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**WASHINGTON, Wednesday, May 1.**— President Taft today informed the Senate that the department of state has no evidence whatever adequate to show any acquisition of land or any intention or desire to acquire land, whether directly or indirectly in Mexico by or on the part of the imperial Japanese government.

The President's message was in response to a Senate resolution calling for information regarding an alleged purchase of land at Magdalena Bay by the Japanese government or by a Japanese company.

With his brief message, the President transmitted a full report from Secretary of State Knox:

"There is nothing on file in the department of state," said the secretary, "that has justified any inference that the Mexican government or the imperial Japanese government has been occupied with any disposition of land near Magdalena Bay by which the latter govern-

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ment would acquire land there for any purpose. In these circumstances the department of state felt no necessity for further steps in the matter of any of these rumors, which are of a kind that all too frequently occur to the detriment of public opinion in the respective countries and are so alien to the cordial relations of the governments concerned."

**Unreserved Denial Made.**  
Mr. Knox said the Japanese ambassador had informed the department that he had apprised his government of the rumors in question which had come to him through the public press and subsequently the ambassador made, with his government's authorization, an unreserved and categorical denial of the rumored purchase of land by the Japanese government or by a Japanese company, characterizing the report as entirely sensational and utterly without any foundation whatever, the Japanese government having never directly or indirectly attempted or contemplated the acquisition of any land at Magdalena Bay for any purpose.

Secretary Knox said the rumors regarding a Japanese purchase evidently arose from efforts by an American syndicate to dispose of certain lands near Magdalena Bay.

This American syndicate, according to the department's information, given in Secretary Knox's report, entered upon negotiations for a sale to a Japanese syndicate. Meantime an effort was made to ascertain the attitude of the American government toward such a transaction. There was evidence, Secretary Knox said, that the American syndicate felt or knew that Japanese capitalists would not care to consummate the purchase without the approval of the Japanese government and that the latter would not give its approval unless assured the transaction would be unobjectionable to the United States.

**American Syndicate Warned.**  
The department of state made it plain to the American syndicate that such a transfer of lands would be interpreted in some quarters in a manner to cause a great outcry, and that such a result "would be so obviously a cause of regret to the government of the United States that it would appear unnecessary further to comment on the disposition of the federal government in the premises."

The American syndicate, it appears, then sought to ascertain the attitude of the American government toward a company, composed in part of Japanese investors, Americans retaining control of the property. To this proposition, the department replied that it could add nothing to its former statement. Since this reply, the files of the department disclose no further communication with the Americans interested in the lands.

Under these circumstances, Secretary Knox declared:

"The department cannot assume there is any project on foot calling for action on the part of the United States."

The message precipitated a debate in the Senate. Senators Bacon and Lodge concurred in the opinion that if the

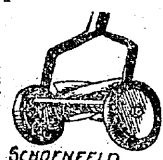
## buy garden hose and garden implements tomorrow!

—we have a full line of garden implements and invite you to look over our stock offered at unusually low prices. As, for instance:

### lawn mowers: special—

**\$2.69**

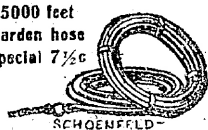
regular price \$3.50  
—tempered steel three-blade lawn mower, has plain bearing; regular price \$3.50; specially priced for the week \$2.69



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—4-blade ball bearing tempered steel lawn mower; regular price \$5.50; specially priced for this week ..... \$4.39

5000 feet garden hose special 7 1/2c

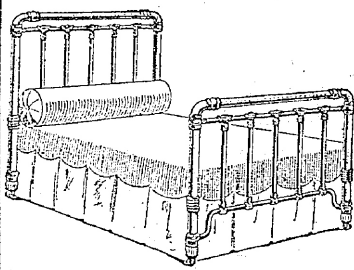


SCHOENFELD—regular price 12c  
—good cotton rubber lined garden hose; this grade sells regularly everywhere from 10c to 12c a foot; specially priced for this week in 50-foot lengths, per foot.... 7 1/2c

\$1 down—\$1 a week buys here a refrigerator

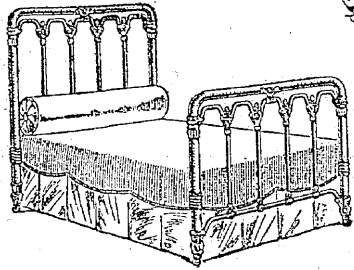


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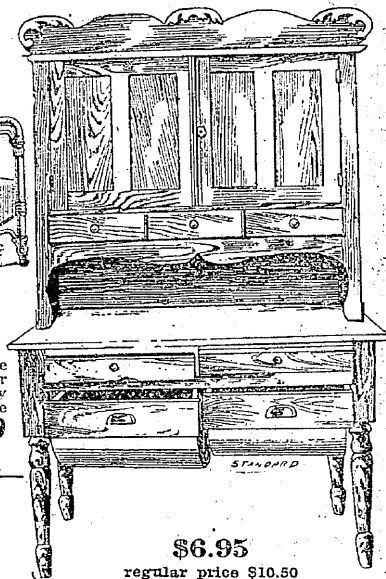
**\$5.75**  
regular price \$8.65

—this neat style bed is finished in Vernis Martin or in white enamel; exactly like picture; full size; splendidly made throughout; regular price \$8.65; specially priced for the week ..... **\$5.75**



**\$6.80**  
regular price \$9.75

—attractive iron bed; exactly like picture; finished Vernis Martin or white enamel; full size; strongly made throughout; regular price \$9.75; specially priced for the week ..... **\$6.80**



**\$6.95**  
regular price \$10.50

—a splendid article for your kitchen is the kitchen cabinet here pictured; conveniently arranged drawers and shelves; made in natural or golden finish; regular price \$10.50; specially priced **\$6.95** for this sale .....

## this \$18.50 couch: special at \$11.40—



**\$11.40**  
regular price \$18.50

—couch exactly like picture; flat surface with imperial roll edges, upholstered in fine grade of Persian velour, all sanitary construction; thoroughly well made; regular price \$18.50; specially priced for this sale .....

## \$1 down—\$1 a week

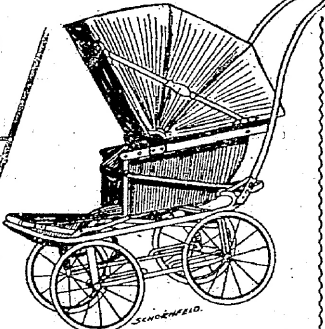
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—the latest 1912 style; one of the highest grade made; fully nickel-plated; best leatherette body; strongly built throughout; special.. **\$11.25**



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regular price \$4.50

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**\$2.65**

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Monroe doctrine did not cover the situation a new doctrine covering it could be created.

Explaining his reasons for calling for the correspondence, Lodge said it was to prevent the development of any embarrassing situation with reference to Mexico and Japan. He said the time

had come when the United States should take the position that neither directly or indirectly, could any foreign government obtain control of land in this hemisphere that might constitute a menace to the United States.

Senator Rayner said that if Japan established a base of supplies or coal-

ing stations in Mexico, he would regard the act as a declaration of war.

**Good Listener.**  
A man who wants to learn all every body can tell him about the road of success so as not to lose his way never gets started.