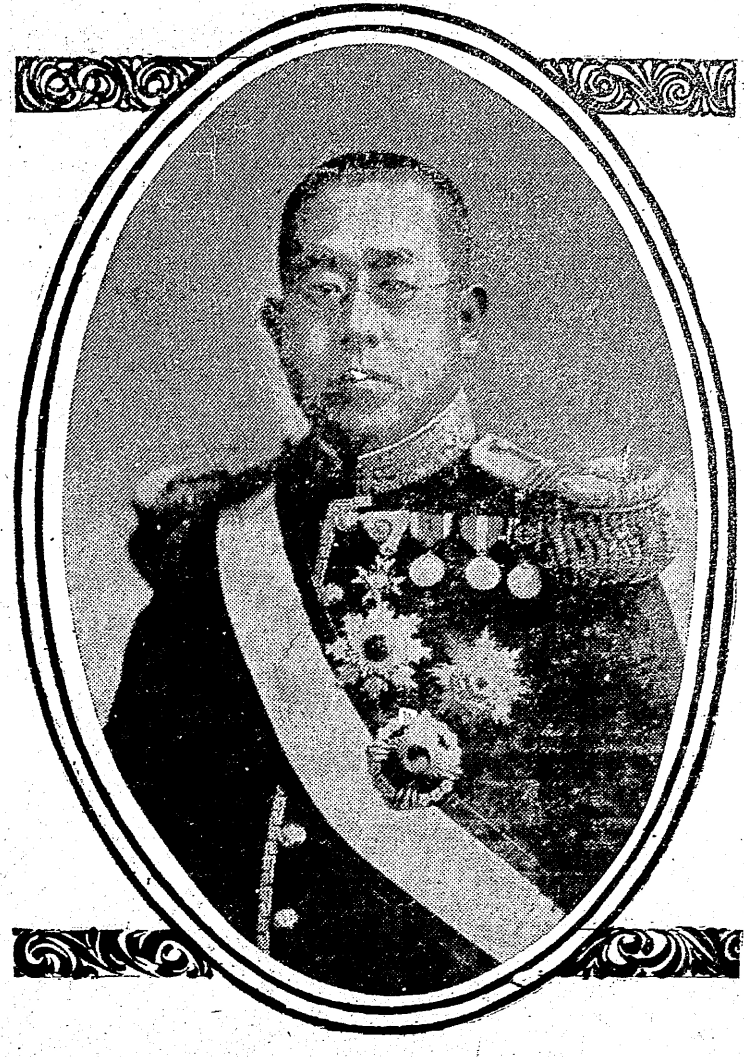
Wishing that your visit here will be one that you will long remember, and again assuring you of our lasting friendship for the nation you represent, I have the honor to be, Prince, "Your Royal Highness' most obedient servant."

"H. C. GILL, Mayor."

As Prince Tokugawa and his party were escorted down the gangplank, the Japanese throng on the dock cheered lustily, forming a guard of honor as the party walked to the waiting automobiles. Accompanied by the mayor, the prince and the two Japanese consuls were taken immediately to the Washington Hotel. Later in the evening the prince and the two consuls went out for a stroll through the business district of the city.

After the luncheon party at the residence of Consul Hayashi today, the visiting party was taken for an automobile trip about the city, later going to the Japanese assembly hall at Washington and Maynard Streets for an in-

Japanese Nobleman Who Pays Visit to Seattle



Prince T. Y. Tokugawa.

formal reception tendered by Seattle Japanese.

After the banquet at the Rainier Club tonight, Prince Tokugawa will be the guest of no other organization until he reaches Pittsburg, where he is to make a thorough inspection of the Carnegie steel works. His party starts East tomorrow morning over the Great Northern, James J. Hill having placed a private car at the visitor's disposal. C. W. Meldrum, city passenger agent of the Great Northern, will accompany the party as far East as St. Paul.

Guests at the Chamber of Commerce banquet tonight will be: Prince I. Tokugawa, president Japanese House of Peers; M. Sengoku, secretary Japanese House of Peers; C. Yada, Japanese consul, Vancouver; B. C. K. Hayashi, acting Japanese consul, Seattle; H. Shitara, private secretary to Prince Tokugawa.

Prominent local Japanese present will be: C. T. Takahashi, M. Furuya, T. Arai, K. Hiradi, Y. Osawa, O. Yomaoka, Mr. Yatsuyanagi, K. Setsuda.

Seattle guests are: J. D. Lowman, president Chamber of Commerce; Josiah Collins, chairman reception committee, Chamber of Commerce; H. C. Gill, Mayor; P. W. Baker, vice-president Chamber of Commerce; E. F. Blaine, honorary commercial-commissioner to Japan from Seattle, Chamber of Commerce; H. W. Treat, honorary commercial commissioner to Japan from Seattle Chamber of Commerce; Joseph Blethen, trustee Chamber of Commerce; Hon. C. H. Hanford, trustee Chamber of Commerce; C. S. Miller, member Chamber of Commerce; C. B. Yandell, secretary Chamber of Commerce; J. B. Nelson, correspondent Associated Press.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS INDORSED BY PRINCE

The Cosmopolitan Club movement, which is rapidly gaining ground in all the universities of the world, was given a full endorsement by Prince Tokugawa, when he granted an audience to a committee of the local chapter at the University of Washington today. This committee, consisting of Taraknath Das, Stuart A. Rice and J. Ikeda, called on Prince Tokugawa in his apartments in the Hotel Washington this morning. The prince, at the conclusion of the interview, expressed his regrets at not being able to address the faculty and students of the University on behalf of the Cosmopolitan Club. However he made the following written statement expressing his entire sympathy with the movement:

"I am a friend of peace. Japan is always for peace. The Cosmopolitan Club movement to establish better understanding between different nations, independent and dependent, by studying political, social and economic conditions, is the best practical method to carry out the noble movement to 'Above all nations is humanity,' which is the creed of the Cosmopolitan Club. I have full sympathy with this movement."

The local chapter of the Cosmopolitan Club was organized three years ago. At the present time it has forty members, representing thirteen nationalities.

DELAY IN CONGRESS ANGERS ROCKEFELLER

Oil King Said to Contemplate Abandonment of Bill to Grant Charter to His Philanthropic Foundation.

NEW YORK, Thursday, April 28.—It was reported here today that John D. Rockefeller, angered at the reception accorded his plan to establish an enormous philanthropic foundation, and weary of the delays imposed upon the national incorporation of the plan, will abandon the bill introduced by Senator Gallinger. Although no one could be found today at 25 Broadway who would discuss the report, it was said in partial confirmation that Starr J. Murphy, the oil king's attorney, has let it be known that Mr. Rockefeller is displeased with the delay and lack of enthusiasm which his proposition has received.

In case Mr. Rockefeller decides to abandon the project for federal incorporation he may attempt to secure a charter from some state, probably New York, it was said.

In this connection, it was noted that a bill is now before the state Legislature for the incorporation of a charitable foundation which is said by its backers to have the support of an unnamed New York millionaire who wishes to leave a large share of his fortune to be administered for charity through this medium.

LEWIS ON WITNESS STAND

William H. Lewis, executor of the Hill estate, occupied the witness stand all this morning and a portion of yesterday in the case on trial before Superior Judge Mitchell Gilliam, in which James Marshall Hill objects to a final accounting made by Lewis. Letters from Alice C. Hill, now deceased, to Lewis, her son-in-law, executor of her estate and also executor of her husband's \$1,000,000 estate, were read. Lewis gave details of a release to the estate of the claims of certain creditors, which, he said, were purchased by his wife at 30 cents on the dollar. He also assigned to his wife his own claim for commissions as administrator, and said that the release of this claim to the estate constituted a part of the consideration for the transfer made to his wife.

SWEDISH NOBLEWOMAN VISITS COUNTRYMEN

Miss Hedvig af Petersens, Editor of Stockholm Dagblat, on Comprehensive Tour, Now in Seattle.

LAUDS WORK HERE OF SCANDINAVIANS



MISS HEDVIG AF PETERSENS.

MISS HEDVIG AF PETERSENS, a member of the Swedish nobility, a distinguished lecturer and editor of The Stockholm Dagblat, the capital's greatest daily newspaper, who is making a comprehensive tour of the United States, is in Seattle, visiting prominent citizens formerly residents of her country and studying the conditions of Swedish-Americans in Seattle and the surrounding country. Already she has seen enough of them, she says, to convince her that the settlement of the Swedes in the Northwest has been of inestimable benefit not only to themselves, but also to the communities in which they have made their homes.

"It is the same here as I have found to be the case all through America," Miss Petersens said. "Our people have fallen into the spirit of things American, and their native industry, intelligence and honesty has told effectively. They have prospered greatly, and I am sure the citizenship is of a class that must be appreciated by your people."

Desirable Citizens.
"You know the Swedes are hardly to be compared with any other type of European immigrants; they are an intelligent people and know well the ways of living in a country of liberal government. Even the poorer classes, peasants they are sometimes called, are to be respected and counted upon as desirable citizens, for they have been used to independence for many generations back, and have been reared under a form of government that we believe is the equal if not better than the American system. I am particularly interested in the study of our people in this country for I have taken a very deep interest in the movement we have begun to discourage the continued heavy emigration from Sweden. We believe the steady loss of population is resulting in injury to the country, and are endeavoring to check it. I cannot say, however, that those who have come to this country have acted unwisely, for in nearly all cases they have prospered to a higher degree than they would have at home."

Proud of People's Success.
"During my long trip through America—I have been on this tour six months—I have met a great many Swedes who have won distinction in various walks of life, and their success has made me very proud of my people. In fact the Swedes have done so much for America that it looks to me like America couldn't do without us now," laughingly concluded Miss Petersens.
While she is in Seattle Miss Petersens is a guest at the home of C. J. Erickson, 1021 Fourteenth Avenue North. Local Swedes are taking a great deal of interest in her visit and she is to give two lectures in Swedish for them before leaving. One of these will be on the career and work of Selma Lagerlof, the Swedish author who won the last Nobel prize. Miss Petersens is a very great admirer of the talented writer. This lecture will be given at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium this evening. Friday evening she will deliver another lecture at the Swedish Tabernacle. Though she speaks English fluently Miss Petersens will deliver both lectures in her native tongue, as she desires only to talk to people of her own country.