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No. 300 D. S/C

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 25, 1913.

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SUBJECT: Korean Village Guilds.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a summary, published by the SEOUL PRESS of this date, of a paper, read before the Korean Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, which contains some interesting statements concerning the democratic systems of government by village guilds, which have prevailed in Korea from very ancient times.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul General.

ENCL. PRS: Clipping from SEOUL PRESS of January 25, 1913.

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KOREAN VILLAGE GUILDS

LECTURE BY MR. GILLETT

Mr. P. L. Gillett, General Secretary of the Korean Y.M.C.A., read a very interesting paper on the afternoon of the 23rd inst. before a meeting of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society held at the American Consulate General [redacted] in Seoul. The subject of his lecture was Korean Village Guilds. There were present many ladies and gentlemen, including several Japanese and Koreans.

The paper read showed that the lecturer had prepared it after much painstaking work. He commenced by stating that there was a multiplicity of organisations among the Korean people. Those ordinarily found in villages could be divided into purely voluntary societies and societies in which membership was made obligatory and authority over the community was exercised. His paper dealt, that after [illegible] with the latter variety only. He [illegible] read English translations of the regulations of some such guilds and explained them at length. He [illegible] the [illegible] paper

[illegible] Korean villages in the matter of [illegible] guilds. Many villages [illegible] Reasons for [illegible] villages [illegible] to reach.

[illegible] the guild [illegible] by private [illegible] They [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] in the village.

"In some places the guild undertakes the entire government of the village. It pays the village taxes. It also collects the taxes of the individual members and remits them to the proper government officials. It undertakes road repairing, the protection of nearby forests, enforces the presence of all the villagers at a time of fire, disaster from flood, or invasion of robbers. The guild undertakes to provide a system of local policing. It renders aid at funerals, weddings and in controversies. It takes charge of the community worship of the Tutelary Spirit of the village.

"It was the agent for offering a united opposition to the oppressions of individual Government Officials but was loyal to the Central Government."

At the conclusion of the lecture, questions were put to the lecturer by some of those present. Dr. Gale, President, then commented on the lecture and expressed hearty appreciation of the interesting paper given on behalf of the hearers. A vote of thanks was then passed by all present, followed by another for the kindness of Mr. Seidmore, American Consul General, in lending the [redacted] rooms for the occasion.

Subsequently all present were treated to tea by the hospitable Consul General.

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Foreign settlements, Korea.

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See 800.3395/1 for:

From Japan, ~~#~~, October 3, 1910:

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a despatch, dated March 19, from the Consul-General at Seoul, transmitting a memorandum from the Government-General proposing that the Consular representatives resident at Seoul should meet unofficially with the Director of Foreign Affairs of the Government-General, for the purpose of exchanging privately their views with regard to the ways and means of transferring the administration of the affairs of Foreign Settlements in Chosen to the local authorities, as well as to the political solution of the question concerning perpetual leases.

This communication is interesting in view of the note

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note, dated February 21, 1911, from the Japanese Ambassador at Washington to the Secretary of State, and appended to the new Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United States and Japan, in which the assurance is given that the rights and real property acquired by Americans in Korea will be respected.

I beg respectfully to request that I be instructed as to the action to be taken by the Consul-General in this matter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:

Despatch No. 3343E from Consul-General Scidmore, dated March 19, 1912.

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Enclosure No. with Mr. Bryan's Despatch No. 56 of March 25,1912.

No. 3343 E.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea)

March 19, 1912.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

His Excellency

Charles Page Bryan,

American Ambassador,

Tokio.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated the 16th instant, addressed to me by the Consul General of Germany, as Doyen of the Consular Corps at Seoul, covering a copy of a memorandum from the Government General of Chosen, containing a proposal that the Consular Representatives in Seoul should meet, unofficially, the Director of Foreign Affairs of the Government General for the purpose of exchanging, privately, their views with regard to the ways and means of transferring the administrative affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen to the local authorities, as well as to the political solution of the question concerning perpetual leases.

I also enclose a copy of my reply of this date to the Consul General of Germany, in which I state that I see no objection to meeting the Director of Foreign Affairs for the purpose of ascertaining the propositions of the Government General in this connection, but, of course, I will not be at liberty, without further instructions, to enter into any

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any agreements affecting the status of the administration of Foreign Settlements in Chosen or of property interests thereunder.

I also enclose extra copies of this correspondence, for transmission by you to the Department of State, and I shall greatly appreciate any instructions you may be able to give me in the premises.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) GEO. H. SCIDMORE,

Consul General.

Enclosures: 1 - Consul General of Germany to American Consul General, March 16, 1912, with memorandum.

2 - American Consul General to Consul General of Germany, March 19, 1912.

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KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES GENERAL KONSULAT FÜR KOREA.

T. Nr. 227. Seoul, den 16th March 1912.

Copy

Décanat.

Sir and dear Colleague,

The Government General of Korea yesterday forwarded to me, in my capacity as Doyen of the Consular Corps, a Memorandum - copy enclosed - containing a proposal, that the Consular Representatives in Seoul should meet unofficially the Director of Foreign Affairs of the Government General for the purpose of exchanging privately their views with regard to the ways and means of transferring the administrative affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Korea to the local authorities as well as to the practical solution of the question concerning the perpetual leases.

I have the honor to ask you to consider this proposal and to let me know at your earliest convenience whether you are prepared to enter into such an unofficial discussion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir and Dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) Kruger. Dr.

Geo. H. Scidmore, Esq.

United States Consul General

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C O P Y.

Memorandum.

In a declaration issued by the Japanese Government when Korean was annexed to Japan on the 29th of August, 1910, it was stated that the treaties between Korea and foreign countries had as a natural consequence ceased to be effective and the existing treaties between Japan and other countries would, so far as practicable, be applied to Chosen. At the same time, however, the Governor General promulgated an Ordinance by which the administrative affairs, except those relating to police, of the Foreign Settlements at Chemulpo, Chinnampo, Mokpo, Kunsan, Masampo and Songjin as well as Chinese Settlements at Chemulpo, Fusan and Gensan should be recognised as before for the time being. The latter measure was taken in order to meet immediate requirements and it was understood of course that such administrative affairs in those Settlements would be incorporated into municipal communes in due course of time.

In view of necessary arrangements for reorganization of local administration, involving abolition of the special Japanese municipalities, being now nearly completed, which will be put into effect on the 1st of April of 1913 at the latest, it is deemed advisable that an informal exchange of views between the Director of Foreign Affairs of Government General and the Consular representatives at Seoul, inviting if possible chosen representatives of lease owners, will be made unofficially, without binding the respective Governments, with regard to the ways and means of transferring the administrative affairs of the Foreign Settlements to the local authorities. At this informal and frank expression of views on both sides, it would be possible that an agreement as to the best possible way of settling the administrative affairs as well as the perpetual leases of the Foreign Settlements could be arrived at, and if so such

agreement

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agreement will contribute to amicable and satisfactory negotiations between the Japanese Government and the foreign Governments concerned, which will be formally undertaken later on.

If none of the consular representatives here entertain any objection to this proposition, then a private meeting will be arranged where each one may unofficially discuss the matter without reserve and without committing himself in his official capacity. The Director of Foreign Affairs of the Government General will be prepared to confidentially disclose at such meeting general outlines of the local system to be inaugurated as well as such measures as will be taken in order to protect all the vested rights of the foreigners in the Foreign Settlements, and answer such questions as may be asked by the Consular representatives thereanent.

In case the Consular representatives here all agree, as a result of such informal exchange of views, to formulate a definite arrangement which might serve as the basis for formal negotiations between their own and the Japanese Government, then and only then they will recommend their respective Governments to empower them to make such arrangements in their official capacity.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, March 19, 1912.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

Dr. F. Kruger,
Consul General of Germany,
S e o u l.

Sir and Dear Colleague,-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.227, of March 16, 1912, in which, in your capacity as Doyen of the Consular Corps, you inform me that, through an official communication from the Government General of Chosen, a desire is expressed for an informal conference between the Director of Foreign Affairs and the Consular Representatives here in connection with proposed arrangements for reorganization of municipal administration, especially with reference to the Foreign Settlements at Chemulpo and other towns mentioned in Chosen.

In reply, I have the honor to state that I see no objection to meeting the Director of Foreign Affairs for the purpose of ascertaining the propositions of the Government General in this connection, but, of course, I will not be at liberty, without further instruction, to enter into any agreements affecting the status of the administration of Foreign Settlements in Chosen or of property interests thereunder.

I have the honor to be,
Sir and Dear Colleague,
Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Weidman

American Consul General.

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April 22, 1912.

No. 30

The Honorable

Charles Page Bryan,

American Ambassador,

Tokyo.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your dispatch No. 56 of March 25, 1912, enclosing correspondence from the Consul-General at Seoul relative to the desire of the Director of Foreign Affairs of the Government-General of Chosen unofficially to discuss with the consular officers at Seoul the question of perpetual leases and ways and means of transferring the administration of the affairs of Foreign Settlements in Chosen to the local authorities.

You should inform the Consul-General that the Department approves his intention to confer with the Director of Foreign Affairs for the purpose of ascertaining the proposals of the Government-General, instructing him to report fully the results of the conference.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. C. KNOX

A true copy of the signed original.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to my depatch No. 56 of March 25, in regard to the memorandum from the Government-General at Seoul proposing that the Consular representatives there resident should meet unofficially with the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs for a discussion of matters relating to the foreign settlements in Chosen and of the question concerning perpetual leases, I have the honor to report that the Government-General has withdrawn the memorandum in question. This action has been taken in view of the refusal of the foreign representatives to entertain the proposal without first submitting it to their respective Govern-

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ments. The Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government-General, however, is still authorized to discuss the question should the Consular representatives on their own initiative approach him on the subject.

I beg to transmit herewith a copy of a despatch, dated April 5, from the Consulate-General, informing me of the withdrawal of the proposals of the Government-General. I hope to be able to obtain for the information of the Department and of the Embassy, a copy of the proposals which were to have been submitted and which, I am told by my French colleague, were formally drawn up and outlined the position taken by the Japanese Government in regard to these questions in which the foreign residents, a large number of whom are Americans, are greatly interested.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Stanley Lage Bryan

Enclosure:

Despatch No. 3403 of April 5, from American Consulate General, Seoul.

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No. 3403 E.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, April 5, 1912.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

His Excellency

Charles Page Bryan

American Ambassador,

Tokyo.

Sir:-

Referring to Mr. Scidmore's No. 3743 E of March 19, last, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the German Consul General here, stating that the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs has withdrawn the memorandum in question. At the same time, the Director is prepared to discuss the abolition of Foreign Settlements in Chosen should any of the foreign representatives in Seoul approach him on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edwin V. Neville

Vice Consul General,
in Charge.

One Enclosure.

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Seoul, 3 April 1912.

Décanat.

Sir and dear Colleague,

As most of the foreign representatives in reply to my letter of the 16th of March 1912 - J.No. 227 - have decided, that they can not entertain the proposal of the Government General re: the foreign settlements in Chosen without first submitting it to their respective Governments, Mr. Komatzu has informed me verbally, that the Memorandum is withdrawn, but that should the foreign representatives of their own initiative approach him on the subject he is authorized to discuss the question on the same lines as before suggested.

I have the honor to be,
Sir and dear Colleague,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) Krüger, Dr.

Edwin L. Neville, Esq.,
In charge of the U. St. Consulate General
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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, August 5, 1912.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit, under separate cover, two pamphlets, in duplicate, containing a republication of Rules and Regulations and Maps concerning the General Foreign Settlements in Chosen, which I have today received from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

Four Enclosures, as above stated.

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October 3, 1912.

The Librarian of Congress,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There are enclosed as of possible value to the Library of Congress copies of two publications received in a despatch from the Consul General at Seoul, Korea, concerning general foreign settlements in Chosen.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For Mr. Huntington Wilson:

Chandler Hale

Third Assistant Secretary of State.

Enclosure:

Enclosures in despatch No. 364 of August 5, 1912, from Seoul.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

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Referring to this Embassy's despatches No. 86 of June 14 and 895.52/12 No. # of August 2, and to the Department's instruction 895.102/1 No. 30 of April 22, 1912, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a confidential note from the Foreign Office, No. 1, dated August 28, 1912, on the subject of the foreign settlements in Chosen.

The Japanese Government desires that instructions be issued to the American Consul-General at Seoul, empowering him to enter into preliminary negotiations with the Government-General to the end that the administrative jurisdiction of the foreign settlements now vested in the local

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councils be abolished and that the settlements as such cease to exist.

Property rights of much value are involved. Nationals of Great Britain and of the United States of America are chiefly interested in the disposition of the community property of the foreign settlements. The interests of the other countries are exceedingly small. The Chinese have maintained settlements of their own and have no concern in the property of the settlements in which we are interested.

I beg to state that it would seem important that the negotiations at Seoul be conducted between the Government-General and the Consular representatives of the Powers having interests in the settlements, rather than with the Consular officers as a body. A majority of the Consular representatives have no substantial concern in the question. There is said to be but one German subject interested in property situated in any of the settlements.

I have the honor to request that I be instructed as to the action to be taken by the Consul-General at Seoul.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Charles Page Bryan

Enclosure:

Confidential Note No. 1 from Foreign Office, dated August 28, 1912.

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Enclosure with Mr. Bryan's No. 104 of September 2, 1912.

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The Minister for Foreign Affairs to Mr. Bryan.

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Translation.

Department of Foreign Affairs.

No. 1. Tokio, August 28, 1912.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Although in consequence of the annexation of the former Korean Empire, the arrangements entered into between that country and the Powers relative to the foreign settlements in Chosen came to an end, the Imperial Government, when the annexation took place, recognized for the time as a matter of temporary convenience the continued existence of these settlements as such; they prescribed in fact by Ordinance No. 2, dated the 29th August, 1910, that the administration of the said foreign settlements should, except in matters relative to the police, be for the time carried on as thitherto, and decided as regards its final adjustment, to open negotiations on the subject later on with the Powers concerned. As, however, administrative reform of all kinds has since the annexation made steady progress and as the reorganization of the local system is expected to be completed in the near future, the Imperial Government believe that the time has now arrived for the adjustment of the foreign settlements above referred to.

For the adjustment of these settlements the business hitherto conducted by the administrative organs of the foreign settlements in Chosen, that is, the settlements at Chemulpo, Chinnampo, Kunsan, Mokpo, Masampo, and Song-

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chin, will be taken over by the competent local administrative organs of Chosen and dispositions made regarding the settlement property; but these and all other questions connected therewith are mainly of local character.

Accordingly, before opening negotiations with the Governments of the Powers concerned relative to the adjustment of the said settlements, the Imperial Government, in view of the fact that the questions are as above stated mostly of local character, deem it convenient that preliminary negotiations on the matter should be carried on in Chosen; and as they will on their part issue suitable instructions to the Government-General of Chosen, they request that Your Excellency's Government will also issue as soon as possible to their Consular Officer at Seoul necessary instructions to open in concert with the Consular Officers of the other Powers concerned preliminary negotiations on the subject with the competent officials of the Government-General and arrive at an agreement upon a plan of adjustment.

When a plan of adjustment has been agreed upon at the meetings for the preliminary negotiations above referred to, the Imperial Government will take such plan as the basis and, after conferring with the Governments of the Powers concerned, arrive at a definite decision.

Should, therefore, the above-mentioned proposal relative to the adjustment of the foreign settlements in Chosen meet with Your Excellency's approval, I beg to request that Your Excellency will communicate to the above effect to your Government and use your good offices to the end that your Government may issue as soon as possible the aforesaid instructions to their Consular Officer at Seoul,

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and also that Your Excellency will be good enough to inform this Department when such instructions have been issued by your Government.

Immediately upon the receipt of the above instructions by the United States Consular Officer at Seoul, the Government-General of Chosen will lay before him their proposals relative to the negotiations upon the subject in question and documents bearing thereon; and their competent officials will furnish all necessary explanation in connection with the negotiations just referred to.

I avail, etc.

Signed: Viscount Y. UCHIDA,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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No. 46

October 2, 1912.

Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, Esquire,

American Chargé d'Affaires,

Tokio.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of the Embassy's dispatch No. 104 of September 2, 1912, enclosing copy of a note from the Foreign Office requesting that the Consul-General at Seoul be instructed to enter into preliminary negotiations with the Government-General of Chosen on the question of the proposed adjustment of the administration of the foreign settlements in Korea.

This appears to be a renewal of the proposal of the Japanese Government reported in the Embassy's dispatch No. 56 of March 25 last, and recalled by the Government General of Chosen because of the refusal of some of the consular representatives at Seoul to act in the matter without first consulting their governments.

You will call the attention of the Consul-General at Seoul to the representations of the Japanese Government contained in the Foreign Office note of August 28, and instruct him to report fully to the Department, through the Embassy, the results of the conference authorized

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authorized in the Department's No. 30 of April 22 last sent in answer to the Embassy's No. 56 above referred to. You may also inform the Foreign Office of the action taken.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HUNTINGTON WILSON

Acting Secretary of State.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the Department's instruction No. 46 of October 2, relating to the question of perpetual leases and ways and means of transferring the administration of the affairs of Foreign Settlements in Chosen to the local authorities, I have the honor to report that I have conveyed the Department's directions to the Consul-General at Seoul.

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a confidential note from the Foreign Office, No. 4 of October 29, transmitting a provisional draft, prepared by the Government-General at Seoul, of the proposals relating to the

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projected changes. A copy of this note, as well as of the Foreign Office note of August 28 last, referred to in the Department's instruction of October 2, has been forwarded to the Consul-General at Seoul.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Bailly-Blanchard

Enclosure:

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Enclosure with Mr. Blanchard's No. 108 of November 1, 1912.

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Translation No. 4 Department of Foreign Affairs,

Confidential Tokio, October 29th, 1912.

Monsieur le Charge d'Affaires,

In reference to my note of the 28th August last, relative to the incorporation of the foreign settlements in Chosen, I beg to inform you that a desire having been expressed by some of the Representatives of the Powers concerned to be informed of the main points of the proposed scheme, the matter was referred to the Government-General of Chosen, and I am now in receipt therefrom of the accompanying provisional draft in English, concerning the incorporation in question, which I beg to transmit herewith for your personal information. I beg also to add that as to further details, explanations will, as stated in my note above referred to, be given by the competent officials of the Government-General when the preliminary negotiations are opened in Chosen.

Accept, Monsieur le Charge d'Affaires, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

Signed: VISCOUNT Y. UCHIDA,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, Esq.,
Charge d'Affaires
of the United States of America.

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1. The International Foreign Settlements in Chosen, namely: Chemulpo, Chinnampo, Kunsan, Mokpo, Masampo and Songchin, to be abolished and at the same time incorporated with the respective newly organized Communes to which they appropriately appertain.

2. When such incorporation takes place, the competent local authorities to assume all duties and obligations of municipal administration.

3. The common funds and property, if any, belonging to the said Settlements, to be transferred to the said authorities.

4. The holders of leases in perpetuity of land within the circumscriptions of the Settlements aforesaid, to be allowed the option of converting their leases to actual ownership.

5. When such conversions are made and registered, the owners of said land and the buildings thereon, to be accorded national and most favoured nation treatment, in all that concerns the use and enjoyment of such land and buildings as well as in the matter of imposts, taxes and rates leviable on such land and buildings. The conversions and registrations aforesaid to be made without any taxes, fees or charges whatever.

6. In case such option is not availed of, the rights created by said leases in perpetuity, not inconsistent with the proposed abolition of the system of International Foreign Settlements, to continue to be duly respected.

In the matter of the imposts, taxes and rates leviable in

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respect of the said leased land and the buildings thereon under the second clause of the leases in perpetuity, the following adjustment to be made:

a) that the thirty sen per 100 square metres now retained by the Government General of Chosen out of the ground rent payable in respect of the leased land in question, to be accepted by the said Government on lieu of land tax;

b) that so long as the remainder of the said ground rent equals or exceeds the local and municipal taxes and rates on corresponding land, the said leased land to be entirely exempt from all local and municipal taxes and rates on land;

c) that in case the local and municipal taxes and rates on such corresponding land exceed the said remainder of ground rent, the said leased land to be liable to taxes and rates to an extent sufficient to make the local and municipal charges on said leased land equal to the local and municipal taxes and rates levied on corresponding land;

d) that the buildings on the said leased land, to be accorded national and most favoured nation treatment in the matter of taxation.

7. The existing foreign cemeteries in Chosen to be maintained in good order and condition free of all taxes and charges, by the authorities concerned.

8. The competent Registry Offices in Chosen to undertake the duty of registering rights of perpetual lease in the said Settlements, as well as subsidiary rights having as their object such rights of perpetual lease. Such registration, consistently with the provisions of law, to be

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available against third parties. The existing consular registrations relating to subsidiary rights having as their object said rights of perpetual lease to be transferred to the competent Registry Office. Registrations so transferred to continue to have the same force and value as they had in the Consular Offices in which such registrations were effected.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the Department's instruction No. 46 of October 2, 1912, and to the Embassy's despatch No. 108 of November 1 last, regarding the question of transferring to the local authorities the affairs of Foreign Settlements in Chosen, I now have the honor to enclose a letter from Consul-General Scidmore, dated February 18, reporting upon a conference on this subject had by the Consular representatives of the Treaty Powers at Seoul with Mr. Komatzu, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government-General, in pursuance of the proposals relating to the projected changes. A copy of these proposals was forwarded to the Department with the

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Embassy's despatch No. 108 above referred to.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Jas. Anderson.

Enclosure:

Mr. Scidmore's No. 4187E of February 18, 1913.

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No.4187 E. S/K.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

February 18, 1913.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

His Excellency

Larz Anderson,

American Ambassador,

Tokio.

Sir:-

Referring to the Embassy's letters of November 1, 1912,(C.No.96,) and of November 16, 1912, (C.No.98,) I have the honor to report that in accordance with an invitation from Mr. Midori Komatzu, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen, the Consular Representatives of the Treaty Powers at Seoul assembled yesterday in conference with him concerning the proposals of the Government General relating to the question of perpetual leases and the ways and means of transferring the administration of the affairs of Foreign Settlements in Chosen to the local authorities.

The following representatives were present:

United States of America, G.H.Scidmore, Consul General.

Great Britain, A. M. Chalmers, Consul General.

Germany, Dr. F. Krüger, Consul General.

Russia, J. Lutschg, Consul General.

Belgium, J. Bribosia, Consul General.

France, R. André, Acting Consul.

Mr. E. L. Neville, American Vice Consul General,

and Mr. R. Ikebe, of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, acted

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as Secretaries.

The British Consul General also represented the interests of Italy. The German Consul General applied for recognition as representative of Austria-Hungary, by virtue of a consular convention between that power and Germany, and by virtue of the favored nation clause in the treaties with Japan. This application Mr. Komatzu refused, on the ground that Austria-Hungary had not signified assent by signature to the Regulations relating to the Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

Mr. Komatzu opened the conference in a short address of welcome in which he stated that it was to be understood that no arrangements, made at this or subsequent meetings, nor any views expressed, were to be considered as binding without subsequent express approval of the respective governments concerned.

The several proposals of the Government General, a copy of which accompanied the note dated October 29, 1912, from the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Embassy, were the discussed paragraph by paragraph.

The first paragraph providing that "the Internation-
"al Foreign Settlements in Chosen, namely, Chemulpo, Chin-
"nampo, Kunsan, Mokpo, Masampo and Songchin, to be abolished
"and at the same time, incorporated with the respective
"newly organized Communes to which they appropriately
"appertain", was approved by me, and without expressed dissent from my colleagues present, provided that the vested interests of foreigners concerned be properly protected.

Mr. Komatzu stated that the details of the scheme for the new municipalities in twelve places in Chosen

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contemplated the organization of "Fu" or prefectural systems, and that copies of such details would be furnished to the representatives present before their next meeting. The German Consul General suggested that all future changes in ordinances affecting these municipalities and their budgets be open to inspection and criticism by parties affected before promulgation. In this suggestion he was not supported by his colleagues and was informed by Mr. Komatzu that such an arrangement was impracticable.

Concerning the second paragraph, providing that "when such incorporation takes place, the competent local "authorities to assume all duties and obligations of muni- "cipal administration", the British Consul General, support- ed by his colleagues, suggested the addition thereto of the words "hitherto performed and incurred by the Municipal "Councils of the General Foreign Settlements, such as "scavenging in streets and private houses, repairing drains, "roads, et cetera."

Mr. Komatzu stated that he saw no objection to this general principle, and that it was the intention of the Government General to respect obligations already incurred. He could not be certain about details.

Concerning the third paragraph, providing that "the common funds and property, if any, belonging to the "said Settlements, to be transferred to the said authorities," the German Consul General, supported by all of his colleagues, submitted the suggestion that, inasmuch, as in the case of Chemulpo, the Foreign Settlement was in excellent condition and repair, with a small surplus of funds, and held real and personal property of considerable value, some quid pro quo should be conceded when it joined fortunes

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with the Japanese Settlement which had already accumulated a debt of about Yen 150,000. The form of such quid pro quo was reserved for future consideration.

Mr. Komatzu called attention to the fact that this paragraph followed the language of the treaty of 1894 between Japan and Great Britain and added that, in view of the precedent established, he doubted whether the Japanese Government would make the concession suggested.

Concerning the fourth paragraph, providing that "the holders of leases in perpetuity of land within the "circumscriptions of the Settlements aforesaid, to be allowed "the option of converting their leases to actual ownership," all present agreed that this involves a matter of free action on the part of the lessees with which the Consular Representatives have no concern. It was the general opinion of the meeting, however that, after the word "ownership" the words "on the same basis as Japanese subjects in Chosen" should be added to said paragraph.

It seems to be pertinent to this subject to call attention to the fact that the title deeds to these holdings contain a condition to the effect that the grantee and his heirs and assigns shall pay to the Municipal Council concerned such sum, in addition to the annual ground rent, "as "it may be found necessary to collect as a tax for municiapl "purposes." The questions that arose in Japan, concerning house tax and other supplementary burdens on real estate, are thus eliminated from the situation in Chosen.

Concerning the fifth paragraph, reading: "When such "conversions are made and registered, the owners of said "land and buildings thereon, to be accorded national and "most favored nation treatment, in all that concerns the use "and enjoyment of such land and buildings as well as in the

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"matter of imposts, taxes and rates leviable on such lands "and buildings. The conversions and registrations aforesaid "to be made without any taxes, fees or charges whatever"- it was unanimously agreed, in view of the suggested addition to the fourth paragraph, that the words "and most favored "nation" (underscored above) would be unnecessary and should be erased.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, February 26, 1913.

This communication is sent in duplicate, to serve the Embassy copying in reporting to the Department of State.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Sielhorst

Consul General.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Supplementing my No. 10 of the 22nd instant, I have the honor to enclose herewith an additional despatch, No. 4189 of February 19, from Consul-General Scidmore, transmitting a clipping containing a report of speeches regarding the "Proposed Abolition of Foreign Settlements" in Chosen, delivered by Governor-General Terauchi and the German Consul-General at a dinner given on the 15th instant at Seoul.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Enclosure:

Mr. Scidmore's No. 4189 of February 19, 1913.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

February 19, 1913.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

His Excellency

Larz Anderson,

American Ambassador,

Tokio.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter No.4187, of yesterday, I have the honor to transmit herewith a clipping from this morning's edition of the Seoul Press, containing a report of speeches made by Count Terauchi, Governor General of Chosen and Dr. F. Krüger, German Consul General, Doyen of the Consular Corps, at a dinner given on the 15th instant at Seoul.

Dr. Krüger's speech was not submitted to examination by his colleagues before delivery.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Clipping, as above stated.

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(Enclosure with despatch No.4189 E.of February 19, 1913-Seoul)

From Seoul Press of February 19,1913.

PROPOSED ABOLITION OF FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS.

We have already given a brief account of the dinner party given by Count Terauchi on Saturday evening last to members of the Consular Body in connection with the proposed abolition of the foreign settlements in Chosen. Speeches were exchanged on the occasion between the Governor General and Dr. Krüger, the German Consul General, who represented his colleagues. We learn that the following was the substance of the speeches referred to:—

COUNT TERANCHI'S SPEECH.

GENTLEMEN,

It is a matter of great satisfaction to have the pleasure of meeting you this evening. The question of abolishing the Foreign Settlements was mooted at the time of annexation, but for mutual convenience they have been allowed to continue as before except in certain affairs. Now that necessary arrangements have been made between the respective Governments the preliminary negotiations looking to their adjustment will be commenced on the 17th instant as communicated to you. The Government General will spare no pains in protecting all the rights and interests legally acquired by the foreigners, while I entertain no doubt that you will on your part deal with the question in friendly co-operation. It is my sincere hope that in this spirit an amicable adjustment of matters that will present themselves for our solution will be made.

DR. KRUGER'S SPEECH.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In the name of my collengues and myself I beg to express our sincerest thanks for the honour accorded to us by this invitation and also for the cordial words Your Excellency has addressed to us as representatives of our different Governments on the eve of inaugurating preliminary negotiations for the abolition of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

When about thirty years ago the reigning King of Korea, in treaties with foreign States, granted to the subjects of these States certain privileges and the right to establish and maintain foreign settlements with self-government in Korea, it was understood by all concerned that such privileges would not be perpetual, but terminate as soon as Korea should have organized modern institutions of Government, such as advanced nations deem necessary for the protection and social conditions of their subjects.

The Municipal Councils of these Foreign Settlements have therefore always borne in mind that the land thus set apart was not their own property but held by them in trust only for the local Government to which they would have to render account in time to come.

With this end ever before them it has been their ambition to work for the benefit of the community giving their time and best efforts freely and voluntarily and without recompense.

The foreign landowners on their part have willingly paid for all these years ground-rents several hundred per cent. higher than the whole amount paid by Koreans in taxation.

By this co-operation of all the foreigners concerned treeless hills have been converted into neat towns, dotted with beautiful gardens and parks, traversed by good roads provided with proper drainage and thus a good example has been given by them to their Korean neighbours.

To renounce the advantages gained by the privilege of self-government is no easy thing. But the difficulty of doing so is greatly lessened by the knowledge that the Imperial Japanese Government represented here by Your Excellency assisted by so able a staff has full recognition of what is required for the wellbeing and development of this country. We are therefore confident that the rights and interests of foreigners in Chosen will not suffer by the abolition of the Settlements in question.

We beg Your Excellency to be thoroughly convinced that we, the foreign representatives, shall enter into the preliminary negotiations in a friendly spirit with every desire to bring about a satisfactory conclusion.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the Embassy's No. 10 of February 22, and to previous correspondence on the subject of transferring to the local authorities the affairs of the foreign settlements in Chosen, I now have the honor to enclose herewith two despatches from Consul-General Scidmore, dated February 27 and March 5, reporting upon further conferences, had February 26 and March 3 respectively, between the representatives of the Government-General and of the Consular representatives of the Treaty Powers at Seoul, with regard to the proposals of the Government-General.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Bailly Blanchard

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Enclosure with Mr. Blanchard's No. 17 of March 14, 1913.

No.4207 E. S/K.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

February 27, 1913.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

His Excellency

Larz Anderson,

American Ambassador,

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Sir:-

In continuation of the subject of my letter No.4187, of February 18, 1913, I have the honor to report that the second conference between the Representatives of the Government General and the Consular Representatives of the Treaty Powers at Seoul concerning affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen, took place yesterday.

The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and Mr. Komatzu, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, presented the replies of the Governor General to the several propositions made by the Consular Representatives in connection with the first five paragraphs of the proposed scheme.

Paragraph 1 was accepted on both hands with the addition of the proviso "that the vested interests of foreigners concerned be properly protected."

Concerning the second paragraph Mr. Komatzu stated that the Government General preferred that the addition thereto should read: "hitherto performed and incurred by the

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"the Municipal Councils of the General Foreign Settlements, "such as public works, sanitation, et cetera." Upon assurance from him that this would include scavenging in streets and private houses, repairing drains and roads, and street lighting, et cetera, this change was accepted by all present.

Concerning the third paragraph the Government General did not agree with the suggestions concerning the quid pro quo to be given in consideration of property to be turned over to the common municipalities or to opening estimates or budgets or to public inspection and criticism before promulgation.

Concerning the fourth paragraph it was agreed by all present that the concluding words thereof should be: "such ownership to be on the same basis as Japanese "subjects in Chosen."

Concerning the fifth paragraph it was agreed by all present that the words"and most favored nation" should remain and that the entire paragraph as originally presented was acceptable.

Mr. Komatzu stated that a protocol of proceedings would be prepared after our final meeting, in order that the result of discussions may be clearly and concisely stated, taking the place of detailed minutes.

He also presented a printed "Epitome of "the proposed Fu or Prefecture System", a copy of which is herewith enclosed, and, in explanation of it, stated that, in all more important matters, the Governor General and the Governors of Provinces will be clothed with ample supervisory

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powers over the new municipalities. Concerning taxes he stated that foreigners in Chemulpo and other Settlements will be exempt from contributions for the support of schools and that houses and land owned for Consulates will be entirely exempt and that taxes will be comprised under four classes, namely, land tax, house tax, business tax, and miscellaneous, such as licenses, et cetera.

The meeting then adjourned to Monday March 3, 1913.

This communication is sent in duplicate to save the Embassy copying in reporting to the Department of State.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Leidmore

Consul General.

One Enclosure - Pamphlet, as above stated.

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 42857E - February 27, 1913 - Seoul)

EPITOME OF FU (PREFECTURE) SYSTEM.

In order to adjust the local administrative system foreign settlements and Japanese municipalities will be abolished and in their place local bodies called Fu (Prefecture) instituted. The epitome of the Fu system is as follows:—

I. SPHERE OF A FU.

The Fu system will be enforced in twelve cities including Seoul, Chemulpo, Fusan, Masampo, Chinnampo, Pyongyang, Kunsan, Mokpo, Wonsan, Taiku, New Wiju and Chongjin. The sphere of a Fu shall include all lots of land actually constituting urban quarters as well as lots prearranged to be made urban quarters. Hence all the foreign settlements (except that at Songjin) and Chinese exclusive settlements in the above mentioned cities, will be included the sphere of Fu.

II. INHABITANTS OF FU.

All having their residences within the sphere of a Fu are considered inhabitants of the Fu. They will enjoy the right of using public buildings and grounds belonging to the Fu and at the same time will have to bear the duty of sharing amongst themselves the expenditure of their Fu. People, who are not inhabitants of a Fu, but own lands and

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other taxable things or carry on certain specified business within the sphere of a Fu, shall bear the duty of contributing their share to the expenditure of the Fu.

III. ORGAN OF A FU.

A Fu has as its chief functionary a Fu-in (Prefect). He is an official appointed by the State who governs and represents the Fu. He has under him some assistant officials and in case of necessity he is empowered to engage at the expense of the Fu a certain number of clerks and other employees. These clerks and employees will be appointed or dismissed at the discretion of the Fu-in.

A Fu will have a fixed number of Councillors. Their number will be fixed by the Governor General after he has taken into consideration the population and local conditions of the Fu. They will be charged with the duty of submitting their opinions in response to inquiries by the Fu-in with regard to (1) the establishment, amendment or abolition of Fu regulations, (2) the budget of the Fu, (3) the imposition of a new duty on the inhabitants or the withdrawal of certain of their rights other than those fixed by the budget, (4) affairs connected with Fu loans, (5) affairs connected with Fu funds as well as the establishment or disposal of foundation properties, reserve funds or grain, and (6) other important affairs concerning the Fu administration.

IV. REGULATIONS OF A FU.

A Fu may institute regulations concerning the rights and duties of the inhabitants or business of the Fu. With regard to the institution, amendment or abolition of these regulations, permission by the authorities superintending the Fu must be obtained, and with regard to the promulgation of the regulations a fixed procedure shall be followed.

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V. BUSINESS OF A FU.

The sphere of the business of a Fu extends to all public business, except that concerning education, as well as to business assigned to it by laws and regulations. Hence business hitherto dealt with by Japanese municipal bodies and foreign municipal councils concerning civil engineering, hygiene, police, relief work, encouragement of industry, public parks, cemeteries and crematoriums, will be dealt with by a Fu.

VI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS OF A FU.

(A) Sources of the Revenue.

The sources of the revenue of a Fu are (1) the income from the property belonging to the Fu, (2) compensations for the use of buildings or lands belonging to the Fu, (3) various fees, (4) subsidies received from the State Treasury or local taxes, (5) Fu taxes and requisitioned labour or articles and so forth. In newly established Fu, however, in view of the small funds they will possess by inheritance from Japanese municipalities and foreign municipal councils, the main source of their revenue must be found in Fu taxes. It is intended that these taxes should be levied by providing surtaxes on state taxes on lands and houses as well as by instituting a special tax. This last is aimed at supplementing the surtaxes just referred to and will be imposed after local conditions have been taken into consideration. As for limitation concerning the description of taxable things, rates, time of payment and so forth, it will be either determined by the Governor General or by the Fu after his approval has been obtained. With regard to the taxation system of Fu, while on one hand the policy of treating foreigners, Japanese and Koreans on equal footing will be strictly adhered to on the other, inasmuch as there is the necessity of considering the usage and standard of living of Koreans, who constitute the majority of inhabitants, it will be practically impossible to levy heavy rates upon them. It

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follows then that the rate of all taxes will be decreased in no small proportion.

(B) Accounts of a Fu.

(a) Budget of a Fu. The Fu-in is responsible for framing an annual budget for his Fu. He is required to frame a budget for his Fu in accordance with the budget form specified by the Governor General before the commencement of the fiscal year of the Government and after submitting it to the consideration of the Fu Councillors obtain the permission of the Governor of the province in which his Fu is situated. Accordingly the budget of a Fu is valid only after the permission has been given by the Governor of the province in which the Fu is situated. When the budget is thus passed, the Fu-in will publish it at once.

(b) Cash Transactions of a Fu. A Fu-in is not charged with the actual receipt or payment of cash. This is transacted by officials specially appointed for the purpose from among officials and employees of a Fu. A Fu-in is empowered to issue orders to these officials for the receipt or payment of cash, but is excluded from taking part in cash transactions. This provision is made with the view of preventing etrors in carrying out the budget. Particulars of the procedure will be provided in regulations issued by the Governor General with regard to the financial affairs of Fu,

(c) Settlement of Accounts. The settlement of accounts will be prepared by the Fu-in and after submitting it to the consideration of the Fu Councillors and obtaining their approval he will report it to the Governor of the province in which his Fu is situated.

VII. SUPERINTENDENCE OF A FU.

The superintendence of a Fu is in the first instance undertaken by the Governor of the province in which it is situated, and in the second

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by the Governor General. These supervisory officials will oversee the administration of a Fu, special care being taken as to whether there is anything at variance with laws and regulations or anything is being done to the injury of the public benefit. Further, they will have power extending over a wide scope, such as issuing orders or enforcing measures necessary for carrying out their duty.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the Embassy's previous despatches on the subject, I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of Consul-General Scidmore's Nos. 4274 and 4289 of March 18 and 25, enclosing transcripts of minutes of the fourth and fifth conferences, respectively, of the Consular representatives of the Treaty Powers with the representatives of the Government-General of Chosen, with regard to transferring to the local authorities the affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Bailly-Blanchard

Enclosures:
As stated.
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OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Thomas DATE 10/19/62

No. 1 Blanchard 3.19 of MAR 28 1913 Duplicate

No.4274 E. S/A.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Chosen,
March 18, 1913.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

Arthur Bailly - Blanchard, Esquire,
Charge d' Affaires of the
United States of America,
T o k i o.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter No.4223, of March 5, 1913, and to previous correspondence, I have the honor to enclose herewith a transcript of the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting, held March 10, 1913, of the Consular Representatives at Seoul with the Representatives of the Government General, concerning affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

These minutes were read and approved at the fifth meeting, held yesterday.

It is expected that, at the next meeting, on March 24, 1913, the result of conferences will be in a shape to be embodied in a protocol.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Geo. H. Scidmore
-Consul General.

ENCLOSURE:
Transcript, as above stated.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
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BY James E. Psimas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with letter No.4274 E to Embassy, dated March 18, 1913.)

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Consular Body and the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen, held March 10, 1913, in the Council Room of the Government General, approved March 17, 1913.

Present: As in previous minutes. Count Kodama, Director of General Affairs, was present, in addition to those appearing at previous meetings.

Mr. Komatzu opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after some corrections, were approved.

Mr. Komatzu then took up the question of paragraph 6. Referring to the views expressed by Messrs. Chalmers and Krüger, he drew attention to Paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the Treaty between Great Britain and Korea, of November 26,1883, reading in part:

"---The yearly rental agreed upon by the Corean Authorities "in conjunction with the Foreign authorities shall be "paid to the former, who shall retain a fixed amount "thereof as a fair equivalent for the land tax, and the "remainder, together with any balances left from the "proceeds of land sales, shall belong to a municipal "fund to be administered by a Council, the constitution "of which shall be determined hereafter by the Corean "Authorities in conjunction with the competent Foreign "authorities."

The wording of this treaty left no doubt as to the 30 sen per 100 square metres now retained by the Government out of the rent from the perpetual leases being clearly a land tax. Mr. Komatzu pointed out that under the Fu system, Japanese

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and Koreans would pay approximately an average of Yen 1.20 per 100 square metres on land corresponding to that held by foreigners, against the 30 sen paid by the latter. In addition, Japanese and Koreans will have to pay house taxes ranging from a minimum of 30 sen to a maximum of 8 yen, making a total sum of taxes on land and houses, roughly about 9 yen in an average. It would look very inequitable if foreigners paid less than 1/30 of the taxes which Japanese subjects will have to pay. The contention of Messrs Chalmers and Krüger were, he thought, untenable under the circumstances. However, he agreed to waive all considerations of that character, and put forward, as counter proposals, purely on his own respondibility, and subject to disavowal by his Government, the following paragraph as a substitute for the whole of paragraph 6 of the original proposals:

" 6. In case such option is not availed of, the "rights created by said leases in perpetuity, not in- "consistent with the arrangements relating to the pro- "posed abolition of the system of International Foreign "Settlements, to continue to be duly respected. In the "matter of the imposts, taxes and rates leviable in "respect of the said leased land and the buildings "thereon under the second clause of the leases in per- "petuity, the following adjustment to be made:

" a) that the ground rent payable in respect of the " leased land in question to be accepted, in lieu " of land and house taxes, (state, local and " municipal.)

" b) that buildings owned by persons other than the " holders of perpetual leases of land, upon which " such buildings have been constructed, to be " subject to similar treatment as those buildings

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" built on land other than that of perpetual leases."

To clarify his attitude, Mr. Komatzu also proposed an additional paragraph, to be called paragraph 7, reading as follows:

" 7. Holders of perpetual leases to be accorded nation-
"al treatment in the matter of taxation, whether state,
"local or municipal taxes or rates, not otherwise pro-
"vided for in the present agreement."

Paragraph 7 of the original proposals regarding cemeteries might be placed at the end of the proposals.

In this connection, Mr. Komatzu also called attention to the fact that though no treaty had ever been made in Japan providing for the levying of national taxes, they were none the less levied. He also stated that in Japan, foreigners had never been allowed to reside outside the limits of the Settlements, but that in Korea, this attitude had not been strictly maintained by the Korean Government. He gave statistics showing that the total number of foreign residents in Chosen not including Chinese, missionaries and officials, was some 323. Of this number, only 55 lived within the limits of the General Foreign Settlements. He added that, in protecting the interests of the leaseholders in the General Foreign Settlements, those of persons living in the interior should be equally taken into consideration, so that justice be done to all.

As these were quite new proposals discussion was postponed to a later meeting.

Paragraph VII of the original proposals was then taken up reading:

"The existing foreign cemeteries in Chosen to be main-
"tained in good order and condition free of all taxes

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"and charges, by the authorities concerned."

Mr. Komatzu stated that for accuracy, the words "the General Foreign Settlements" should be inserted between the words "in" and "Chosen".

Dr. Krüger presented the Consular suggestions to this paragraph, namely:

"Suggested that "public gardens, with their present area "undiminished" be substituted for"cemeteries".

Mr. Komatzu stated that it would be better, perhaps, to consider the matter of cemeteries first, and take up the matter of public gardens later. Dr. Krüger then presented the Consular suggestions regarding cemeteries, reading:

"Suggested that the Japanese Authorities be approached "with a view to allowing administration of the Foreign "cemeteries in the open ports to be taken over by the "local foreign communities under the terms of the new ""Regulations for the control of tomb sites, etc", if "feasible.

" Suggested that the obligation of the former Korean "Government regarding the providing of sites for foreign "cemeteries in the open ports when needed be assumed by "the Japanese Government.

" Referring to the Yen 20,000 left in trust by the "Municipal Council of Chemulpo for the maintenance of "the cemetery, suggested that a body be formed, qualified "under the new regulations for the control of Tomb sites "to take charge of the cemetery, and that the trust be "so altered as to require the rendering of the account "of the fund to be made to such body."

Mr. Komatzu stated that the suggestions were feasible, that he saw no personal objection to it, and added that he would try to answer later.

Mr.

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Mr. Scidmore gave a short résumé of the trust fund of Yen 20,000 at Chemulpo, set aside for the upkeep of the Foreign Cemetery, Public Garden and roads. This was done when the attitude of the Government General had not been defined, and to prevent the necessity of taking up a subscription each year.

Paragraph VIII was then considered:

" The competent Registry Offices in Chosen to under-
"take the duly registering rights of perpetual lease in
"the said Settlements, as well as subsidiary rights
"having as their object such rights of perpetual lease.
"Such registration, consistently with the provisions of
"law, to be available against third parties. The exist-
"ing consular registrations relating to subsidiary rights
"having as their object said rights of perpetual lease,
"to be transferred to the competent Registry Office.
"Registrations so transferred to continue to have the
"same force and value as they had in the Consular Offices
"in which such registrations were effected."

Dr. Krüger presented the suggestion made at the Consular meetings, reading as follows:

" Suggested that sentence 3 be changed to read
"Legalized copies of existing Consular registrations
"affecting these properties to be transferred to the
"competent registry office".

Mr. Komatzu stated that this suggestion expressed the intention of the Government General.

Dr. Krüger spoke of the status of certain leases in perpetuity in Chemulpo now held by German subjects. He stated that a good deal of this property was mortgaged to German bankers, who had advanced the money solely because of the control which could be exercised over the disposition of the property

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property by the German Consul General. He asked whether some arrangement could not be made to prevent the registration of this class of property without the visa of the Consul General.

Mr. Komatzu replied that an Ordinance would be issued on the subject of registration of perpetual leases. This Ordinance would also recognize them as a species of actual ownership. Further than that he could not promise.

In question of Public Gardens was then considered, and it was proposed to make a new Paragraph, embodying the suggestion of the Consular Body to Paragraph VII of the original Japanese proposals.

Mr. Komatzu drew attention to Paragraph V, section 3, of the "epitome of Fu (Prefecture) System", wherein provision for Public Gardens was made. He stated that there was no objection to preserving Public Gardens with their present area.

Adjourned 3:40 p.m. to meet Monday, March 16, 1913.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the Embassy's previous despatches on the subject, I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of Consul-General Scidmore's No. 4300E of April 1, enclosing a transcript of the minutes of the sixth conference of the Consular representatives of the Treaty Powers with the representatives of the Government-General of Chosen, with regard to transferring to the local authorities the affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Bailly-Blanchard

Enclosure: as stated.
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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

Enclosure with Mr. Blanchard's No. 21 of APR 12 1913.

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No.4300 E.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, April 1, 1913.

Subject: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, Esquire,
Chargé d' Affaires of the
United States of America,
T o k i o.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter No.4289, of March 25, 1913, and to previous correspondence, I have the honor to enclose herewith a transcript of the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting, held March 24, 1913, of the Consular Representatives at Seoul with the Representatives of the Government General, concerning affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

These minutes were read and approved at the seventh meeting, held yesterday.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Caldwell

Consul General.

Enclosure: Transcript, as above stated.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No.4300 E - April 1, 1913 - Seoul)

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of Consular Body and the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, of the Government General of Chosen, held March 24, 1913, in the Council Room of the Government General.

Present: Same as first meeting.

Meeting opened 2:15 p. m.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved.

The question of Paragraph VIII was then taken up.

Mr. Komatzu asked for the form of "Consular Visa" desired. Mr. Scidmore gave the form customary in American Consulates.

Mr. Komatzu called attention to Paragraph VIII, reading in part as follows: "The existing Consular registrations relating to subsidiary rights having as their object such rights of perpetual lease, to be transferred to the competent registry office. Registrations so transferred to continue to have the same force and value as they had in the Consular Offices in which such registrations were effected." This paragraph, he thought, provided all the necessary safeguards.

Dr. Kruger asked whether, in case a registry official made a mistake, the Japanese Government would reimburse the party injured, as was the case in Germany. Mr. Komatzu stated that the Japanese law No.24 of the 32nd year of Meiji (1899) relating to Registration of Real Property in Article 13, provided for redress in such cases by the official at fault, but that the Government did not undertake reimbursement.

Dr. Kruger stated that he desired only to protect the vested rights now held by mortgagees. He did not desire to restrict or in any way interfere with mortgages entered into in future. But he felt that mortgages entered into in times past by perpetual leaseholders in accordance with German law,

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were pending cases and should be treated as such. He therefore suggested the following wording:

"No perpetual lease on which a mortgage exists in the
"Consular Register at the time of the abolition of the
"Foreign Settlements shall be transferred to a third party
"or changed to ownership nor such mortgage cancelled
"except upon the written application of the leaseholder
"certified by his Consular Representative, registered
"mortgages of this kind being treated as pending cases."

Mr. Komatzu stated that while the draft of the ordinance relating to perpetual leases did not make provision for Consular control over perpetual lease registrations, the registry officials might be instructed to communicate with Consular officials before registering any rights in perpetual leases.

After some discussion over wording, the matter was allowed to stand over.

Paragraph VI was then taken up. Mr. Komatzu presented some counter proposals reading:

" 6. In case such option is not availed of, the leases
"in perpetuity to continue to be valid, with the follow-
"ing adjustment in respect of taxation:
" a) That the ground rent payable in respect of the
" leased land under the first clause of the title-
" deeds to be abolished, and in its stead all such
" land taxes as leviable on the said leased land
" were it held under ownership to be imposed thereon;
" b) That in the matter of taxation, whether national,
" local or municipal taxes and rates of whatever kind
" and nature, other than the said land taxes, holders
" of perpetual leases to be accorded exactly the same
" treatment as the Japanese subjects."

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He stated that the object of these proposals was to provide for exact equality of taxation between the leaseholders and actual owners believing that by this arrangement the principle of equal treatment, as embodied in the suggestions made by the Consular Body at the preceding meeting, would more concisely be conformed to.

Dr. Kruger stated that if the rent were abolished the leases would cease to be leases and become some other form of tenure, which view Mr. Chalmers supported stating that such a step would be rather "drastic".

Mr. Seidmore drew attention to the fact that these proposals undertook to alter the terms of the title-deeds, a thing which could not be done without the holders consent.

Mr. Komatzu replied that so far as Japanese leases are concerned these would be converted into ownership by law. The Government was all powerful in this matter and the consent of the leaseholders was not necessary. Still, he realized the difficulty such an attitude would cause to some of the Foreign representatives. He was therefore willing to withdraw his proposals and submit others in their stead to be circulated in a few days, adding that in substance all appeared to agree so that it was only a question of finding the right words.

Mr. Chalmers brought up the question of house tax, stating that it would be well to settle the question once for all. He proposed, in order to clarify the situation, in case the Government felt that it needed a house tax, to insert the words "and houses thereon" in VI (a) between "leased land" and "were".

Adjourned 4:10 p. m., to meet March 31, 1913.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence reporting upon the conference between the Consular Representatives of the Treaty Powers at Seoul and the representative of the Government-General, with regard to the conditions of the proposed transfer to the Government-General of the affairs of Foreign Settlements in Chosen, I now have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Consul-General Scidmore's No. 4350 to this Embassy, dated April 22, transmitting transcripts of the seventh and eighth meetings held at Seoul March 31 and April 14, and the original of the final Protocol signed by all the representatives concerned.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Bailly-Blanchard

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e with Mr Blanchard's No. 29 of APR 25 1913 Duplicate

No.4350 E. S/K.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Chosen,
April 22, 1913.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

Arthur Bailly Blanchard, Esquire,
Chargé d'Affaires of the
United States of America,
T o k i o.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter No. 4300, of April 1, 1913, and to previous correspondence, I have the honor to transmit herewith transcripts of the Minutes of the Seventh and Eighth Meetings, held March 31, 1913, and April 14, 1913, of the Consular Representatives at Seoul with the Representatives of the Government General, concerning affairs of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen. 1-2

I also enclose a table, handed to me yesterday by Mr. Komatzu, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General, showing averages of receipts and expenditures, during the past three years, of the Japanese Municipality and the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo, compared with estimates under the proposed Fu system. 3

At the meeting, held yesterday, the final protocol was signed by all of the representatives concerned and is herewith transmitted. 4

The proceedings in this connection have involved

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many conferences in addition to those referred to in the formal minutes and, I am happy to say, have resulted in composing conflicting views among my colleagues and have been marked by a liberal spirit on the part of the Japanese representatives.

The properties of American citizens in Chosen that may be affected by this protocol are -

At Chemulpo - Seven lots of land, held by W.D. Townsend, of the area of 9,135 square metres, subject to an annual ground rent of Yen 182.70

At Chinnampo - One lot of land, held by the Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, of the area of 3,860 square metres, subject to an annual ground rent of Yen 77.20.

At Mokpo - Two lots of land, held by the Standard Oil Company of New York, of the area of 1,567 square metres, subject to an annual ground rent of Yen 94.02.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURES:

1 - Transcript of Minutes - March 31, 1913.

2 - Transcript of Minutes - April 14, 1913.

3 - Table relating to Receipts and Expenditures at Chemulpo.

4 - Protocol agreed to April 21, 1913.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure No.1 with letter No.4350 E - April 22,1913-Seoul)

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of Consular Body and the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen, held March 31, 1913, in the Council Room of the Government General.

Present: Same as last meeting.

Meeting opened at 2:10 p. m.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved.

Paragraph VI was then taken up. Mr. Komatzu presented a new wording for this paragraph reading:

" 6. In case such option is not availed of, the rights "created by said leases in perpetuity, not inconsistent "with the arrangements relating to the proposed abolition "of the system of International Foreign Settlements, to "continue to be duly respected. In the matter of the "imposts, taxes and rates leviable in respect of the "said leased land and houses thereon under the second "clause of the leases in perpetuity, the following "adjustment to be made:

" a) That a sufficient sum be appropriated out of the " ground rent payable in respect of the leased land " in question to cover national land and house " taxes leviable on such leased land and houses " thereon were such leased land held by an actual " owner;

" b) That so long as the remainder of the said ground " rent equals or exceeds the local and municipal " taxes and rates leviable on the leaseholder were " he a landowner, the said leaseholder be entirely

exempt

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" exempt from all such local and municipal taxes
" and rates;
" c) That in case the local and municipal taxes and
" rates leviable on the leaseholder were he a land-
" owner exceed the said remainder of ground rent,
" the said leaseholder be liable to taxes and rates
" to an extent sufficient to make the local and
" municipal taxes and rates on such leaseholder
" equal to the local and municipal taxes and rates
" leviable on the leaseholder were he a landowner."

In submitting this new suggestion, Mr. Komatzu stated that he had not circulated new wording as the Consular suggestion familiar to all had been taken as a basis, and that the present changes were only those of phraseology.

Mr. Chalmers suggested that the words "and houses" be deleted in section (a).

Dr. Kruger asked if an estimate of the sum total of taxes and rates to be levied under the "Fu" system on a lot of land of about 2,000 square meters in Chemulpo could be given, and whether taxation was to be limited by the Government General.

Mr. Komatzu stated that in Japan, the Ken and Fu taxation was limited, while the Japanese municipalities in Chosen were left free in this respect, and in Chosen it would be possible that the maximum rates of surtaxes to be levied by the Fu should be limited.

Dr. Kruger said that paragraph VI as it at present stood did not quite meet his views. What he desired was to have it clearly expressed that the ground rent now payable would apply towards the payment of all taxes, that the surplus, if any, be refunded and that, if the rent did not equal the sum total of taxes and rates, the leaseholder should be called upon to pay the difference. Mr. Komatzu said that he had no

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objection in principle to Dr. Kruger's suggestion.

After some discussion, it was decided not to delete the words "and houses" in VI (a).

Mr. Komatzu presented new wordings for Paragraphs VII and VIII as follows:

" 7. Holders of perpetual leases to be accorded "national and most favoured nation treatment in the "matter of taxation, whether national, provincial or "F" taxes and rates of whatever kind and nature, not "otherwise provided for in the present agreement.

" 8. The competent Registry Offices in Chosen to "undertake the duly registering rights of perpetual lease "in the said Settlements, as well as subsidiary rights "having as their object such rights of perpetual lease. "Such registration, consistently with the provisions of "law, to be available against third parties. Legalized "copies of existing consular registration affecting these "properties to be transferred to the competent Registry "Office. Registrations so transferred to continue to "have the same force and value as they had in the Con- "sular Offices in which such registrations were effected.

" No perpetual leases on which a mortgage exists "in the consular register at the time of the abolition "of the International Foreign Settlements to be trans- "ferred to a third party or converted to actual owner- "ship, nor any subsidiary right relating thereto to be "cancelled, except upon written application of the lease- "holder certified by his Consular Representative. This "arrangement, however, not to affect the cases where "perpetual lease is disposed of in default of payment "of rent, taxes or rates or by virtue of legal process."

Mr.

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Mr. Komatzu stated that he hoped these paragraphs correctly expressed the opinions of the Consular Body.

The paragraphs were agreed to.

The Acting Secretary was then instructed to draw up a final protocol for presentation at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 p. m.

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(Enclosure No. 2 with letter No. 4350 E-April 22, 1913-Seoul.)

Minutes of the
Eighth Meeting of Consular Body and the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen, held April 14, 1913, in the Council Room of the Government General.

Present: Same as last meeting, with the exception of Mr. Ikebe, who was absent.

Meeting opened at 2:10 p. m.

Minutes of previous meeting read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Komatzu stated that some days after the last meeting, Dr. Kruger had called upon him, and that after some discussion, they had agreed to modify certain parts of Paragraph VI, about which, he understood that Dr. Kruger had consulted the Consular Body. The result was embodied in the Draft-Protocol which had been circulated and was now before the meeting. He desired, however, to make certain additional changes of phraseology in the draft.

Some discussion took place over the wording "not inconsistent with the arrangements relating to the proposed abolition of the system of Foreign Settlements" appearing in Paragraph VI of the draft.

Mr. Scidmore proposed that the whole clause be stricken out as having little or no bearing on the case and being vague besides. He suggested that if some such statement were considered necessary, that the wording be changed to "not inconsistent with arrangements hereby made".

Mr. Komatzu stated that such wording would hardly adequately express his meaning, as he meant not only arrangements made

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made by the present Protocol, but also other arrangements made by law or Ordinance.

It was finally decided, after some discussion over matters of administration, which would not be affected by the present Protocol, to make the sentence read: "not inconsistent with the arrangements agreed to in the present Protocol".

A discussion took place as to the procedure to be followed in case the ground rent now payable in respect of leases in perpetuity should not equal the national land and house taxes, as such a contingency might arise, especially in regard to small "D" lots in the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo. To meet this situation, Mr. Scidmore proposed that the words "and not in excess of" be inserted between "out of" and "the ground rent payable" in VI (a).

Mr. Komatzu asked how many "D" lot holders there were in Chemulpo. He stated that the Government General was willing to collect not more than the ground rent as national land and house tax, and added that the money involved was, after all, insignificant.

Mr. Scidmore's suggestion was agreed to.

The Protocol, as amended, was then read, and agreed to, as follows:

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agreed to at the Conference held between the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen and the Consular Representatives of Treaty Powers Concerned relating to the Abolition of the System of Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

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II. When such incorporation takes place, the competent local authorities shall assume all the duties and obligations of local administration hitherto performed and incurred by the Municipal Councils of the said Foreign Settlements, including public works, sanitation, etc.

III. The common funds and property, if any, belonging to the Municipal Councils of the said Foreign Settlements, shall be transferred to the local authorities concerned.

IV. The holders of leases in perpetuity of land within the circumscriptions of the said Foreign Settlements shall be allowed the option of converting the said leases in perpetuity to actual ownership. Such ownership shall be on the same basis as that of Japanese subjects in Chosen.

V. When such conversions have been made and registered, the owners of the said land shall be accorded national and most favoured nation treatment in all that concerns the use and enjoyment of such land and houses thereon, as well as in the matter of imposts, taxes and rates leviable on such land and houses. The conversions and registrations aforesaid shall be made without any taxes, fees or charges whatever.

VI. In case such option is not availed of, the rights created by the said leases in perpetuity, not inconsistent with the arrangements agreed to in the present Protocol, shall continue to be duly respected. In the matter of imposts, taxes and rates leviable in respect of the leased land and houses thereon under the second clause of the leases in perpetuity, the following adjustment shall be made:

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(a) A sufficient sum shall be appropriated out of, and not in excess of, the ground rent payable in respect of the leased land in question to cover national land and house taxes leviable on the said leased land and houses thereon, were such land held by an actual owner;

(b) In case the remainder, if any, of the said ground rent equals the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable on the said leased land and houses thereon, were such land held by an actual owner, the said land and houses shall be exempt from all such local and municipal taxes and rates;

(c) In case the remainder of the said ground rent exceeds the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable on the said leased land and houses thereon, were such land held by an actual owner, the surplus shall be refunded;

(d) In case the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable on the said leased land and houses thereon, were such land held by an actual owner, exceed the remainder of the said ground rent, the said land and houses shall be liable to taxes and rates to an extent sufficient to make the local and municipal taxes and rates on such land and houses equal to the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable on the leased land and houses thereon, were such land held by an actual owner.

VII. The holders of leases in perpetuity aforesaid shall be accorded national and most favoured nation treatment in the matter of imposts, taxes and rates of whatever kind and nature, whether national, local or municipal, not otherwise provided for in the present Protocol.

VIII. The

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VIII. The competent Registry Offices in Chosen shall undertake due registration of the leases in perpetuity aforesaid as well as subsidiary rights relating thereto. Such registration, consistently with the provisions of law, shall be available against third parties. Legalized copies of the existing Consular registrations relating to the said subsidiary rights shall be transferred to the competent Registry Offices. Registrations so transferred shall continue to have the same force and value as they had in the Consular Offices in which such registrations were effected.

With regard to the leases in perpetuity on which mortgages exist in the Consular Registers concerned at the time of the abolition of the system of Foreign Settlements, no registration shall be made in respect of the transfer of such leases in perpetuity to a third party, or their conversion to actual ownership, or the cancellation of subsidiary rights relating thereto, except upon the written application of the holders of the said leases in perpetuity or their duly authorized agents certified by their Consular Representatives. This arrangement, however, shall not affect cases where leases in perpetuity are disposed of in default of payment of rent, taxes or rates, or by virtue of legal process.

IX. The existing Public Gardens in the Foreign Settlements shall be maintained in good order and condition by the authorities concerned; and their respective areas shall not be diminished except for public purposes.

X. The existing Foreign Cemeteries in the Foreign Settlements shall be maintained by local foreign residents, in conformity with the laws and ordinances governing cemeteries, crematories, burial, cremation, etc., free of all taxes and rates. The sum of Twenty Thousand Yen, (Y. 20,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated for this

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this purpose out of the property belonging to the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo.

Done at Keijo, Chosen, the day of April, 1913.

It was decided to strike off sixteen copies, which Dr. Kruger promised to attend to.

Dr. Kruger stated that he had been furnished by Mr. Komatzu with certain detailed statistics relating to the present revenues and expenditures of the Foreign Settlement and the Japanese Municipality at Chemulpo as compared with the estimates of the future Fu of Chemulpo for the information of those interested. Upon the request of lease-holders in Chemulpo he called attention to the fact that it appeared from the estimate of Fu expenditures in Chemulpo, that only some Yen 10,000 was to be spent annually for public works, even including lighting, whereas the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement there, had spent for roads alone without lighting the following sums:

in 1903:	4,850.46 Yen	
1904:	9,388.98 "	
1905:	13,266-08 "	
1906:	20,666.51 "	
1907:	6,575.89 "	
1908:	2,056.27 "	
1909:	545.70 "	repairs suspended; laying of pipes of Chemulpo Water-works.
1910:	3,650.63 "	
1911:	3,695.95 "	
1912:	6,622.76 "	

As the new Fu of Chemulpo would probably be several times larger than the General Foreign Settlement it was felt that

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the sum of Yen 10,000 or so, which it was proposed to set aside for this purpose under the Fu, was doubtless insufficient, and, that if no more money was spent for annual repairs, the roads would rapidly deteriorate and could not be kept in their present good condition.

Mr. Komatzu replied that electric lighting would be obtained, perhaps free, from the lighting company in return for the use of the streets and some road construction and other public works would, in all probability, be undertaken by the Government General, while, at present, the foreign settlement had to attend to all these works unaided. At all events, under the Fu system, the Central Government would undertake principal works, or extend to the Fu no small amounts of subsidies for the purpose, so that the expenditure of the Fu would be correspondingly reduced.

Meeting adjourned 4 p. m.

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CHEMULPO

Table showing Revenues and Expenditures of the Japanese Municipality and the Foreign Settlement as compared with those of Fu.

A. Revenue

Items	Japanese Municipality	Foreign Settlement	Total	Fu
	yen	yen	yen	yen
Land tax	5,977	10,632	16,609	8,492
House tax	7,701	—	7,701	1,113
Business tax	24,116	—	24,116	13,020
Residence tax	18,614	—	18,614	—
Miscellaneous taxes	10,070	—	10,070	10,329
Total of taxes	66,478	10,632	77,110	32,954
Charges and fees	14,167	223	14,390	6,407
Income from property	21,428	1,667	23,095	15,748
Miscellaneous incomes	3,202	254	3,456	2,456
Brought over from previous year	300	3,651	3,951	200
Government subsidy	—	—	—	8,716
Public contributions	5,337	1,200	6,537	—
Income from sale of ground lots	—	1,487	1,487	—
Total of revenues other than taxes	44,434	8,482	52,916	33,527
GRAND TOTAL	110,912	19,114	130,026	66,481

Remarks :—

The figures in the above table relating to the Japanese Municipality show averages for the three years of 1911, 1912 and 1913, and those relating to the Foreign Settlement show the settled accounts at the end of 1913. The estimates of the Fu are prepared on the basis of these.

Affairs concerning the schools for Japanese children are managed by the School Association specially established in the Fu for that purpose. About 40,000 *yen* needed for this purpose is paid by Japanese alone, so that it is not included in the table.

The 10,632 *yen* mentioned under the item "Land Tax" of the Foreign Settlement is the amount of rents received by the Foreign Municipal Council for the perpetual lease of lands. Besides this, 1,070 *yen* is paid to the National Treasury.

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The Foreign Cemetery at Chemulpo is managed by the Foreign Municipal Council with the interest on a fund of 20,000 *yen* and the financial affairs relating to it are dealt with in a form of special accounts. In the above table, however, for the sake of convenience and to facilitate comparison with similar accounts of the Japanese Municipality and Fu, the figures thereanent are included in the general accounts. The 20,000 *yen* fund for the foreign cemetery considered as part of the common property to be succeeded to in future by the Fu is not included in the accounts of revenues and expenditures in the table.

The Land Tax of the Fu means the additional tax or surcharge on the State tax on urban lands. The rate of the State tax is 3.9 sen per tsubo and the surcharge is estimated at the maximum rate of 50 per cent of the State tax. The total area of the urban lands at Chemulpo being 429,584 *tsubo*, the total amount of the State land tax on them is 16,984 *yen*.

The House Tax also means the additional tax on the State tax on houses. The surcharge is estimated at the maximum rate of 30 per cent of the State tax.

The Miscellaneous Taxes of the Fu include 1,654 *yen* of the first class restaurant tax, 1,295 *yen* of the cheaper restaurant tax, 6,672 *yen* of the tax on *Geisha* and 708 *yen* of the tax on waitresses. These are chiefly levied from Japanese and Koreans.

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B. Expenditures

Items	Japanese Municipality	Foreign Settlement	Total	Fu
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
Offices	21,142	2,042	23,184	8,506
Conferences	519	—	519	225
Engineering work	2,063	6,824	8,887	10,393
Education	38,382	—	38,382	—
Hygienic work	8,266	5,643	13,909	13,867
Relief	150	—	150	69
Police	8,292	777	9,069	8,292
Public parks	959	538	1,497	1,105
Cemeteries	180	488	668	524
Taxes and other obligations	186	270	456	872
For control of properties	280	—	280	245
To be included in funds	517	—	517	26
Sinking funds	926	—	926	—
Social purposes	1,000	—	1,000	—
Reserve funds and miscellaneous expenses	6,528	—	6,528	4,035
Total of ordinary expenditures	89,390	16,582	105,972	44,049
Engineering work	742	—	742	387
Education	500	—	500	—
Police	200	—	200	—
Public parks	200	592	792	—
Cemeteries	170	571	741	—
Subsidy to hospitals	2,400	—	2,400	2,400
Expenses concerning debts	17,310	—	17,310	15,437
To be carried forward to next year	—	1,369	1,369	—
Total of extraordinary expenditures	21,522	2,532	24,054	18,224
GRAND TOTAL	110,912	19,114	130,026	66,481

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Remarks :—

About 40,000 *yen* needed by the Japanese Municipality for the education of Japanese children will be paid by the School Association specially established in the Fu for that purpose.

The sum of 10,393 *yen* allotted as expenses for engineering work of the Fu appears to be too little as compared with those of the Foreign Settlement. The estimate, however, has been made on the basis of the expenditure for the same work by the Foreign Municipal Council and Japanese Municipality. In other words, it is the sum total of 6,824 *yen* allotted by the Foreign Settlement to its engineering work (including street lighting), 1,163 *yen* also allotted by it as extraordinary expenses for the maintenance of its park and cemetery, 2,458 *yen* allotted by the Japanese Municipality as expenses for repairing its roads and drainage system as well as for lighting streets and 148 *yen* allotted as miscellaneous expenses.

" Expenses concerning Debts " means interests on and capital of the debts taken over from the Japanese Municipality.

In the above table the expenditure of the Fu is estimated at only 66,481 *yen*, about half of 130,026 *yen*, the sum table of the expenditures of the Japanese Municipality and the Foreign Municipal Council. This is made possible by reason of the curtailment of about 40,000 *yen* needed for the education of Japanese children, and of about 15,000 *yen* in office expenses on account of the majority of business hitherto dealt with by the Japanese Municipal office and Foreign Municipal Council being transferred to and transacted by the Fu, besides part of the Japanese Municipal debts being transferred to the School Association and the abolition of the expenses for social purposes and the sinking fund as well as the curtailment in the reserve funds, by which about 7,000 *yen* may be economized.

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agreed to at the Conference held between the Consular Representatives of Treaty Powers concerned and the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen relating to the abolition of the system of Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

I. The Foreign Settlements in Chosen, namely: Chemulpo, Chinnampo, Kunsan, Mokpo, Masampo and Songchin shall be incorporated with the respective newly organized Communes of Chosen to which they appropriately belong.

II. When such incorporation takes place, the competent local authorities shall assume all the duties and obligations of local administration hitherto performed and incurred by the Municipal Councils of the said Foreign Settlements, including public works, sanitation, etc.

III. The common funds and property, if any, belonging to the Municipal Councils of the said Foreign Settlements, shall be transferred to the local authorities concerned.

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IV. The holders of leases in perpetuity of land within the circumscriptions of the said Foreign Settlements shall be allowed the option of converting the said leases in perpetuity to actual ownership. Such ownership shall be on the same basis as that of Japanese subjects in Chosen.

V. When such conversions have been made and registered, the owners of the said land shall be accorded national and most favoured nation treatment in all that concerns the use and enjoyment of such land and houses thereon, as well as in the matter of imposts, taxes and rates leviable on such land and houses. The conversions and registrations aforesaid shall be made without any taxes, fees or charges whatever.

VI. In case such option is not availed of, the rights created by the said leases in perpetuity, not inconsistent with the arrangements agreed to in the present Protocol, shall continue to be duly respected. In the matter of imposts, taxes and rates leviable in respect of the leased land and houses thereon under the second clause of the leases in perpetuity, the following adjustment shall be made:

(a) A sufficient sum shall be appropriated out of, and not in excess of, the ground rent payable in respect of the leased land in question to cover national land and house taxes leviable on the said leased land and houses thereon were such land held by an actual owner;

(b) In case the remainder, if any, of the said ground rent equals the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable

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on the said leased land and houses thereon were such land held by an actual owner, the said land and houses shall be exempt from all such local and municipal taxes and rates;

(c) In case the remainder of the said ground rent exceeds the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable on the said leased land and houses thereon were such land held by an actual owner, the surplus shall be refunded;

(d) In case the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable on the said leased land and houses thereon were such land held by an actual owner exceed the remainder of the said ground rent, the said land and houses shall be liable to taxes and rates to an extent sufficient to make the local and municipal taxes and rates on such land and houses equal to the local and municipal taxes and rates leviable on the leased land and houses thereon were such land held by an actual owner.

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VIII. The competent Registry Offices in Chosen shall undertake due registration of the leases in perpetuity aforesaid as well as subsidiary rights relating thereto. Such registration, consistently with the provisions of law, shall be avail-

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able against third parties. Legalized copies of the existing Consular registrations relating to the said subsidiary rights shall be transferred to the competent Registry Offices. Registrations so transferred shall continue to have the same force and value as they had in the Consular Offices in which such registrations were effected.

With regard to the leases in perpetuity on which mortgages exist in the Consular Registers concerned at the time of the abolition of the system of Foreign Settlements, no registration shall be made in respect of the transfer of such leases in perpetuity to a third party or their conversion to actual ownership, or the cancellation of subsidiary rights relating thereto, except upon the written application of the holders of the said leases in perpetuity or their duly authorized agents certified by their Consular Representatives. This arrangement, however, shall not affect cases where leases in perpetuity are disposed of in default of payment of rent, taxes or rates, or by virtue of legal process.

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rates. The sum of Twenty Thousand Yen (Y. 20,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be appropriated for this purpose out of the property belonging to the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo.

Done at Seoul (Keijo,) Chosen, the 21st day of April, 1913.

Geo. T. Scidmore

Consul General of the United States of America.

Kruger, Dr.

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German Consul General.

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Consul General for Belgium.

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Consul General for Russia.

A. M. Chalmers

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His Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Corea.

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Acting Consul for France.

Acuchalmers

His Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Corea.
In charge of Italian interests.

Midori Komatzu.

Midori Komatzu

Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs
of the Government General of Chosen.

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This seems to be an
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RSM

July 11, 1913.

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original of the final protocol,
signed by all the [illegible] representatives of the treaty
powers at Seoul and the representatives of the Imperial
Japanese Government General, in which was embodied the
result of their preliminary negotiations with regard
to the conditions of the proposed transfer to the Govern-
ment General of the affairs of foreign settlements in
Chosen, I have to state that the said protocol is accept-
able to the Government of the United States as a basis for
the formal negotiations which it is understood will be
initiated by the Imperial Japanese Government in accord-
ance with the note addressed to the Embassy by His Excel-
lency the Minister for Foreign Affairs on August 28, 1912.

You may so inform the Consul-General at Seoul, whom
the Department takes this opportunity to commend upon the
satisfactory work done by him in connection with this com-
plicated question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

J. B. MOORE

A true copy of the signed original.

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BY James E. Travis DATE 10/19/62

No. 21 July 11, 1913.

Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, Esquire,
American Chargé d'Affaires,
Tokyo.

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Sir:

Referring to the Embassy's despatch No. 29 of April 25, 1913, transmitting the original of the final protocol, signed by all the consular representatives of the treaty powers at Seoul and the representatives of the Imperial Japanese Government General, in which was embodied the result of their preliminary negotiations with regard to the conditions of the proposed transfer to the Government General of the affairs of foreign settlements in Chosen, I have to state that the said protocol is acceptable to the Government of the United States as a basis for the formal negotiations which it is understood will be initiated by the Imperial Japanese Government in accordance with the note addressed to the Embassy by His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs on August 28, 1912.

You may so inform the Consul-General at Seoul, whom the Department takes this opportunity to commend upon the satisfactory work done by him in connection with this complicated question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

A true copy of the signed original
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Secretary of State,

Washington.

September 3, 11 a. m.

Referring to Embassy's despatch of April twenty-fifth and Department's instruction of July eleventh, nineteen hundred and thirteen, with reference to the protocol signedin April last by the consular representatives at Seoul and the Governor General of Chosen stipulating the conditions of the proposed transfer to the Governor General of the affairs of the foreign settlements in Chosen, I am in receipt of a note from the Minister for Foreign Affairs proposing that we open formal negotiations to bring the matter to a conclusion by approving the protocol in its present form through the formality of an exchange of notes. Shall I proceed with the ~~x~~ exchange?

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Your telegram September 3, 11 a.m.

Report briefly what action has been taken by other governments concerned.

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Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

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September six, six P.M.

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Referring to the Department's telegram of September three, three P.M. Russian Embassy say they will require in notes a clause embodying parole stipulation made during negotiations that Consular property should be exempt from taxation. British Embassy say they intend to propose some technical alterations in protocal but Secretary in absence of Ambassador does not feel at liberty to disclose them. German and French Embassies say that their Governments have approved protocol and Belgian Legation says their interests are very limited and they probably will act with France. Also officials of Italian Embassy absent and cannot be reached.

As you have approved the protocol as a basis of negotiations would it not be well under present circumstances and as a friendly act for us to take the initiative and formally notify the other parties

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parties interested that we are satisfied and are ready to exchange notes. The requirement of the Russian Embassy above stated seems reasonable and might be included.

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Department of State,

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Amembassy,

Tokyo.

Your telegrams September 6th, 6 p.m., and September 3rd, 11 a.m.

The Department regards the protocol a fair adjustment of the questions involved and will be happy to conclude the arrangement now in the manner proposed on the understanding that, in the event of subsequent modifications of the terms of the protocol, American citizens shall in no case be placed in a less favorable position than the nationals of any other country.

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Acting Secretary.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's telegraphic instructions of the 9th instant, 5.00 P.M.,- in reply to my telegrams of the 3rd, 11.00 A.M. and 6th, 6.00 P.M.,- stating that the Department regarded the Protocol signed by the Consular Representatives at Seoul and the Chosen Government-General, stipulating the conditions of transfer of the Foreign Settlements, as a fair adjustment of the questions involved, and authorizing me to approve the Protocol by an exchange of notes with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the understanding that in the event of subsequent modifications of the terms thereof, American citizens shall not be placed in a less favorable position than the nationals of other countries.

Immediately

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Immediately upon the receipt of the foregoing instructions, I verbally reported the substance thereof to the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, and told him that I would inform the diplomatic representatives of the other nations concerned that my Government regarded the Protocol as a fair adjustment of the questions involved, and had authorized me formally to approve the Protocol in its present form. As suggested in my telegram to the Department, dated September 6, 6.00 P.M., I felt that this course was most desirable under the present circumstances; and the Vice Minister expressed his deep appreciation of the attitude taken by the American Government.

On the following day I communicated with my colleagues in the foregoing sense, but as they were absent from the city, I have not yet received their replies. They are expected to return to Tokyo before the end of the month, when I hope to hear from them; but should I fail to do so within a reasonable length of time, I shall proceed to the exchange of notes with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, including therein the condition that American citizens shall enjoy the benefits of any subsequent modifications which might be made in the terms of the Protocol.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the note from the Foreign Office, dated August 27, on which my telegrams above mentioned were based.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:

Note No. 62 from Foreign Office, dated August 27, 1913.

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Enclosure with Mr. Guthrie's No. 7 of September 23, 1913.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs to Mr. Guthrie.

Translation

No. 62.

Department of Foreign Affairs,
Tokio, August 27, 1913.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Referring to Viscount Uchida's Note of the 28th August last, relative to the adjustment of the general foreign settlements in Chosen, I have no doubt that you have received a report from the American Consul-General at Seoul to the effect that the preliminary negotiations with a view to such adjustment between the Consular Officers of the Powers concerned and the competent Officer of the Government-General of Chosen were opened on the 17th February last and after a full exchange of views at several conferences held up to the 14th April, a Protocol was drawn up and unanimously approved.

It was stated in the above-mentioned Note of the 28th August last that "When a plan of adjustment has been agreed upon at the meetings for the preliminary negotiations above referred to, the Imperial Government will take such plan as the basis and, after conferring with the Governments of the Powers concerned, arrive at a definite decision." And the time has now arrived for opening negotiations between our respective Governments on the basis of the Protocol above referred to.

Upon careful examination of the said Protocol, the Imperial Government find that although the draft Agreement of the Government-General of Chosen was in their opinion drawn up on very liberal terms, it was not adopted in its original form at the preliminary negotiations and the Government-General was compelled to make further concessions; but the

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Imperial Government at the same time confidently believe that the Consular Officers of the Powers concerned were always guided in these negotiations by a spirit of conciliation. Accordingly the Imperial Government are desirous to bring the matter under consideration to a conclusion by approving through the formality of exchange of Notes with the Governments of the Powers concerned the Protocol which has been agreed to.

I beg, therefore, to request that Your Excellency will be good enough to convey to your Government our desire that they will, after examination, agree to give their approval to the above-mentioned Protocol which has been signed at Seoul and give me as soon as possible a reply to this Note, communicating the approval of your Government to the said Protocol.

I avail, etc.

Signed: BARON N. MAKINO,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

November 21, 1913.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.
Prefectural Ordinance.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

With reference to previous correspondence submitted through the American Embassy at Tokio and more particularly to my file No.810.2, of February 27, 1913, on the subject of the foreign settlements in Chosen, I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation, made in this office, of Ordinance No.7 of the Government General of Chosen, entitled the "Prefectural Ordinance".

The first sixteen articles of this Ordinance, relating to the nature, residents, and government of the prefectures, have little, if any, bearing on the question of the foreign settlements. Articles 17 to 31, inclusive, regarding the revenues and expenditures of the prefectures, give the general rules for taxation to be followed by the authorities of the prefectures. It is with these articles that the interests of foreigners are more chiefly concerned. Articles 32 and 36 are examples of the manner in which all matters likely to become of importance are left to the judgment of the Governor General of Chosen, now Count Terauchi.

The date of the enforcement of this Ordinance is left to the decision of the Governor General; but it is generally

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expected that, should the Governments of the Powers concerned signify before March 31, 1914, their acquiesence in the terms of the Consular Protocol signed at Seoul April 21,1913, the provisions of the Prefectural ordinance will become operative from April, 1914, the beginning of the Governmental fiscal year.

By Article 34 all former laws and regulations regarding the settlement corporations, foreign settlements, and the Seoul Sanitary Association, are repealed, to pave the way for Article 35, which provides for the transfer of all their business, rights, and obligations, except the educational concerns of the settlement corporations, to the respective prefectures. Educational matters are arranged for in a separate ordinance, issued at the same time, a translation of which will be forwarded as soon as ready. Three exceptions are noted by the Ordinance to the general rule that the prefectures take over all the business, rights, and obligations of the foreign settlements. Firstly, the Joshin (Song Chin) Foreign Settlement is to be allowed to lapse without there being a prefecture established, the reason being that it is so small and that the foreign interests are almost negligible. Secondly, foreign cemeteries within the bounds of the foreign settlements are not to be taken over by the Japanese authorities, but are to remain in the hands of the foreigners, subject to the laws and ordinances regarding cemeteries, crematories, etc. Thirdly, the reserve fund of the Jinsen (Chemulpo) Foreign Settlement is to be retained for the purposes for which it was set apart.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. T. Weidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE:- Translation of Ordinance No.7, as stated.

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TRANSLATION

From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of October 30, 1913.

In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Law No. 30, of the 44th year of Meiji (1911), relating to Prefectures, and with the Imperial sanction, I hereby promulgate this ordinance.

October 30, 1913. COUNT MASATAKE TERAUCHI
Governor General of Chosen.

Ordinance No. 7.

Prefectural Ordinance.

Article 1. A prefecture is a juridical person, and, under the control of the Government and in accordance with the public business and the law, transacts the business entrusted to a prefecture.

Article 2. The abolition of prefectures and their boundaries are under the control of the Governor General of Chosen.

Whenever a settlement of the property of a prefecture becomes necessary in case of its abolition or the changing of its boundaries, the governor of the province, with the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen and taking into consideration the views of the prefect, shall have charge of the method of such settlement.

Article 3. Persons having their dwelling places within the prefecture

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prefecture shall be considered the residents of the prefecture.

Residents of the prefecture are entitled to the joint use of the prefectural buildings; and they shall bear the obligations involved in the expenses of the prefecture.

Article 4. The prefecture may establish prefectural regulations regarding the rights and duties of its residents and prefectural matters.

Notification of the prefectural regulations shall be given in the regular form for public announcements.

Article 5. The prefect shall govern the prefecture and act as its representative.

Article 6. Subordinate employees may be employed by the prefecture.

Subordinate prefectural employees shall be appointed and discharged by the prefect.

Subordinate prefectural employees shall devote themselves to their work under the direction of the prefect.

Article 7. Subordinate prefectural employees shall receive payment; but they may be holders of honorary posts, as determined by the prefectural regulations.

Article 8. The prefect may punish prefectural employees and such disciplinary disposition shall be a reprimand, a fine of not more than Yen 25, and discharge.

Article 9. There shall be official prefectural accountants in the prefecture, who may be appointed by the prefect from among the officials and the subordinate prefectural employees.

The official

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The official prefectural accountants shall have charge of the work relating to receipts and disbursements.

Article 10. The prefect, through the prefectural officials, may devote himself to the business relating to the administration of the prefecture; and in this case such duties and interests shall be in accordance with the regulations on duties and interests relating to the administration of the country.

Article 11. There shall be in the prefecture a council, to be composed of the prefect and members of the council.

The prefect shall be president of the council.

The full number of the members of the council shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 12. The council shall reply to the inquiries of the prefect regarding the business of the prefecture.

The following matters shall be laid before the council:-

1. The framing, revision, or abolition of prefectural regulations.
2. The determination of the annual budget of receipts and expenditures.
3. Matters relating to the prefectural debt.
4. The undertaking of new business or the relinquishing of rights, except for matters detailed in the annual budget of receipts and expenditures.
5. The establishment and disposition of foundation funds, special foundation funds, and deposits of money and cereals.
6. The settlement of property under Article 2, Clause 2.

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Clause 2.

7. Matters other than those mentioned in the foregoing clauses which may be deemed important by the prefect.

Article 13. The members of the council shall be appointed by the governor of the province, with the sanction of the Goverhor General of Chosen, from among the residents of the prefecture.

The members of the council shall be considered as holders of honorary posts, and shall be appointed for a term of two years.

Article 14. The governor of the province may dismiss a member of the council, with the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen, whenever he shall deem that such member has neglected his duties or that his reputation has been injured by his actions.

Article 15. Members of the council and prefectural employees who are holders of honorary posts may receive payment for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Prefectural employees who are holders of honorary posts may be allowed suitable remuneration other than the expense allowance, for services rendered.

Article 16. Paid prefectural employees may be paid retiring allowances, retiring grants, death allowances, or allowances to surviving families, as prescribed by the prefectural regulations.

Article 17. Prefectural property which brings in an income shall be kept as a foundation fund.

The prefecture may establish special foundation funds for specific

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for specific objects, or may collect deposits of money or cereals for such objects.

Article 18. The prefecture may collect rent for the use of public buildings.

The prefecture may collect special fees for business done on behalf of individuals.

Article 19. The prefecture may give contributions or assistance in cases which are necessary for the public good.

Article 20. The prefecture shall bear the burden of defraying the expenses involved in the obligations of the prefecture, in accordance with such expenses as may become necessary and the ordinances.

The prefecture may levy and collect prefectural taxes and labor and supplies, whenever need shall arise under the expenditures authorized in the preceding clause, making such collections from property, and collecting the rents, fees, and such other taxes as are entrusted to a prefecture.

Article 21. Persons who stay in the prefecture more than three months shall incur the obligation of paying the prefectural taxes from the beginning of such stay.

Article 22. Persons who own, rent, or occupy land, houses, or things within the prefecture; who carry on the business of erecting buildings within the prefecture; or who do special acts, shall incur the obligation of paying the prefectural taxes levied on such land, houses, things, buildings, income, or on such act, even though they have no residence in the prefecture and have not stayed there more than three months.

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Article 23. Matters connected with the prefectural taxes, rents, fees, and labor and materials, and with their levying and collection, shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 24. Except for cases in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing article, prefectural regulations shall be laid down in regard to prefectural taxes, rents, fees, and the method of the use of public buildings.

Article 25. In necessary cases in connection with the levying of prefectural taxes, the officials and employees concerned may inspect the houses or buildings and audit accounts.

Article 26. Collections of prefectural taxes, etc., entrusted to the prefecture, shall have precedence immediately after the collections for local expenses; and additional collection of such taxes, their return, or estimates shall be in accordance with the regulations for national taxes.

Article 27. The prefecture may incur indebtedness only in necessary cases for redeeming its obligations, for making expenditures for permanent improvements in the prefecture, or on account of natural calamities or disasters. Monies received from the loans mentioned in the foregoing clause shall be redeemed by the receipts within one fiscal year.

Article 28. The prefecture shall draw up a budget of the annual receipts and expenditures for each fiscal year. The fiscal year of the prefecture shall accord with the governmental fiscal year.

Article 29. As regards payments to be made for expenditures extending

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extending over a period of years in cases to be considered as prefectural payments, the amount of such payments shall be determined in each year of the period, and they may be considered continual accounts.

Article 30. The prefecture may establish special accounts.

Article 31. As regards the estimate of prefectural disbursements, it shall be in accordance with the central government's regulations on disbursements.

Article 32. Regulations regarding the financial affairs of the prefecture, the public service regulations for prefectural employees, their compensation and duties, their bonds and the taking over of their duties, shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

Additional Rules.

Article 33. The date of the enforcement of this ordinance shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 34. (Previous) laws and ordinances relating to settlement corporations, foreign settlements of all countries, and the Seoul Sanitary Association, are hereby abolished.

Article 35. In connection with the business, rights, and obligations of the settlement corporations, matters in relation to education shall be taken over by the educational guilds; all other matters by the prefectures.
The distribution of matters to be taken over by the educational guilds mentioned in the foregoing clause, and by the prefectures, shall be determined by the governor of the province, with the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen.

The business,

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The business, rights, and obligations of the foreign settlements of all countries shall be taken over by the prefectures, excepting in the case of the Joshin (Song Chin) Foreign Settlement; but foreign cemeteries within the bounds of the foreign settlements and the reserve fund of the Jinsen (Chemulpo) Foreign Settlement shall not come under this restriction.

The business, rights, and obligations of the Seoul Sanitary Association shall be taken over by the Keijo (Seoul) Prefecture.

Whenever a settlement of property and liabilities, other than those matters provided for in the previous four clauses, shall be necessary, the governor of the province, with the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen, shall determine the method of such settlement.

Article 36. The necessary regulations as to the time for the enforcement of this ordinance shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

Referring to my despatch No.469, of November 21,1913, I have the honor to enclose herewith a summary, published by the semi-official Seoul Press of yesterday, of an agreement, signed November 22, 1913, by the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen and the Consul General of China at Seoul, relating to the abolition of the Chinese Exclusive Settlements in Chosen.

The principal features of this agreement,excepting as to taxation, are in accord with the terms of the Protocol signed by the Consular Representatives of the other Powers on April 21, 1913, which Protocol, it appears has met with the expressed approval of all of the Powers concerned, except Germany.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Clipping from Seoul Press of November 25, 1913.

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From Seoul Press of November 25,1913.

ABOLITION OF CHINESE SETTLEMENTS.

AGREEMENT SIGNED.

On Saturday, as already reported, another meeting took place at the Government offices between Mr. Komatsu, Director of the Foreign Affairs Bureau, and Mr. Fu, Chinese Consul-General, and the agreement was duly signed for the abolition of the Chinese Exclusive Settlements in Chosen. The substance of the agreement, we understand, is as follows :

Art. 1. The Chinese Settlements at Chemulpo, Fusan and Wonsan will be incorporated into the jurisdiction of the respective local Administrations to be newly established in those towns.

Art. 2. The administrative affairs of the present Chinese Settlements will all be succeeded to by the local Government offices concerned.

Art. 3. People who hold perpetual leases in these Chinese Settlements may change those rights into the right of ownership at their own choice. Should they fail to make this change, those lands, as in the case of European and American Settlements, will be charged as rent six *yen* per 100 square metres for 1st and 2nd class lands and two *yen* for third class lands.

Art. 4. Whether lands be held as perpetual leases or by right of ownership, they will all be subject to the same treatment with regard to taxation as property owned by subjects of the Empire and given no special privilege whatever.

Art. 5. The official registration hitherto made concerning perpetual leaseholds will be succeeded to by the Government offices of the Empire, and its force recognized in virtue of the laws and regulations of the Empire.

Art. 6. The existing Chinese Exclusive Cemeteries will be left, as hitherto, under the management of citizens of the Republic of China, but the manner of their management must be in accordance with provisions in the laws and regulations of Japan.

The above agreement is to be put into force simultaneously with the abolition of the Foreign General Settlements, which will probably take place on the 1st of April next. With regard to the arrangements for the abolition of the Foreign General Settlements, it may be noted that the Governments of Russia, France, America, Italy, Great Britain and Belgium have already given approval to the agreement, all on certain conditions more or less. Germany is now the only Power which has not yet either expressed its satisfaction with stipulations in the agreement or produced any condition for approval of it. The Authorities here seem to find it difficult to ascribe reason for such delay on the part of Germany.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

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Referring to my No.469, of November 21, 1913, on the subject of the foreign settlements in Chosen, and to the Department's General Instruction, Consular, No.173, File No. 102.65 -, of December 28, 1912, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a translation, made in this office, of

1/ Ordinance No.8 of the Government General of Chosen, entitled "Educational Guilds Ordinance". This Ordinance is important as showing the disposition made by the authorities of the question of foreigners in Chosen being taxed for the support of Japanese schools, after the abolition of the foreign settlements.

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Articles 1, 2, 3, and 4 detail the nature, method of establishment and membership of the guilds. It will be noted that these guilds are to be organized for the education of Japanese, and their membership is restricted to Japanese. Articles 5 to 9, inclusive, give the details of the organization, and duties of the guild associations, a kind of board

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of directors for each guild. Articles 10, 11, and 12 provide for a superintendent in each guild, and assign the duties of such officers. Articles 13, 14, and 15 authorize the appointment, etc., of other minor officials; while the salaries and other compensation of all guild officials are provided for in the succeeding three Articles.

The finances of the guilds are provided for in Articles 19 to 30, inclusive, the important point in this connection being that only members, i.e. Japanese, are to be taxed for the support of the guilds. The remaining articles of the Ordinance provide for the supervision, details of the establishment, etc., of guilds, and the enforcement of this Ordinance, which will probably go into effect at the time of the abolition of the foreign settlements.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. N. Seidmore

Consul General.

Enclosure:

Translation of Ordinance, as stated.

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From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of October 30, 1913.

In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Law No.30, of the 44th year of Meiji (1911), on the matter of the revision of the Educational Guilds Ordinance, and with the Imperial sanction, I hereby promulgate the following Ordinance.

October 30, 1913. Count Masatake Terauchi
Governor General of Chosen.

Ordinance No.8.

Educational Guilds Ordinance.

Article 1. The educational guilds shall be considered as juridical persons, and, under the control of the Government, shall transact business relating to the education of Japanese, within the jurisdiction of the laws and regulations.

Article 2. Whenever it is desired to establish an educational guild, the promoters shall determine its limits, shall draw up the guild agreement, and must receive the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen.

The guild agreement must be concurred in by not less than twO-thirds of the Japanese residents who earn their own living.

Article 3. Japanese having their residence within the limits of an educational guild are considered the members of such guild.

Members of the guild have the right to the joint use of its buildings, in accordance with this Ordinance, and

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will undertake the obligations involved in the burdens of the guild.

Article 4. Whenever it is desired to divide, unite, or abolish educational guilds, or to change their boundaries, the guild, or guilds, concerned shall secure a vote of a meeting of the guild and shall obtain the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen; and, therefore, the same procedure shall be followed whenever it becomes necessary to determine upon or change the guild agreement or to dispose of the guild property.

In case it is desired to assign to the limits of a guild a district which has not been included within the boundaries of any educational guild, the provisions of Article 2, Clause 2, shall apply, and the consent of the members of the guild must be secured anew.

Article 5. Guild associations shall be organized by the educational guilds.

Article 6. The members of the guild associations shall be elected.

The members of the guild associations shall be considered holders of honorary posts.

Matters relating to the qualifications of the electors of the members of the guild associations and of those who are elected as such members shall be laid down in the guild agreements.

Article 7. The guild associations shall decide matters concerning the guild.

The list of matters which are to be decided by the guild associations is as follows:-

1. The changing of the guild agreement.
2. The drawing up of the annual budget of receipts and expenditures.

3. The assenting

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3. The assenting to the report of the settled accounts.

4. Matters relating to the establishment, control, and disposition of foundation funds, special foundation funds, and deposits of money, cereals, etc.

5. Matters relating to the control and disposition of immovable property.

6. The determining of the method of control of its property and buildings; but matters provided for in the laws and regulations do not fall within this restriction.

7. Matters relating to fees, guild expenditures, and labor and materials, and the levying and collection of the same, except as otherwise provided for in the laws and regulations.

8. Matters relating to the guild debts.

9. The undertaking of new obligations, except as provided for in the annual budget of receipts and expenditures, and the abandonment of claims.

10. Matters relating to law suits and compromises concerning the guild.

Article 8. A part of the powers of the guild association may be delegated by vote to the superintendents.

Article 9. Matters relating to the guild associations and the members of the guild associations, except as provided for in the previous four Articles, shall be decided by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 10. There shall be superintendents in the educational guilds.

The superintendents shall be appointed by the governor of the province from among the members of the guilds,

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and their term of office shall be three years.

The superintendents shall be considered as holders of honorary posts; but, as occasion arises, may receive salaries.

The prefects shall perform the duties of such superintendents in cases where the educational guilds are entirely included within the bounds of the prefectures.

Article 11. The superintendents shall be the representatives of the guilds, and shall take charge of all the affairs of the guilds.

Article 12. Whenever it is deemed that a decision of the guild association passes its competence, or is a violation of the laws and regulations or the guild agreement, or is injurious to the public welfare, the superintendent, having requested the governor's instructions, may overrule such decision and take charge of the matter.

Whenever the guild association is not in existence, or whenever it is impossible to hold a meeting, or whenever no action has been taken on a matter on which action is necessary, the superintendent, having requested the governor's instructions, may take charge of such matters as are impending.

Article 13. There may be both salaried and honorary employees in the educational guilds.

Employees shall be appointed and dismissed by the superintendent.

Employees shall attend to their duties under the direction of the superintendent.

Article 14. Superintendents may mete out disciplinary punishment to guild employees, and such disciplinary punishment shall consist of a reprimand, a fine of not more

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than yen 25, or dismissal.

Article 15. Prefects who perform the functions of superintendents may devote themselves to matters relating to the administration of the educational guilds, being officers of the prefecture; and, in such cases, their duties and concerns shall be in accordance with the regulations for duties and concerns as connected with the administration of the country.

Article 16. Members of the guild associations, and superintendents and employees who are holders of honorary posts, may receive compensation for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Suitable remuneration, other than payment for expenses, may be paid to superintendents and employees who are holders of honorary posts.

The amounts of payments for expenses, the amounts of remuneration, and the method of such payments, shall be decided by a vote of the guild association, with the sanction of the governor of the province.

Article 17. The amounts of the salaries and travelling expenses of paid superintendents and employees, and the method of such payments, shall be decided by a vote of the guild association, with the sanction of the governor of the province.

Article 18. Retiring allowances, retiring pensions, death allowances, and allowances to surviving families may be paid to salaried superintendents and employees, as laid down in the guild agreement.

Article 19. Property of the guilds which brings in revenue shall be maintained as a foundation fund.

The guilds may establish special foundation funds for

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particular objects, or may lay by money, grain, etc., for such objects.

Article 20. The guilds may collect rent for the use of their buildings.

Article 21. In needful cases for the education of Japanese, the guilds may give donations or assistance.

Article 22. The guilds shall bear the burden of paying the expenses involved in the charges of the guilds, in accordance with such necessary expenditures and the laws and regulations..

The guilds may levy and collect guild expenses and labor and materials, whenever there is a deficiency for the expenditures authorized under the previous clause in the revenue from the guild property, by making collections in the guilds.

Article 23. In necessary cases for the levying of the guild expenses, the officers and officials concerned may personally inspect the houses and buildings of guild members, and make an examination of their accounts and possessions.

Article 24. Whenever persons who have received a levy for guild expenses consider that there is an illegality or error in regard to such levy, a protest may be lodged in accordance with regulations to be laid down by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 25. Provisions for fines of not more than Yen 5 on matters relating to the levy and collection of guild expenses and rents may be made in the guild agreement.

Article 26. Collections in the guilds for guild expenses, etc.,shall have precedence immediately after the collections for local expenses; and such additional collections, returns, and prescriptions shall be in accordance with

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the regulations for national taxes.

Article 27. The guilds may incur indebtedness only in necessary cases, for the redemption of their obligations, for making expenditures for the permanent good of the guild or in case of natural calamities or disasters.

The guilds may make temporary loans to meet expenses authorized by the budget.

The loans authorized by the previous clause shall be redeemed within the same fiscal year.

Article 28. The guilds shall draw up an annual budget of receipts and expenditures for each fiscal year.

The fiscal year of the guilds shall accord with the fiscal year of the central government.

Article 29. As regards payments to be made for expenditures extending over a period of years in cases to be considered as guild payments, the amount of such payments shall be determined in each year of the period, and they may be considered continual accounts.

Article 30. As regards the estimates of guild expenditures, it shall be in accordance with the central government's regulations on disbursements.

Article 31. The guilds are to be supervised, in the first place by the magistrates, in the second place by the governors of the provinces, and in the third place by the Governor General of Chosen; but, in cases where the prefects act as superintendents, such supervision shall come in the first place from the governors of the provinces, and in the second place from the Governor General of Chosen.

Whenever the boundaries of the guilds extend across several magistracies, the supervising government office shall be designated by the Governor General of Chosen.

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The supervising government office may issue or dispose of important supervisory orders.

Article 32. The following named matters shall receive the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen.

1. Changes in the guild agreement.
2. The originating of guild indebtedness, and the determining or changing of the method of floating loans, and of the fixed rates of interest and of the method of redemption; but temporary loans, to be redeemed from the same year's revenue, do not fall within this restriction.

Article 33. The following named matters shall receive the sanction of the governors of the provinces:-

1. Matters relating to the control and disposition of foundation funds.
2. Matters relating to the establishment, control, and disposition of special foundation funds and deposits of money, cereals, etc.; but cases involving the use of deposits of money, cereals, etc., for special objects do not fall within this restriction.
3. Matters regarding the disposition of immovable property.
4. The granting of donations or assistance.
5. Matters relating to the levying and collection of rents, expenditures, and labor and materials.
6. The making of temporary loans.
7. The establishment and change of continual accounts.
8. The undertaking of new obligations, except as detailed in the annual budget of receipts and expenditures, and the relinquishment of claims.

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Article 34. As regards matters which require its permission, the supervising government office may grant permission for revision within limits which are not considered to be contrary to the purport of the application.

Article 35. Sanction for matters requiring the assent of the supervising government office shall be in accordance with the rules laid down by the Governor General of Chosen; and the right to grant such sanction shall be granted to a designated supervising government office; and only in unimportant matters may it be unnecessary to receive such sanction.

Article 36. The governors of the provinces may inflict punishment on guild superintendents; and such disciplinary punishment shall consist of a reprimand, a fine of not more than yen 25, and dismissal.

Article 37. Rules regarding the finances of the guilds, and rules regarding the public service regulations for the guild superintendents and the guild employees, their compensation and duties, and their personal bonds and assumption of duties, shall be laid down by the Governor General of Chosen.

Supplementary Regulations.

Article 38. The date of the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 39. Educational guilds in existence at the time of the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be considered as having been established in accordance with its provisions.

Article 40. Prefects of prefectures other than Seishin (Song Jin) shall determine the boundaries of the educational guilds immediately after the enforcement of this Ordinance, shall draw up guild agreements, and shall establish educational guilds with the sanction of the Governor General

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General of Chosen.

Educational guilds established in accordance with the provisions of the previous clause shall be considered as having been established on the day of the enforcement of this Ordinance.

Article 41. The necessary regulations for the putting into force of this Ordinance shall be laid down by the Governor General of Chosen.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 20, 1914.

SUBJECT: Abolition of Foreign Settlements.

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G.E.S.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, in duplicate, a clipping from the SEOUL PRESS of to-day's date regarding the recognition by Germany of the arrangement made in 1913 for the abolition of the foreign settlements in Chosen. The German Consul General informs me that the statement made in the clipping is correct.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond S. Curtice

Vice Consul General in Charge.

Enclosure:-

Clipping from the SEOUL PRESS, January 20, 1914.

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(Enclosure with despatch No.496 of January 20,1914 - Seoul)

From "SEOUL PRESS" of January 20, 1914.

GERMANY AND ABOLITION OF FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS.

As reported some time ago Germay was the only Power that had not given her formal assent to the arrangement made last year for the abolition of foreign settlements in Chosen. On Saturday, however, Dr. Krüger, German Consul-General here, called upon Mr. Komatsn, Director of the Foreign Affairs Bureau, and presented a note stating that the German Government would recognize the arrangement on condition that other Powers had done the same.

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Secretary of State,
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April first. Foreign settlements abolished from today. See Scidmore's number 469 of November twenty-one and my despatch to Embassy of Mar-ch thirty.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the Embassy's despatch No. 7, of September 23, 1913 (File No. 810.2), in regard to the method of procedure in approving the Protocol stipulating the conditions of transfer of the Foreign settlements in Chosen, concluded between the consular representatives in Seoul and the Government-General on April 2nd last, I now have the honor to enclose copies of an exchange of notes executed in accordance with the Department's instructions with the the Minister for Foreign Affairs, approving the said Protocol on the understanding that in the event of

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subsequent modifications of the terms thereof, Americans citizens shall not be placed in a less favorable position than the nationals of the other Powers concerned.

I am forwarding copies of this correspondence to the Consul-General at Seoul.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:

(1) Note from Mr. Guthrie to Baron Makino, dated October 2, 1913.

(2) Note from Baron Makino to Mr. Guthrie, dated March 20, 1914.

(3) Note from Mr. Guthrie to Baron Makino, dated March 24, 1914.

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COPY. I Geo. W. Guthrie.

No. 25. Tokyo, October 2, 1913.

Your Excellency:

Referring to Your Excellency's Note No. 62, of August 27th last, I have the honor to state that my Government is satisfied with the Protocol relating to the adjustment of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen, approved by the Consular Representatives at Seoul and the Chosen Government-General, deeming it a fair adjustment of the questions involved, and that I am authorized to proceed to an exchange of notes with Your Excellency approving the said Protocol in its present form, on the understanding that in the event of subsequent modifications of the terms thereof, American citizens shall not be placed in a less favorable position than the nationals of the other Powers concerned.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Geo. W. Guthrie

His Excellency

Baron Makino,

His Imperial Japanese Majesty's

Minister for Foreign Affairs,

etc., etc., etc.

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II Geo. W. Guthrie.

No. 56 of March 27th

Translation.

No. 25.

Department of Foreign Affairs,

Tokio, March 20th, 1914.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 2nd October last, informing me that the United States Government are satisfied with the Protocol relating to the adjustment of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen which was signed at Seoul on the 2nd April last, and that you are authorized to proceed to an exchange of notes approving the said Protocol in its present form, on the understanding that in the event of subsequent modifications of the terms thereof, American citizens shall not be placed in a less favourable position than the nationals of the other Powers concerned.

I beg to state that the Imperial Government, having no objection to the proposed understanding, are desirous to bring to a conclusion with the present note in reply to Your Excellency's note under acknowledgment the exchange of notes required for the approval of the Protocol in question.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Signed: Baron N. Makino,

Minister for Foreign Affairs.

His Excellency
George W. Guthrie,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America.

A true copy of the signed original.
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Tokyo Department
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Mr. Guthrie
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III Geo. W. Guthrie
Enclosure with Mr. 's No. 56 of March 24, 1914

No. 87. Tokyo, March 24, 1914.

Your Excellency:

Referring to Your Excellency's note No. 25 of the 20th instant, I have the honor to state that I concur in the proposal to bring to a conclusion with that note in reply to my note of October 2nd last, while agreeing to the understanding as proposed therein, the exchange of notes required for the approval of the Protocol relating to the Adjustment of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen which was signed at Seoul on April 2, 1913.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Geo. W. Guthrie

His Excellency
Baron Makino,
His Imperial Japanese Majesty's
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
etc., etc., etc.

A true copy of the signed original.
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Supplementing my despatch No. 56, of the 26th instant (File No. 810.2), relative to the approval of the Protocol stipulating the conditions of transfer of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen, I have now the honor to enclose a copy of a note received today from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in which he informs me that the Government-General of Chosen intends to put in force its Ordinance for carrying into effect the abolition of the said Settlements on April 1st next.

I have been unofficially informed by the British Ambassador, that as his objections have not been met he had yesterday

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yesterday afternoon refused to consent to the exchange of notes confirming the Protocol on behalf of his Government.

What effect this will have on the proposed action by the Minister for Foreign Affairs I am not informed. However, in order that the Consul-General at Seoul may be prepared to act, I am advising him of the proposed action of the Government-General.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure: As stated.

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ENCLOSURE No, WITH
GUTHRIE'S No. 57 of MAR 27 1914

Department of Foreign Affairs

Tokio, March 26th, 1914

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Referring to my note of the 20th instant, relative to the conclusion of the formalities required for the approval of the Protocol respecting the ablotition of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government-General of Chosen intends to put in force its Ordinance for carrying into effect the abolition of the said Settlements (Seirei No.7 of the 30th of October, 1913) on the 1st April next.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Signed: Baron N. Makino,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

His Excellency
George W. Guthrie
etc. etc. etc.

A true copy of the signed original.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, March 30, 1914.

SUBJECT: Abolition of Foreign Settlements.

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Hon. George W. Guthrie,
American Ambassador,
Tokyo, Japan.

Sir:

Referring to my cipher telegram of the 27th. instant on the subject of the abolition of the foreign settlements in Chosen, with particular reference to the effect of the various ordinances and regulations in relation thereto recently issued, I have the honor to report that on the preceding evening the consular body here was notified, through the Dean, that some of the principal ordinances were to be put into effect on April first.

At a meeting of the Chemulpo Municipal Council held on Friday, the 27th. instant, there was considerable discussion among the foreign representatives as to the effect of the enforcement of these ordinances before the Protocol, signed here last year, had been formally approved by their respective governments. It appears that none of the consular representatives here had exact information as to the status of the negotiations relating thereto and they were inclined to hold that they could not accept the new ordinances as applicable to the foreign settlement without definite instructions from Tokyo; the alternative proposal being to proceed with the collection of taxes and upkeep of the settlement as heretofore by the Municipal Council.

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The Council adjourned, without formal action, to meet again to-day. On receipt of the Embassy's cipher telegram of the 28th. instant I prepared a brief informal memorandum for the guidance of Mr. Curtice, who represents the Consulate
1/ General on the Municipal Council. A copy of the memorandum is enclosed herewith.

Yesterday I called upon the British Consul General to explain our position and learned that in the meantime he had received instructions from Tokyo which would enable his representative to take a similar position at to-day's meeting of the Council.

I have since learned that to-day's meeting resulted in the practical winding up of the affairs of the Municipal Council preparatory to the formal transfer of its functions to the Japanese authorities tomorrow. One of the most important of the final acts of the Council was the application for the registration of a foundation for the maintenance of the foreign cemetery in accordance with the terms of the Protocol.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ramford S. Miller

Consul General.

Enclosure, as above stated.

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Memorandum.

The Protocol providing for the abolition of foreign settlements, signed last year by the Consular Representatives at Seoul, having been formally approved, under instructions from the Department of State, by an exchange of notes between the American Embassy at Tokyo and the Japanese Government, it is understood that the ordinances and regulations relating thereto will be applicable to American citizens in so far as such regulations are not inconsistent with the terms of the Protocol and work no actual discrimination against Americans as compared with Japanese subjects or with foreigners of other nationalities.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, April 3, 1914.

SUBJECT: Foreign Settlements in Chosen.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to my telegram of April 1, 1914, a copy
1/ of which is enclosed herewith, I have the honor to report that the OFFICIAL GAZETTE in an extra edition published on March 31, 1914, announced that the Prefectural Ordinance and the supplementary regulations pertaining thereto would go into force from the following day. Accordingly on March 31, 1914, the final meeting of the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo was held. The only business transacted was the announcement by the President that the incorporation of a legal foundation for the maintenance of the Foreign Cemetery at Chemulpo as provided in Section 10 of the Consular Protocol, had been approved and registered by the authorities concerned. A copy of the Act of Endowment,
2/ as approved by the Council, is enclosed herewith.

Mr. Curtice, Vice and Deputy Consul General, who has represented this office on the Municipal Council since the departure of Mr. Scidmore, is entitled to credit for the excellent work he did, particularly in connection

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with the drafting and registration of the act of endowment for the foreign cemetery at Chemulpo.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Rawlins Miller

American Consul General.

Enclosures:

1. Confirmation Copy of Telegram.
2. Act of Endowment for Cemetery.

Copy sent to Embassy.

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(Enclosure No.1 with Despatch No.6 of April 3, 1914, Seoul)

Copy of telegram sent.

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

APRIL FIRST FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS ABOLISHED FROM TODAY
SEE SCIDMORES NUMBER 469 OF NOVEMBER TWENTYONE AND MY
DESPATCH TO EMBASSY OF MARCH THIRTY MILLER

American Consul General.

April 1, 1914.

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(Enclosure No. 1, with Despatch No. 6, of April 3, 1914, Seoul.)

The Act of Endowment for the Chemulpo Foreign Public Cemetery, as approved by the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo, February 17, 1914.

Under the authority granted by Article 10 of the Protocol relating to the Abolition of the Foreign Settlements in Chosen, agreed to by the Governments concerned, and in accordance with the provisions of Book I, Chapter 2 of the Civil Code of Japan, the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo hereby establishes the following foundation (zaidan hojin):

I. Object. The administration and maintenance of a burial place at Chemulpo for foreigners, Chinese excepted.

In extraordinary cases permission for the burial of the bodies of persons other than those above mentioned may be granted by the managers of the foundation.

II. Name. "Chemulpo Foreign Public Cemetery" (Jinsen Gwaikokujin Bochi).

III. Office. Chemulpo Club, Jinsen, Chosen.

IV. Capital. a. The present foreign cemetery at Chemulpo, consisting of 28,520 square metres, classified upon the plan as D 97, and granted, free of taxation, by the Imperial Japanese Government, the title deed for which is now in the name of the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo, with all the buildings and appurtenances thereon and thereto belonging.

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b. A trust fund of Yen Twenty Thousand (¥20,000).

It is stipulated, however, that any balance in excess of the sum of Yen Twenty Five Thousand (¥25,000) remaining at the end of any financial year shall be transferred to the Prefectural authorities for use at their discretion, but for the benefit of the public gardens and roads in the former General Foreign Settlement, if possible,

c. In case of the dissolution of the foundation, the capital shall be used by the managers for a similar object.

V. Managers. 1. H. H. Weir, St. Luke's Hospital :
2. Paul Baumann, c/o Carl Wolter & Co. : of Chemulpo.
3. J. D. Atkinson, c/o Townsend & Co.:

In case of a vacancy occurring among the above named managers by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled at an election at which all such foreigners, Chinese excepted, as are over twenty-one years of age and are resident or own property in Jinsen-Fu shall be entitled to vote. Foreign Governments, China excepted, shall be represented by their competent Consular officers.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, July 1, 1914.

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FILE,
C. E. S.

The Honorable

George W. Guthrie,

American Ambassador,

Tokyo, Japan.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that, in giving effect to the provisions of the consular protocol of April 21, 1913, dealing with the subject of the foreign settlements in Chosen (See 895.102/11 Mr. Seidmore's No.4350 E of April 22, 1913) the Government General has recently issued a series of regulations, the

1/ main features of which are contained in the enclosed summary. So far as I am aware no objection has been raised in any quarter to these regulations.

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One question of procedure, however,-namely, as to the method of adjustment of rents and taxes on property held under leases in perpetuity-, has been raised by the Government authorities and presented to the consular body for an expression of opinion. The alternative proposals of the

2/ Government General are set forth in the enclosed communication dated May 23, 1914, from Mr. Komatzu, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, made through the dean of the consular corps, the German Consul General.

A meeting of the corps was held on May 27 to consider these proposals and the conclusion was reached that, inasmuch as the said proposals related to matters of private legal rights, the consular representatives had no authority to speak for their nationals and could only refer the proposals

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to the individual lease holders for decision. Before such reference was made, however, it was requested that the dean seek to have the first of the alternative proposals so modified that the rate of interest due on payments in arrears should be the current legal rate of five per cent. instead of twelve per cent. as fixed in some of the former municipal regulations, now obsolete. Since the provision relating to twelve per cent. interest on deferred payments had never applied, even under the old regulations, to Chemulpo where the most important interests are situated, the suggested modification was readily adopted by the Government General.

3/ (See Mr. Komatzu's note of June 20 to Dr. Kruger, copy enclosed)

In the meantime I had prepared and filed with the Government General certified copies of the land registers of this Consulate General, in so far as they related to perpetual lease properties, in order that the registrations therein might be duly protected under the provisions of Article 16 of the Regulations in regard to the Registration of Perpetual Lease Lands which reads as follows:

> Article 16. Registrations of perpetually leased lands and the buildings thereon which have been entered at the Consulates of Foreign Powers prior to the going into effect of this Order, shall be considered as registrations effected in accordance with the Imperial Japanese laws and ordinances, only when copies of such registrations have been transferred (to the proper Japanese authorities).
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> Such transcripts of the registry books as have been transferred from the Consulates of Foreign Powers, shall be considered as registry books in accordance with the Imperial Japanese laws and ordinances.

In reporting to the American property holders concerned the above action, I took occasion to call their attention to the option of converting their perpetual lease titles into ownership under Article 2 of Ordinance No.17 of May 1, 1914, and

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to inquire their disposition in regard thereto. The article in question reads as follows:

> When a holder of a perpetual lease desires to change his perpetual lease to ownership, he shall obtain the registration for the preservation of such ownership.
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> When a holder of a perpetual lease has registered under the preceding clause, he shall obtain the ownership of the land.
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> A registration fee shall not be paid in respect to the registration under clause 1.

In reply to the above inquiry, practically all of the American lease holders with whom I could get into communication expressed their desire to avail themselves of the option of ownership. These included W. D. Townsend, Esquire, the Standard Oil Company, the Oriental Consolidated Mining Company and other individual leaseholders who together represent the bulk of American holdings. I further have good reason to believe that it will be found that those from whom I have not yet heard have at some previous time transferred their titles without notifying this office of the change.

The facts above stated make it appear that the question of the method of adjusting the rents and taxes on perpetual lease properties will be of secondary interest to Americans as compared with others, particularly Germans, who may retain their present form of titles for special reasons. On June 29th I therefore replied in the above sense to the communication of the Government General and inasmuch as it was intimated that the authorities wished to settle the question as soon as possible in order that the requisite regulations might be issued, I felt justified in expressing the opinion that the first of the proposed methods, which appeared to be in entire harmony with the provisions both of the consular protocol of April 21, 1913 and of the leases under which the property is held, was unobjectionable. A copy of my note

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4/ is enclosed herewith.

The subject of the present system of taxation, as applicable in general, will be treated in a separate despatch to the Department.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ransford S. Miller

Consul General.

Enclosures, as above stated.

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PERPETUAL LEASE OF LANDS IN CHOSEN.

Three sets of official regulations concerning perpetual lease of lands in Chosen have been published by the Government-General in the Official Gazette.

One set of these regulations concerns the rights of perpetual lease of lands, another the official registration of lands perpetually leased and yet another the cadastre for such lands.

In the regulation concerning the rights of perpetual lease of lands it is provided that regulations concerning the rights of ownership of lands shall be applied to lands perpetually leased. Such lands may be made the objects of other rights in conformity with the provisions of the Chosen Civil law, except in cases in which special arrangements are provided in the treaties concerned. In case holders of the rights of perpetual lease wish to change the rights of ownership they shall have an official registration of the preservation of such right made. No tax need be paid for having donese. In case a Japanese subject or judicial person secures the rights of perpetual lease, such rights disappear, but the person secures the rights of ownership. The same is true in case a holder of the rights of perpetual lease becomes a Japanese subject.

With regard to the official registration of the rights of perpetual lease of lands or of the rights having these rights as objects, it is provided that Local Courts shall have registers prepared for the purpose in conformity with a fixed form as regulated and these registers are to be kept at the registration office. When holders of the rights, which have remained unregistered, ask for registration for the preservation of such rights, they shall present copies of the

records

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records in the cadastre testifying to these rights, copies of the deeds for perpetual leases or copies of judgments deliver ed by Law Courts concerning these rights. The same procedure is to be gone through, when, in order to change the rights of perpetual lease which have remained unregistered, into those of ownership, the registration for the preservation of such rights is required. In asking for the registration, documents in foreign languages to be attached to applications shall be translated into Japanese by the applicants. Registrations made prior to the enforcement of the present regulations by foreign Consular offices concerning lands perpetually leased of buildings on such lands shall be recognized as regsitrations made in conformity with laws of Japan provided copies of these registrations have been transferred to the Japanese authorities.

Regulations concerning the cadastre for lands perpetually leased provide among other things that a cadastre shall be provided in each prefectural or district office giving jurisdiction to the locality containing lands perpetually leased. In this book the position, class and number, area and rent of such lands as well as the nationality, address and name of lease holders shall be recorded in accordance with particulars given in deeds in charge of the prefectural or district office. The area of lands shall be measured in tsubo. The transference of the rights of perpetual lease shall not be entered in the cadastre unless information be given by officials of the registration office. In case of succession, when the person succeeding to the rights of perpetual lease has had the preservation of the rights registered, the transference of these rights shall be entered in the cadastre on information being receiving from officials of the registration office. The inspection of, or copying from, the cadastre is allowed to private persons on payment of fees to be paid

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in revenue stamps, amounting as follows:

For inspection ..... 10 sen each time
For copying ..... 5 sen per lot of land

In case the State asks for the inspection of, or copying from, the cadastre no fees need be paid. In case lease-holders have changed their nationality, address or name they shall immediately report it to the Prefect or District Magistrate. In case rents recorded in the cadastre have been increased or reduced on account of division or amalgamation of lands, the amount thereof in the cadastre shall be duly altered.

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No. 14 C.

Government General of Chosen,

Keijo, May 23, 1914.

Dear Dr. Kruger,

As a matter of convenience I beg to consult your opinion with regard to the method of collecting imposts, taxes and rates to be levied on the land under perpetual lease and houses thereon, according to Art. VI of the Protocol signed on the 21st of April, 1913.

There are two ways for such collection that I may submit to your choice, that is to say:

First Method.

A. The annual ground rent for each year commenced to be collected in advance on or before the 10th of January, as the practice under the former Settlement Regulations.

B. In April and October or May and November Following, the months fixed for colection of General taxes, account will be rendered and adjusted, and the balance to be collected in case the ground rent paid in advance does not cover State and local taxes.

C. "If the ground rent is not paid before the 1st of February in any year, interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum will be levied as from the 1st of January preceding"; and "if the rent and interest are not both paid by the following 31st of December," then the suit will be instituted at the competent Court against the defaulter.

Second Method.

A. Instead of collecting the ground rent in advance and on or before the 10th of January in each year,

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notice for payment of State and local taxes will be issued, reference being made in the notice as to the accounts of ground rent and State and local taxes, and such taxes collected in two installments, that is to say, taxes (land and house taxes, State and local) for the first six months in April and May and those for the last six months in October and November.

B. In case of default of payment of taxes, the Law for Collection of Taxes will be applied on each occasion, that is to say, the defaulter will be required to pay each installment of semi-annual taxes instead of the whole annual amount, with interest of legal rate of 5%.

The competent authorities are prepared to adopt either of these methods to suit the convenience of the owners of the perpetual leases and houses thereon, and necessary measures will be taken accordingly.

I beg, therefore, to request that you will kindly acquaint me at an early opportunity with your opinion on the subject as well as that of your colleagues to whom you are hereby solicited to communicate the above.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) M. Komatzu.

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No.14 C. Government General of Chosen,

Keijo, June 20, 1914.

Dear Dr. Kruger,

Referring to your note dated the 9th instant, the contents of which have been carefully noted, I beg to say that with regard to perpetual leases at Chemulpo, where there existed no provision as to the rate of interest to be charged in case of default of payment of rent, I thought it proper, as there would be no other course, to apply thereto the principle definitely agreed to by all the foreign representatives concerned regarding the rate of interest to be charged in such case at other five Foreign Settlements, especially in view of the fact that the regulations of such Settlements were agreed upon more than thirteen years later than those of the Chemulpo regulations. This suggestion is based upon the general rule that later regulations supersede former ones, and majority controls minority.

Inasmuch, however, as you are of opinion that it would be equitable to have the rate of interest to be charged fixed according to Japanese law rather than according to an absolute ? *) municipal regulations, I am quite willing to have section C of the first method mentioned in my letter of May 23rd replaced by the following section:

If the ground rent is not paid before the 1st of February in any year, then the law for Collection of Taxes will be applied, 5% interest being imposed on the arears according to the Law in question.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) M. Komatzu.

P.S. A reply to my note of May 23rd is urgently awaited.

M.K.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, June 29, 1914.

Sir and Dear Colleague,

In reply to your note of June 21 on the subject of the proposed methods of adjustment of rent and taxes on perpetual lease property in the former settlements I have the honor to state that, in response to my inquiries on the general question of the disposition of such properties, most of the American lease holders concerned have indicated their desire to convert their present titles into ownership under the provisions of the recent Japanese ordinances. It will appear from this that the American interests in the subject under consideration may be regarded as secondary to those of other nationalities which may be more largely represented among those who may retain their present form of title-deeds.

Those of my nationals from whom I have not already heard are out of the country, - in some cases their present addresses being unknown - and I cannot hope to hear from them for some time, if at all. As a matter of my personal opinion, however, I may state that I can see no objection to the adoption of the first of the two methods proposed, as amended in Mr. Komatzu's note of June 20, inasmuch as that method appears to be in entire harmony with the provisions of the consular protocol of April 21, 1913, as as well as of the terms of the leases under which the property is held.

I have the honor to be,

Sir and Dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Ransford S. Miller

American Consul General.

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Dr. F. Kruger,
German Consul General,
Seoul, Chosen.

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Seoul, Korea, March 22, 1910.

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To the Honorable

Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

1/ I have the honor to transmit herewith, in duplicate, a Comparative Statement of the Income and Expenditures of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo during the years 1903 to 1909, inclusive. This statement was laid before said Council on the 19th instant.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

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Two Enclosures, as above stated.

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CHEMULPO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Comparative Statement of Income and Expenditure during the Years 1903-1909.

A—INCOME.

Item.	1903 Y.	1904 Y.	1905 Y.	1906 Y.	1907 Y.	1908 Y.	1909 Y.
Taxes....	6933 : 71	8166 : 31	8796 : 59	8170 : 86	6631 : 26	6616 : 54	7414 : 46
Contribution by Customs....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1200 : 00	1200 : 00	1200 : 00
Licences.	289 : 00	528 : 00	639 : 00	593 : 00	431 : 00	327 : 00	281 : 00
Cemetery Fees.	10 : 00	170 : 00	30 : 00	10 : 00	.....	.....	.....
Rent from Club.	100 : 00	100 : 00	100 : 00	100 : 00	100 : 00	100 : 00	100 : 00
Fines.	12 : 00	17 : 50	9 : 00	54 : 50	6 : 00	4 : 50	6 : 70
Interest.	1485 : 34	3220 : 91	2756 : 72	3630 : 80	2664 : 97	2254 : 86	1835 : 09
Ground Sold.	31480 : 02	6268 : 60	22916 : 74	.....	8870 : 13	.....	770 : 86
Scavenging.	.....	.....	.....	305 : 00	325 : 00	186 : 00	236 : 00
Stones and Trees sold. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	236 : 34	20 : 10	19 : 53
Petty cash refunded. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 : 00	100 : 00
Rent Lots 35 to 38.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	277 : 20
Total..... *Yen*	40310 : 07	18471 : 32	35248 : 05	12864 : 16	20464 : 70	10809 : 00	12240 : 83

B—EXPENDITURE.

Policing.....	3063 : 32	4037 : 49	4146 : 77	4251 : 94	4968 : 32	6137 : 55	5944 : 70
New Police Quarters. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1278 : 00	.....
Lighting.	527 : 63	539 : 72	507 : 08	509 : 80	1792 : 40	2047 : 20	1979 : 10
Electric Light.	.....	.....	.....	985 : 60	.....	.....	.....
Scavenging.	1823 : 00	2857 : 26	4784 : 31	5359 : 59	5184 : 80	5151 : 62	4892 : 07
New Stables.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3150 : 00	.....	.....
Public Garden.	216 : 00	247 : 33	303 : 91	240 : 00	579 : 39	454 : 82	294 : 62
Roads.	4850 : 46	9388 : 98	13266 : 08	20666 : 51	6575 : 89	2056 : 27	545 : 70
Cemetery.	60 : 00	60 : 00	159 : 95	147 : 00	237 : 21	459 : 19	278 : 20
Cemetery Extension and Park	.....	.....	.....	1718 : 80	368 : 82	.....	.....
Sundries.	674 : 32	467 : 82	610 : 26	427 : 01	1900 : 00	706 : 86	1268 : 36
Granite Water Tanks. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	519 : 20
Total... ..... *Yen*	11214 : 73	17598 : 60	23778 : 36	34306 : 25	24756 : 83	18291 : 51	15721 : 95

C—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

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Expenditure.	11214 : 73	17598 : 60	23778 : 36	34306 : 25	24756 : 83	18291 : 51	15721 : 95
Excess of Income.	29095 : 34	872 : 72	11469 : 69	.....	.....	.....	.....
Excess of Expend.	.....	.....	.....	21442 : 09	4292 : 13	7482 : 51	3481 : 11

* Including sale of land.

CHEMULPO,
24th, January 1910.
Compiled by W. G. BENNETT.

W. D. TOWNSEND,
HON. TREASURER.

The average value of the Yen during the period covered above was 50 cents, U. S. currency.

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My dear Mr. Hunter

Referring to the conversation we had last Tuesday concerning the power of Police in Chemulpo I should be very thankful, if I

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could give an answer very soon to Count Wedel, as he is very anxious to report to Berlin about this matter.

Very Truly Yrs
A. Hartmann
Attaché at the Ger.
man Embassy.

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Secretary of State,
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October 17,1910.

This Division does not believe that the Department should take the responsibility of insisting that the police arrangements at Chemulpo should remain under the direct supervision of the Municipal Council, of which the German Consul General, acting on behalf of foreign interests generally, is at present acting in the capacity of President.

The control of police affairs had been formally and definitely delegated to Japan by the Korean Government prior to the annexation. In view of the annexation, the position of Japan in this respect has been greatly strengthened and it seems wiser in view of possible disturbances that may arise in the train of annexation, to leave the matter of policing entirely to the Japanese Government.

It seems to the Division that the question of police can be differentiated from the rights of consular jurisdiction, as to which we are endeavoring to make the best terms possible with the Japanese Government, in the face of a situation which has been tacitly accepted by this Government as a fait accompli. Moreover, the above recommendation would be in accord with the precedent established in the foreign settlements of Japan prior to the abolition of consular jurisdiction. Although foreigners retained their extraterritorial rights, the settlements were as a rule policed by the Japanese.

Under the circumstances, it does not seem to be a question that justifies a protest.

RSM.

I agree to this
Communicated verbally to
Mr. Hostman, Oct. 21, 1910. RSM.

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October 12, 1910.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Horstmann of the German Embassy called at the Department to-day and stated that the Embassy had received instructions from the German Government to inquire whether this Government would be disposed to join with them and other interested powers in representations to the Japanese Government to the effect that the police system in Chemulpo should remain unchanged for the present under the direction of the Municipal Council until the question of jurisdiction and other matters of interest to foreigners in Korea had been satisfactorily adjusted between the governments concerned.

Mr. Horstmann stated that at present the German Consul-General is acting on behalf of all other foreign nationals in the capacity of president of the Chemulpo Municipal Council, and unless some united action were decided upon the German Government would feel it necesssary to instruct the Consul-General to cancel the present arrangement as to foreign police in the settlement in order to avoid possible conflict with the Japanese police system which it is understood is being inaugurated.

I stated that we were awaiting information as to what was to be done in regard to the foreign settlements and other matters that concerned foreigners in Korea, but Mr. Horstmann pointed out that this particular question seemed to require separate treatment owing to the danger of possible conflict of authority between the foreign and Japanese police at any time.

Mr. Horstmann declined to leave at the Department or to send a copy

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of the memorandum from which he read, stating that he had been strictly instructed that the matter should be presented orally and in person, with the request for an immediate answer. I stated that while every effort would be made to expedite the matter, it did not seem probable that it could be disposed of until after the return of the Secretary to the city some time next week.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies in duplicate of the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal Council of Chemulpo, held on September 29th, the only meeting since the proclamation of the annexation of Korea by Japan.

It will be seen by these minutes that the only action of any importance taken at this meeting was the disbanding of the former municipal police, which seems to have been decided upon as a result of the ordinance of the Governor-General of Chosen in which it was stated that the status quo of the administration of the foreign settlement at Chemulpo would be maintained, except as regards police matters.

The decision of the Municipal Council in this matter must seem to any unprejudiced observer as rather hasty, and as having been taken without due thought of its importance.

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portance. I am glad to say that there was no official American representative at this meeting.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Montgomery Schuyler

Enclosure:

Minutes of Meeting of Municipal Council of Chemulpo Sept.29, 1910.

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Enclosure with Mr. Schuyler's ~~O'Brien's~~ No. 1251 of Nov. 1, 1910.

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COUNCIL CHEMULPO

1910.

Third Ordinary Meeting.

Held at the Municipal Hall on Thursday September 29th 1910 at 10 a.m.

Present:- Dr Kruger, President in the chair, Mr. Hashimoto, Monsieur Bon Marchant, Mr Chia, Mr. Townsend, Mr Bennett and Mr Arthur Hyde Lay, Honorary Secretary.

Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Dr Kruger in opening the Meeting remarked that on the 29th of August last a Treaty was published between Japan and Corea incorporating the latter country into Japan, that in the view of the Japanese Government by this fact the former treaties between Japan and Foreign Countries had ceased to exist but that by an Ordinance of the Governor General the administration of the Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo excepting as regards police matters should stand as before. While not knowing the decision of his Government, he considered that the Council were at any rate capable of sitting further as Municipal Council and they would therefore discuss the question of the resignation of the police for which the Meeting had been called.

Municipal Police. The Executive Committee of the Council having received the resignation of all the policemen excepting Y. Shimazaki, had requested that a Meeting be called to discuss the question. The letter of resignation signed by seven policemen, T. Umeda, D. Kasaoka, J. Fujino, I Higuchi, G. Yamashita, M. Terashi, M. Tachiki, policemen, was produced by Mr. Townsend. It stated that they wished

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to resign in consequence of the fact that police matters ceased to be carried on as before owing to the annexation of Corea. Mr Bennett moved and Mr Townsend seconded that the resignations of the seven men be accepted to take effect from the end of September 1910. Carried. Mr Townsend moved and Mr Hashimoto seconded that the seven men above mentioned be given a bonus at the rate of one month's pay for each year they have served on the basis of their present pay. Carried unanimously. Mr Townsend proposed and Mr Hashimoto seconded that notice be given to the jail boy that his services are no longer required and that he be given a bonus on the same basis as the seven policemen above mentioned. Carried unanimously. Dr Kruger proposed and Mr Townsend seconded that the engagement of Mr. Shimazaki as Chief of Police be cancelled, he being given, in consideration of his long and meritorious services, a bonus at the rate of one and a half month's pay per annum, calculated on his present salary, that Mr Shimazaki be asked to remain on the same pay as heretofore as Municipal Superintendent on the understanding that when his services eventually ceased to be required by the Municipal Council he should receive an additional bonus at the same rate for the period he might serve as Municipal Superintendent. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hashimoto in the name of the Japanese Government asked that the 7 policemen be allowed to retain their present quarters in the Municipal Council Compound until otherwise arranged. Mr Townsend supported this proposal. Carried unanimously.

Further appropriation of Y. 850 proposed by Mr. Bennett for new

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new drains in front of lots C 10 to 19 and C 25 to 28, the work to be put up to public tender. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

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~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.~~ November 26, 1910.

No. 475

Montgomery Schuyler, Esquire,

American Chargé d'Affaires,

Tokyo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 1251, of November 1, 1910, transmitting copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal Council at Chemulpo, held on September 29th, from which it appears that the said Council by unanimous vote decided to relinquish their supervision of the police force in the foreign settlement as a result of the annexation of Korea by Japan.

On October 12th, two weeks after the above meeting, a Secretary of the German Embassy called at the Department and stated that the Embassy had received instructions from the German Government to inquire in strict confidence whether this Government would be disposed to join with them and other interested powers in representations to the Japanese Government to the effect that the police system in Chemulpo should remain unchanged for the present under the direction of the Municipal Council until the question of jurisdiction and other matters of interest to foreigners in Korea had been satisfactorily adjusted between the govern-

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ments concerned. He further stated that the German Consul-General was then acting on behalf of all other foreign nationals in the capacity of president of the Chemulpo Municipal Council, and unless some united action were decided upon the German Government would feel it necessary to instruct the Consul-General to cancel the present arrangement as to foreign police in the settlement in order to avoid possible conflict with the Japanese police system which it was understood was being inaugurated.

Some days later the Department gave a verbal reply to the German Embassy to the effect that the Department did not feel that foreign Powers should take the responsibility of insisting that the police arrangements at Chemulpo should remain under the direct supervision of the Municipal Council for the following reasons:

The control of police affairs had been formally and definitely delegated to Japan by the Korean Government prior to the annexation. In view of the annexation, the position of Japan in this respect had been greatly strengthened and it seemed wiser, in view of possible disturbances that might arise in the train of annexation, to leave the matter of policing entirely to the Japanese Government.

It seemed to the Department that the question of police could be differentiated from the rights of consular jurisdiction, as to which the Department was endeavoring to make the best terms possible with the Japanese Government, in the face of a situation which had been tacitly accepted by this Government as a *fait accompli*. Moreover, the above action would be in accord with the precedent

established

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established in the foreign settlements of Japan prior to the abolition of consular jurisdiction, where, although foreigners retained their extraterritorial rights, the settlements were as a rule policed by the Japanese.

Under the circumstances, it did not seem to be a question that justified a protest. Nevertheless, if other Powers all agreed to take action as indicated by the German Embassy, the United States would not stand out alone.

Since the above informal exchange of views nothing further has been heard from the German Embassy on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A true copy of the signed original.

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No. 182
(File No. 1817 D)

AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea)

December 31, 1910.

DEPT. OF STATE
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CONSULAR BUREAU
FEB 9 1911

SUBJECT: Chemulpo Foreign Settlement Finances:

A1. FEB 11 1911 FILE, C. E. S.

THE HONORABLE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that on the 28th instant a regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement was held at Chemulpo when the annual report of the Treasurer of the Council was submitted and officers for the coming year were elected. The German Consul General presided and there were present the American Consul General, the British Consul, the Chinese Consul, the Russian Vice Consul, the Japanese Mayor of Chemulpo, and Messrs. Townsend and Bennett, representing the leaseholders.

From the Treasurer's report it appeared that a surplus of about Yen 24,000 was in the hands of the Council. In view of the probable early termination of the powers of the Council, following the annexation of Korea by Japan, I consulted with my colleagues as to the advisability of so tying up this surplus that it could not be diverted from its legitimate purposes by our successors in control of the municipality. My

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colleagues, were in full accord with my views, and, as will be noted in the enclosed extract from the minutes of that meeting, an appropriation was made of the sum of Yen 20,000, to be placed in the hands of trustees for the care of the General Foreign Cemetery, of the Public Park, and of the streets of the Foreign settlement of Chemulpo.

For the coming year the following named officers of the Council were elected:

President--Dr. Kruger, German Consul General
Secretary--Mr. A. H. Lay, British Consul
Treasurer--Mr. Baumann, a German subject
Executive Committee--Mr. Hisamidzu, a Japanese subject, Mayor of Chemulpo, Mr. Baumann, and Mr. Bennett, a British subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Kidder
Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Municipal Council of Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo--December 28, 1910.

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 182 - December 31, 1910 - Seoul)

(~~Extract from Minutes of the~~ Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo, ~~Chosen--December 28, 1910.~~)

Appropriation of balance remaining in the hands of the Council.

Mr. Townsend, Honorary Treasurer, produced an estimate (filed in the archives) showing that the cash assets in the hands of the Council amount to Yen 24,000. The income for 1911 he estimated at Yen 12,000 and the expenditure at Yen 10,000 less 1000 to be paid by Cemetery Trustees if a sum be set aside for the Cemetery; leaving an excess of income over expenditure of Yen 3,000. If Yen 20,000 be set aside as a permanent fund for Cemetery, Public Garden and Roads, this will leave 4,000 Yen at present and 7,000 at the end of 1911 to the good. Mr. Scidmore proposed and Mr. Hisamidzu seconded that the sum of 20,000 Yen be at once appropriated from the funds of the Municipal Council and placed on fixed deposit, and that the income therefrom be applied primarily to the care of the General Foreign Cemetery at Chemulpo and secondly to the care of the public Park in the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo and thirdly to the care of the Streets of the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo; and that the disbursement of the said income be confided to three Trustees, ~~and~~ that the said Trustees be required to make an annual report of their doings in the premises to the taxpayers of the General Foreign Settlement at Chemulpo, and that the first three Trustees shall be Messrs. Hisamidzu, Bennett and Baumann they and all subsequent Trustees being empowered to fill vacancies in their ranks and in case two trustees remain who cannot agree as to the third Trustee the vacancy shall be filled by the Senior Consular Officer in Chemulpo. Carried unanimously.

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No. 202.
(File No. 1953 D)

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Chosen, (Korea),
February 7, 1911.

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A1 MAR 22 1911 FILE, C. E. S.

SUBJECT: Chemulpo Municipal Council.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:-

Referring to my despatch No. 182 of December 31, 1910, I have the honor to transmit herewith, in duplicate, a statement of the receipts and disbursements, for the year 1910, this day approved by the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Geo. H. Scidmore
Consul General.

Enclosure, in duplicate:
Statement as above.

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Enclosure with despatch No. 202, of February 7, 1911 - Seoul.

1910.

CHEMULPO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (CASH ACCOUNT.)

DEBIT | CREDIT

1910.				1910.			
Jan. 1st.	To Balance from 1909		Y. 30,233.52		By Policing		
	„ Taxes for 1910	Y. 9,746.84	$ 15,056.29		Wages Policemen Jan. 1st to Oct. 1st	Y. 2,799.00	
		$ 4,853.43			„ Watchmen Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st	1,224.00	
	„ Contribution from Customs for R. R. Lot	1,200.00			Gratuities to Police	2,789.74	
		597.60			Uniforms and Shoes	74.45	
	„ English Mission for Scavenging	36.00			Coal	58.00	
		17.93			Miscl. Expenses Night Watchmen	54.39	
	„ J. Johnston Esq. „ „	24.00			Petty Cash (refunded contra)	100.00	
		11.95					Y. 7,099.58
	„ Scavenging: For Night Soil sold	200.00					$ 3,535.59
		99.60			By Lighting		
	„ Rent from Chemulpo Club, ground leased	100.00			Street and Municipal Building lighting	1,793.60	1,793.60
		49.80					893.21
	„ Licenses	314.00			By Municipal Office Expenses		
		155.37			Municipal Supt. Salary Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st	240.00	
	„ Interest on Fixed Deposits and Current A/C	1,562.64			Municipal Supt. Gratuity New Year	60.00	
		778.19			Wages Office Boy Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st	27.00	
	„ Fines collected	3.90			„ „ „ Gratuity New Year	3.00	
		1.94			Coal	18.00	
	„ Acacia Tree Seeds sold	15.00					348.00
		7.47					173.30
	„ Overcharge wagon repairs collected	1.10			By Scavenging		
		.55			Wages Scavengers	2,732.95	
	„ Old Police Uniforms sold	20.60			„ Mafoos	1,017.00	
		10.26			„ Water Coolies for watering streets	348.00	
	„ Police A/C: Petty cash refunded	100.00			Stable Supplies	564.55	
		49.80			Wagons and Repairs	170.18	
	„ Old Drain Stones sold	8.00			Miscl. Expenses	106.07	
		3.98	Y. 13,332.08				4,938.75
			6,639.38				2,459.50
					By Public Garden		
					Wages Gardener	242.00	
					Extra Coolie hire	52.30	
					Miscl. Expenses	117.90	
							412.20
							205.28
					By Cemetery		
					Wages Cemetery keeper	195.00	
					Extra Coolie hire	38.75	
					Miscl. Expenses	21.25	
							255.00
							126.99
					By Roads and Drains		
					New Drains and Repairs to Roads	3,650.63	3,650.63
							1,818.01
					By Miscellaneous Expenses		
					Land Tax Municipal ground	269.70	
					Fire Insurance Mun. Buildings	90.25	
					Clerical Work	48.00	
					Map of Settlement	100.00	
					Telephone Municipal Office	60.00	
					Contribution to Fire Brigade	777.13	
					Sundry Miscl. Expenses	80.51	
							1,425.59
							709.94
					By Balance		
					Fixed Deposit The Bank of Korea Ltd. No. 2/56 due June 27th 1911 @ 5 %	8,988.80	
					Fixed Deposit The Bank of Korea Ltd. No. 2/57 due July 6th 1911 @ 5 %	12,000.00	
					Cash Current A/C The Bank of Korea Ltd.	2,653.45	
							23,642.25
							11,773.84
			Y. 43,565.60				Y. 43,565.60
			$ 21,695.67				$ 21,695.67

Audited and found correct.

CHEMULPO, 31, Dec. 1910.
20, Jan. 1911.

Paul Baumann.
W. Geo. Bennett.

W. D. Townsend.
Honorary Treasurer.

Approved by Council February 7, 1911.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

Enclosure with despatch No. 202, of February 7, 1911 - Seoul.

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Audited and found correct.

CHEMULPO, 31, Dec. 1910. 20, Jan. 1911.

Paul Baumann.

W. Geo. Bennett.

W. D. Townsend.

Honorary Treasurer.

Approved by Council February 7, 1911.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

DIVISION OF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS
NOV 7 1911

CONSULAR BUREAU
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Seoul, Chosen,(Korea),

September 25, 1911.

SUBJECT: Chemulpo Municipal Council.
Lease of Municipal land to Young Men's Christian Association.

NOV 14 1911

FILE, C. E. S.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that the German Consul General at Seoul, acting as Chairman of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo, has today signed a lease, for fifty years, subject to renewal and at a nominal rent, to the Chemulpo Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of a part of the lot of land upon which the Municipal Council Hall now stands.

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This lease has been made in accordance with a resolution passed by the Council at its meeting on September 6,1911.

A copy of the minutes of that meeting is herewith transmitted, from which it will appear that, so far as practicable, I have endeavoured to safeguard the interests of the foreign community and rate-payers of Chemulpo.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Copy - Minutes of Meeting of Chemulpo Municipal Council, September 6, 1911.

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OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

Copy. (Enclosure with despatch No.268 - Seoul.)

Fourth Ordinary Meeting held at the Municipal Hall Chemulpo on Wednesday, the 6th September 1911 at 10 a.m.

Present. Dr. Krüger, President, in the chair, and Messrs. Scidmore, Lay, Bon Marchant, Baumann, and Bennett?

Railway Track across the Cemetery Reservation. The reply to the Council's communication addressed to the Prefect of Jinsen Fu, with the view of ascertaining whether in the opinion of the Japanese Authorities the grant by the Council of permission to lay Railway lines across ground set aside for the Cemetery would invalidate the Council's Title to the Cemetery ground, being to the effect that "the Government General will not interfere in the matter":-

Mr. Lay said that the answer from the Government General was indefinite and threw the responsibility entirely upon the Council, whose duty it was to see that the General Foreign Settlement Cemetery was preserved in tact and the rights therein in no way jeopardised.

Mr. Scidmore expressed a similar view, and said that in their own interests he did not think Messrs. Carl Wolter & Company would be wise to expend money on such an enterprise in the circumstances.

After some discussion, which shewed that the general feeling of the Council was not in favor at present of granting Messrs. Carl Wolter & Co's application, Mr. Baumann decided to drop the question in the meantime, but lay the matter on the table for future consideration.

Site for Young Men's Christian Association. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. N. Oya, President of the Chemulpo Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association dated June 15th applying for the donation to the Association of a corner of Lot D 44 (the lot upon which the Municipal Council Hall now stands) and submitting a plan of the building they proposed

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Mr. Scidmore remarked that a Seoul gentlemen representing the Y.M.C.A. had called upon him in connection therewith, and that he (Mr. Scidmore) had given the matter serious thought. It was his opinion that if this Council agreed to the proposal, it should be with certain restrictions as hereunder set forth:-

(1) That Membership in said Association shall not be restricted as to Nationality.

(2) That said Association shall erect within five years from the date hereof a substantial and good appearing building on said lot, the plans of which shall be subject to approval of this Council.

(3) That said Association shall maintain in said building a reading room and library for the use of the general public of Chemulpo, and an assembly room wherein public meetings may be held.

(4) That the term of this lease shall be fifty years subject to renewal.

(5) That the said Association shall pay annually as rental for said lot the sum of thirty yen (Yen 30.00) for the use of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo. The amount of such rental shall be subject to revision at the end of twenty-five years from the beginning of this lease.

(6) That no part of such lot shall be transferred, sub-let, or used as a residence for any one, except for domestic servants of said Association without the consent of this Council.

Mr. Scidmore thereupon proposed that the application by the Y.M.C.A. be granted provided the Association would agree to the above restrictions, and further proposed that a Sub-committee be appointed by the Chairman to meet the Members of the Y.M.C.A. anddraw up an agreement to be signed by the Chairman and

Secretary

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Secretary of this Council with the usual lease clauses and with the above special clauses inserted.

Mr. Lay seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Lay and Mr. Bennett Sub-Committee to draw up the necessary Deed of Lease.

Night Watchmen. Mr. Baumann explained that as the Japanese Authorities were now employing Police and Night Watchmen to guard the General Foreign Settlement it was found quite unnecessary for this Council to retain their men, and they were discharged on the 31st July. They had now come forward with a suggestion for a retiring allowance or present amounting in all to Yen 78.00.

Mr. Scidmore moved that the amount be granted & Mr. Baumann seconded. (Carried)

G.F.S.Public Garden. Mr. Baumann reported that the Municipal Council did not possess a Title Deed for the whole of the General Foreign Settlement Public Garden, but only for Lot D 83 which was only a part thereof, and it was decided that the Secretary go carefully into this matter and report.

Grant of Yen 8000.00 from the Trust Fund of Yen 20,000-- Mr. Baumann brought up the question of repairs to the road running parallel with the Railway Line, and between the Chemulpo Railway Station, past the Electric Company's Power House and on to the Cemetery, and over which road there is an ever increasing volumn of traffic. Mr. Baumann asked the Council for Yen 8000.00 from the Trust Fund of Yen 20,000.00, explaining that at the end of this year there would be a balance of only Yen 3000.00 on the Working Accounts carry forward.

Mr. Lay said that he did not think it advisable to tamper with the Trust Fund, and that as in any case, and in view of the importance of the matter, the work could not be commenced till

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the Spring of next year the question might be left over for discussion at a subsequent Meeting.

This was agreed to, and the Meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

(Signed) W. Geo. Bennett

Honorary Secretary.

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DEPT. OF STATE

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea),

February 16, 1912.

SUBJECT: Chemulpo Municipal Council Accounts.

APR 6 1912
FILE, C. E. S.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith statements showing the condition of the finances of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo on December 31, 1911.

By reference thereto it will be seen that, including a large balance brought forward from 1910, the income of the Council amounted to Yen 37,067.35, ($18,459.54) and expenditures to Yen 33,514.81 ($16,690.38.). In these expenditures there is included the sum of Yen 20,000,($9,960.00,) set aside in the hands of trustees for the upkeep of the foreign cemetery, public garden, and roads. My despatch No. 182, of December 31, 1910, reported the circumstances under which this trust was created.

The balance in the hands of the Council, carried forward to the account for 1912, amounted to Yen 3,552.54, ($1,769.16).

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURES:(2) Financial Statements of Chemulpo Municipal Council.

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(Enclosure No.1 with despatch No.315 - February 16, 1912 - Seoul.)

1911.

CHEMULPO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (CASH ACCOUNT.)

DEBIT

1911.			
	To Balance from 1910	Y.	23,642.26
	,, Landtaxes for 1911		10,592.91
	,, Contribution from Customs for R. R. Lot.		1,200.00
	,, Rent from Chemulpo Club ... ... Y. 100.00		
	,, ,, Chemulpo Tennis Club 25.00		125.00
	,, Interest on Fixed Deposits and Current Account 1,148.06		
	Less amount due to Foreign Cemetery, Roads & Gardens Trust Fund 393.67		754.39
	,, Licenses		269.00
	,, Scavenging		
	Proceeds of Nightsoil 200.00		
	Contribution of English Mission .. 36.00		
	Proceed Sale of Waggons, horses, sundries 70.00		306.00
	,, Acacia Seeds sold		65.50
	,, Old Drain stones sold		30.00
	,, Old Uniforms sold		10.30
	,, Rent of Policequarters		72.00
		Y.	37,067 35

CREDIT

1911.			
	By Municipal Office expenses		
	Wages Superintendent ... ... Y. 960.00		
	,, Assistant 158.00		
	,, Watchmen Jan. 1st to July 31st 714.00		
	Gratuities to discharged Watchmen ... 78.00		
	Sundry small expenses 7.68	Y.	1,917.68
	By Foreign Cemetery, Roads & Gardens Trust Fund		
	Transfer on Feb. 16th, 1911 ... ... 7,500.00		
	,, June 26th, 1911. ... ... 5,000 00		
	,, July 6th, 1911 ... ... 7,500.00		20,000.00
	By Lighting		
	Street and Municipal building lighting		1,357.91
	By Scavenging		
	Wages Scavengers 2,468.00		
	,, Mafus 936.00		
	,, Water Car Coolies 325.00		
	Food for Horses 548.02		
	Expenses for sundry repairs, stable supplies and other small expenses ... 279 59		
	Contribution towards expenses of a bridge in Tokabi Tali 40.80		4,597.41
	By Public Garden		
	Wages Gardener 240.00		
	Small expenses 117.49		357.49
	By Roads & Drains		
	New Drainpipes at Lot D 55 ... ... 3.20		
	New Drains at Lots C 25–28; D 17–20; 82–88; 95 ... ... 771.00		
	Metalling road near Customs 233.66		
	New Drains at Lots D 91–93 ... ... 573.27		
	Repairing road along Lots C 1–8 ... 412.01		
	Repair of stone steps along Lots D 7–9 5.00		
	New Drains at Lots B 3; C 24; D 69 ... 259.57		
	New Bund Road along Lots C 35–38 ... 856.64		
	New Drains at Lots D 54–55 ... ... 171.60		
	,, ,, ,, ,, D 11–13; 20–23 ... 400.00		
	Covering Drain D 67–69 ... ... 10.00		3,695.95
	By Miscellaneous Expenses		
	Landtaxes per 1911 ... ... 269.70		
	Telephone Municipal Office 60.00		
	Fire Insurance Municipal Buildings ... 90.25		
	Contribution to Fire brigade 777.13		
	Clerical Work copying Records 48.00		
	New Years Gratuity to Employees ... 125.00		
	Sundry small expenses 218.29		1,588.37
	By Balance		
	Fixed Deposit at the Juhachi Ginko # 15/92 due Jan. 8th, 1912 @ 5½% ... 3,000.00		
	Cash in Current a/c Bank of Chosen, Chemulpo 552.54		3,552.54
		Y.	37,067.35

Audited and found correct.

S Hisamidzu. **W. Geo. Bennett.**

E. & O. E.

CHEMULPO, 31ST, JANUARY, 1912.

Paul Baumann.

Honorary Treasurer.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure No.2 with despatch No.315 - February 16, 1912 - Seoul.)

DEBIT

Chemulpo Foreign Cemetery, Roads & Gardens Trust Fund.

(CASH ACCOUNT.)

CREDIT

1911.				1911.			
	To Transfer from Chemulpo Municipal Council				**By Wages Cemetery Keeper**	*Y.*	192.00
	On the 16th Feb. 1911...	*Y.* 7,500.00			,, **Coolie Work in Cemetery Park**		117.87
	,, ,, 26th June 1911...	5,000.00			,, **New Summer House**		56.63
	,, ,, 6th July 1911	7,500.00	*Y.* 20,000.00		,, **New Drain in Cemetery Park**...		41.00
	To Interest				,, **Repair of Railings**		9.40
	On Current a/c Bank of Chosen... ...	15.73			,, **Cost of Trees**		10.64
	From Municipal Council	393.67	409.40		,, **Sundry small expenses**...		13.66
	To Transfer of Gravesides				,, **Balance**		
	Cost of 13 graves		130.00		Fixed Deposit the Bank of Chosen No. 3/18 due 17th Feb. 1912 @ 5%...	*Y.* 7,000.00	
					Fixed Deposit the Bank of Chosen No. 3/67 due 26th June 1912 @ 5%...	5,000.00	
					Fixed Deposit the Bank of Chosen No. 3/72 due 6th July 1912 @ 5%...	7,000.00	
					Cash in Current Account the Bank of Chosen	1,098.20	20,098.20
		Y. 20,539.40					*Y.* 20,539.40

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CHEMULPO, 31ST, JANUARY, 1912.

TRUSTEES OF THE
CHEMULPO FOREIGN CEMETERY, ROADS
& GARDENS TRUST FUND.

S. Hisamidzu. Paul Baumann. W. Geo. Bennett.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

DIVISION OF
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No.399 AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

January 7, 1913.

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SUBJECT: Chemulpo Municipal Council.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to report that, at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement, held at Chemulpo on the 24th ultimo, the annual report of the Treasurer of the Council was submitted and approved. From this report it appears that, after providing for authorized expenditures, a balance remains in his hands of about Yen 1000,($498.) The Council approved the following appropriations for the year 1913:

Superintendent expenses	Yen 2,000 =	$ 996.00
Lighting	1,400 =	697.00
Scavenging	4,500 =	2,241.00
Public Garden	400 =	199.20
Miscellaneous	1,600 =	796.80
Improvements to be made in 1913 and already contracted for ...	2,354 =	1,172.29
Total Yen...	12,254 =	$6,102.49

Deducting this total from anticipated revenues, there will remain an available balance in the Treasury of Yen 2614.14, ($1,301.84.)

The officers of the Council, elected for the year 1913, are:-

President

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President.....Dr. Krüger, German Consul General,

Vice President..G. H. Scidmore, American Consul General,

Secretary .....W. G. Bennett, British subject,

Treasurer .....P. Baumann, German subject,

Executive Committee - Messrs. Hisamidzu,(Prefect of Chemulpo,) Bennett and Baumann.

A transcript from the minutes of the meeting is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Transcript of Minutes of Meeting of Municipal Council of Chemulpo - December 24, 1912.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No.399 - January 7,1913-Seoul.)

Minutes of the sixth ordinary general meeting of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo, held at the Council Hall on Tuesday, December 24, 1912, at 10.15 a.m.

Present. Dr. Krüger, President, in the chair, and Messrs. Scidmore, Guérin, Wawn, Hisamidzu, Iwasaki, Baumann and Bennett.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

New leading marks for harbour improvements. Since the last meeting, a written request for new leading marks, together with extra plans, was received from the Bureau of Public works and forwarded to Dr. Krüger in Seoul, who, in turn, passed it on to the Russian Consul General; and, under date November 26th, Dr. Krüger sent to the Secretary a despatch from the Russian Consul General, to the effect that "he had no objection to the proposed erection of "signal-posts on the Russian Government's land lot in "Chemulpo on conditions exposed in the letter of the "Director of the Bureau of Harbour Construction addressed "to the Secretary on the 15th November".

Annual Appropriations. Mr. Baumann, Honorary Treasurer, produced statements (filed in the archives) to the effect that the improvements to roads, drains, etc.,made during 1912, had cost about Yen 5,692.95, leaving a balance to bring forward to 1913 of about Yen 1,000.00. The appropriations proposed for 1913 were as follows:-

Superintendent expenses	Yen 2,000.00
Lighting	1,400.00
Scavenging	4,500.00
Public Garden	400.00
Miscellaneous	1,600.00
Improvements to be made in 1913, and already contracted for	2,354.00
Total Yen	12,254.00

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which, it is estimated, will leave an available balance for further improvements of above Yen 2,614.14.

Mr. Scidmore moved that the appropriations, as suggested by the Honorary Treasurer, be approved.

Mr. Wawn seconded. Carried nem. con.

New Drains. Mr. Hisamidzu expressed the wish that a new drain on the extreme east side of the settlement and running into the sea should be constructed, and Mr. Scidmore moved that the Honorary Treasurer be requested to make the necessary contract.

Mr. Bennett seconded. Carried nem. con.

New Year's Gratuities to Employees. Yen 173.00 passed.

Election of officers for 1913 - Result:-

President ..... Dr. Krüger

Vice President .....Mr. Geo. H. Scidmore

Honorary Secretary ...Mr. W. Geo. Bennett

Honorary Treasurer ...Mr. Paul Baumann

Executive Committee...Messrs. Hisamidzu, Baumann and Bennett,

the members as above agreeing to serve.

Chemulpo Club Steps. Dr. Krüger read a letter from the President of the Chemulpo Club, asking whether the stone steps leading up to the Club premises, and which had been in existence for eleven years, could not legally be declared a right of way.

Dr. Krüger stated that he had called upon the Government General in regard to the matter, and that it was found to be a difficult question to answer at present. Subsequently Dr. Krüger had addressed himself to Mr. Hisamidzu, asking whether it could not be arranged for the present owner of the lot to give up the narrow strip of ground to the Council, so that the Council could make it a

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recognized public thoroughfare. It was thought that it might be possible for the Council to pay a little higher than the proportionate value, considering that they had received in taxes on the strip during the past 11 years about Yen 132.00.

Mr. Hisamidzu stated that he had interviewed the owner of the land on two or three occasions, and, after some difficulty, had at last obtained his consent to release the strip of ground if (1) payment were made at the rate of Yen 5.60 per tsubo, which is the price paid for the land by the owner, and (2) a suitable boundary wall were built.

Mr. Scidmore thereupon moved that the Honorary Treasurer be instructed to inquire as to the cost of a fence either brick or wood to the satisfaction of the owner, that the actual area be ascertained at once; and to report at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Krüger seconded. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11.15 a.m.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Chosen,
January 31, 1913.

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SUBJECT: Chemulpo Foreign Settlement Council's Finances.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

MAR 18 1913

Sir:-

Referring to my despatch No.399, of January 7, 1913, I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of detailed and audited accounts of the Treasurer of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo for the year ended December 31, 1912.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Geo. H. Scidmore
Consul General.

Two Enclosures, as above stated.

Chemulpo

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure No.1 with despatch No.405 of Jan.31,1913 - Seoul.)

1912.

DEBIT CHEMULPO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (CASH ACCOUNT.) CREDIT

1912.			1912.			
	To Balance from 1911	Y. 3,552.54		By Municipal Office expenses		
	,, Landtaxes for 1912	10,632.39		Wages Superintendent	Y. 960.00	
	,, Contribution from Customs for R.R. Lot ...	1,200.00		,, Assistant	228.00	
	,, Interest on Fixed Deposit and Current Account	361.82		Coal and Sundry small expenses... ...	68.34	Y. 1,256.34
	,, Licenses	223.00		,, Lighting		
	,, Result of Auction Sale of Lot D 93 after deducting upset price	1,487.14		Street and Municipal Building Lighting		1,313.29
	,, Rent Policequarters	144.00		,, Scavenging		
	,, Scavenging			Wages Scavengers	2,556.00	
	Proceeds of nights oil ... ... Y. 200.00			,, Mafus	920.00	
	Contribution of English Mission 36.00			,, Water Car Coolies	351.00	
	,, ,, James Johnston 18.00	254.00		Cost of two Mules	777.26	
	,, Old Drainstones sold	86.00		Food for Horses	594.87	
	,, Refund from horsebazaar for 1 Mule	26.50		Expenses for sundry repairs...	237.37	
	,, Proceeds sale of 1 horse	12.00		,, ,, stable supplies...	55.44	
	,, ,, ,, ,, old uniforms	10.60		Sundry small expenses	151.37	5,643.31
	,, ,, ,, ,, Acacia Seeds	15.00		,, Public Garden		
				Wages Gardener	240.00	
				Small expenses...	109.05	349.05
				,, Roads and Drains		
				New Park on Lots B 1-2	592.37	
				Repair of steps along Lots D 1-7 ...	50.00	
				12 Garden benches	189.50	
				Repair on Municipal Hall	330.00	
				Metalling Customs Road	44.80	
				,, Road along Lots C 8-38. ...	116.30	
				,, ,, ,, ,, D 20-23 ...	127.60	
				,, ,, ,, ,, B 1-2 D 51..	156.55	
				,, ,, ,, ,, D 2; 66; 50-74; 93.	139.40	
				Iron railing along Lot D 66	200.00	
				New Drains along Lots D 62-65	287.04	
				,, ,, ,, ,, D 4-5; 68-70 ...	884.90	
				,, ,, ,, ,, D 93	646.66	
				,, ,, ,, ,, D 11-36; 33-45...	1,962.05	
				,, ,, ,, ,, C 5 and Customs.	735.00	
				,, Fence over Tunnel...	160.14	6,622.76
				,, Miscellaneous Expenses		
				Landtaxes per 1912...	269.70	
				Telephone Municipal Office	60.00	
				Fire Insurance Municipal Buildings ..	90.25	
				Contribution to Fire brigade	777.13	
				Clerical Work copying records	48.00	
				Auctioneer fee for Auction sale of land..	40.00	
				New Years Gratuities to employees ...	173.00	
				Sundry small expenses	44.16	1,502.24
				,, Balance Cash a/c Current Bank of Chosen ..		1,318.00
		Y. 18,004.99				Y. 18,004.99

Audited and found correct,

W. Geo. Bennett. S. Hisamidzu.

E. & O. E.

CHEMULPO, 31ST, DECEMBER, 1912.

Paul Baumann.

Honorary Treasurer.

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OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure No.2 with despatch No.405 of Jan.31,1913 - Seoul.)

CHEMULPO FOREIGN CEMETERY, ROADS AND GARDENS TRUST FUND.

(CASH ACCOUNT)

DEBIT

1912.				1912.			
	To Balance from 1911				By Wages Cemetery Keeper		Y. 240.00
	Fixed Deposit Chosen Ginko				,, Coolie Work in Cemetery Park		117.20
	No. 3/18 due 17th Feb. 1912 @ 5%	Y. 7,000.00			,, New Cemetery Keepers Lodge		570.77
	Fixed Deposit Chosen Ginko				,, Fire Insurance on Lodge		8.13
	No. 3/67 due 26th June 1912 @ 5%	5,000.00			,, Cost of Trees		108.75
	Fixed Deposit Chosen Ginko				,, Repair of Hothouse		4.88
	No. 3/73 due 6th July 1912 @ 5%	7,000.00			,, Sundry small expenses		8.95
	Cash in Account Current Chosen Ginko.	1,098.20	Y. 20,098.20		,, Balance		
	,, Interest from Fixed Deposits and Current Account		961.29		Fixed Deposit of Dai Ichi Ginko		
	,, Sale of Gravelots		50.00		No. 17/74 due 19th Feb. 1913 @ 5½%.	Y. 8,000.00	
					Fixed Deposit of Juhachi Ginko		
					No. 16/83 due 27th June 1913 @ 6%.	5,000.00	
					Fixed Deposit of Chosen Ginko		
					No. 4/68 due 6th July 1913 @ 5½%..	7,000.00	
					Cash in Account Current Chosen Ginko.	50.81	20,050.81
			Y. 21,109.49				Y. 21,109.49

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CHEMULPO, 31ST, DECEMBER, 1912

TRUSTEES OF THE

CHEMULPO FOREIGN CEMETERY, ROADS & GARDENS TRUST FUND.

S. HISAMIDZU. PAUL BAUMANN. W. GEO. BENNETT.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

February 21, 1913.

INDEX BUREAU
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SUBJECT: Chemulpo Municipal Council Proceedings.

FILE, G. E. S.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a transcript from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo on the 12th instant.

At this meeting arrangements were concluded for the purchase of a small strip of land, needed as public thoroughfare, the accounts of the Treasurer of the Council for the past year were finally approved, and instructions were given to the Executive Committee concerning use of highways by certain applicants.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Scidmore,

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Transcript of Council Minutes, as above stated.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No.408 - Feb. 21, 1913 - Seoul.)

Municipal Council,Foreign Settlement,Chemulpo.

MINUTES of the First Ordinary Meeting held at the Municipal Hall on Wednesday the 12th February, 1913, at 10.15 a.m.

Present Dr. Kruger, President in the chair, and Messrs. Scidmore, Wawn, Hisamidzu, Iwasaki, Baumann and Bennett. Monsieur Andre took his seat upon the Council, replacing Monsieur Guerin resigned.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Chemulpo Club Steps. Mr. Baumann explained that that he had made the necessary investigations regarding the cost of the boundary wall, and found that one of suitable construction would cost about Yen 550- To be added to this would be the sum of Yen 100- for the purchase ofthe narrow strip of land, making Yen 650- in all. Acting upon the advice of Mr Hisamidzu, Mr Baumann caused the Council's Superintendent to approach the Owner with a view to inducing him to accept a lump sum of Yen 400- for the strip of land, upon the understanding that the Owner of the lot should himself construct the wall at at his own expense, as he undoubtedly would be able to have the work done cheaper than the Council could. The Owner agreed to that proposal provided that the sum be increased to Yen 450- to which Mr Baumann agreed subject to the approval of the Council. Mr Scidmore thereupon moved that the sum of Yen 225- be appropriated from the Council's funds for the purpose of buying out the present Owner, with the understanding that any further sum required, viz Yen 225- be met by the Chemulpo Club, and that all the material on the path way be Public property.

Mr Baumann Seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr Scidmore remarked that Mr Hisamidzu deserved the thanks of the Council for his good offices in the matter, which were fully recognized by the Members of the Council.

Accounts

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OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

Accounts for 1912. The Honorary Treasure presented his Statement of Account and balance sheet for 1912, and Mr Scidmore moved that the report be approved. Dr Kruger seconded. Carried.

The same course was followed asregards the Trust Fund Statement of Account.

Application by the Railway Bureau for the use free of charge of the N.W.Bund Road. The application by Dr Ohya, Director of the Railway Bureau, dated Seoul the 21st January, was read by the Chairman, who expressed regret that the Secretary had not promptly sent him the despatch, as there had been no time before the Council Meeting for Mr Komatzu, whom the Chairman had interviewed, to receive an answer from the Railway Bureau, Dr Ohya now being absent in Tokyo.

Dr Kruger was of the opinion that the Bureau should pay a reasonable rate for the storage of material on the Council's road, it being our duty to watch the interests of the tax payers of the General Foreign Settlement. Mr Hisamidzu, however, stated that he thought the Railway Bureau had no fund from which to draw for such payments, and that they had only material with which to make improvements. Mr Baumann emphasized his opinion gained from long experience that the roads, whenever used for such purposes, were never restored to their original good order and condition although there were firm promises to do so. Dr Kruger added that he thought the matter might be left over until such time as an answer was received from Mr Komatzu, Mr Bennett having mentioned that the road would not be availed of before the end of February or begining of March. Mr Scidmore's opinion was that the Bureau should be asked to pay for the use of the

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road, that the repairs should be made to our entire satisfaction, and that the material used should not be soft gravel or ashes but only cut stones; also, that in order to preserve the principle that the use of the roads be not given free of charge, we levy minimum monthly rental. Mr Baumann thereupon moved that permission be granted to the Bureau, on the clear understanding that the Bureau pays five sen per tsubo per month rental, as per the plan sent in, and that they replace the road in the condition in which they find it before the material is stored; or, as an alternative for not paying rent, that the Bureau puts the road in a condition to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to settle the matter.

Mr Scidmore seconded Carried.

Application by the Nikkan Gas and Electric Company, who have recently taken over the Chemulpo Electric Company, for permission to lay a pipe line under the Council's roads, as per plan attached, in order to convey sea-water from a spot in the bund sea-wall near the Cemetery to their Electric Power House.

Dr Kruger thought that the use of Public ground under the surface should be free of rent, but that the Council has the right to stipulate the depth at which the pipes should be laid under ground in order to prevent the necessity of continually breaking soil owing to the possibility of freezing. Four to five feet was thought to be a sufficient depth, and the same distance from side openings and drains. Dr Kruger also was of the opinion that we should stipulate that after the pipes were laid and covered, not pebbles but cut stone should be rolled in. The Nikkan Gas and Electric Company is a private Company, and Dr Kruger remarked that the

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Council's experience was that the promises of private concernsto restore our roads to their original condition have in no instance been carried out. It was suggested that the Company hand the Council a Bank deposit as a guarantee of good faith; so that if the road were not repaired to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, the Council should have the power by agreement with the Company to do the work, and to draw upon the deposit to meet the expense thereof. It was also hinted that the Council might take this opportunity of trying to obtain a better agreement with the Company as regards the cost of lighting the public roads. After some further discussion, Mr Soidmore moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to confer with the Electric Company and that the privilege of laying pipes be approved, provided that they are laid under ground at a sufficient depth, and also at a sufficient distance from side openings, to prevent freezing; in any case, however, the pipes should not be laid at a depth of less than four feet-more if possible. Also that the Company shall restore the road and keep it in repair so long as the pipes remain there, and that the material used for repairing the road shall be broken or crushed stone. Further, that the Executive Committee be instructed to inquire as to the present terms under which we receive the Electric light, and that they obtain if possible a reduction in lieu of rent for the use of roads (if the Company will not make any reduction, then the Executive to determine a fair rental) and that incase our terms are acceptable, the Company be required to deposit a guarantee fund of not less than Fifteenhundred yen (Yen 1500-) whereby the Council can enforce the terms of the Contract. Mr Wawn seconded. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11.40 a.m.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, December 31, 1913.

SUBJECT: Chemulpo Municipal Council.

FEB 18 1914

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FEB 19 1914

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal Council of the General Foreign Settlement of Chemulpo, held December 29, 1913.

The subjects discussed were sanitary measures, budget for 1914, copies of records, cemetery control, gratuities to employees, and election of officers for the coming year. The following officers were reelected:

President - Dr. Kruger, German Consul General,
Vice President - Geo. H. Scidmore, American Consul General,
Hon. Secretary - Walter C. Bennett, British merchant,
Hon. Treasurer - Paul Baumann, German merchant,
Executive Committee - S. Hisamidzu, Prefect of Chemulpo, Paul Baumann, and Walter C.Bennett.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore
Consul General.

Enclosure:
One, as stated.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No.486-December 31,1913-Seoul.)

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
GENERAL FOREIGN SETTLEMENT,
CHEMULPO.

- 1913 -

Sixth Ordinary General Meeting held at the Council Hall on Monday 29th December 1913 at 10.15 a.m.

Present - Dr Krüger, President in the chair, and Messrs Scidmore, Guerin, Hisamidzu, Chang Hung, Iwasaki, Baumann and Bennett.

Dr Kruger stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Wawn excusing himself for not being able to attend to-day's Meeting.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

House Cleaning - Mr. Hisamidzu reported that the matter is still under investigation by General Akashi.

The President reported to the Meeting that since the last sitting an agreement had been made between the Japanese Government-General and the Chinese Government whereby the Chinese Settlements will be abolished at the same time as the General Foreign Settlements under approximately the same conditions.

With regard to the ~~registration~~ resignation of Foreign Cemetery Trustees and the return by them to the Council of the Trust Fund the following letter dated the first December, signed by the three Trustees, had been addressed to the President:-

"In view of the resolution which has been adopted by the
"Foreign Representatives and the Government-General concerning
"the question of the maintenance by local Foreign Residents of
"the existing Cemetery in the General Foreign Settlement of
"Chemulpo, and in view of the approaching abolition of the Munici-
"pal Councils, we, the Undersigned, Trustees of the Chemulpo
"Foreign Cemetery Roads and Garden Trust Fund, respectfully beg to
"tender to the Council our resignation, the same to take effect at
"as early a date as possible."

Appropriations for 1914 - The President further reported that a letter dated 16th December had been received by him from the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of which the following is a translation:-

"Subject: Winding up and readjustment of the business of the

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"the Councils of the General Foreign Settlements.

"In view of the fact that the time is approaching for drawing "up the budget of your Council for the year 1914 and that the enfor- "cement of the Fu Ordinance is close at hand, if the whole amount of "the land tax of the Settlements for the year in question be levied "at once and plans be determined for undertakings corresponding "thereto, complications will be caused in the said winding up and "readjustment. It is therefore desirable that you should levy a "sum corresponding to one quarter of the amount of the land tax for "the year and draw up your plans for any enterprises you may under- "take in accordance therewith."

Upon the receipt of this letter Dr. Kruger stated that he had had a conversation with the United States Consul-General who thought it was a very sensible and reasonable request.

Mr. Scidmore thereupon made the motion that in our estimates for 1914 we only estimate for one quarter of the land tax.

Mr. Bennett seconded. Carried.

Mr. Baumann then submitted his report of work done for the year, and estimates up to the 31st March 1914. The balance of cash on hand at the end of 1913 is Yen 2,200-

The income for the quarter will be " 5,287-

Yen 7,487-

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Wm. C. Bennett.
Hon. Secretary

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Walter Bennett
Hon. Secretary

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(File No. 1879 D.)

AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL,

Seoul, Korea. August 29, 1910.

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SUBJECT: Opening of New Wiju and Closing of Masampo to Foreign Trade.

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THE HONORABLE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that I am notified by His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Residency General that New Wiju has been opened to foreign trade from today and that Masampo will be closed after the first day of January, 1911.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Scidmore

Consul General.

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Seoul, Chosen(Korea),

December 21, 1910.

SUBJECT: Summary Criminal Jurisdiction of Police in Chosen.

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THE HONORABLE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation, made in this office, of Ordinance No. 10, of the Government General of Chosen, published in the Official Gazette of December 15, 1910, relating to Summary Criminal Jurisdiction to be exercised by Chiefs of Police Offices, or those in charge of such offices, in this country.

This ordinance confers upon such officers authority to inflict punishment by flogging, detention or penal servitude not exceeding three months, and fine not exceeding one hundred Yen($49.80).

All of these powers are considerably in excess of those permitted to police officials in Japan, where flogging, for example, is not sanctioned by the Criminal Code.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Geo. A. Heidmore
Consul General.

ENCLOSURE;
Translation of Ordinance No. 10,
of the Government General of Chosen.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No. 179 of December 21, 1910,
from Seoul, Chosen)

(TRANSLATION.)

Official Gazette,

December 15, 1910.

Order for the summary judgment of offences is hereby promulgated in accordance with Imperial Ordinance No. 324, of Meiji 43, Articles 1 and2.

ORDINANCE NO.10.

Order for summary judgment of offences.

Article 1. The Chief of a Police Office, or anyone in charge thereof, may summarily judge the following offences within his jurisdiction;

1. Offences the punishment for which is detention, flogging, or minor fine.

2. Gambling offences, the punishment for which is less than three months' penal servitude or major or minor fine of less than 100 Yen; offences described in Article 208 of the Penal Code, the punishment for which is detention or minor fine.

3. Offences described in items 17 and 20 of Chapter 9 of Section 5 of the Penal Code Law(Korean), the punishment for which, under the authority of the Minor District Court, is less than three months' penal servitude.

4. Offences contrary to Administrative Law, the punishment for which, under the authority of the Minor District Court, is less than three months' penal servitude, imprisonment, confinement, detention or flogging, or major or minor fine of less than 100 Yen.

Article 2. The delivery of judgment shall be made immediately after taking testimony and listening to the statement of accused without the formality of court.

When it is not necessary to call the accused, or

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when the accused does not appear upon call, a copy of the decision shall immediately be sent to him or to his place of residence.

Article 3. When the person summarily sentenced does not obey, a formal trial by the minor district court may be requested.

Article 4. The copy of the decision of summary judgment shall contain the accused's name, age, character, profession, place of residence, fact of offence, provision of law applied in the case, and punishment decided upon; also, the time within which the formal trial can be requested, and the official title and name of the official rendering the decision and the date.

Article 5. Persons requesting formal trial shall present petitions to the office which rendered the summary decision. The limit is, in the case of clause 1 of Article 2, three days from the date of rendering decision, and in the case of clause 2 of the same Article, five days from the date of sending copy of the decision.

If, within the time limits, formal trial is not requested, the decision of summary judgment shall stand.

Article 6. The office receiving the petition mentioned above shall immediately forward the papers concerned to the Procurator of the Minor District Court having jurisdiction.

Article 7. In regard to an accused person who has received a decision involving penal servitude, imprisonment or confinement, the Chief of the Police Office or the person in charge may issue a writ of detention.

Article8. When it is necessary, in case of a decision involving detention, the accused may be detained within the time limits determined in Article 5, but the number of days shall not exceed the time proper for the period of punishment decided upon.

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In regard to an accused sentenced to be flogged, five strokes shall be calculated as one day, and the provisions of the preceding clause shall be applied.

Article 9. In case of persons sentenced to major or minor fine, the sum shall be paid temporarily, and in case it is not paid, the accused shall be detained, calculating one yen as one day; less than one yen is also calculated as one day.

Article 10. When one detained requests a formal trial, and a summons is sent, he shall be immediately released from detention.

Article 11. In accordance with Articles 8 and 9, the number of days of detention shall be calculated into the total sentence; regarding those who have been sentenced to be flogged, five strokes per day(of detention)shall be reckoned in the total number of strokes; in case of persons sentenced to major or minor fine, one yen per day(of detention)shall be calculated in the total fine.

Supplementary Rule.

This Order shall go into effect from January 1, 1910.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

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Mr. Clark-

Do you approve?

+ Yes 8/10

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N CONSULATE GENERAL,

oul, Chosen, (Korea), June 19, 1911.

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Their application to American citizens.)

State,

Washington.

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JUL 31 1911

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of correspondence between the Reverend C. N. Weems, an American Missionary residing at Songdo, Chosen, and this office, relating to police regulations and their enforcement against American citizens in this country.

For his guidance, it will be noted that I have informed him that it is expected that Americans residing in Chosen will comply with regulations made by its Government for the preseravtion of order and sanitation, and, in consequence, the control of the circulation of publications tending to sedition or disorder, and the supervision of the slaughtering of animals do not appear to be open to objection, unless the enforcement of such regulations is accompanied by harsh or inequitable measures or penalties; and that I am at all times ready to listen to complaints in this connection and shall, upon receiving sufficient information, take prompt steps to protect Americans in Chosen from any improper application of such regulations.

In the cases mentioned by him I have not considered

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OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

DIVISION OF
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No. 231
(File No. 2438 D.)

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea), June 19, 1911.

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SUBJECT: Police Regulations in Chosen.
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The Secretary of State,

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURES:--Copies:

1. Mr. Weems to Consul General Scidmore, June 17, 1911.
2. Consul General Scidmore to Mr. Weems, June 19, 1911.

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Copy (Enclosure No. / with despatch NO 23 / of June 19, 1911 from Seoul.)

Rev. C. N. Weems to Consul General Scidmore, / received June 18, 1911.

Songdo, Korea, 6/17/11.

Hon. Geo. H. Skidmore,

American Consul General,

Seoul, Korea.

Dear Sir:

This morning a Korean came to my house and inquired what newspapers I was taking. I took him to be representing a news agency and told him I did not want to subscribe for any more papers. When he asked for the names of the papers, I placed three magazines before him, but he could not write the names. I then asked through my Korean teacher what use he had for the names and found out he was making a government inquiry. I gathered up the magazines and put them back on the shelf and told him to stop. I inclose his card.

Recently while making a trip to the country in company with Mr. Cram(of Seoul)I was stopped in the road by a gendarme whose card I also inclose. On the back of the card is the name of the village near which I met him. He asked a lot of questions but offered no insults or violence. I answered his questions civilly though I must confess I did not enjoy being stopped on the highway.

Now I write to you to know what we must do under circumstances like the above. Of course I have nothing to conceal. But as you are an American I suppose I do not have to explain how these things make my blood boil.

Is there any change of our relations as foreign residents under the new treaty between our government and Japan?

Another thing, I understand that all slaughtering of animals must be done under Japanese inspection. Does that

apply

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(Enclosure No. with despatch No. of June 19, 1911, from Seoul.)

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Rev. C. N. Weems to Consul General Scidmore, received June19,1911.

apply to Americans residing here? We nearly all have a few hogs that we raise for our own use, and I for one, prefer to have them killed under my own inspection. But I do not want to raise any "international difficulties" over the killing of a hog.

I want to know the law on these subjects--our rights--and will also welcome any suggestions of propriety.

Yours very truly,

C. N. Weems.

Passport No. 24771 issued April 16, 1910.

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(Copy - Enclosure No. 2 with despatch No. 23 June 19, 1911 - Seoul).

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, June 19, 1911.

SUBJECT: Police Regulations.

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DIVISION OF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS AUG 2 1911

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR.

AN CONSULATE. GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea), June 24, 1911.

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Dear Miller:

The Germanizing of Chosen.

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T: Police Regulations concerning Registration of Travellers and Changes of Residence.

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FILE C. E. S.

Sir:-

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The same reports are required from hosts or hostesses who receive guests without charge for more than ten days.

Persons establishing new domiciles for more than twenty days shall make similar reports and shall also

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(File No. 2/54 D)

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea), June 24, 1911.

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SUBJECT: Police Regulations concerning Registration of Travellers and Changes of Residence.

The Honorable the

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also from time to time report deaths, disappearances, or changes of domicile of members of their households.

Foreigners, when requested by the police or gendarmes, shall produce their passports or other documents in proof of nationality.

Neglect or refusal to report, or giving false information in the premises, will be punished by police detention and fines up to fifty yen ($49.80). 50 yen = $24.90 @ .498

Transcripts of these records may be obtained upon the payment of a fee of ten sen, (five cents) per page. Refer

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Translation of Regulations
No.75, Government of Chosen.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No.233, June 24, 1911 - Seoul)

(Translation.)

Regulations No. 75 of the Government General of Chosen of June 20, 1911.

Lodging and Residence Regulations are determined as follows:

LODGING AND RESIDENCE REGULATIONS.

Article 1. The proprietor of a hotel, or any one receiving guests for hire, shall, within 24 hours, report the following particulars to the Police Office concerned (Sub-Police Office, Police Box, Sub-Gendarmerie or Gendarmerie Detachment in charge of Police Office), and persons who do not receive guests for hire but whose guests stay for ten days, shall do the same.

1. Names, registered residences (in case of foreigner, nationality) business and ages of guests.

2. Former lodging place.

3. Date and hours of arrival.

When the guest leaves the house, the date and hour of departure and destination shall be reported within 24 hours.

Article 2. A guest shall, when questioned by the proprietor or manager of a house, tell the particulars necessary to be reported in accordance with the preceding article, or shall write them on the paper given for the purpose by the proprietor or manager.

Article 3. A native or foreigner who sets up a household to

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live in, or who, without setting up a household, intends to live in the same prefecture or district for more than twenty days, shall, within ten days of actual residence, report the following facts concerning himself and his family to the Police Office concerned.

1. Name.

2. Registration (in case of a foreigner, nationality and residence in the foreign country).

3. Date of birth.

4. Place of residence.

5. Business.

6. Former residence.

7. Whether or not the head of the house (If not the head of the house, relation to the head of the house).

When any changes occur in any items of the preceding paragraph, and births, deaths, disappearances, or loss of nationality shall be reported within ten days.

Article 4. In case a resident does not set up a household, the person who allows him to abide, or, in case he rents another's house and sets up a household, the owner of the house or his representative, shall jointly sign the report in accordance with the foregoing article, but, in case joint action is impossible, the person who reports shall attach to the report a statement of the facts.

Article 5. Upon change of residence, the date of removal and destination shall be reported, both five days before and five days after the removal, to the Police Office concerned.

Article 6. If an individual, he shall personally make the report in accordance with articles 3 and the preceding article, and, if a family, the head or quasi head of the house shall do so.

When the person mentioned in the preceding paragraph cannot

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cannot make the report, the manager of the house or landlord shall make the report within ten days from the date he knew the facts.

Article 7. In case a native, living within the limits of a Municipal Council, makes report in accordance with article 3, it shall be made through the office of the Municipal Council.

Article 8. Records shall be prepared at Police Offices, and, when the reports in accordance with Articles 3 and 5 are received, the particulars of the reports shall be recorded.

Article 9. Any one may request a review of the record prescribed in the preceding article, or the delivery of a copy or draft of the record.

Persons asking for review of the record, shall pay a fee of ten sen, and those asking for the delivery of a copy or draft, shall pay a fee of ten sen per page or fraction thereof.

The fees prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be paid in stamps.

Article 10. Persons who are questioned by the police authorities or the gendarmes regarding the particulars necessary to be reported in accordance with articles 1, 3 and 5, shall answer.

Foreigners carrying passports, or other documents to prove nationality, shall show them when asked by the police authorities or the gendarmes.

Article 11. Persons violating the foregoing article by not answering the questions of the police authorities or gendarmes, or by not telling the truth, shall be liable to a fine of not more than fifty yen, or to imprisonment or to a minor fine.

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Article 12. Persons not reporting in accordance with Articles 1, 3 and 5, or reporting falsely, and those violating Articles 2 and 4, shall be liable to imprisonment or to minor fine.

Supplementary Rule.

These Regulations shall go into effect on or after the 15th of July, 1911.

Regarding foreigners, already resident at the time these regulations go into effect, and natives who have not yet reported in accordance with Municipal Council regulations, the period of reporting in accordance with Articles 3 and 5, shall be calculated from the date these regulations go into effect.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea)

July 9, 1911.

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SUBJECT: Instructions to Police by Governor General.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Rcbd a-1- Aug. 31, 1911. File B.M.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a report, taken from the columns of this morning's Seoul Press, of instructions given a few days ago by Governor General Terauchi to the Chief Police Officers of the different Provinces of Chosen assembled here in conference.

The very marked improvement during the past year in the matter of public order and in the treatment of Koreans by Japanese is unquestionably due to the strong and sympathetic policy of Count Terauchi; and it is, therefore, not surprising to note that he is reported as commanding the Police to "show no mercy" in the suppression of attempts at exploitation of the Koreans and that great efforts be put forth for the removal of any grievances under which the people might be found to suffer.

I am informed that the expression translated "show no mercy" may be also rendered as equivalent "to take strict, severe, or rigorous measures", the characters given by the Mai Il Sinpo, a semi official Korean newspaper, being [illegible]

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore
Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Clipping from Seoul Press of July 9, 1911.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No. 242 - Seoul.)

(From Seoul Press of July 9, 1911.)

THE POLICE IN CHOSEN.

INSTRUCTIONS BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

A few days ago the Governor-General gave instructions to the Chief Police Officers of the different Provinces assembled here in conference. After doing justice to the services rendered by the Police Force for the maintenance of peace and prevention of misunderstanding since the annexation, His Excellency requested his audience to endeavour to discharge their manifold duties quickly and rightly keeping constant and close communication with provincial Governors and other officials. He recognised that the attitude of Japanese in dealing with Koreans had lately improved a great deal, but regretted that there were still some occasional attempts on the part of Japanese at exploitation of Korean ignorance. The Governor-General commanded the Police Officers present to show no mercy in suppression of such crimes and that great efforts be put forth for the removal of any grievances under which the people might be found to suffer. People were gradually appreciating the true character of the new regime, but nevertheless, many might find it difficult to recover suddenly from their long habit of indolence while increased difficulty experienced in earning a livelihood might drive not a few to offend against the law. His Excellency did not doubt that the Imperial grant distributed to the districts would do very much to remedy these evils, but eagerly hoped that the Police service would assist in the work by their kindly guidence of Korean masses. Th· Police officers and men in Chosen ought not to rest content with punishing offences but, advancing a step, should strive to direct the ignorant and dissipate doubts and misconception. At the same time they should be careful to refrain from any attempt at ove·hasty reforms which would after all not contribute to the permanent good of the people. Some of the Korean customs were indeed debasing in their nature, but it was not just to deny that some others of them were worthy to be preserved. His audience, therefore, should beware of anything like indescrminate destruction of old institutions which were contrary to those in Japan proper. Such an act might only serve to incur suspicions in the minds of the populace and cause obstacles to successful administration. His Excellency was desirous that except with those customs which were grossly injurious measures should be taken to wear people from them gradually and that any advantageous institution should be studiously preserved. In conclusion the Count hoped that the gentlemen before him would not neglect to recommend any citizen of exemplary conduct, whether he be a Korean or Japanese, to the reward from the Government.

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JUN 5 1914

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, May 9, 1914.

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SUBJECT: New Police Superintendent.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that Lieut. General Akashi, who for several years past has been Commander of the Gendarmerie and Superintendent of Police in Chosen, left this morning for Tokyo to take up his new duties as Vice-Chief of the General Staff. He is succeeded here by Major General Tachibana, a sketch of whose previous

1/ career, as given by the Seoul Press, is enclosed herewith.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Rainsford Stevens

Consul General.

Enclosure:

Clipping from Seoul Press of May 8, 1914.

File No.822.

Copy sent to Tokyo Embassy.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No.24 of May 9, 1914 - Seoul.)

From Seoul Press of May 8, 1914.

NEW POLICE SUPERINTENDENT.

Major-General Koichiro Tachibana, who has succeeded Lieut.-General Akashi as Superintendent of the Police of Chosen, is one of the ablest officers of the Imperial Army. He was born in 1861 of a distinguished samurai family of Fukuoka. Graduating from the Military Cadets' School in Tokyo with honour, he was appointed in 1883 Sub.-Lieutenant. Subsequently he was privileged to enter the Military College in Tokyo, from which he graduated in 1889. In 1894 he became Captain and the following year went to Austria, where he stayed for four years. He took part in both the China-Japan War and Russo-Japanese War. In the latter war, he was Vice-Chief of the Staff of the Fourth Army and rendered distinguished service, for which he was awarded the Third Class of the Golden Kite. He was Military Attache to the late Marquis Komura at the time of the Portsmouth peace negotiations. General Tachibana is a gentleman with literary accomplishments, being very skilful in composing Chinese poems. Besides military science, he is also very well versed in things Western and is a great reader of books. He is a soldier of upright character and is very popular on account of his brilliant wit, tactfulness, generosity and simplicity.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, (Korea)

July 1, 1911.

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895.106

SUBJECT: Regulations for control Warehouses for Combustibles in Chosen.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

AUG 8 1911

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AUG 9 1911

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation, in duplicate, made in this office, of Order No.66 of the Government General of Chosen of June 2, 1911, embodying Regulations for the control of Warehouses for Combustibles, taking effect June 10, 1911.

The principal American interests involved by these regulations are those of the Standard Oil Company. The agent of that company has been in consultation with me and the central authorities, and I am led to believe that due consideration will be given to its vested rights and future enterprises.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

Enclosure - in duplicate - Translation of Chosen Order No.66 of June 2, 1911.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No.237 - July 1, 1911-Seoul).

(TRANSLATION).

Order No.66 of the Government General of Chosen of

June 2, 1911.

Regulations for the control of Ware-houses for combustibles are determined as follows:

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF WARE-HOUSES FOR COMBUSTIBLES.

Article 1. Combustibles in this order mean kerosene oil, naphtha, spirits, matches and fireworks.

Article 2. A person who desires to build a ware-house for combustibles shall obtain permission from a Superintendent of Police (if in Seoul, from the Director General of Police). When the sites of the ware-house or character or the maximum quantity of the combustibles to be stored is changed, or when the ware-house is re-built, increased, or greatly repaired, the same procedure shall be followed.

Article 3. A person, who desires to obtain permission in accordance with the preceding article, shall apply to the Superintendent of Police, attaching specifications of structure, map and sketch of the vicinity, including the following items:

1. Builder's residence, name and age.
2. Site of ware-house.
3. Character and the maximum quantity of combustibles to be stored.
4. Character and distance of the surrounding buildings.
5. Date of completion.

Article 4. When a ware-house is built, re-built or increased, or when extensive repairs are made, it shall be reported to the Superintendent of Police and be inspected.

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In case the ware-house does not pass inspection, it cannot be used.

Article 5. In the following cases, the facts shall be reported to the Superintendent of Police within five days, but in case of No.4, the formalities shall be followed by the head of the house or relatives living with him.

1.- When the building, re-building, enlargement or extensive repairs of a ware-house are begun.
2.- When the builder's residence or name is changed.
3.- When the shutting down or abolition of ware-housing is contemplated.
4.- When the builder dies or his whereabouts is not clear.

Article 6. When the transfer or lease of a ware-house is contemplated, a permit therefor may be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Police, bearing, in addition to the joint signatures of the transfor and transferee, or lessor and lessee, the residence, name and age of the transferee or lessee and the character and maximum quantity of the combustibles to be stored.

The provisions relating to the builder in this order shall be applied to the transferee or lessee.

Article 7. The police officials or those exercing their functions may inspect ware-houses at any time.

Article 8. The Superintendent of Police may, in whichever of the following cases it is applicable, cancel a permit to build ware-house:

1.- When he considers it necessary to prevent any danger or damage.
2.- When work is not commenced within sixty days from the date of receiving a permit to build a ware-house.
3.- When, without proper reason, the ware-house is not completed within sixty days of the date set in the application.
4.- When, without proper reason, the use of a ware-nouse is suspended ot stopped for more than ninety days.
5.- When, in case of the burning or destruction of a ware-house, an application for re-building is not made within ninety days from the date of the fire or destruction.

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Article 9. When the Superintendent of Police considers it necessary for the prevention of any danger or damage, he may compel the builder to take suitable measures in the ware-house, or suspend the use thereof.

Article 10. Signs shall be put up on ware-houses showing the titles, and residences and names of the builders.

Article 11. The use of uncovered fire and smoking are not allowed in a ware-house or its vicinity. The items forbidden in the preceding paragraph shall be posted at the entrances and exits of a ware-house and other places where they may easily be seen.

Article 12. The handling of combustibles in ware-houses is limited to between sun-rise and sun-set, but this limit shall not apply when a permit can be obtained from a Police Office (sub-police office, sub-gendarmerie and Gendarmerie Detachment in charge of a police office).

Article 13. The builder, his representatives, relatives, head of the house, people living with him, employees and other people engaged in the business shall, in the following cases, be liable to imprisonment, or detension of not more than one month, or to a fine of not more than fifty yen or to minor fine:

1.- When article 2, clause No.2 of article 4, article 5, clause No.1 of article 6, or articles 10 to 12, are violated.
2.- When inspection under article 7 is avoided.
3.- When the cancellation of a permit is not abided by.
4.- When an order under Article 9, is violated.

Article 14. The builder may not avoid punishment on account of not having given an order himself when his representatives, head of the house, relatives, people living with him, employees or other people connected with the business, violate this order or any orders issued in accordance with this order.

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Supplementary Rules.

Article 15. This order shall go into effect on June 10,1911.

Article 16. Persons already holding ware-houses shall comply with formalities under Article 2 of this order within fifty days from the date this order goes into effect.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, August 20, 1913.

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SUBJECT: Crimes in Chosen.

A1. NOV 5 1913
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a clipping from the Seoul Press of August 17, 1913, giving a translated summary of a recent article by the Chief Procurator of the Supreme Court of Chosen, concerning classes of crimes committed by Koreans, from which it appears that offences still prevalent and peculiar to this country are violations of the sanctity of burial places, abduction of widows, and adultery. Armed burglary has greatly decreased. Cases of larceny and fraud are increasing and pocket-picking, a crime formerly unknown here, is now becoming frequent.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Reed Mori

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Clipping from Seoul Press of August 17, 1913.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(Enclosure with despatch No. 453 - August 20, 1913 - Seoul.)

From Seoul Press of August 17, 1913.

CRIMES IN CHOSEN.

In the August number of the *Chosen Koron*, Mr. M. Kokubu, Chief Public Procurator of the Supreme Court in Seoul, publishes a very interesting article dealing with crimes committed by Koreans. He says that of the crimes committed by Koreans cases concerning tombs and burials are among the most numerous. Among the offences under this category are burials in grounds belonging to other people without their consent. This is sometimes done by resorting to force, and sometimes in secret, either by removal of the remains or by burying the corpses in the same grave under cover of darkness. The reason why such offences are committed by Koreans is their deeply rooted superstition concerning burial places. They believe that the prosperity or unhappiness of surviving members of a family, in which death has occurred, as well as the doom of the departed spirit depends on the selection of the burial ground of the dead. For this reason when they are told by soothsayers that a certain spot is good as a burial ground they do not hesitate at defying the right of other people as above mentioned. For the same reason civil law suits concerning sepulchres have been very numerous. Of late, however, this superstition of the Korean people is gradually passing away due to the spread of modern education among them and correspondingly offences or civil suits concerning graves are decreasing in number.

Blackmailing concerning tombs is also very frequent among Koreans. The usual tactics adopted by blackmailers of this sort are that they first open up one of the tombs belonging to some wealthy family, whom they intend to victimize, take out the corpse and concealing the head somewhere send letters to the family demanding ransom for its recovery. In former times, the blackmailers succeeded in their object, for it was firmly believed by Koreans in general that the desecration of tombs would bring disaster to those who allowed them to remain in ruined conditions, and offences of this sort were of frequent occurrence. In recent years, thanks to the influence and thoroughness of the police they have greatly diminished in number and when it occurs the blackmailers are in most cases arrested as their intended victims inform the police.

A crime peculiar to Chosen is the carrying off by force of widows, those committing the offence being bachelors, who are unable to marry in a decent way on account of their poverty. Due to the influence of Confucianism, it is firmly believed by Korean women in general that they are morally bound not to marry again after they have lost their husbands. On the other hand many men cannot marry as marriages are usually attended with great expense. These two causes have given rise to the peculiar crime above referred to. When a comely woman has lost her husband, some Don Juan in needy circumstances of her village is almost sure to undertake her rescue from widowhood. He usually had the assistance of his friends and under cover of darkness broke into her house and carried her off either to his house or somewhere else. After this is done and when the woman is willing to live with the seducer, the latter will announce it by giving a banquet to his allies. Strange to say, nobody blames either the seducer or the woman he has tempted and they are allowed to live in peace and continue in their former relations with their relatives and acquaintances. In many cases, this deed is carried out after an understaning has been arrived at between the two parties concerned.

In Chosen adultery and crimes relating to it are very frequent. In many cases the murder of a husband by his unfaithful wife and her lover occurs. This sort of crime is so frequently committed in Chosen that some fifty cases take place in a year. In some cases poisoning is resorted to, but more often killing by means of a club is done. Of course the offenders try to conceal their crime, but in doing so they resort to such simple and primitive means that they are easily detected,—a fact which shows that many Koreans are still undeveloped in intellectual capacity. In former times divorce was not permitted in Chosen and this may account for the frequency of the crime in question.

Finally in former times armed burglary was very frequently committed and secret theft but rarely. This was probably due to the peculiar structure of Korean houses, which made it difficult for thieves to steal in in secret as well as to the fact that there were comparatively few articles of furniture to be stolen. In recent years, however, armed burglary has been decreasing in proportion to the steady increase of cases of secret theft. Also cases of fraud have lately been on the increase and pick-pockets have appeared among Koreans, a crime wholly unknown in old Korea. As in other countries, along with the spread of knowledge in Chosen, the nature of crimes committed is gradually changing

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FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS
OCT 19 1910

No.136
(File No.1351 D)

S/H.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, September 10, 1910.

Subject: Foreign Laborers in Chosen, (Korea.)

A1. OCT 27 1910 FILE, C. E. S.

To the Honorable

The Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington.

BUREAU OF TRADE RELATIONS
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MAR 9 1911
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Sir:-

Subject to RM 6668

1/ I have the honor to enclose herewith a translation, made in this office, of Residency General Ordinance No.52, published in the Official Gazette of august 29th, 1910, prohibiting the residence of, or carrying on of business by, certain classes of foreign laborers outside the former foreign settlements of Chosen, (Korea.)

BUREAU OF TRADE RELATIONS
MAR 10 1911
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It is generally believed here that this ordinance is particularly intended to apply to Chinese subjects.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

Enclosure: Translation of Ordinance, as above.

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OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

Enclosure with Despatch No. 136 (FTTs No. 1351 D)
of September 10, 1910 - from Seoul.

RESIDENCY GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 52.

Foreigners, who by treaty, do not possess the right of residence and who engage in labor, shall not, without the special permission of the local chief authorities, reside or carry on their business outside the former foreign settlements.

The kind of labor specified in the preceding paragraph shall be determined by the Governor-General of Chosen.

Persons who violate the provisions of the first paragraph shall be liable to a fine of not more than 100 yen.

Supplementary Rule.

This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of promulgation.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Chosen, (Korea).
January 10, 1911.

Subsd 2 desp. with copy of Regul. to AM 66670

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SUBJECT: Commercial Companies in Chosen.
Translation of Ordinance concerning registration enclosed.

FILE

To the Honorable

Rec'd March 3. 1911. DD.

The Assistant Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation, made in this Consulate General, of Ordinance No.13, together with Detailed Regulations subsidiary thereto, promulgated by the Governor General of Chosen in the Official Gazette of December 29, 1910, relating to Commercial Companies in this country, taking effect January 1, 1911.

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It will be noted that, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and these regulations, the provisions of the Commercial Code of Japan are to apply to Chosen.

The penalties (See Articles 12, 13, and 14) for violations of this ordinance are much in excess of those prescribed in Japan - penal servitude and imprisonment and fines up to 5,000 yen being particularly noticeable features.

It is not apparent that this ordinance will immediately affect the interests of American companies and firms now operating in this country, but such bodies must register before July 1, 1911.

I also enclose a clipping from today's semi-official Seoul Press, in which explanations of the ordinance and regulations are given.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Anderson
Consul General.

Enclosures

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

ENCLOSURES:

1. Translation of Chosen Ordinance No.13.
2. Translation of Regulations, subsidiary to said ordinance.
3. Clipping from Seoul Press of January 10, 1911.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Psimas DATE 10/19/62

Enclosure No.1 with despatch No.183 (File No.1836 D)
of January 10,1911 - from Seoul.

(Translation from Official Gazette of December 29,1910.)

COMPANY REGULATIONS are hereby promulgated in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Imperial Ordinance No.324 of Meiji 43 (1910), the Imperial consent having been obtained.

ORDINANCE No.13.

Article 1.- Companies may be established with the permission of the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 2.- In case any non-Korean company establishes either a head or branch office in Chosen, the consent of the Governor General of Chosen shall be obtained.

Article 3.- In case any non-Korean company intends to carry on business in Chosen, it shall establish a head or branch office in Chosen for the purpose.

When a branch office is established in Chosen in accordance with the foregoing provision, the provisions of the Commercial Law concerning the establishment of a branch office in Japan by a foreign company shall be followed.

Article 4.- If within one year after receiving the permission in accordance with provisions of Articles 1 and 2, a company is not established, or a head or branch office is not established, the permit shall lose its validity.

In case there is proper reason, the Governor General of Chosen may extend the above period, upon request.

Article 5.- If a company violates this ordinance, or any order based upon this ordinance or the provisions of its permit, or acts contrary to public peace or good usage, the Governor General may suspend and prohibit its business or close up a branch office or dissolve the company.

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Article 6.~~0~~ In case a permit in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 is obtained by fraud, the Governor General may cancel the permit.

Article 7.- In case a permit in accordance with Articles 1 and 2, has lost its validity, or has been cancelled, the company shall be dissolved with the exception of company's applying for permission to establish a branch office.

Article 8.- In case a company is dissolved in accordance with the provisions of Articles 5 and 7, the court shall appoint a receiver upon request by an interested party or by the procurator.

Article 9.- Any corporation conducted for profit shall be considered a company.

Article 10.- Any thing which is not a company shall not use any title meaning company.

Article 11.- With the exception of the provision of this ordinance and the ordinances of the Government General of Chosen, companies shall follow the provisions laid down in the commercial code. But in the Commercial Code,"Japan" shall mean "Chosen", and, "Foreign" shall mean "Non-Korean".

Article 12.- One who without receiving a permit sets up a company shall be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment of not more than 5 years or to a fine of not more than 5,000 yen.
One who by fraud obtains a permit shall be liable to the same penalties.

Article 13.- Any officer doing business of a company or the representative of a non-Korean Company in Chosen, in the following cases, shall be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment of not more than 5 years or to a fine of not more than 5,000 yen:

1. When a head or branch office is established without receiving a permit in accordance with Article 2.
2. When a permit in accordance with Article 2 has been obtained fraudulently.

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3. When business is commenced contrary to the provisions of Article 5. No branch office

4. When business is continued contrary to an order of suspension, prohibition or of closing up a branch office in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.

Article 14.- One who violates the provisions of Article 10, Title Co shall be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment of not more than one year or to a fine of not more than 1,000 yen.

Article 15.- The Governor General of Chosen shall determine the necessary details other than determined in this ordinance.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES.

Article 16.- This ordinance shall go into effect on or after January 1, Meiji 44th year (January 1, 1911).

Article 17.- A company which has received permission from the former Korean Government, and which is carrying on business at the time of taking effect of this ordinance shall be considered as established under this ordinance.

If a company of the foregoing clause is not a company in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Code, the provisions relating to the most similar company, shall be applied.

Article 18.- Those companies which were established in Chosen prior to the taking effect of this ordinance, shall be considered as established under this ordinance.

Article 19.- A head or branch office of a non-Korean company which is established in Chosen at the time of taking effect of this ordinance, shall be considered as established under this ordinance.

A company established in a foreign country which Has a head or branch office in Chosen at the time of taking effect of this ordinance, shall, for the present, proceed as usual.

Article 20.- In regard to a company established abroad, and which intended to carry on business in Chosen, and which had no head or branch office in Chosen, at the time of the taking effect of this ordinance, the provisions of Article 3 shall, for the

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present, be unenforced.

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of January 10, 1911 - from Seoul.

GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN-ORDINANCE No.66.

DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COMPANY ORDINANCE

Promulgated December 29,1910.

Article 1.- When a company receives a permit in accordance with Article 1 of the Company Ordinance, an application subscribed to and sealed by the unlimited liability members of the company or the names of all of the promotors, together with a paper stating the following items and an explanation of the nature of the business, should be presented to the Governor General of Chosen.

1. The object of company.
2. Class of company.
3. Firm name or title of company.
4. Total amount of stock.(capital)
5. If a partnership (Gomei Kaisha), names and residences of the members and the amount of capital invested, and, if a limited partnership (Goshi Kaisha), the names and residences of the unlimited liability members, and the amount of capital invested.
6. If a joint stock company (Kabushiki Kaisha), or a joint stock limited partnership (Kabushiki Goshi Kaisha), the names and residences of the promotors, the number of shares taken up, and the amount of the fees and special profits to be received; the names of those who intend to subscribe property other than money, and the kind and value of such property and the amount of stock to be received for it together with the organization expenses to be born by the company.
7. The location of the head and branch offices.

Article 2.- When a company receives a permit in accordance with Article 2 of the Company Ordinance, an application, together with a paper stating the following items and an explanation of the nature of the business, shall be presented to the Governor General of Chosen. But in regard to companies which do not intend to do business in Chosen, and only have a branch office in Chosen, an explanation of the nature of the business in Chosen shall be attached.

1. Those items stated in paragraphs Nos.1 to 4 of the preceding article.
2. If a partnership (Gomei Kaisha), the names and residences of the members, and, if a limited partnership (Goshi Kaisha) or a joint stock limited partnership (Kabushiki Goshi Kaisha) the names and residences of the unlimited liability members.

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3. If a joint stock company (Kabushiki Kaisha), the names and residences of the officers.

4. The location of head and branch offices.

Article 3.- When a company which has received a permit in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Company Ordinance, desires to change any of the particulars stated in the preceding two articles, it must obtain the permission of the Governor General of Chosen. But a change of names and residences and of the items mentioned in the preceding Articles by a company which does not intend to do business in Chosen and only has a branch office in Chosen, need only, with the exception of a change of the location of the branch office, be notified without delay to the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 4.- When the Governor General of Chosen deems it necessary, he may investigate the business and condition of property of a company and have a company report the business and condition of property. The Governor General of Chosen may take any necessary action in supervising a company.

Article 5.- Establishment or dissolution of a company, the opening or closing of a branch office, or the opening, suspension or ceasing of business shall be reported to the Governor General of Chosen without delay.

Article 6.- A company under Article 17 of the Company Ordinance shall, within six months from the date this ordinance goes into effect, present to the Governor Genefal of Chosen a report together with a paper stating the charter, articles of association and the following items.

1. Progress since establishment.
2. Condition of business and property.
3. Name and residence of officer who conducts business.

The company under the above clause shall, within six months from the date this ordinance goes into effect, register in the places where the head and branch offices are located in accordance with the Articles 51,107,141 and 242 of the Commercial Code.
The registration in accordance with the preceding clause shall be considered as done at the time when this ordinance goes into effect.

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Article 7.- A company under Article 18 of the Company Ordinance, shall, following the first clause of the preceding article, notify within one month from the date this ordinance goes into effect. Registration already performed shall be considered as having been performed in accordance with this ordinance. Registration not yet performed shall, following the second clause of the preceding article, be registered within one month from the date this ordinance goes into effect.

Article 8.- A company established outside of Chosen, to which Article 19 of the Company Ordinance is applicable except those established abroad, shall, following the first clause of Article 6, notify within two months from the date this ordinance goes into effect. But in regard to a company which does not intend to do business in Chosen and only has a branch office in Chosen, those particulars of Nos.1 and 2 in the first clause of Article 6, may be limited to the branch office.

Registration already performed by the company mentioned in the preceding clause shall be considered as having been performed in accordance with this ordinance. Registration not yet performed shall, following the second clause of Article 6, be registered within two months from the date this Ordinance goes into effect.

Article 9.- A company established outside of Chosen, which intends to do business in Chosen without establishing a head or branch office in Chosen, and is carrying on its business at the time when this ordinance goes into effect, shall apply for a permit in accordance with Article 2 of the Company Ordinance within two months from the date this ordinance goes into effect, with the exception of those organized abroad.

A company which has received a permit in accordance with the preceding clause, shall establish a head or branch office in Chosen within three months from the date of receiving the permit.

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A company which has made application in accordance with the first clause may, until the notice of permission is received, continue its business. A company which has received the permit, may do the same until its head or branch office is established.

Article 10.- Any documents or papers to be presented to the Governor General of Chosen in accordance with these regulations shall be through the chief official of the district having jurisdiction over the place where the head or branch office of the company is located.

Article 11.- The members who conduct the business of a company or the representatives, in Chosen, of a non-Korean company shall, in the following cases, be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment of not more than one year or to a fine of not more than 200 yen. But if in the case of item 1, the company is not yet established, the unlimited liability members or the promotors shall be punished.

1. If the provisions of Article 3 are violated, by changing particulars mentioned in Articles 1 and 2, or if notice is not given.

2. If the provisions of the first clause of Article 4, are violated, by not reporting or by falsely reporting, or if investigation is hindered or facts are concealed.

3. If the orders of the second clause of Article 4, are not obeyed.

4. If the provisions of Article 5 are violated by not giving notice.

5. If the provisions of Article 6 to 8 are violated by not giving notice or by not registering.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULE .

Thses regulationsshall go into effect from the date the Company Ordinance goes into effect.

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From "Seoul Press" of January 10, 1911.

COMPANY REGULATIONS.

With regard to the Company Regulations which came into force on the 1st inst. an official explanation is printed in a local Japanese paper.* The new Regulations, we are told, have been instituted, not to pour cold water on exuberant enterprising spirits in Chosen, but to help legitimate and useful enterprises to attain ultimate success. The absence of such Regulations has hitherto been a source of danger to the economic world of the peninsula. Bubble companies were now and then promoted while very dubious enterprises were often carried on under cover of an exceedingly fine and dignified signboard. This regrettable state of affairs has lately become more intensified, and paper companies have been organised much more frequently among Koreans than Japanese despite that the former are comparatively novices in modern organised finance. Following upon the annexation Chosen began to attract more closely than before the attention of Japanese capitalists, and not a few organised enterprises seem being mooted among them. It is a pleasing sign for the development of this land and ought to be encouraged by every conceivable means. But the authorities are aware that there are unscrupulous adventurers always ready to exploit to their advantage the ignorance of well-intentioned capitalists at home. Some enterprising people, on the other hand, have their reasoning powers blurred by too sanguine expectations of Chosen and were rash enough to promote some industry or other quite unsuited to the Korean peninsula. To forestall the mischief sure to arise from these unsound enterprises was the primary object of the new Regulations. The Government firmly believed in the necessity of encouraging industry for the development of the peninsula and would more than welcome the promotion of any sound company aimed at enterprises tending to benefit it. A provision which deserved special attention in the Regulations was that a company established outside Chosen having the conduct of trade in Chosen as its principal object ought to have its head or branch office in this country. The clause was inserted in anticipation of a possible attempt at the defeat of the purpose of the institution of the Regulation by carrying on trade in this land by a company that had its own reason for disliking to apply to the Governor-General for a permit and chose to have its office outside the limits of Chosen.

We (*The Seoul Press*) may add that any foreign company which is actually doing business in this country without having its head or branch office here, will be allowed for the time being to carry on its business without either one or the other.

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* The "Keijo Nippo," of January 6, 1911.

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March 3, 1911.

George H. Scidmore, Esquire,

American Consul-General,

Seoul, Korea.

Sir:

I acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 183, of January 10, 1911, enclosing translations of an ordinance and regulations relating to commercial companies in Korea.

The Department notes that in your opinion the ordinance will not immediately affect the interests of American companies operating in Korea.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For Mr. Knox:

Wilbur J. Carr

A true copy of the signed original.

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THE CONTROL OF COMPANIES IN KOREA.

DRASTIC POWERS OF THE GOVERNMENT-GENERAL

PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL OF THE MEASURE.

The Company Act for Korea adopted by the Government-General was duly promulgated in the *Official Gazette* on the 10th instant. It came into force on the 1st instant, and consists of 16 Articles. The chief points of the Act are that the approval of the Government-General must be obtained for the formation of all companies in Korea; that companies formed outside Korea must obtain the sanction of the Government-General before establishing head or branch offices in the peninsula; and that companies formed outside Korea, but the principal object of which is to carry on business in that country, must establish a head or branch office there for carrying on their business. Furthermore that the provisions of the Japanese Commercial Code as regards foreign companies with branch offices in Japan is also to apply to such companies in Korea. The Government-General of Korea is authorised to order the suspension or prohibition of any business, the closing of branch offices or the dissolution of concerns, when companies have acted contrary to the provisions of this Act or against orders issued in accordance with this Act, or should they in any way disturb public security and morals. Persons who establish companies in Korea without obtaining the approval of the Government-General are liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years and a fine not exceeding ¥5,000, and those who fraudulently obtain the necessary approval for the formation of companies are also liable to punishment. This applies also to the representatives in Korea of companies established abroad, and should they establish head or branch offices in Korea without obtaining the approval of the authorities.

The publication of the provisions of this Act, says a Tokyo dispatch to the *Asahi*, has alarmed business circles in Japan, as the provisions are considered extremely rigorous. The Government-General of Korea is now given absolute powers for the suspension of business and the dissolution of companies in Korea, which it can punish with heavy imprisonments and fine. It is complained that no parallel to this state of affairs is to be found in any other civilised country, and furthermore such provisions are in conflict with the Commercial Code of Japan, and are a violation of all economic laws. Apprehention is felt among lawyers as to the extent to which the Government-General will abuse the powers bestowed upon it, and they declare that it is necessary to put some restriction upon the authorities.

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COMMENT OF A JAPANESE PAPER.

The *Osaka Mainichi* is surprised at the drastic powers which have been vested in the Government-General by the Korean Company Act Law just promulgated, a summary of which appeared in our last issue. The Osaka journal states that the Governor-General is empowered by Imperial Ordinance No. 324, published last year, to issue any orders or ordinances he may deem necessary in the interests of Korean administration. Nevertheless, continues our contemporary, a stringent Act such as this just enacted by the Governor-General will impede industrial development in Korea considerably. Article 45 of the Commercial Code provides that "the formation of a commercial company can be set up against third persons only after it has been registered at the place of its principal office," and Article 46 of the same code rules that "a commercial company cannot make preparations for commencing business until it has been registered at the place of its principal office." Now, according to the new Act, a company that is being floated in Korea must obtain the approval of the Governor-General. This arrangement is not only liable to bring about many unnecessary formalities, but the uncertainty and delay that are likely to attend the negotiations will cause no little harm in matters of trade and commerce. It is evident that all this will result in business men hesitating to form companies or carry on lawful businesses in Korea, Want of capital is the principal cause retarding the industrial development of the peninsula. On this account the Oriental Development Company deems it of the first importance to facilitate the circulation of money in Korea, and to render all possible assistance in the investment of Japanese capital there. Industries in Korea will grow in proportion to the amount of capital invested. Money can be invested more easily in companies than in individual enterprise. At times, comments the journal, the authorities of the Government-General adopt a course in their administration, that is not in accordance with common sense. In the event of such authorities being allowed to exercise a veto in the formation of companies, and thereby check the inflow of capital into the peninsula, where money is so badly needed, commerce will be seriously hampered. Should this apprehension be unfortunately realised, the Government's policy of developing Korea may receive a check. If companies formed, for the purpose of carrying on business in Korea be compelled to establish their head or branch offices in the peninsula, in accordance with the new act, they may be involved in much extra expenditure. For instance, some of the fishing concerns which carry on operations along the Korean coast, have no need to establish offices in the country, but they will be compelled to do so apparently by this Act, and so their position may be imagined. It is disgraceful to compel such companies to establish branches in Korea. After all, concludes our contemporary, it is impossible to perceive what has prompted the Government-General of Korea to adopt the new Act. To check the formation of companies in Korea can only result in harm to Korea without any accruing benefits. It is difficult to understand the reason for this new Act.

For the sake of Korea's development, it is desirous that the most ample freedom should be accorded the inflow of capital and on that ground this new Act must be condemned.

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THE COMPANIES ACT IN KOREA.

MORE PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL.

The new Korean Companies Act has met with widespread disapproval in Japan. A Constitutionalist leader is quoted by the *Jiji* as having remarked that the principle of according perfect freedom to trade and residence is generally recognised in all civilised countries, and that Korea has been annexed for the purpose of extending this principle. Nevertheless from the very time the annexation was proclaimed, the action of the authorities in Korea has been of a highly unconstitutional nature, and has excited general disapproval. Instead of taking this disapproval into account, the authorities have resorted to more military methods than ever and have adopted the most wild proposals. The new Company Act is a very crude measure, making no business possible in Korea without the sanction of the Governor-General. Commercial companies are now to be restrained by penalties of heavy imprisonment and fine. Drastic methods are always to be deprecated. The Governor-General can act as unconstitutionally as he likes, simply because he is vested with certain extraordinary powers which allow him to issue ordinances or laws in regard to the administration in Korea without having to obtain the approval of the Diet. It may be necessary to invest such powers in a Governor-General up to a certain extent for the well-being of Korean administration, but nevertheless to a man devoid of Constitutional considerations those powers can be as dangerous as a sharp-edged sword in the hands of a child. Both the Governor-General and the public are exposed to danger. Some limit must be put on his powers without delay.

Baron Shibusawa is also reported to be indignant at the new Act. In an interview with a representative of the *Asahi*, Baron Shibusawa strongly condemned the measure as unconstitutional. As only a short time has elapsed since the annexation of Korea, he said, the formation of companies may have been undertaken irregularly, in some cases, and improper practices may have been discovered among the existing companies. There are already laws, however, for the proper control of such companies. It is most dangerous and absurd to entrust the life or death of business concerns, and the punishment of their officials, to the discretion of the Governor-General. Military control may be excusable within limits, but how far the present authorities intend to go in their policy of militarism it is impossible to foresee. The Korean authorities have overlooked a fundamental principle. Japan is a Constitutional country and all administration must be in accordance with the law. It is absurd to leave the control of business companies in Korea in the hands of the administrative authorities. If the Government allows this Company Act to remain in force, it is certain that Korean industries will decline, for who will undertake enterprises in Korea, and face all the natural risks of capitalism and under such condition? Such a wrong and despotic Act is not to be reconciled with Japan's Constitutional Government.

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COMMENTING upon the new regulations issued by the Governor-General of Korea for the control of companies in the Peninsula, the *Japan Mail* says "there is not the smallest desire to curtail or impede legitimate enterprise. The idea is merely to separate the jewels from the rubbish, and all merchants or manufacturers of really upright disposition should welcome the issue of the new regulations." Having thus blessed the new Regulations, the *Mail* proceeds :—

"Meanwhile we must be prepared to find a great many complaints uttered by adventurers whose opportunities the regulations will destroy. These are just the kind of men who know how to engineer a specious agitation on such an occasion. They will talk grandiloquently of the unshackled course of commerce, of the liberty of the subject, of sabre legislation and of all other clap-trap dogmas which can be associated with the occasion. But Viscount Terauchi can be trusted to stand to his guns."

The metaphor is not an altogether happy one; it is precisely "the guns" and the militarist *regime* in Korea generally which are objected to. The *Mail* says it is prepared for complaints from adventurers, with their "specious agitation," their "grandiloquent talk," and "clap-trap dogmas." Of course, it is impossible to think that any other than an adventurer "whose opportunities the regulations will destroy" would dare to utter even the mildest protest against what must be regarded as a constitutional act, however unfair and unjust it may be. The fact that leading journals like the *Mainichi* and the *Nippon*, and a man like Baron Shibusawa—recognised as the leading spirit of modern commercialism and industrialism in Japan—do not agree that "all merchants or manufacturers of really upright disposition should welcome the issue of the new regulations," suggests that there may be more ground for legitimate complaint than the *Mail* can recognise, or cares to admit.

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MILITARISM IN KOREA.

MORE COMMENT ON THE NEW COMPANY REGULATIONS.

The *Nippon* in a trenchant article discusses the company regulations in Korea, just issued, which, as our readers are aware, have elicited much adverse criticism. With the appointment of the Governor-General in Korea, says the *Nippon*, he was given, as in Formosa, almost absolute power of administration. At the time this provoked much discussion, inasmuch as this absolute authority vested in the Governor-General is a double-edged weapon which may be productive of either good or evil, according to the will of the wielder. It was hoped that Viscount Terauchi as administrator of Korea would be sufficiently cautious and circumspect in the exercise of his authority, as such power as that with which he is vested is liable to abuse in the hands of any man. Since then reports reaching Japan from the Peninsula are unanimous in complaining of the inauguration of a distinct era of militarism and of the assertion of official authority everywhere. The latest development in this direction is the issue of new regulations applicable to all public companies in existence or to be started in Korea.

According to these regulations, continues the Tokyo journal, all companies to be stated in Korea have first to obtain the permission of the Governor-General, and they are not allowed to start business, as in Japan, by merely sending in a notice to the authorities. Any one acting contrary to these regulations is liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine not more than ¥5,000. Further, in giving his permission to a company, the Governor-General may impose any conditions or restrictions he may think fit, and anyone disobeying these conditions may be punished with the "suspension or prohibition of business or the temporary closing or dissolution of the company." Such regulations are terrifying rather than vexatious, and will not fail to strike terror into the hearts of all who may be intending to open business in Korea. Nor are those companies which are already in existence free from these all-powerful regulations, for the Governor-General may suspend or prohibit business of any company or order its closing or dissolution at any time. In short, no business in Korea can be successful without obtaining the goodwill of the authorities, and this will have the result of encouraging what is known as the "backstair movement." Viscount Terauchi has already carried out the "unification" of the Press in Korea, and has applied an effectual gagging to an inconvenient native Press, and now a similar abuse of authority is to be extended towards all business in the Peninsula. In a newly-acquired territory like Korea where the opening-up of the resources of the country is most essential, it is necessary to simplify official formalities, and the Government should refrain from interference with commerce and industry as much as possible, as otherwise no speedy development of the country can be possible.

The Japanese authorities in Korea, however, are adopting an opposite policy, and are making things

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be possible.

The Japanese authorities in Korea, however, are adopting an opposite policy, and are making things more vexatious than in Japan. The *Nippon* proceeds:—"The unification of the Press was ostensibly carried out for the purpose of preventing the disturbance of the people's minds, and one would like to know what necessity has prompted the Governor-General to attempt the unification of public companies. We have no doubt, that Viscount Terauchi is an upright man and sincere in what he does, but after all he is a soldier, and incidentally the latest development shows the danger of giving too much power to a man who has little experience in administration."

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ENCOURAGING ENTERPRISE IN KOREA.

GREAT alarm is said to have been caused in business circles in Japan following the publication in the *Official Gazette* of the provisions of the Company Act for Korea, issued by the Government-General. This Act, which came into force on the 1st instant, gives the Japanese authorities in Seoul absolute control over commercial and industrial enterprise in Korea. No company may be formed without the permission of the Government-General being first obtained; no company established outside Korea may have its head office, or even a branch office, in the Peninsula without the consent of the Government-General; companies formed outside Korea with the principal object of carrying on business with that country must establish either their head office or a branch office in that country, and as the Government-General has the power to refuse permission for the establishment in Korea of such offices, it follows that the authorities in Seoul have control—indirect but none the less effective—over companies established outside Korea with the object of carrying on business with that country. The Government-General has power to punish persons forming companies in Korea without obtaining official permission with heavy fines and long terms of imprisonment, while those representatives in Korea of companies established abroad who set up head or branch offices in the Peninsula without official sanction are also liable to punishment.

The control of the Government-General over commercial and industrial enterprises does not stop with the granting or refusing of permission to form a company or to open a branch office. The Government-General is authorised to order the temporary suspension or absolute prohibition of any business, to order the closing of branch offices, and to order the dissolution of any concern, in cases where the companies have acted contrary to the provisions of this Act, or against orders issued in accordance with this Act, or when such concerns disturb public security and morals. No wonder that business circles in Japan are alarmed at these absolute powers vested in the Government-General, and it is very suggestive to note from a Tokyo dispatch that apprehension is felt in legal circles as to the extent to which the Government-General of Korea will abuse the powers vested in it, and that some of the legal profession in Tokyo declare it is necessary to put some restriction upon the authorities. This apprehension of possible abuse of power and the need of some check being put upon official activity in the exercise of new-found powers, had it come from certain newspapers whose censure of Japan "being habitual"—according to the *Japan Mail*—carries no weight with thoughtful people, would have been dubbed "anti-Japanese," but coming as it does from Japanese business-men and jurists, the disapproval of the new Company Act in Korea can hardly be explained by this ingenious but worn-out theory.

We observe that the *Seoul Press*, an organ of the Japanese authorities in Korea, publishes an official article explaining the real motive of the new regulations, which have not been drafted for the purpose of pouring cold water on exuberant enterprising spirits in Korea, "but to help legitimate and useful enterprises to attain ultimate success." The Seoul journal proceeds:—

"The absence of such Regulations has hitherto been a source of danger to the economic world of the peninsula. Bubble companies were now and then promoted, while very dubious enterprises were often carried on under cover of an exceedingly fine and dignified signboard. This regrettable state of affairs has lately become more intensified, and paper companies have been organised much more frequently among Koreans than Japanese, despite that the former are comparatively novices in modern organised finance. Following upon the annexation Chosen began to attract more closely than before the attention of Japanese capitalists, and not a few organised enterprises seem being mooted among them. It is a pleasing sign for the development of this land and ought to be encouraged by every conceivable means. But the authorities are aware that there are unscrupulous adventurers always ready to exploit to their advantage the ignorance of well-intentioned capitalists at home. Some enterprising people, on the other hand, have their reasoning powers blurred by too sanguine expectations of Chosen and were rash enough to promote some industry or other quite unsuited to the Korean peninsula. To forestall the mischief sure to arise from these unsound enterprises was the primary object of the new Regulations. The Government firmly believed in the necessity of encouraging industry for the development of the peninsula and would more than welcome the promotion of any sound company aimed at enterprises tending to benefit it. A provision which deserved special attention in the Regulations was that a company established outside Chosen having the conduct of trade in Chosen as its principal object ought to have its head or branch office in this country. The clause was inserted in anticipation of a possible attempt at the defeat of the purpose of the institution of the Regulation by carrying on trade in this land by a company that had its own reason for disliking to apply to the Governor-General for a permit and chose to have its office outside the limits of Chosen."

The *Seoul Press* adds that any foreign company which is actually doing business in Korea without having its head or branch office there, will be allowed for the time being to carry on its business without either one or the other.

The declared intentions of the Government-General in framing the new regulations for the control of tion of Korea. A large amount of foreign capital, especially American and British, has been invested in various enterprises in Korea which even an autocratic official could not help but admit are neither bubble companies, doubtful concerns, nor calculated to disturb public peace and morals. This money has been invested by foreigners, British, American, and others on the assumption that it would be protected by the laws of their respective countries, and that full notice of any impending change would be given, in order that those who did not wish to come under Japanese jurisdiction could arrange their affairs accordingly. On the annexation of Korea, however, foreigners were deprived of the protection they enjoyed under treaty without the slightest notice of the impending change, and were placed under entirely new conditions. The fact that the conventional tariffs are to be kept in force for ten years was held to be sufficient compensation for the loss of extra-territorial privileges, and as the *Japan Mail* remarked at the time:—"After all, the number of foreign residents in Korea is very insignificant." This fact was apparently taken as justification for the extinguishment of the foreign rights in Korea which Japan guaranteed, and one result of that step as it affects foreign interests may be seen in the new Company Act for Korea.

The disapproval of the new regulations which has already been expressed in Japan suggests that there will be some discussion in the Diet on this question, and possibly an organised movement may be started by Japanese business-men to effect some amendment of the present drastic provisions. Meanwhile, it is interesting to recall some of the observations made in an instructive article by the special correspondent of the *Times* who recently travelled through Korea—an article, it will be remembered, which was translated for publication in Korea by one official department in Seoul, but was promptly suppressed by the censor in another department. Commenting upon foreign commercial interests in Korea, the *Times* special correspondent said:—

"What will occur at the end of the ten years is very uncertain. At what for convenience's sake one may still term the Residency-General, it seems to be confidently anticipated that the Government will adopt a more liberal policy in Korea than in Japan Proper, that the co-operation of foreign enterprise, necessary for the successful development of the new territory, will be welcomed, and that the illiberal land laws, and even the protectionist tariff of Japan, will not, on the lapse of the ten years' period of grace, be applied in all their rigour to the new province. From every point of view it is to be hoped that this confidence may be justified; Japan is bound to lose more than she can gain by attempting to make Korea a close preserve for artificially stimulated Japanese industry and subsidised Japanese enterprise. But there is nothing to encourage this hope either in the official statements of the Japanese Government or in the reported utterances

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eign company which is actually doing business in Korea without having its head or branch office there, will be allowed for the time being to carry on its business without either one or the other.

The declared intentions of the Government-General in framing the new regulations for the control of companies in Korea are praiseworthy enough. We are assured that it is not the desire of the authorities to discourage investors and commercial and industrial enterprise in Korea, but to check the formation of bubble companies and dubious enterprises, and so help legitimate and useful enterprises to attain ultimate success. With such an ambition no one will quarrel, but is it necessary to erect such powerful and ponderous machinery to accomplish the work? In order to prevent a few too-enterprising Japanese and Koreans from taking advantage of the credulity of others by floating bubble companies and starting on doubtful enterprises, is it necessary that the establishment and existence of every company in Korea shall depend upon the whim of officials in the Government-General? So far from assisting legitimate enterprises, the new Act seems calculated to hamper the industrial and commercial development of Korea, since the strong and expansive powers vested in the department of the Government-General, and the apprehension of possible abuse of those powers will naturally cause prospective investors to hesitate before venturing upon any enterprise in Korea, however useful, promising, and legitimate it may be.

The new regulations are of considerable interest to foreigners. There are numerous mining companies and other foreign enterprises established in various parts of Korea, and these "for the time being" will be allowed to carry on business without having either a head office or a branch office in Korea. The length of this respite will probably be decided by the Government-General. On the expiry of that period the business of these foreign concerns will also be liable to be suspended or prohibited by the Government-General in accordance with the powers vested in the Department by the new regulations. This is another sequel to the abolition of extra-territoriality on the annexa-

tionist tariff of Japan, will not, on the lapse of the ten years' period of grace, be applied in all their rigour to the new province. From every point of view it is to be hoped that this confidence may be justified; Japan is bound to lose more than she can gain by attempting to make Korea a close preserve for artificially stimulated Japanese industry and subsidised Japanese enterprise. But there is nothing to encourage this hope either in the official statements of the Japanese Government or in the reported utterances of responsible statesmen in Tokyo; and foreigners interested would perhaps be wiser to be prepared for the ultimate introduction of the full Japanese system, with its subsidies and its heavy protective duties and its discouragement of foreign enterprise in every form except the provision of capital for Japanese use."

If the new regulations for the control of companies in Korea may be taken as indicative of the general policy of the Japanese authorities in Korea, the warning of the *Times* correspondent would seem to be fully justified.

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No. 191.
File No. 1890D.)

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Chosen, (Korea),
January 22, 1911.

SUBJECT: Commercial Companies in Chosen.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

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Sir:-

Referring to my despatch No. 183, of January 10, 1911, I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of an interview with Mr. Komatzu, Acting Director of the General Affairs Department of the Government General of Chosen, taken from the columns of the Seoul Press of the 21st instant, and an editorial from the same newspaper of today, in further explanation of the scope of the recently promulgated Company Regulations of Chosen.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Geo. H. Scidmore
Consul General.

TWO ENCLOSURES--Newspaper Clippings, as above noted.

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Enclosure No. 1--despatch No. 191--Seoul, January 22, 1911.

From Seoul Press of January 21, 1911.

COMPANY REGULATIONS FOR CHOSEN.

EXPLANATION BY ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL AFFAIRS.

With regard to the new Company Regulations for Chosen, Mr. M. Komatsu, Acting Director of the General Affairs Department of the Government General of Chosen, has made the following remarks to a representative of ours:—

Various comments have been made on the newly promulgated Company Regulations for Chosen. Some condemn the measure as too severe, while others approve it as a good preventive against the establishment of bubble companies. It is not surprising that those in Japan proper who are not well acquainted with the real condition of things in this peninsula regard it as too severe. On the other hand it is not quite right to view it solely as a preventive measure against the rise of fraudulent companies. Viscount Terauchi has repeatedly expressed his policy of encouraging sound business in order to develop the natural wealth of the country and increase the economical strength of the people. There is no room to doubt that His Excellency welcomes the establishment of trustworthy companies. It is but natural that bubble companies should be rejected. The condition in Chosen cannot of course be analogus to that in Japan proper. Scarcely half a year has elapsed since the annexation and the new regime has but been inaugurated. It is fortunate that peace reigns throughout the country at this transitory period. Special monetary grants in the form of bonds amounting to 30 million *yen* have been distributed and the interest on them amounting to 1,500,000 *yen* will yearly be added to the wealth of the Korean people. At this time, when the spirit of business enterprise is most likely to manifest itself, the majority of the Korean people are not sufficiently well acquainted with economical affairs while there are not a few cunning people who are scheming to utilize their ignorance of modern business methods to the advancement of their own advantage. Further, it is not unlikely that there are people who will promote bubble companies in Japan proper taking advantage of the present unique opportunity as well as of the comparative ignorance prevailing among the people at large as to the real state of things in Chosen. These crafty schemers will represent things in Chosen in glowing colours and collect capital by leading the general public astray with the idea that commercial success can easily be attained in this country. If such schemers be allowed to have their own way, many good Japanese and Koreans will suffer great losses. Not only that but earnest and honest businessmen will find many obstacles in the way of promoting their business in this peninsula. All these are matters very easy to foresee. In face of this, do critics still demand us to look on and leave everything to its own course? Isn't it rather heartless? Despite his being a soldier, the Governor General is not, I believe, so cold-hearted and indifferent a man as to follow such an absurd demand. In my opinion, those who condemn the measure in question as too severe are really too severe in their demand.

Further, companies that may be established in Chosen in accordance with the Companys Regulations under discussion will not come entirely under the control of the measure. As a matter of fact they will be controlled under provisions relating to companies in the Commercial Code in vogue in Japan proper. Only on account of the existence in Chosen of the special circumstances as related above they are required to receive permission of the Governor General for their establishment. This is the only difference which distinguishes the provisions for companies in Chosen and those in Japan proper. Business speculators and adventurers may find inconvenient the provision requiring permission of the Governor General for the establishment of a company as well as the severity of punishment for the violation of the regulations. But honest businessmen will find nothing inconvenient in them just as good people are indifferent to the degree of severity of punishment provided in the Criminal Code. Besides, the punishment referred to is really the same as that provided in the draft of the new Commercial Code in the course of revision. It may be even said that the Company Regulations are rather an advanced form of legislature.

In short the rejection of bubble companies is a side object of the regulations in question and not the sole aim of the measure. The essential aim of the measure is the opening of the way for the establishment of sound and trustworthy companies in Chosen. This being quite evident, I have no doubt whatever that all intelligent people will welcome it.

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(Enclosure No. 2--despatch No. 191--Seoul, January 22, 1911.)

From Seoul Press of January 22, 1911.

FOREIGN COMPANIES IN CHOSEN.

SOME inquiries have been received by us concerning the bearings of the recently promulgated Company Regulations for Chosen on foreign companies doing business in this peninsula. In view of this we deem it expedient to explain at some length the provisions in the Regulations which concern such corporations. We find that it is provided in Article XIX that companies formed in foreign countries which have their head or branch offices in Chosen at the time these regulations come into force shall be subject to the former regulations for the time being. Further we find that it is provided in Article XX that the provisions of Article III (requiring companies formed outside of Chosen, the principal object of which is to carry on business in Chosen, to establish their head or branch offices in Chosen) shall not for the time being be enforced on such companies doing business at the time when the regulations come into force without establishing head or branch offices in Chosen. From these it becomes at once evident that the Company Regulations in question do not affect the interests of the existing foreign companies doing business in Chosen in any way whatever. It is possible that objections may be preferred against the term "for the time being." We are in a position to state that the Govenment General interpret the term in a most liberal sense. It is not interpreted by the authorities concerned as meaning any short length of time. The Governor General and his advisers are well aware of the solid foundations on which the existing foreign companies doing business in Chosen stand and highly appreciate the great service rendered by them in improving the economical condition of the country. They are convinced that the foreign corporations will continue to contribute powerfully to the material progress of the country and are therefore far from wishing to place any obstacle, however small, in the way of their development. On the contrary, as all *bona fide* foreign businessmen doing business in Chosen will willingly bear testimony, they are ever ready to give all possible facilities to their work in this peninsula. As it is, the Government General of Chosen welcome all enterprises which may be undertaken in Chosen by foreigners of good standing and reputation and will be quick to give necessary permission to them. We can safely say that there is no fear whatever that either those foreign companies already doing business in Chosen or those that may be formed for that purpose, provided they are trustworthy, will ever find the company Regulations irksome and inconvenient.

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MEMORANDUM

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May 5, 1911.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAY 5 1911

Dear Mr. Miller:

While I suppose that theoretically we have not yet surrendered our extra-territorial rights in Korea, still as a practical matter, they would seem to be pretty largely "gone,"--Japan having given us the price of our acquiescence. If this be so, it is not easy to see why we should not permit Japan to govern Korea the way she governs her home territory.

It seems to me, therefore, your reply is O. K.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

May 4, 5 p. m.

See Scidmore despatch number one hundred and eighty-three, January tenth: Should he advise American corporation not heretofore doing business in Korea to comply with the ordinance referred to in his despatch?

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AMEMBASSY,

Tokyo.

Your telegram May 4, 5 p.m.

The Department sees no good reason for protesting against the new ordinances relating to commercial companies in Korea. American corporations should, therefore, be advised to comply with the ordinances in question unless the corporations of other countries are accorded more favorable treatment.

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SUBJECT: Regulations for the control of the Collection of Subscriptions.

JAN 10 1912 FILE, U.S.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation, made in this office, of Regulations for the control of the collection of subscriptions of money or goods, (Order No. 138), promulgated and put in force on November 9, 1911.

The first four articles of this ordinance deal with the securing of permits to make such collections. The granting of the permits is put in the hands of the Police Departments of the several provinces, except in case the collection is to cover more than one province, in which case only the Director General of Police at Seoul has the authority to issue the permit. But as usual, the consent of the Governor General is required to make the permit valid. Extremely detailed information is required of the whole enterprise and its intentions before the permit can be issued.

Prescribed forms are laid down upon which the accounts are to be rendered; and all accounts and documents in this connection are to be preserved for three (3) years. Upon completion of the collection, the final accounts must be rendered within thirty (30) days, with a notification that the collection for which the permit was issued is ended. Any police office may receive applications, and

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may examine the accounts or papers at any time. (Articles V, VI, VII, VIII and IX).

The penalties for violation of this ordinance are prescribed in Articles X, XI, XII, XIII and XIV.

It is not intended by this ordinance to interfere with such collections of subscriptions as are already in progress - the ordinance not being retroactive.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Seidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE:

Translation, as stated.

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(Enclosure with Despatch No. 287, November 28, 1911, Seoul)

TRANSLATION.

From the Official Gazette, November 9, 1911.

Government General of Chosen Order No. 138.

Regulations for the control of the collection of subscriptions of money or goods are determined as follows.

November 9, 1911.

Count Terauchi,
Governor General of Chosen.

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS OF MONEY OR GOODS.

Article I. Persons who intend to collect subscriptions of money or goods, not limited to any particular list of names, shall furnish the following items of information, and shall obtain a permit to be issued by the Superintendent of Police (if in Keijo (Seoul), from the Director General of Police; and the same distinction shall hold hereafter in this ordinance). But whenever the limits within which such collection is to be made lie within two or more provinces, a permit from the Director General of Police shall be obtained; and whenever they lie in both Keijo (Seoul) and other localities in Keiki Province, the same provisions shall apply:

1. The object of the collection.
2. The manner of collection.
3. Kinds of money or goods to be collected, the maximum quantity and its custody, and the method of disposition.
4. The limits within which the collection is to be made.

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made.

5. Period within which the collection is to be made.

6. The enterprise contemplated.

7. Estimate of receipts and expenditures.

8. Expenses of collection.

9. Location of central office and agencies.

10. The domiciles, addresses, occupations, names, and ages of the collectors; and if a corporation, its name, and the domiciles, addresses, occupations, names, and ages of its representatives.

Article II. Whenever any change occurs in the items mentioned in the previous article, Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, or in the representatives of a corporation, the reasons shall be furnished and a permit obtained from the Permit Bureau. But in case persons who have received a permit for collecting subscriptions of money or goods within the boundaries of a single province intend to make such collection in two or more provinces, they shall obtain a permit to be issued by the Director General of Police through the Permit Bureau.

Whenever any change has occurred in the central office, agencies, name of corporation, collectors, or in the domiciles, addresses, occupations, or names of company representatives, such fact shall be reported to the Permit Bureau within seven (7) days.

Article III. Whenever it is intended to secure the permit referred to in the previous articles, the approval of the Governor General of Chosen shall be obtained, either by the Superintendent of Police or by the Director General of Police if he has received beforehand the approval of the office of the Chief of the Province.

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Article IV. Whenever persons collecting money or goods intend to engage in collecting through other people, they shall furnish information of the domiciles, addresses, occupations, names, and ages of such other people, and shall obtain a permit from the Permit Bureau. Whenever any change has occurred in such addresses, occupations or names, or whenever such a business has been abolished, such fact shall be reported to the Permit Bureau within seven (7) days.

Article V. The persons who collect subscriptions of money or goods shall make clear the receipts and disbursements of the subscribed money or goods, submitting the accounts on the attached forms.

Persons engaged in collecting money or goods in accordance with the previous articles shall state the items necessary for accounting for assistance rendered, stating them on the attached forms.

Article VI. The documents relating to the accounts and to the receipt and disposition of the collected money or goods shall be preserved for a period of three years.

Article VII. The police officials and the gendarmes may at any time examine the accounts or documents relating to the collection of subscriptions of money or goods.

Article VIII. Whenever the persons collecting subscriptions of money or goods shall have abolished, suspended, or completed such collection, and whenever they shall have completed the estimated receipts and expenditures and the enterprise, they shall report such fact to the Permit Bureau within thirty (30) days, attaching the settled

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Article IX. Applications which have been presented to the Director General of Police or to the Superintendent of Police in accordance with this ordinance, shall pass through the Police Office (this term includes sub-police offices and sub-gendarmerie stations and detachments in charge of police affairs).

Article X. Whenever the Permit Bureau shall consider it necessary or shall consider that the persons collecting subscriptions of money or goods have violated this ordinance, it may limit or prohibit the collection, and cancel the permit, or order the return of the collected money or goods.

In case it is intended to use any of the methods of settlement referred to in the previous clause, the provisions of Article III shall apply.

Article XI. The Permit Bureau may, whenever the persons engaged in collecting subscriptions of money or goods violate this ordinance or act illegitimately, cancel such permit.

Article XII. Persons who violate this ordinance or regulations based upon it, or who make false statements in the accounts, or who do not give the required statements truthfully, or who resist the examination provided for i in Article VII, shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred yen and imprisonment, or to a minor fine.

Article XIII. In case the acts of a corporation fall within the purview of the previous article, the represent-

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atives of such corporation shall be punished.

Article XIV. Persons engaged in the collection of subscriptions of money or goods cannot avoid such punishment on the ground that the acts of the person actually making such collection were not done in accordance with their orders.

Supplementary Ordinances.

This ordinance shall take effect from the date of its promulgation.

This ordinance is not directed against persons who have not completed such a collection, even though they have not obtained a permit for the collection of subscriptions of money or goods, if it was commenced before the going into effect of this ordinance; but does apply to acts committed after the going into effect of this ordinance.

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Subject: Police Regulations concerning Registration of Travellers and Changes of Residence.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

Referring to my despatch No.233, of June 24, 1911, I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation, made in this office, of Order No.71, dated July 10, 1913, taking effect August 1, 1913, of the Government General of Chosen, embodying amendments to the Police Regulations concerning the registration of travellers and changes of residence. These amendments cover details of a minor character in the matter of times and modes of reports to be made to police stations.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

Enclosure: Translation, as above stated.

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 443 - April 12, 1913 - Seoul)

(Translation)

From Official Gazette of July 10, 1913.

Order No.71 of the Government General of Chosen.

Revisions are made as follows in the Lodging and Residence Regulations.

July 10, 1913.

Count Masatake Terauchi
Governor General of Chosen.

Article 1. The proprietor of a hotel or any one receiving guests for hire, shall state the following items in the Register of guests at the time a guest arrives or leaves; at the time of arriving, items under Nos. 1 to 3, and at the time of leaving, name of a guest (For troops, or a number of students in company, number of people, and the name of the commander or leader) and items under No.4, shall be reported to the Police Office (Sub-Police Office, or Sub-Gendarmerie or Gendarmerie Detachment in charge of police affairs, and same applies hereafter) or Police Station concerned (Police Box, Gendarmerie Detachment or Sub-Gendarmerie Detachment, and same applies hereafter) before 10 a.m. for matters up to 9 a.m. on that day, and, for matters after that hour, before 1 a.m. on the following day, but, as for the places where there is no Police Office or Police Station, except in cases of special designation by the Chief of a Police Office, items determined shall be stated in the Register of guests which should be presented to the police authorities or gendarmes who are at examination, and reports may not be made.

1. Names, registered residences,(In case of a foreigner, nationality) addresses, business and ages of guests, but for troops or a number of students in company, the

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name of the party, name of school, number of people, and official title or name of the commander or leader, for nobles or peers, their family title and names, and for Government or public officers, or members of Diet organized under law or ordinance, only their official titles and names may be stated.

2. Former lodging place.

3. Date and hours of arrival.

4. Date and hour of departure and destination.

Persons who do not receive guests for hire, but whose guests stay for ten days, shall, for the guests, report the items under Nos. 1 to 3 of the preceding clause during the following day, and when the guests are leaving, they shall, within 3 days, report the names of guests, (For troops or a number of students in company, the number of people, and the name of the commander or leader) and items under No.4 of the preceding clause to the Police Office or Police Station concerned.

Article 3. A person who sets up a household to live in, or who, without setting up a household, lives in the same prefecture or district for more than two months, shall, within ten days of actual residence, report the following facts concerning himself and his family to the Police Office or Police Station (except Police Box) concerned.

1. Name.

2. Registration (Incase of a foreigner, nationality and residence in the foreign country)

3. Business.

4. Date of birth.

5. Place of residence.

6. Date of residing.

7. Former residence.

8. Whether or not the head of the house (If not the head of the house, relation to the head of the house).

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When any changes occur in Nos. 1 to 3 and No.5 of the preceding clause, or in cases of births, deaths, disappearances, change of nationality, it shall be reported within ten days, but in case a resident is dead or disappeared, the formality of report shall be made by the heir, the head of the house, house family or others living together in a house.

In Article 5, "5 days" is changed to "10 days", and "or Police Station (except Police Box)" shall be added after "Police Office."

Article 7. Reports under Article 3 shall be through the Village (Myun) or district (Bu) office, but reports by Japanese residing in the limits of Municipal Councils shall be through the offices of Municipal Councils.

In Article 8, "and Police Station (except Police Box)" shall be added after "Police Office".

- Supplementary Rule.

This Order shall go into effect from August 1, 1913.

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No.62. C/S.

CONSULAR BUREAU,
DEC 26 1914
DEPT. OF STATE.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, November 19, 1914.

SUBJECT: Revision of Company Regulations.

Office of Foreign Trade Advisers
DEC 21 1914
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to Mr. Scidmore's despatch No.183, of January 10, 1911, forwarding a translation of the Company Ordinance of Chosen and the detailed regulations for the enforcement of that ordinance, I have the honor to enclose herewith two copies of a translation, made in this office, of certain revisions in the regulations referred to, which revision was published in the OFFICIAL GAZETTE of November 13, 1914.

The present changes are merely along the line of simplification of the existing regulations, and show no departure from the previous policy of the Government General.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond Miller

American Consul General.

Enclosures:
2 copies of Translation, as stated.

Copy sent to Tokyo Embassy.

File No.850.3.

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(Enclosure with despatch No.62 - November 19, 1914 - Seoul.)

TRANSLATION. C.

From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of November 13, 1914.

Order No.162 of the Government General of Chosen.

The detailed regulations for the enforcement of the Company Ordinance are hereby revised as follows:

COUNT MASATAKE TERAUCHI

November 13, 1914. Governor General of Chosen.

Article 3. Whenever a person who has received authorization under the provisions of Article 1 of the Company Ordinance desires to alter any of the items mentioned in Article 1, Section 1, or 4 to 6 inclusive before the coming into existence of the company, he shall secure the consent of the Governor General of Chosen; provided that this rule shall not apply to alterations in the names or addresses of partners with unlimited liability or of the promoters.

In cases falling under the proviso of the preceding clause, the matter shall be reported without delay to the Governor General of Chosen; and when an alteration has been made in any of the items mentioned in Article 1, Sections 2, 3, or 7, the same procedure shall be followed.

Article 3.B. The permission of the Governor General of Chosen shall be secured whenever a company which has been established under permission granted under the provisions of Article 1 of the Company Ordinance or one which has secured permission under Article 2 of

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that Ordinance desires to alter any of the items mentioned in Article 1, Section 1 or 4; provided that this rule shall not apply to companies establishing only a branch office in Chosen when the main business of such company is not carried on in Chosen.

Article 3.C. Companies which have been established under permission granted under the provisions of Article 1 of the Company Ordinance and those which have secured permission under Article 2 of that Ordinance shall without delay report the following items to the Governor General of Chosen:-

1. Changes in any of the items mentioned in Article 1, Sections 2,3,or 7; except the establishment of a branch office outside of Chosen by a company falling under the proviso of the preceding Article and changes in such branch.

2. The names and addresses of new partners with unlimited liability or of new directors, auditors, or representatives in Chosen.

3. Alterations in the names and/or addresses of partners with unlimited liability or of directors, auditors, or representatives in Chosen.

Whenever companies falling within the proviso of the foregoing Article desire to alter any of the items mentioned in Article 1, Section 1 or 4, the procedure detailed in the foregoing clause shall be followed.

Article 10. The words "over the place where the head or branch office of the company is located" are changed to read "over the place where the head office is located or where the representative in Chosen has his residence".

Article 11. The words "shall, in the following cases, be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment for not more than one year or to a fine of not more than 200

yen

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yen" are changed to read "shall, when falling within the purview of Sections 1 to 3 inclusive, be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment for not more than one year or to a fine of not more than 200 yen, and, when falling within the purview of Section 4 or 5, to a fine of not more than 200 yen"; and Sections 1 and 4 are changed to read as follows:-

1. If any of the items mentioned in Article 1, Section 1, or Sections 4 to 6 inclusive, have been altered, in violation of the provisions of Article 3, Clause 1; or if any of the items mentioned in Article 1, Section 1 or 4, have been altered, in violation of the provisions of Article 3.B.

4. If reports are not rendered, in violation of the provisions of Article 3, Clause 2, Article 3.C., or Article 5.

Supplementary Regulations.

This order shall go into effect from the date of its publication.

Inasmuch as it was required by the regulations heretofore in force that permission should be secured for certain items, where under this order such items shall only be reported; those items an application for permission for which was filed prior to the going into effect of this order, and disposition of which has not yet been made shall be considered as having been reported in accordance with the present regulations.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

September 5, 1912.

FILE,
G. E. S.

SUBJECT: Ordinance for control of Fire Arms and Ammunition.

Office of Foreign Trade Advisers
OCT 14 1912
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sent to C# 3186

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Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a translation, made in this office, of Ordinance No.3, for the control of the manufacture, sale, transportation and keeping of fire arms and ammunition, promulgated by the Government General on August 21, 1912.

This ordinance prohibits the manufacture of military fire arms and gunpowder and the like; requires persons importing or exporting or dealing in such articles to obtain permits from an administrative office; prohibits the sale of such articles by peddling, or at markets, street stalls or otherwise outdoors; and provides maximum fines for infractions of five hundred yen,($249,) and imprisonment of not more than one year.

confidential

I am not aware of anything in this ordinance that will militate against American interests in Chosen.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. R. Reid Moore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Translation of Ordinance, as above stated.

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(Enclosure with despatch No.369 of Sep.5,1912 - Seoul.)

(Translation from Official Gazette of Chosen of
August 21, 1912.)

Ordinance for the control of Fire-arms, Gunpowder and the like is hereby promulgated in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Law No.30 of Meiji 44 (1911), Imperial consent having been obtained.

Ordinance No. 3.

Ordinance for the control of Fire-arms, Gunpowder, and the like.

Article 1 - Military fire-arms may not be manufactured or remade.

Persons who are not arms-manufacturers, or persons who have not obtained permission from an administrative office, may not manufacture or remake non-military fire arms.

Article 2 - Gun-powder and the like may not be manufactured. Persons who have not obtained permission from an administrative office, may not transform or renew gun-powder and the like.

Article 3 - Persons who have not obtained permission from an administrative office, may not export or import, or re-export or re-import fire-arms, gun-powder and the like.

Article 4 - Persons who have not obtained permission from an administrative office, may not transfer or receive fire-arms, but it shall not be so limited in case arms-manufacturers or arms-sellers transfer or receive non-military fire-arms.

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Article 5 - Persons who are not seller of gunpowder and the like, or persons who have not obtained permission from an administrative office, may not transfer or receive gunpowder and the like.

Article 6 - Persons who desire to engage in the business of manufacture or sale of non-military fire-arms, or sale of gunpowder and the like, must receive permits from an administrative office, but this shall not apply to wholesale arms-manufacturers of non-military firearms which they have manufactured or improved.

Persons who continue the business mentioned in the preceding clause in consequence of inheritance, shall be considered as persons who have obtained permits.

Persons who engage in business of repairing fire-arms or of remaking non-military fire-arms, shall be considered as arms-manufacturers.

Article 7 - Fire-arms, gunpowder and the like may not be sold by peddling, or at markets, street stalls or otherwise outdoors.

Article 8 - Administrative offices may, at any time, despatch officials to inspect working places or storing places of fire-arms, gunpowder and the like, and other places suspected to contain any fire-arms, gunpowder and the like, and also to examine fire-arms, gunpowder and the like, other suspicious articles therein, account books and other documents.

Administrative offices may, for the prevention

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of any danger, order to be rebuilt or repaired working places or storing places of gunpowder and the like, and also take necessary dispositions for control in regard to storing, transportation and other transactions relating to gunpowder and the like.

Article 9 - Administrative offices may, when deemed necessary for the preservation of the peace, military affair or diplomacy, prohibit or limit export or import, or re-export or re-import of fire arms, gunpowder and the like.

Article 10 - Administrative offices may, when deemed necessary for preservation of the public peace and order, prohibit or limit delivery or receipt, transportation carrying or use of fire arms, gunpowder and the like.

Article 11 - Administrative offices may, in cases mentioned in the preceding two articles, temporarily receive and keep fire-arms, gunpowder and the like.

Article 12 - The Governor General of Chosen shall determine the necessary regulations in regard to the following items:

1. Limits of fire arms, gunpowder and the like, to which this ordinance is to be applied.
2. Dealings with, transfer, use, transportation, storing or other transactions in connection with fire-arms, gunpowder and the like.
3. Items regarding persons in charge of fire-arms, gunpowder and the like.
4. Items in regard to working places and storing places of fire-arms, gunpowder and the like.
5. Items regarding works or industries which need gunpowder and the like.

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Article 13 - This ordinance or orders founded upon this ordinance may, wholly or partly, apply to weapons and explosives, which are not fire-arms, gunpowder and the like, in the discretion of the Governor General of Chosen.

The Governor General of Chosen shall establish special regulations in regard to fire-arms, gunpowder and the like which are not considered as necessary to apply as a part of this ordinance.

Article 14 - In case any one falls within the purview of any one of the following items, an administrative office may cancel the permit given in accordance with this ordinance or orders founded upon this ordinance, and also suspend or limit works or actions which have been authorized by such permit.

1. When a person, who has obtained a permit regarding manufacture, remake or repair of fire arms, transformation or renewal of gunpowder and the like, or sale of fire arms, gunpowder and the like, does not commence his business within the period determined by an administrative office, or when he suspends his business more than one year after its commencement.

2. When a permit is obtained through a false report.

3. When a person who has obtained a permit, violates laws or ordinances.

4. When there is a fear that a person who has obtained a permit, may disturb public peace and order.

Article 15. Persons who violate the provisions of Articles 1 to 3, engage in business under Article 6 without permits, violate orders in accordance with the provisions of Articles 9 and 14, or transfer or receive military fire arms, violating the provisions of Article 4, and persons who have obtained permits

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through false reports, in accordance with this ordinance, shall be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment of not more than two years, or to a fine of not more than one thousand yen.

Offenses attempted in violation of clause 1 of Article 1, clause 1 of Article 2, the provisions of Article 3, or the orders in accordance with the provisions of Article 9, shall be punished.

Article 16. Persons who transfer or receive non-military fire arms, violating the provisions of Article 4, and Article 5, or violate the orders in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, shall be liable to penal servitude or imprisonment of not more than one year, or to a fine of not more than three hundred yen.

Article 17. Persons who violate the orders in accordance with the provisions of clause 2 of Article 8, or refuse, impede or evade in carrying out duties in accordance with the provisions of clause 1 of Article 8, or the provisions of Article 11, or do not answer to the inquiries of authorities concerned, or make false statements, shall be liable to a fine of not more than five hundred yen.

Article 18. Persons who violate the provisions of Article 7, shall be liable to a fine of not more than three hundred yen or to a minor fine.

Article 19. When a business man or a person who carries on business, with permission from an administrative office, concerning fire arms, gunpowder and the like, is a minor or a person who has been adjudged to be non-compos mentis, penal regulations in accordance with this

ordinance

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ordinance or orders founded upon this ordinance, shall apply to his legal representative, but it shall not be so limited to a minor who has the same legal capacity as an adult in business.

Article 20. A business man or a person who carries on business, with permission from ~~the~~ an administrative office, in regard to fire arms, gunpowder and the like, may not, (when his agent, the head of a house, house family, persons living in the same house, employees or other persons engaged in business, violate this ordinance or orders founded upon this ordinance in connection with the business or works,) be relieved from punishment, although it has not been caused under his instruction.

Article 21. In cases coming under the preceding two articles, punishments other than fine, minor fine or confiscation, may not apply.

Article 22. The provisions of article 3 of Ordinance No.4 [relating to indirect taxes] of 1st year of Taisho (1912), shall apply to offences in accordance with this ordinance or orders founded upon this ordinance.

Supplementary Rules.

The Governor General of Chosen shall determine the date of the enforcement of this ordinance.

The penal regulations for the control of explosives under Article 1 of the Chosen Criminal ordinance shall not, in consequence of this ordinance, be hindered in validity.

Persons who have obtained permits for repairs of fire arms, or sale of fire arms, gunpowder and the like,

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or persons who have obtained permits for export or import, re-export or re-import, transfer, or receipt of fire arms, gunpowder and the like, prior to the enforcement of this ordinance, shall be considered as persons who have obtained permits in accordance with this ordinance.

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The H. & D. Folsom Arms Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF SHOTGUNS, LEATHER & CANVAS GOODS

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New York.

EXPORT DEPARTMENT

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May 16th.1922.

Division of
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS
MAY 18 1922
Department of State.

Ans'd
May 24 1922
file E.J.C.

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The State Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Kindly advise us if it is necessary to secure a permit to ship shotguns to Chemulpo, Korea, and if same can be shipped via. parcel post?

Thanking you in advance for your attention, we are,

Yours respectfully,

THE H & D FOLSOM ARMS CO.

E. E. Jonas

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BY _____ DATE _____

In reply refer to
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May 24 1922

Mr. E. G. Jonas,

Export Department,

The H. & D. Folsom Arms Company,

314 Broadway, New York City.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 16, 1922, inquiring whether it is necessary to obtain a permit to ship shotguns to Chemulpo, Korea, and whether they can be shipped by parcel post.

In reply you are advised that no permit from this Government is necessary for shipment of the above described firearms from the United States to Korea. The Department is not advised, however, as to the regulations of the Japanese Government regarding the importation of such articles into Korea. For information regarding shipments to foreign countries by parcel post it is

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suggested that you communicate with the Post Office Department which has charge of such matters.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

Assistant Secretary.

Alvey A. Adee
MAY 19, 1922

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A true signed copy of the original.

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NOTE

SEE 846g.113/- for letter from Treas. Dept. June 10, 1922
re:

requesting information re issuance of
permits for shipments of firearms
to Korea.

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895.114/-

DIVISION OF
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

February 25, 1919.

Subject: Morphine and Opium in Chosen.

From Consulate at Seoul, January 16, 1919.

The Consul reports that he has obtained statistics covering importations of morphine into Chosen in the luggage of passengers and by parcel post during the year 1916 and 1917.

	1916	1917
By Parcel Post	$9240.00	$1144.00
By luggage	$ 458.00	$1680.00

adding these values to the totals given in a previous despatch brings the totals for the two years up to the following.

1916 .....$10,553.00
1917 .....$ 3,354.00

Imports of Morphine from all sources during the first eleven months of the year 1918 .....$3,901.00

The Consul requests that this additional information be transmitted to Mrs. Hamilton Wright.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 16, 1919.

DIVISION OF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS FEB 11 1919
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SUBJECT: Morphine and Opium in Chosen.

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895.1144

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Supplementing my despatch No. 321, of January 9, 1919 transmitting a brief memorandum on morphine and opium in Chosen I have the honor to report that additional and reliable information has now been secured regarding the importations of morphine into Chosen during the years 1916 and 1917 by parcel post and in the luggage of travellers. The value of the imports by parcel post during the two years mentioned were $9240. and $1144. respectively. During the same two years the imports in the luggage of travellers were valued at $458. and $1680. respectively. The addition of these figures to the values as given in the table of imports accompanying my despatch above mentioned gives total imports for the year 1916 of $10,553. and in the year 1917 of $3,354.

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The quantity of the importations by parcel post and in the luggage of travellers are not available.

The figures for the value of the imports of morphine into this country during the first eleven months of the year 1918 are as follows:- $3901, from all sources. These figures should be added to the table of imports furnished with my previous memorandum. It is requested that this additional information be also communicated to Mrs. Hamilton Wright, 1521 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymund Stinhee
Consul in Charge.

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BY James E. Pumas DATE 10/19/62

March 10, 1919.

In reply refer to
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Mrs. Hamilton Wright,

1521 New Hampshire Avenue,

Washington, D. C.

Madam:

At the request of the American Consul in Charge at Seoul, Chosen, the Department is enclosing for your information a copy of his despatch No. 328 of January 16, 1919, on the subject of "Morphine and Opium in Chosen".

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

WILBUR J. CARR.

Director of the Consular Service.

Enclosure:

From Seoul, Chosen,
No. 328, January 16, 1919.

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A true copy of the signed original. MH70

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 9, 1919.

DIVISION OF CONSULAR BUREAU,
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A3 To Mrs. Wright
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a brief memorandum regarding the morphine trade in Chosen, together with comments on the cultivation of the poppy. This information has been gathered primarily at the suggestion of Mrs. Hamilton Wright, of 1521 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C., who passed through Chosen last summer on a tour of investigation in the Orient. It is requested that the extra copy of this memorandum be forwarded to Mrs. Wright at the address given.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond Thurber
Consul in Charge.

Enclosure:

Memorandum, as stated.

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 321. of January 9, 1919 - Seoul)

MEMORANDUM

on

MORPHINE AND OPIUM IN CHOSEN.

The imports of morphine into Chosen during the six years from 1912 to 1917 inclusive are shown in the following table taken from the Customs Returns of the Government General of Chosen:-

Imports of Morphine into Chosen,
1912-1917, inclusive.

Country of origin	1912		1913		1914	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		$		$		$
Great Britain	2,989	10,532	158	491	901	1,591
Germany	1	2	1	4	25	75
U.S.America	---	---	---	---	---	---
Japan	1,103	3,701	1,827	6,141	700	1,952
Total	4,093	$ 14,235	1,986	$ 6,636	1,626	$ 3,618

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Country of origin	1915		1916		1917	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
		$		$		$
Great Britain	5,121	14,801	70	225	---	---
Germany	2	14	---	---	---	---
U.S.America	1	5	---	---	---	---
Japan	45	187	159	630	75	530
Total	5,169	15,007	229	855	75	530

N.B. Quantities in ounces
Values in U.S.Gold Dollars
(@ $.4985 = Yen 1.00)

No separate report is made of the exports of morphine, and it may be doubted if there is much declared to the Customs. Such as might conceivably use this country as a possible channel of entering China would be shipped through

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without any customs formalities here. For information as to this trade the export figures for Japan proper would probably be found more illuminating. There would seem to be little doubt but that some at least of the morphine imported into Chosen is of Japanese manufacture, although too much reliance should not be placed on the statements as to the country of origin of imports into Chosen. These figures are compiled on the basis of the import declarations of the consignee, and errors frequently occur in this regard, as all imports from countries other than those in Asia must as a general rule be transshipped at either Kobe or Shanghai.

The question of the extent of the cultivation of the poppy in Chosen is one on which it is as yet impossible to secure reliable information. It is grown at present under a loose system of surveillance, and it is the announced intention of the authorities to promulgate new regulations for the industry, apparently with a view to making the control more effective. The budget for the year 1919-20 as presented to the Japanese Diet for approval carries one item of revenue, amounting to $270,147, as proceeds from the new opium tax to be created, and one item of expenditure, amounting to $182,816, in connection with the enforcement of the new opium ordinance.

As soon as the new opium ordinance to be created is put into force, it is presumed that statistics of the cultivation of the poppy and the manufacture of opium will be available and from official sources. Such statistics

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have been promised and will be transmitted as soon as received.

Raymond Clinton
Consul in Charge.

American Consulate General,
Seoul, Chosen,
January 9, 1919.

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February 28, 1919.

895.114 NARCOTICS/1

Mrs. Hamilton Wright,

1521 New Hampshire Avenue,

Washington, D. C.

Madam:

At the request of Mr. Raymond S. Curtice the American Consul in Charge at Seoul, Chosen, the Department encloses for your information a copy of his despatch of January 9, 1919, on the subject of "Morphine and Opium in Chosen."

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

WILBUR J. CARR,

Director of the Consular Service.

Enclosure:

From Seoul, No. 321, January 9, 1919.

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Division of Far Eastern
Affairs.

March 24, 1919.

Subject: Export of Morphia and similar products from Korea. Order issued by Governor of Chosen.

From Consul at Seoul, February 10,1919.

The Consul General refers to reports appearing in the foreign press in China to the effect that large quantities of morphine and similar products are being imported into China from Japanese sources. and encloses a translation of Order No. 5 issued by the Government General of Chosen regulating the export of certain drugs list of wh ch is included in the order.
List includes:
Morphine and other alkaloids of opium.
Chemical and medicinal compounds thereof,
Opium and manufactures and compounds thereof,
Cocaine Muriate.

The order forbids ~~of~~ the shipment of these and other drugs unless information of port of destination, name and address of consignee is given and permission to export granted by the Police authorities.

Infringement is punishable by fine of not more than yen 100 or a sentence of penal servitude of not more than three months.

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The Government have undoubtedly been moved to issue somewhat more stringent regulations governing the export of morphine by the bitter criticisms recently appearing in the press of China, both native and foreign, of the alleged unrestricted sale, throughout northern China and Manchuria, of the drug by Japanese.

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No. 9.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, February 10, 1919.

DIVISION OF
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS
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Copy sent to Am. Mission

Enclosing Order No. 5 of February 5, 1919,

SUBJECT: Governing the Export of Morphine and Other Drugs.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward a translation of Order No. 5, dated February 5, 1919, of the Government General of Chosen, regulating the export of certain drugs, more particularly morphine and opium and their derivatives, and repealing Order No. 128 of 1914, a translation of which was an enclosure to Mr. Consul General Miller's despatch No. 54 of September 1, 1914, to which reference is made.

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The NORTH CHINA PRESS published on January 10, 1919, the following from its Peking correspondent: "In North China, at least, there seems to be hardly a hsien in which Japanese agents are not selling morphia products and hypodermic syringes. The local newspapers are daily giving records from various places indicating that the trade goes on almost without interruption.

"I have just seen reports that are full of interest in this connection, which show that at practically every city and town between Tientsin and the Great Wall along the line of the Peking-Mukden railway, there are Japanese agents dealing in drug and utensils, and evidently doing a thriving trade. In this part of China there is comparatively little actual peddling of the drug by Japanese peddlars, but the peddling is done by Chinese, who get their supplies from Japanese sources. The Japanese, however, are waking up to the fact that somebody is taking notice of this traffic, for recently it has happened that when, in accordance with a scheme that is on foot for obtaining information on this subject, non-using Chinese, the servants of foreigners in fact, have gone to Japanese shops to buy opium, they have been refused because they could not show the marks of hypodermic syringes."

In its issue of January 12, 1919, the KEISHIN SHIMBUN, a Japanese daily issued at Peking, accuses Americans and Britishers of using mission schools and hospitals for the storage of opium and morphine. The article reads in

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As to the trade in morphine in Chosen I have the honor to refer the Department to despatches Nos. 321 and 328 of Mr. Curtice, Consul in Charge, dated January 9 and January 16, 1919, respectively.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ad Morsholz.

Consul General.

Enclosure:

Order No. 5 of February 5, 1919.

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TRANSLATION of Order No. 5 of February 5, 1919. From OFFICIAL GAZETTE, February 5, 1919.

ORDER NO. 5 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

Regulations for the control of exports of medicinal articles are hereby promulgated as follows:

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

February 5, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

Article 1. For the time being persons who desire to export the medicinal articles hereinafter specified must furnish information as to the names and quantities of such articles, the ports of shipment, the ports of destination, and the names, addresses and firm names of the consignees, and must receive the permission of the Superintendent General of Police through the Provincial Chief of Police; and the same shall apply to persons desiring to reexport from storage in bonded warehouses the medicinal articles detailed in Section 1.

Section 1. Morphine and other alkaloids of opium,
chemical and medicinal compounds thereof,
opium and manufactures and compounds thereof,
cocaine muriate.

Section 2. Quinine sulphate

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antipyrin
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rhizoma filicis

Article 2. Persons violating the provisions of the foregoing article shall be punished with penal servitude for not more than three months or a fine of not more than Yen 100.

Supplementary Regulations.

This order shall go into effect from the date of its promulgation.

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No. 9.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, February 10, 1919.

Enclosing Order No. 5 of February 5, 1919,
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(Signed) LEO BERGHOLZ.

Consul General.

Enclosure:

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A true copy of the signed original.
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Supplementary Regulations.

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EE 895.

April 25, 1919.

Sent to Am. Mission
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Subject: Poppy cultivation in K orea.

Peking,
March 21,1919.

From Legation at Peking, March 21, 1919.

The Legation encloses a copy of a report prepared by Rev. Thwing to the effect that the Japanese Government has encouraged the growing of opium poppy in Korea. Mr. Thwing quotes a semi official report to show that investigations were carried out to determine the suitability of the Korean soil for the growing of opium poopy and stating that the Government had accepted the suggestion that the poppy be grown.

Mr. Thwing points out that the sum of yen 366,732 was included in the budget to meet the expense of the new departure. The Koreans are encouraged to grown the drug which it is stated is to be used for medicine.

This reportof Mr. Thwing's was evidently addressed to the Seoul Press.

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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:

Memorandum received from Dr. Edward W. Thwing.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Paul S. Reinsch

Enclosure:

Memorandum received from Dr. Edward W.Thwing.

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Peking, March 20th 1919.

Memorandum for the American Minister

on Poppy cultivation in Korea.

For the past two years, I have been studying this question. In 1917 The Experiment was made by the Japanese, in one province, Hwanghaido, of cultivation of opium for commercial uses.

I call on the responsible officials in Seoul, and they said they would not continue the plan. In 1918 (June) they published regulations for the cultivation of the poppy, under the direction of some Japanese Drug firm, for "medicine"! This year April 1st new rules are to go into opperation, to permit a very wide cultivation, see following letter.

It is to be hoped that the present revolt may change present plans, and put a stop to this most injurious plan, for wholesale cultivation of Opium in Korea.

(signed) Edward W. Thwing.

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Opium Cultivation in Korea.

To the Editor:-

A recent issue of the Seoul Press contained the following statement:

"The authorities of Chosen, far from ever encouraging the cultivation of the poppy or trade in Opium, are eager to put an end to the whole business." If such were really the case, with the strong Japanese Government, the cultivation would not continue another year. But do not facts indicate that it is the Japanese Government that has introduced the policy of opium cultivation in Korea? Previous to 1917 there was little Opium cultivation in Chosen. It is admitted by the Authorities that "as a rule its cultivation had been prohibited". Why then this new plan? I was told, personally in 1917 by the officials in Seoul, that the experiment was to be made to see if opium production in Korea could be made a paying production. It is now admitted ("Seoul Press" Feb. 17th 1919) that "soil of Chosen is remarkably fitted for the cultivation of the poppy" and that the attention of the Japanese has been attracted to this matter and that "the suggestion as to its growth has been accepted by the Government General". And it is to supply "the big deficit of 50,200 Kwan" that the cultivation of the poppy will be permitted in the country." This does not look like a desire for prohibition, or a wish "to put an end to the whole business." In fact it is encouraging the cultivation under official control with a prospect of great gain, although it will be a curse to China and a danger to Japan. How great is this proposed new cultivation, is shown from the

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fact that "366,732 yen has been incorporated in the Budget to meet the expenses of the new departure" of Regulations for its growth were published last Summer, in Korean newspapers, the Koreans have been encouraged to plant opium by the Japanese. New Regulations will be issued on April 1 next. The Koreans are told that "the Morphine /Opium is to be for medicine". What medicine? Morphia! Japan is gaining a great name today for the Morphia trade. Is it a name that the Japanese can be proud of? The unrefutted statement has been made, with abundance of circumstantial proofs, that last year, through the Japanese post office, or otherwise, Japan imported or smuggled some 18 tons of Morphia into China, enough to give daily poison to about two million Chinese. Let me ask a few questions. Can the Chinese be friendly to Japan if this continues? Will opium cultivation in Korea increase this danger? Do the Korean people want their land another India? In China the people have some freedom of expression, and can protest against a wrong by their government. If the Koreans should gather and protest against the debauching of their land by opium, what would be the result? Are there some Japanese ready to protest? When the opium question came up in the British House of Commons there was strong opposition. Was there any opposition when this new opium policy passed the Japanese House of Representatives. This whole question is certainly a great indignation throughout China, among both Chinese and foreigners. A strong International Committee in Peking, considered this Morphia danger from Japan, just a short time ago, and sent a telegram about it, to the Peace Conference in Paris. For the sake of gain to certain drug men, can the Japanese people aford

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to have this great Morphia evil continue? It needs to be carefully considered, and publicly discussed. If Korea becomes a large opium producing country much evil will follow. All who wish for true progress should do everything possible to discourage this new and dangerous policy.

Pyeng Yang, Korea.

E.W.Thwing

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, July 21, 1919.

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Copy to Mr. Hamilton Wright
Aug. 27, 1919.
August 29, 1919.

SUBJECT: Control of Morphine and Opium in Chosen.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to the correspondence from this Office in the matter of morphine and opium in Chosen, and particularly to Mr. Consul Curtice's despatches, Nos. 321 and 328 of January 9 and 16, 1919, respectively, and to my despatch No. 9 of February 10, 1919, forwarding Order No. 5 of February 5, 1919, of the Government General regulating the export of morphine and opium, I now have the honor to enclose a translation of Ordinance No. 15 of June 11, 1919, of the Government General controlling the growth, manufacture and sale of opium in Chosen, and of Order No. 111 of June 11, 1919, for the enforcement of Ordinance No. 15 and of Order 110 of the same date directing that Ordinance No. 15 shall go into effect on June 15, 1919.

The cultivation of poppies is permitted only to those persons who have received the permission of the Government General to manufacture opium, and to such persons who desire

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desire to grow poppies for scientific, or for ornamental, purposes. Poppy growers are under the control of, and the location and extent of their poppy farms are fixed by, the Government General. The opium extracted from the poppies grown under official supervision is to be bought up by the Chosen Government. The percentage of morphine contained in opium is also fixed, and when the opium offered by growers does not contain the full rate of morphine it is to be burnt by the authorities without compensation to the cultivators.

The Government General sells the opium under its seal when it is to be used for medical purposes of for the manufacture of other drugs therefrom. The sale is made through licensed druggists who must dispose of the drug at a price fixed by the Government. The qualifications and duties of licensed opium sellers are given in detail in the regulations for the enforcement of the Ordinance.

I have the honor to forward, also, a translation of Notice No. 150 of June 11, 1919, fixing the morphine content of opium to be turned over to, and the price to be paid therefor by, the Government General. The prices fixed by the Government are, for a 5 grams content, 45¢, for a 25 grams content, $2.25, and for a 450 grams content, $38.25.

The provisions of the Ordinance governing the production and sale of opium seem to be very rigid and satisfactory, except that in Article 15 the cancellation or

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suspension of the permit of a person "committing a crime in respect of opium smoking or in connection with opium" is not made mandatory on the part of the Government.

The two main objections to the new Ordinance and the regulations would seem to lie in the fact that no provision is made for the control of imports into Chosen or the transit through the peninsula of opium or the derivatives thereof, and that the new law does not cover the production, sale, and distribution of medicines of which opium or morphine are important constituents, except in so far as the obtaining of the opium is concerned. In this connection it should be remembered that the new law is promulgated primarily in response to the wide demand for the prohibition of the importation into China from neighboring countries of opium and its derivatives, especially morphine.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your obedient servant,

Ogden Morse

Consul General.

Enclosures:

1. Ordinance No. 15 of June 11, 1919.
2. Regulation No. 111 of June 11, 1919.
3. Order No. 110 of June 11, 1919.
4. Notice No. 150 of June 11, 1919.
5. Notice No. 148 of June 11, 1919.
6. Notice No. 149 of June 11, 1919.

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(Enclosure No. 1 with despatch No. 78 of July 21, 1919 - Seoul.)

TRANSLATION of Ordinance No. 15 of June 11, 1919. From OFFICIAL GAZETTE, June 11, 1919.

ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

The Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen is hereby promulgated, Imperial consent having been obtained, in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Law No. 30 of 1911.

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

June 11, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

Article 1. Persons wishing to manufacture opium must obtain permission from the Administrative Office.

Article 2. The cultivation of poppies is prohibited except by persons who have obtained permission as mentioned in the preceding Article.

This does not apply to persons who have obtained permission from the Administrative Office to cultivate poppies for scientific study or for ornamental purposes.

Article 3. The Governor-General of Chosen shall prescribe the limits within which persons who have obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1 may cultivate poppies.

Article 4. Opium manufactured by persons who have obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1, shall be handed over to the Government every year within a period notice of which shall

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shall be given by the Administrative Office.

Purchase money shall be paid for opium handed over to the Government in accordance with the regulation of the preceding paragraph; provided, that, if the morphine content thereof does not reach the required standard, it may be destroyed by burning without remuneration.

Article 5. Opium will be sold or delivered under Government seal for use in making medicine or for medical purposes only.

No person may buy or sell, give or receive, possess or have opium other than that which is sold or delivered by the Government.

Article 6. Opium for use in making medicine will be sold to pharmacists, designated by the Administrative Office, only when required for manufacturing morphine or other alkaloid of opium or their derivatives or manufactures.

Opium for use in making medicine, sold in accordance with the preceding clause, may not be transferred to another person nor received by such.

Article 7. The Governor-General may, when it is considered necessary for purposes of control, cause the proper authorities to visit the place of manufacture, shop or other place belonging to the pharmacist who has obtained permission to sell opium for use in making medicine, and investigate materials, manufactures, implements, machinery, buildings,

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books, documents and other articles.

The Governor-General may cause persons who have obtained permission to sell opium for use in making medicine, to report the conditions of manufacture or of the sale of goods manufactured from opium.

Article 8. Opium for medical use shall be sold to medical opium dealers.

Medical opium dealers shall be appointed by the Administrative Office, from among pharmacists and druggists, the number of such persons being limited as thought suitable.

Article 9. When any physician or medical licensee, dentist, veterinary surgeon, pharmacist or druggist wishes to procure opium for medical use, he must obtain a certificate from the Administrative Office and apply for the purchase thereof to the medical opium dealer.

Article 10. Opium for medical use, except in cases covered by the regulation of clause 1 of the preceding Article or in cases specially ordered by the Governor-General of Chosen, can not be transferred or obtained unless prescribed by a Doctor, Medical licensee, dentist or veterinary surgeon.

Article 11. A medical opium dealer who has been applied to in accordance with the regulation in clause 1 of Article 9 cannot refuse to sell opium for medical use without proper reason.

Article 12. Medical opium dealers must not sell opium for

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for medical use at a price exceeding that fixed by the Government.

Article 13. Medical opium dealers must not open nor change the packing of the Government sealed receptacles of opium for medical use, nor may they break the sealing.

Medical opium dealers must not sell opium for medical use if the sealing of the Government sealed package has become ineffective or the receptacle been changed.

Article 14. Any Government Office or hospital or school established by the Government requiring opium can obtain delivery of it in accordance with the decision of the Governor-General of Chosen.

Article 15. In the event of any person who has obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1, or any pharmacist authorized by regulation of clause 1 of Article 6, or any person who has been authorized as a medical opium dealer, committing a crime in respect of opium smoking or in connection with opium, or any other corrupt practice, the Administrative Office may cancel its permission or authorization.

Article 16. In the event of any Pharmacist who has been authorized to sell opium for use in making medicine, or any dealer in opium for medical use, dying, stopping business, being prohibited or compelled to suspend his business as a punishment, or having his appointment cancelled in conformity with the preceding Article, re-purchase of opium in accordance

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with the regulation of the Governor-General must be applied for.

The same applies in the case of a pharmacist who having been authorized to sell opium for use in making medicine, relinquishes the manufacture of articles containing opium.

Article 17. The Governor-General of Chosen will issue a notification as to the purchase of opium to be delivered in accordance with the terms of clause 2 of Article 4; as to the morphine content thereof as regulated by the proviso of the same clause of the same Article; and as to the price at which opium for medical use will be sold to the medical opium dealers.

Article 18. Persons specified under any one of the following clauses shall be punished with penal servitude for not more than 2 years or a fine not exceeding 1,000 yen:

1. Any one who has made opium or cultivated poppies for the purpose of making opium without obtaining permission.
2. Any one who has infringed the regulations of clause 2 of Article 5 or clause 2 of Article 6.
3. Any one who has not handed over opium, which ought to be so handed over, to the Government.

In the case of the preceding clause, opium, provided that it does not belong to a person other than the offender, will be confiscated; in the event of the offender having

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consumed or transferred it, a sum equivalent to the price of it will be exacted: and opium belonging to a person other than the offender may be confiscated at the discretion of the Administrative Office.

Article 19. Persons specified under any one of the following clauses shall be punished with a fine not exceeding 200 yen or a police fine.

1. Any one who, having obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1, has cultivated poppies outside the limits specified in Article 3.
2. Any one who has cultivated poppies without obtaining the permission mentioned in clause 2 of Article 2.
3. Any one who does not hand over the opium to the Government within the period specified in clause 1 of Article 4.
4. Any one who refuses, or prevents, or takes exception to the investigation mentioned in clause 1, of Article 7.
5. Any one who neglects to report, or makes a false report in accordance with the regulation of clause 2 of Article 7.
6. Any one who infringes the regulations of clause 2 of Article 9, Articles 10 to 13, or Article 16.

Article 20. In the matter of the application of the regulations of the preceding two Articles, the regulations of Articles 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1912 shall apply, but in this case punishment

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punishment with penal servitude is not applicable.

Supplementary Regulations.

The date of enforcement of this Ordinance shall be determined by the Governor-General.

Persons who, at the time of the enforcement of this Ordinance, are cultivating poppies for the purpose of making opium, shall be deemed to have obtained the required permission mentioned in Article 1.

Opium in the possession of physicians, medical licensees, dentists, veterinary surgeons, or pharmacists, at the time of the enforcement of this Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been sold by the Government in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

Persons possessing opium other than opium for medical use specified in the preceding clause, at the time of the enforcement of this Ordinance, must hand it over to the Government. In this case the regulations of clause 2 of Article 4, and Articles 17 to 20 shall be applied.

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TRANSLATION of Order No. 111 of June 11, 1919. From

OFFICIAL GAZETTE, June 11, 1919.

ORDER NO. 111 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

The regulations for the enforcement of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen are laid down as follows.

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

June 11, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONTROL OF OPIUM IN CHOSEN.

Article 1. Persons who desire to manufacture opium shall make application to the Superintendent of Police, furnishing the following information and shall obtain permission therefor; and the same rule shall apply whenever it is desired to make any changes in the land for poppy cultivation or to increase the area of such land.

1. Domicile, residence, name, occupation, and date of birth.
2. Name of the place wherein the land for poppy cultivation is situated and the area of such land.

Article 2. Persons who desire to obtain permission under the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 2 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium

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in Chosen shall make application to the Superintendent of Police furnishing the names of the prefectures, villages, wards, districts, and village districts wherein the land for poppy cultivation is situated, the number, classification and area of such land, and the object of the cultivation.

Article 3. Manufacturers of opium shall, whenever they have sown poppy, report to the Superintendent of Police within ten days the names of the prefectures, villages, wards, districts, and village districts wherein the land for poppy cultivation is situated, and the number, classification and area of such land.

Article 4. Manufacturers of opium shall erect sign posts on each plot of ground on which poppy is being cultivated, such sign posts to have noted thereon the names of the prefectures, villages, wards, districts and village districts, the number and area of the land, and the residences and names of the manufacturers of the opium.

Article 5. Manufacturers of opium shall, at least three days before they desire to gather the poppy juice, report to the Police Station (including gendarmerie stations and sub-gendarmerie stations in charge of police business, and the same shall apply hereinafter) information concerning the length of time to be employed in the gathering; and within ten days after they have completed the manufacture of the

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opium report the quantity thereof.

Article 6. Manufacturers of opium shall store the manufactured opium in places or receptacles under lock.

Article 7. Whenever manufacturers of opium shall have lost opium to be delivered to the Government, they shall immediately report the fact to the Police Station.

Article 8. Notice shall be given by the Superintendent of Police of the time for delivery under the provisions of Article 4 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen.

Article 9. Manufacturers of opium shall hand over opium to the Government General of Chosen.

Manufacturers of opium, when they desire to hand over the opium, shall send it to the office of the Superintendent of Police together with the delivery notice. A wooden tag should be attached to opium to be handed over, on which should be inscribed the quantity of the opium and the name and address of the manufacturer.

Article 10. Whenever a manufacturer of opium shall have ceased his business or died, or whenever his permit for the manufacture of opium shall have been cancelled, opium already manufactured shall be handed over within ten days; in case of death the successor of the deceased shall fulfill the delivery, or whenever the successor shall have not yet been nominated

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or shall be absent the manager of the estate shall attend to the matter.

The provisions of the preceding Article shall apply to the handing over of opium under the preceding paragraph.

Article 11. Whenever a manufacturer of opium or a person who has received a permit under paragraph 2 of Article 2 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen shall have changed his domicile, residence or name, or shall have died, or whenever a manufacturer of opium shall have suspended his business, report must be made within ten days to the Superintendent of Police.

A report of death, in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, shall be made by the person liable to report under the provisions of the Registration or Census Laws.

Article 12. Pharmacists who desire to obtain designation under the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen shall make application to the Government General of Chosen, furnishing the following details:-

1. Location of manufactory.
2. The construction of the manufactory and number of tsubo therein.
3. Kinds of manufactured articles in which opium is to be used as a raw material, and the estimated amount of the annual manufactures.

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4. Name and personal history of the expert in charge.

Whenever it is desired to make any change in items 1-3, inclusive, of the foregoing paragraph, or to change the expert in charge, permission shall be obtained from the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 13. Whenever pharmacists who have been designated as those to whom opium for use in the manufacture of medicines shall be offered for sale desire to obtain an offer of opium for use in the manufacture of medicines, they shall make application to the Governor General of Chosen stating the quantity desired.

Article 14. Pharmacists who have been designated as those to whom opium for use in the manufacture of medicines shall be offered for sale shall provide account books in which shall be detailed items relative to purchase and use of opium for use in the manufacture of medicines and to sales of manufactured articles.

The account books provided for in the foregoing paragraph shall be preserved for a period of five years.

Article 15. Whenever pharmacists who have been designated as those to whom opium for use in manufacture of medicine shall be offered for sale desire to apply for the repurchase of opium in accordance with the provisions of Article

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16 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen, application shall be filed with the Governor General of Chosen within ten days from the day on which the reason therefor arose; and in case of death the application for repurchase shall be filed by the successor, or when the successor has not yet been appointed or is absent, by the person having charge of the estate.

The price of repurchase under the provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 16. Persons who desire to be designated as those who may sell opium for medicinal uses shall make application to the Superintendent of Police.

Article 17. Containers for opium for medicinal uses to be offered for sale by the Government shall be of three kinds:-

No. 1. Holding 5 grams.

No. 2. Holding 25 grams.

No. 3. Holding 450 grams.

Each container shall be marked with its fixed price and shall be sealed with the Government's seal.

Article 18. Vendors of opium for medicinal purposes shall estimate the quantity of opium to be obtained by them during each three months from the beginning of the Government's fiscal year, and shall make application therefor to the Governor General of Chosen detailing the

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kind and number of containers; provided, that in case of shortage extra application may be made.

Article 19. Persons who desire to obtain the certificates provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen shall make application to the Police Station stating the kinds and numbers of containers and the uses to which they are to be put.

The provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall apply in case vendors of opium for medicinal uses desire to obtain permits as provided for in paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen.

Article 20. Whenever vendors of opium for medicinal uses are about to sell opium for medicinal uses they shall demand from the purchasers the written certificates granted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of the preceding Article.

The written certificates provided for in the foregoing paragraph shall be preserved for a period of ten years.

Article 21. Vendors of opium for medicinal uses shall erect over their stores sign boards on which shall be written "Vendor of opium for medicinal uses."

Article 22. Vendors of opium for medicinal uses shall provide account books in which shall be detailed

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detailed the amounts of opium for medicinal uses purchased and sold, and the addresses, names and occupations of the purchasers.

The account books provided for in the foregoing paragraph shall be preserved for a period of five years.

Article 23. Vendors of opium for medicinal uses shall prepare annual statements of the opium for medicinal uses purchased and sold and shall forward this statement to the Governor General of Chosen within one month after the expiration of the annual term.

Article 24. Whenever vendors of opium for medicinal uses shall have been so designated or whenever such designation shall have been cancelled, the Superintendent of Police shall give notice of their names and addresses; and the same rule shall apply whenever any changes shall have been made in the names or addresses of vendors of opium for medicinal uses, or whenever such persons shall have suspended their business or shall have died.

The provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 15 shall apply in case vendors of opium for medicinal uses are to make application for the repurchase of opium in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen.

Article 25. Whenever opium is needed in Government offices, Government hospitals, or Government schools, application for the receipt thereof shall be made

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made to the Governor General of Chosen, furnishing information as to the articles desired, the quantities thereof, and the uses to which they are to be put.

The price of the opium to be supplied under the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen except when the articles bear a fixed price; provided, that whenever it is deemed necessary such articles shall be supplied gratuously.

Article 26. Documents to be presented to the Governor General of Chosen or to the Superintendent of Police under the provisions of Articles 1 to 3, inclusive, Article 11, Article 16, Article 18, Article 23, or paragraph 2 of Article 24, should be presented through the Police Station; provided, that whenever, in cases falling under Articles 1-3, inclusive, or Article 11, the land for poppy cultivation lies within the borders of two or more police stations the reports shall be presented through the police station having jurisdiction over the major part of the land.

It is not required that documents to be presented to the Governor General of Chosen according to the provisions of Article 12, Article 13 or Article 15 shall be presented through the Provincial Governor.

Article 27. Persons who shall have violated the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 12, of

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Article 14, of Article 20, or of Article 22, shall be punished with a fine of not more than ¥200.00 or with a minor fine.

Article 28. Persons who shall have violated the provisions of Article 3 or of Articles 5-7, inclusive, shall be punished with a fine of not more than ¥500.00 or a minor fine.

Article 29. Persons who shall have violated the provisions of Article 4, Article 11, Article 21, and Article 23 shall be punished with a minor fine.

Supplementary Regulations.

This Order shall go into effect from the date of the enforcement of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen.

Persons who fall within the purview of Supplementary Regulation No. 2 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen shall, within twenty days from the date of the enforcement of this Order make reports to the Superintendent of Police, furnishing the names of the prefectures, villages, wards, districts and village districts of the land for poppy cultivation, in which the land is situated, and the numbers, classifications and areas of such lands.

The opium mentioned in Supplementary Regulation No. 4 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen shall be handed over within twenty days from the date of

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the enforcement of that Ordinance.

The provisions of Article 9 shall apply as regards the handing over of the opium mentioned in the foregoing paragraph.

Persons who shall have violated the provisions of Supplementary Regulation No. 2 shall be punished with a fine of not more than ¥500.00 or with a minor fine.

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TRANSLATION of Order No. 110 of June 11, 1919. From OFFICIAL GAZETTE, June 11, 1919.

ORDER NO. 110 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

The Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen shall go into effect from June 15, 1919.

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

June 11, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

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(Enclosure No. 4 with despatch No. 78 of July 21, 1919
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TRANSLATION of Notice No. 150 of June 11, 1919. From
OFFICIAL GAZETTE, June 11, 1919.

NOTICE NO. 150 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

The morphine content of opium to be turned over to the Government in accordance with Supplementary Regulation No. 4 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen and for which compensation is to be paid and the amount of such compensation are laid down as follows:

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

June 11, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

Compensation for Opium for Medicinal Use

No. 1. 5 grams content	Yen 0.90
No. 2. 25 grams content	4.50
No. 3. 450 grams content	76.50

Compensation for Opium Not for Medicinal Use

For each 100 momme containing more than 2% and less than 3% of morphine - Yen 5.00; ~~for each additional~~ percent over 3% and less than 5% - Yen 2.00; for each additional percent over 5% and less than 11% - Yen 1.50; for each additional percent over 11% - Yen 1.00.

Morphine

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Morphine Content of Opium for which
Compensation is to be Paid.

More than 2 units of morphine content in each 100 units of opium.

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(Enclosure No. 5 with despatch No. 38 of July 21, 1919 - Seoul.)

TRANSLATION of Notice No. 148 of June 11, 1919. From OFFICIAL GAZETTE, June 11, 1919.

NOTICE NO. 148 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

The value and the fixed price of opium for medicinal use to be offered for sale by the Government are laid down as follows:

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

June 11, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

Value of Opium for Medicinal Use

To be Offered for Sale

No. 1.	5 grams content	Yen 0.60
No. 2.	25 grams content	3.00
No. 3.	450 grams content	50.00

Fixed Price of Opium for Medicinal Use

No. 1.	5 grams content	Yen 0.75
No. 2.	25 grams content	3.75
No. 3.	450 grams content	62.50

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(Enclosure No. 6 with despatch No. 7 of July 21, 1919 - Seoul.)

TRANSLATION of Notice No. 149 of June 11, 1919. From OFFICIAL GAZETTE, June 11, 1919.

NOTICE NO. 149 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

The morphine content of opium for which compensation is to be made in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen and the amount of such compensation are laid down as follows:

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

June 11, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

Morphine Content of Opium for Which Compensation Is to be Made

More than 2 units of morphine content in each 100 units of opium.

Compensation for Opium

For each 100 momme containing more than 2% and less than 3% of morphine - Yen 5.00; for each additional percent over 3% and less than 5% - Yen 2.00; for each additional percent over 5% and less than 11% - Yen 1.50; for each additional percent over 11% - Yen 1.00.

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August 28, 1919.

Mrs. Hamilton Wright,

41 Boulevard Haussman,

Paris, France.

Madam:

Referring to previous correspondence relative to the opium question in China and Japan, there is enclosed for your information copy of a despatch No. 78 from Seoul, Korea, dated July 21, 1919, which transmits a translation of Ordinance No. 15 of June 11th, of the Government General controlling the growth, manufacture and sale of opium in Korea.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

ALVEY A. ADEE

Second Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:

As above.

ALVEY A. ADEE
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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, November 27, 1926.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

to Treasury (Narcotics Division)
to Commerce
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Ordinance for the Control of Opium in Chosen has recently been revised and was published in the OFFICIAL GAZETTE of the 17th instant. A translation of the Ordinance, as revised, is enclosed herewith. 1/

An official of the Government General is quoted as saying that "opium had been a Government monopoly as a source of State revenue until the 1924 fiscal year when the Ordinance affected was revised in order to abolish the monopoly and enforce vigorous control on opium supplies by the agency of the police. Inasmuch as the new system involved some inconvenience and as the International Opium Conference at Geneva came to an agreement last year that opium be made a Government monopoly in all countries, the Government General introduced the present revision in

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the Ordinance. The revised Regulations revived the Government monopoly of opium but not with the object of making it a source of State revenue. The new monopoly aims cardinally at better control of opium by the police and under the new Regulations licensed opium producers were required to send all their products to the Government for examination of their quality. The Government would pay for those products provided they contained not less than two per cent. morphine and sell them all to designated pharmacists as material for manufacture of morphine and other medicines. The use of opium for any other purpose than medical would be absolutely forbidden in Chosen, nor would people other than designated pharmacists or people who otherwise got supplies from the Government be allowed to be in possession of opium."

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ransford S. Miller

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Consul General.

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ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF OPIUM IN CHOSEN.

(Chosen Government General Ordinance No. 15 of 1919, dated June 11, 1919, as amended by Ordinance No. 13 of November 17, 1926).

Art. 1. Persons wishing to manufacture opium must obtain permission from the Administrative Office.

Art. 2. The cultivation of poppies is prohibited except by persons who have obtained permission as mentioned in the preceding Article.

This does not apply to persons who have obtained permission from the Administrative Office to cultivate poppies for scientific study or for ornamental purposes.

Art. 3. The Governor-General of Chosen shall prescribe the limits within which persons who have obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1 may cultivate poppies.

Art. 4. Opium manufactured by persons who have obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1 shall be handed over to the Government every year by a date fixed by the Administrative Office.

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Remuneration shall be granted in regard to opium handed over in accordance with the provisions of the preceding clause. But opium whose morphine content does not reach the required standard shall be destroyed by burning without remuneration.

Art. 5. Opium limited to that used in making medicine and for medical use shall be sealed and sold or delivered by the Government.

Opium, unless sold or delivered by the Government, may not be sold, transferred, owned or had in possession.

Art. 6. Opium for use in making medicine may be sold to pharmacists, appointed by the Administrative Office, only when required for manufacturing morphine or other alkaloid of opium or their derivatives or manufactures.

Opium for use in making medicine received in sale from the Government sold in accordance with the preceding clause, may not be transferred to another person nor received by such.

Art. 7. The Governor-General may, when it is considered necessary for purposes of control, cause the proper authorities to visit the place of manufacture, shop or other place belonging to the pharmacist who has received in sale from the Government opium for use in making medicine, and investigate materials, manufactures, implements, machinery, buildings, books, documents and other articles.

The Governor-General may cause persons who have obtained permission to sell opium for use in making

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medicine, to report the conditions of manufacture or of the sale of goods manufactured from opium.

Art. 8. Opium for medical use shall be sold to medical opium dealers.

Medical opium dealers shall be appointed by the Administrative Office from among pharmacists and druggists, the number of such persons being limited as thought suitable.

Art. 9. When any physician or medical licensee, dentist, veterinary surgeon, pharmacist or druggist wishes to procure opium for medical use he must obtain a certificate from the Administrative Office and apply for the purchase thereof to the medical opium dealer.

When a Government office or a Government hospital or school requires opium for medical use it shall apply for its purchase to a dealer in opium for medical use excepting in the case provided for in Article 14.

Art. 10. Opium for medical use, except in cases covered by the regulation of Clause 1 and 2 of the preceding Article or the note to Clause 2 of Article 16 or in cases specially ordered by the Governor-General of Chosen, cannot be transferred or obtained unless prescribed by a doctor, medical licensee, dentist or veterinary surgeon.

Art. 11. A medical opium dealer who has been applied to in accordance with the regulation in Clause 1 and 2 of Article 9 cannot refuse to sell opium for

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medical use without proper reason.

Art. 12. Medical opium dealers must not sell opium for medical use at a price exceeding that fixed by the Government.

Art. 13. Medical opium dealers must not open nor change the packing of the Government sealed receptacles of opium for medical use nor may they break the sealing. Medical opium dealers must not sell opium for medical use if the sealing of the Government sealed package has become ineffective or the receptacles been changed.

Art. 14 Any Government office or hospital or school established by the Government requiring opium can obtain delivery of it in accordance with the decision of the Governor-General of Chosen.

Art. 15. In the event of any person who has obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1, or any pharmacist authorized by regulation of Clause 1 of Article 6, or any person who has been authorized as a medical opium dealer, committing a crime in respect of opium smoking or in connection with opium, or any other corrupt practice, the Administrative Office may cancel its permission or authorization.

Art. 16. In the event of any pharmacist who has received in sale from the Government opium for use in making medicine dying, stopping business, being prohibited from or compelled to suspend his business as a punishment

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or having his appointment cancelled in accordance with the provisions of the preceding Article or having stopped the manufacture of the goods of which opium forms the material, he shall, as determined by the Governor-General of Chosen, be requested to sell back the opium or shall receive instructions as to the disposal of the goods manufactured from opium.

In the case of a person dealing in opium for medical use dying, stopping business, being prohibited from or compelled to suspend his business as a punishment or having his appointment cancelled in conformity with the provisions of the preceding Article, the return by sale of the opium shall be requested as determined by the Governor-General of Chosen.

NOTE: With the permission of the Administrative Office the opium may be transferred to other dealers in opium for medical use.

Art. 17. The Governor-General of Chosen shall notify the amount of remuneration for the opium to be handed over in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2 of Article 4, the morphine content according to the provisions of the note to the said Clause of the said Article, and the price at which opium for medical use in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1 of Article 8.

Art. 18. Persons specified under any of the following clauses shall be punished with penal servitude for not more than 2 years or a fine not exceeding

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1,000 yen:

1. Any one who has made opium or cultivated poppies in contravention of the provisions of Article 2, Clause 1 without obtaining permission.
2. Any one who has infringed the regulations of Clause 2 of Article 5 or Clause 2 of Article 6.
3. Any one who has not handed over opium which ought to be handed over to the Government.

In the case of the preceding clause, opium, provided that it does not belong to a person other than the offender, will be confiscated; in the event of the offender having consumed or transferred it, a sum equivalent to the price of it will be exacted, and opium belonging to a person other than the offender may be confiscated at the discretion of the Administrative Office.

Art. 19. Persons specified under any one of the following clauses shall be punished with a fine not exceeding 200 yen or a police fine:

1. Any one who, having obtained the permission mentioned in Article 1, has cultivated poppies outside the limits specified in Article 3.
2. Any one who has cultivated poppies without obtaining the permission mentioned in Clause 2 of Article 2.
3. Any one who has not handed over the opium to the Government within the period specified

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specified in Clause 1 of Article 4.

4. Any one who refuses, or prevents, or takes exception to the investigation mentioned in Clause 1 of Article 7.

5. Any one who neglects to report, or makes a false report in accordance with the regulation of Clause 2 of Article 7.

6. Any one who infringes the regulations of Clause 3 of Article 9, Articles 10 to 13, or Article 16.

Art. 20. In the matter of application of the regulations of the preceding two articles, the regulations of Articles 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1912 shall apply, but in this case punishment with penal servitude is not applicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATION.

This ordinance shall take effect from the date of promulgation.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Department, an article from the SEOUL PRESS of November 20, 1919, written by Dr. Frank W. Schofield, a Canadian, attached to the Severance Hospital, an American institution, entitled "Syphilizing the Koreans."

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul General.

Enclosure:

Article referred to.

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SYPHILIZING THE KOREANS.

BY DR. FRANK W. SCHOFIELD

"A Girl whom Jesus loves now in Shinmachi." "Instead of singing holy hymns, she now sings dirty brothel songs."

The above sentences, printed in large characters form the attractive head line of a serial story which is at present running in the semi-official and police censored newspaper the *Maiil Sinpo*. Is it any wonder that the population of Shinmachi is steadily increasing when the leading newspaper of Kores, instead of denouncing the iniquitous system that is receiving hundreds of Korean men and women, advertises in such a shameless a way the sad story of a fallen mission school girl.

The policy of this Government-controlled newspaper seems to be strangely at variance with the policy of the Government as declared in the Proclamation of Annexation where it was stated that "virtuous wives and other persons whose behaviour is exemplary shall be duly rewarded and publicly honoured" Can one expect the Korean confidence in an administration which contrary to its promise, allows the prostitute to be publicly honoured by having her photograph and life published in the press, while the virtuous women are spat upon, beaten and tortured for having taken part in a demonstration which, not only demanded national liberty, but freedom from an imposed system of a vice. As one of the school girls testified to her judge "You have taken away our private schools and given us public brothels." "A teachers licence is obtained with the greatest of difficulty; a prostitute's licence is obtained with the greatest of ease." While the Japanese government has made many improvements in Korea with the object of civilizing the Korean, the introduction, and on a wholesale scale of legalized and commercialized vice has certainly resulted in syphilizing rather than civilizing the Korean.

Japanese residents have frequently spoken to the writer about the gross immorality of the Korean people. Officials at times even refer to the 'moral purification' of the Koreans. Some pretend to believe that in establishing Shinmachi in Seoul and similar segregated districts in many other towns throughout the provinces, that much has been done in limiting vice among the natives. The Educational Ordinance like the proclamation of annexation deals in further fine phrases by stating, "In the education of girls special care shall be taken, in nursing the virtues of chastity, fidelity and gentleness." How can this be accomplished when at least ten brothels are established to every single school, erected? (refer to Seoul) Something more effective than *Shusin* (Morals) is needed in the school curriculum to alter the ratio of three to one which at present exists between prostitutes and school teachers. (In Japan in 1915 there were about 150,000 prostitutes in the brothels and restaurants, against 48,000 women teachers in the schools) The Koreans, if inferior in everything else, are as a race vastly superior to the Japanese in sexual morality. There is no blacker stain upon the record of the Government General of Chosen than the way in which vice has been introduced, legalized, and fostered under its administration. The Koreans frequently refer to this great system of organized vice, as part of the Japanese policy of Assimilation. One must not forget, however, the strong attitude taken by the late Count Terauchi against the Japanese vice-mongers in Seoul which act was greatly appreciated by Koreans and foreigners alike. The following table shows very clearly the difference between Japanese and Korean morality

Towns.	Korean Population.	Prostitute Rates.	Japanese Pop.	Prostitute Rates.
Songdo.....	38,443 (43)	1 to 894	1,333 (22)	1 to 6
Choonchun ...	2,792 (5)	1 to 558	1,004 (16)	1 to 62
Seoul & Yongsan	188,000 (819)	1 to 228	68,000 (1029)	1 to 60
*Kwangju.....	80,609 (37)	1 to 2,179	1,500 (22)	1 to 65

In the above table the figures for prostitute and *kei saing* (Korean) and prostitute and *geisha* (Japanese) have been added

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together on computing the results. The figures for Japanese prostitution in Korea compare favourably with those for Japan, which vary from, one prostitute to every 518 persons in Tokyo, to one in every 94 in Yamada (Ise), which is the seat of the Imperial Shrines. These figures do not include *geisha*. In Korea as in Japan most of the restaurant girls are secret prostitutes.

The Japanese generally defend themselves against these facts by stating that while the Japanese are immoral in their public life, the Koreans are grossly immoral in their private life, and that the Korean homes abound in immoral women who carry on clandestine prostitution. Such argument is foolish and indicates ignorance of the real conditions. It is also contrary to the statement of the police who declare that they have almost entirely eliminated secret prostitution except in the case of the restaurants. It is unthinkable, that a people could be grossly immoral in their private life and at the same time show evidence of masked morality in public, even when every opportunity for licence is offered to them. Moreover several thousand specific tests made by the writer add weight to the evidence in favour of Korean morality.

The reasons for the morality are not hard to discover in, First the Korean custom of keeping the women in seclusion; Second, the custom of early marriage; Third the Chinese have a strong sentiment against prostitution.

On the other hand the gross immorality of the Japanese is not hard to understand when one remembers that there is, not only no sentiment against prostitution, but that it is recognized as a national institution quite as the telegraph, telephone or railway. Dozens of libertines may be seen any night entering the licensed quarters of Tokyo. Prostitution has also become one of the large industries in Japan employing more than 145,000 prostitutes, *geisha* and licensed restaurant girls. The income from prostitutes and licensed restaurant girls alone, amounts to more than 50,000,000 per year.

In fighting legalized vice one is fighting the capitalists, and vested interests, as a result the battle is always a fierce one. Some time ago the writer was speaking to a large brothel keeper who made the statement that, the average earnings of his twenty nine girls was between 100 *yen* and 150 *yen* per month per girl. One can easily imagine the profit when as in this case the capital invested was only 50,000 *yen*. After the shareholders have been well paid there is lots of money left over to bribe the police or any other Government officials whose goodwill may be desired by the promoters of the company. I asked my informant why the police were bribed when the business was licensed by the Government? He replied that it was necessary in obtaining certain favours. It is this huge system of commercialized vice which has become such a terrible menace to the younger generation of Koreans. In Seoul above 1,000,000 *yen* has been spent in propagating prostitution. Some one has said that the Japanese in Korea have exploited the fallen woman with a million dollars behind her." It would be more true to say "the Japanese in Korea have exploited the chaste woman with a million *yen* behind her."

The increase in Korean prostitution due to the commercializing activities of Japanese business men, is well shown in the figures for Shinmachi. In 1914 there were about 100 Korean women engaged in that district while to day there are 418. The excuse given by the police for this large increase is, that increasing numbers have been driven from the outlying districts into the licensed quarters. This is true, but does not begin to account for the large yearly increase in prostitutes.

The outlook is at present most serious, everything points to a large increase in vice. From the Korean side one might mention, First, the breaking away from old customs, such as early marriage and the seclusion of the women. Evil customs as they were, they were certainly a preventive

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against prostitution. Second, the co-education and mixing of men and women and boys and girls in factories and business offices. Third, the tendency towards an increase in pleasure, as a result of increased prosperity. Fourth, hopelessness with regard to the future, and lack of employment, due to the excessive numbers of Japanese in the civil service. Fifth, the lack of shame with regard to this form of immorality is unquestionably increasing amongst the Koreans.

From the Japanese side one must consider first, the large investment which has already been made. Second the making of vice more attractive and the great reduction in the cost. Ten years ago when money was dear, the price varied from 5 *yen* to 20 *yen*. This has now been reduced to 50 *sen*, and the country lad who has lived all his life in a mud hut can now spend the night in sumptuous immorality for the sum of 2.50 *yen*. Third, the lack of any strong sentiment against this evil in Japan.

The question naturally arises as to what can be done to check this frightful evil. Prostitution could be eliminated, and vice kept at a minimum among the Koreans with little difficulty, but not among the Japanese population, with whom prostitution is more or less a national institution. To the writer, nothing seems to be of greater importance than the use of the licence to really restrict the evil, instead of to foster and propagate it. In regard to minor reforms the sale of women ought to be prohibited; the tax on prostitution greatly increased, which would in turn increase the price of vice; the sale of liquor in the licensed district prohibited the excessive illumination of the streets in the licensed quarters reduced, and street soliciting prohibited. In the numbers of provincial towns where public prostitution has not been established, no licences should be granted, and secret prostitution eradicated. This can be done among the Koreans because of the strong sentiment against legalized vice, and because of the great power possessed by the police. With the Japanese it is different, education would seem to be the great need, as a sentiment against prostitution must be created, before restrictive legislation can be promulgated.

It is necessary to remember that none of these minor reforms will accomplish very much, the only method that has ever been successful in getting rid of vice has been to make it illegal instead of legal and then to carry on a vigorous campaign of suppression.

If the Japanese authorities really care for the wellfare of the Korean, there is no place where their goodwill can be shown more positively than by granting the Korean protection from the demoralizing vice-monger. The Korean is no model of virtue, neither is the Englishman. England had a most shameful record for vice during the war, yet both countries possess a saving factor, in the existence of a marked national sentiment against this social evil. The situation in Korea to-day is most serious because this sentiment is being violated and destroyed by a highly organized Japanese vice propaganda.

* The police stated that there are still many unlicensed prostitutes.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith translations, made in this office, of Order No.123, of the Government General, promulgated June 20, 1912, of General Police Department Order No.5, promulgated November 19, 1912, and of General Police Department Instruction No.35, promulgated August 18, 1913, embodying Regulations concerning Cemeteries and Crematories and the Disposal of the Dead in Chosen.

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These regulations went into force in the Prefecture of Seoul on September 1, 1913, and will be, from time to time, extended to other districts throughout Chosen.

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I also enclose a clipping from the semi-official Seoul Press of August 7, 1913, from which the following quotation is taken:

> Koreans have some deep superstitions about graveyards, and the burial grounds of their parents are generally chosen in accordance with the suggestions of a professional diviner called poongsu. Under these circumstances tombs are scattered everywhere and it is no exaggeration to say that almost every good site on mountains near towns, and villages is occupied by graves. This long-standing custom has incidentally given rise to sundry crimes, the more superstitious no thesitating even to bury their fathers' remains in the graveyards of others without the latter's consent. Old Korean Laws have thus many provisions for crimes concerning the graveyards, and it is a well-known fact that until quite

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quite recently a considerable percentage of Korean lawsuits had connection with graves.

To remedy the inconveniences arising out of these conditions the regulations prescribe limits within which cemeteries, private grave sites, and crematories may be established, provide for police control over inquiries as to causes of deaths and times and modes of burial or cremation, and fix penalties for various offences connected therewith.

There is no cause for believing that these regulations will place any unusual or inconvenient burdens or restrictions upon Americans resident here.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. T. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURES - Translations:

1 - Order No.123, of June 20, 1912,

2 - Order No.5, of November 19, 1912,

3 - Instruction No.35, of August 18, 1913.

4 - Clipping from Seoul Press, of August 7,1913.

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From Official Gazette of June 20,1912.

Order No.123 of the Government General of Chosen.

Regulations for the control of tomb sites, crematories, burials, and cremations are determined as follows:

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF TOMB SITES, CREMATORIES, BURIALS AND CREMATIONS.

Article 1. Permission for the establishment, alteration, or abolition of tomb sites must be obtained from a Superintendent of Police, (in Seoul, from the Director General of Police, and this qualification applies throughout this order.).

Article 2. Tomb sites may not be established by other than prefectures, wards, sub-wards, divisional sub-wards, other local public corporations, or public bodies corresponding thereto. But, when there are special conditions, individual, family or communal tomb sites shall be permitted.

Article 3. In case of establishing tomb sites, the following limitations shall be observed:

1. At least 60 feet from roads, railways or running streams, and 360 feet from dwelling houses.
2. On land having no relation to springs, running water, or wells used for drinking purposes.

Article 4. Permission for the establishment, repair or enlargement of crematories, must be obtained from a Superintendent of Police.

When it is intended to suspend or give up the crematory business the Superintendent of Police shall be notified.

Article 5. In case of establishing crematories, the following limitations shall be observed:

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1. At least 360 feet from roads, railways or running streams, and 720 feet from dwelling houses or public meeting places.

2. Especially on land which is not to the windward of streets and communities.

3. In preparing furnaces and chimneys, arrangements shall be made to avoid smoky odors.

4. A wall must be built six feet high around the boundaries, but this limit shall not apply to mountain, forest and moor lands and the like, which are distant from dwelling houses.

Article 6. When a crematory is completed the Police Office (including sub-police office, and other offices in charge of police affairs, and this qualification applies throughout this order) shall be notified and inspection obtained, and without obtaining permission therefor, it cannot be used.

Article 7. Trees shall be planted around the outside of tomb sites and crematories.

Article 8. Managers of tomb sites shall prepare maps and registers of tomb sites under their control.

As for crematories, cremation ledgers shall be prepared.

Article 9. Tomb sites and crematories shall always be kept clean, and, when they are damaged, they shall be immediately repaired.

Article 10. Dead bodies and bones may not be burried or removed to places outside of tomb sites.

Dead bodies may not be cremated outside of crematories, but this regulation need not be followed in places where there are no crematories established, upon receiving permission from a police office.

Afticle 11. Dead bodies may not be buried or cremated until 24 hours have elapsed after death, but this limitation

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shall not apply to the bodies of persons who have died of infectious diseases.

Article 12. Persons intending to bury, remove or cremate dead bodies, must get written permission from a Police Office, Police Station, Gendarmerie Office or Branch Office.

Article 13. Managers of tomb sites or administrators of crematories, may not bury, remove or cremate dead bodies without having received permission under the preceding article.

Article 14. Persons who intend to send dead bodies to other places, must obtain permission from a Police Office.

Article 15. Cremation shall take place after sun down, but this limitation shall not apply when permission is obtained from Police Officials or others who perform their functions.

Article 16. Dead bodies of persons who have died of infectious diseases may not, except in cases of special permission, be buried elsewhere than in tomb sites designated by the police. Removal of such bodies will not be permitted until three years have elapsed.

Article 17. The depth of a grave shall be sufficient to separate the face of the coffin from the surface of the ground by at least 2 feet, but this limitation shall not apply in case bones only are buried.

Article 18. The Director General of Police may, when he deems that a tomb site or a crematory is injurious to public health, or because of changed conditions of the land rendering it no longer suitable, order its ~~their~~ removal.

Article 19. Superintendents of Police may, when they consider it necessary, order improvements or repairs to tomb

sites

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sites or crematories, or suspension of their use.

Article 20. When there is a grave, the manager of which is unknown, the local Superintendent of Police shall give public notice to whom it may concern to report within at least one year.

When there is no report within the period under the preceding clause, such grave shall be considered to be without family control.

Article 21. Police Offices may order dead bodies or bones which have been buried outside of tomb sites to be removed.

In cases covered by the preceding clause, when a burier is unknown, the owner of the land or the manager may remove such dead bodies or bones, upon receiving permission from the Police Office.

Article 22. The provisions of the preceding Article shall apply to graves without family control.

Article 23. Any one who falls within the purview of any one of the following items, shall be liable to penal servitude of not more than three months or to a fine of npt more than 300 yen ($149.40):

1. A person who burries or removes, without proper permit, dead bodies or bones on land occupied by other persons.

2. A person who cremates outside of a crematory.

3. A person who abandons dead bodies or coffins, containing dead bodies on mountains, forests, moor lands or other places.

4. A person who violates Articles 18 and 19, and the order under clause 1 of Article 21.

Article 24. Any one who falls within the purview of any one of the following items, shall be liable to detention or to a minor fine.

1. Persons who violate the provisions of Articles 1,4,

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6 and 8, clause 1 of Article 10, and Articles 11 to 17.

2. Persons who hinder burial, cremation, removal, or transfer of dead bodies.

3. Persons who do not clean tomb sites or crematories when they are directed by police authorities so to do.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES.

Places where this order goes into effect, and the date shall be determined by the Governor General of Chosen.

Public tomb sites, existing at the time this order goes into effect, shall be considered as established in accordance with this order, but their managers shall report locations and tomb registers of such tomb sites, together with maps, within 3 months from the date of enforcement of this order.

In case of no report under the preceding clause, such tomb sites shall be considered as abolished.

Graves, outside of public tomb sites, existing at the time this order goes into effect, shall be considered as established in accordance with this order, but their managers shall report locations and tomb registers of such graves within one year from the date of enforcement of this order.

In case of no reports under the preceding clause, such graves shall be considered as graves without family control.

Crematories existing at the time this order goes into effect shall be considered as established in accordance with this order, but their administrators shall report their locations and structures within one month from the date of enforcement of this order.

In case of no reports under the preceding clause, such crematories shall be considered as abolished.

Regarding graves reported in accordance with clause 4,

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only the dead bodies of married couples, who have been buried in the graves, shall be allowed to be buried in the same graves, without reference to the provisions of this order.

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General Police Department Order No. 5 of the Government General of Chosen.

Detailed Regulations for the enforcement of the Regulations for the Control of Tomb Sites, Crematories, Burials and Cremations are determined as follows:

Detailed Regulations for the Enforcement of the Regulations for the Control of Tomb Sites, Crematories, Burials and Cremations.

Article 1. The following items shall be stated in the applications for permits concerning establishment, alteration or abolition of tomb sites in accordance with Article 1 of the Regulations for the Control of Tomb Sites, Crematories, Burials or Cremations (hereafter termed Regulations).

1. For local public bodies and bodies corresponding thereto, professions and names of representatives, and for others, domiciles, residences and names of applicants.

2. Locations and areas of tomb sites.

3. Reasons for establishment, alteration and abolition.

4. For establishment and alteration, items regarding limitations under Article 3 of the Regulations.

5. In case of establishing individual, family or communal tomb sites, special conditions necessary therefor.

In case of establishing or altering tomb sites, maps shall be attached to the applications under the preceding clause, stating the locations, areas and boundaries of tomb sites and the conditions of the vicinities.

Article 2. The following items shall be stated in the applications regarding permits for establishment, repair or enlargement of crematories in accordance with

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clauses of Article 4 of the Regulations.

1. For local public bodies and bodies corresponding thereto, professions and names of representatives, and for others, domiciles, residences and names of applicants.

2. Locations of crematories.

3. Plans of structures.

4. For establishment, items regarding limitations under Article 5 of the Regulations.

A map of the structure of a crematory shall be attached to the application under the preceding clause, together with a map stating the location of the crematory and the conditions of the vicimity.

Article 3. Reports, under clause 2 of Article 4 of the Regulations, shall be made, stating the facts, ten days before the time of suspension or abolition of crematories.

Article 4. Cremation fees shall be fixed with permission from Superintendents of Police (in Seoul from the Director General of Police and this qualification applies throughout this Order), and may not be changed without like permission.

In case of collecting fees for the use of tomb sites, the provisions of the preceding clause shall apply.

Article 5. Administrators of crematories may not, without proper reason, refuse applications for cremation.

Article 6. Administrators or users of crematories may not ask for money or goods other than the fixed amount of cremation fees for cremation.

Article 7. Regarding burial or cremation of dead bodies of persons who have died of infectious diseases, the directions of the police officials, or others in charge of their functions, shall be followed.

Article 8.

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Article 8. When written permission for burial or cremation in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the Regulations is desired, an application shall be made stating the following items:

1. Domicile, residence, name and date of birth of deceased.

2. Date of death.

3. Physician's certificate of death, death certificate, or a physician's or midwife's certificate of dead or still birth.

4. Place of burial or cremation.

When the certificates under No.3 of the preceding clause, cannot be obtained, name of disease causing death, or causes of unnatural death or still birth shall be stated.

When any information required under clause 1 cannot be stated, the reasons for omission shall be stated.

Article 9. When written permission for removal of dead bodies in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the Regulations, is desired, an application shall be made stating the following items:

1. The deceased's domicile, residence, name and, if a Buddhist, the Buddhist name.

2. Date of death.

3. Cause of death (illness, unnatural death or still birth).

4. Location of grave and place of removal.

5. Reason for removal.

6. Relation between deceased and applicant.

When any information, required by the preclauses, cannot be given, the reason for omission shall be stated.

Article 10. When permission under Article 14 of the Regulations is desired, an application shall be made, stating the following

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following items:

1. Deceased's domicile, residence, name and date of birth.

2. Cause and date of death.

3. Destination.

4. Encoffining and means of shipment of dead body.

5. Reasons for shipment.

6. Relations between deceased and applicant.

When any information required by the preceding clauses cannot be given, the reason for omission shall be stated.

Article 11. Deceased's name, date of death, location of grave, and relation between principal and deceased, shall be stated in the reports to be made by a manager of a grave in accordance with publication under clause 1 of Article 20 of the Regulations.

The reports under the preceding clause shall be made to the Police Office (sub-Police Office or Offices in charge of police affairs, and this qualification applies throughout this Order) within whose jurisdiction the grave is located.

Article 12. When permission for removal, in accordance with clause 2 of Article 21 of the Regulations, is desired, an application shall be made, stating the location of the grave, place of removal, and the reasons for not knowing the burier, together with a certificate regarding the ownership of the land.

Article 13. Documents to be presented to Superintendents of Police in accordance with the Regulations or this Order, shall be through the Police Offices.

Article 14. Tomb registers shall be made in accordance with Form No.1, and crematory, Form No.2.

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Article 15. The manager of tomb sites may, when applied to by relations or friends of a deceased, allow them to inspect maps or registers of tomb sites.

Police officials, or others in charge of their functions, may, at any time, examine tomb registers or crematory registers.

Article 16. Persons who violate the provisions of Articles 4 to 7, or persons who refuse inspection or examination under the provisions of Article 15, shall be liable to detention or to a minor fine.

Supplementary Rules.

In the reports under clauses 2, 4 and 6 of the supplementary rules of the Regulations for the Control of Tomb Sites, Crematories, Burials and Cremations, the items provided for in clause 1 of Article 1 and clause 1 of Article 2, shall be noted.

When a communal grave is desired, in accordance with clause 8 of the Supplementary Rules of the Regulations for the Control of Tomb Sites, Crematories, Burials and Cremations, the name of the person buried in the grave and documents calculated to prove the relationship between the burier and the deceased, shall be attached to the application under Article 8.

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From Official Gazette of August 18, 1913.

(Translation.)

Instruction No.35 A of the General Police Department of the Government General of Chosen to Police Offices (Sub-Police Offices) or Gendarmerie or Sub-Gendarmerie detachments in charge of the police affairs.

Rules for transaction of business concerning Tomb sites and Crematories are determined as follows:

August 18, 1913.

Akashi Motojiro,

Director General of the Police of the Government General of Chosen.

Rules for Transaction of Business Concerning Tomb Sites and Crematories.

Article 1. When an administrator for a tomb site or crematory is determined, his domicile, residence and name shall be notified to the Chief of Police, (Director General of Police in Seoul and same applies hereafter) so as to enter same in the register.

When Prefects, heads of villages (Myun), sub-villages (Ri), or towns (Tong) who have received permits for establishment of public tomb sites, intend to manage them themselves, this fact shall be notified.

Article 2. When an administrator for a tomb site or a crematory has changed his domicile, residence or name, or when any changes have occurred in administrators, matters shall be conducted in accordance with the formalities of the preceding Article.

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Article 3. The administrator for a public tomb site shall determine a plan of lots to be used for burial within the tomb site.

A plot of land may be established, within a public tomb site, for one family, two or more families in union, or the believers in same religion. In such case, 5 tsubo in area for one household shall be the standard. However, in special cases, it shall not exceed 10 tsubo in area.

Article 4. The area of a grave in the public tomb site shall be one tsubo; in case of special circumstances, permission shall be obtained from the Police Office (Sub-Police Office, or Sub-Gendarmerie or Sub-Gendarmerie detachment in charge of the police affairs).

Article 5. It is contemplated not to collect fees for the use of public tomb sites, but where it is necessary to collect fees in cases under Clause 2 of Article 3, and Article 4 because of the location of plots of land, or because of exceeding the standard area, or regarding establishment by Municipal Councils or school associations, or because of other special circumstances, this limitation shall not apply.

Article 6. When the Superintendent of Police considers it necessary in cases under the preceding Article, or for cremation fees, he may determine the standard amount.

When it is intended to determine the standard amount under the preceding Clause, it shall be proposed beforehand to the Director General of the Police.

Article 7. Posts stating the names of the deceased, and for those who have Buddhist names, their Buddhist names,

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shall be put up at graves, and domicile and name of the deceased, date of death or the relation between the deceased and the chief mourner shall be stated on the posts at the graves to be reported in accordance with the Clause 4 of the Supplementary Rules of the Regulations for the Control of Tomb Sites, Crematories, Burial or Cremation.

Article 8. Permits for burial or cremation received by the administrator for tomb sites or crematories, or persons who carry on such business, shall be filed in accordance with the order of receipt, and kept for three years.

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No. 4,
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From "Seoul Press" of August 7, 1913.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

ENFORCEMENT IN SEOUL

As reported at the time Cemetery Regulations were promulgated here in June last year but the date of their enforcement was reserved for future decision. We now understand that the Authorities have decided to enforce them shortly in Seoul. Koreans have some deep superstitions about graveyards, and the burial grounds of their parents are generally chosen in accordance with the suggestions of a professional diviner called *poongsu*. Under these circumstances tombs are scattered everywhere and it is no exaggeration to say that almost every good site on mountains near towns, and villages is occupied by graves. This long-standing custom has incidentally given rise to sundry crimes, the more superstitious no thesitating even to bury their fathers' remains in the graveyards of others without the latter's consent. Old Korean laws have thus many provisions for crimes concerning the graveyard, and it is a well-known fact that until quite recently a considerable percentage of Korean lawsuits had connection with graves. So, when the Cemetery Regulations were issued last year, some people were apparently very doubtful as to whether it might not excite the opposition of Korean elders, but in so far as we have since learnt no grumblings have as yet been heard. The Regulations in question have as their principal object the collection of graves widely scattered into fixed cemeteries, and in enforcing them in Seoul we are told that the Authorities will pay due consideration to this time-honoured Korean custom leaving as much latitude as possible in the choice of direction. Several points in the suburbs will be nominated by the Authorities for Korean cemeteries exclusively, and for the purpose some State lands will be sold to Koreans. As for Japanese, they will have their exclusive public cemeteries at two points, one outside Kwangheui Gate and the other outside West Gate. It is expected that the same Regulations will be gradually enforced in provincial cities.

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SUBJECT: Pure Food Law and Regulations of Chosen.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:-

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I have the honor to enclose herewith an official translation, received today from the Director General of the Police Department of Chosen, of the Rescript, ~~Rescript~~, Laws, Ordinances Nos.133 and 134 and Regulations, concerning the manufacture, sale, or use of adulterated or impure food or beverages, or of utensils or containers, which may be deleterious to health.

These ordinances and regulations are based upon the Japanese Imperial Rescript No.272, and Laws Nos.15 and 30, promulgated in Japan in the year 1900, and took effect in Chosen October 28, 1911, but not published in the Official Gazette of Chosen until November 2, 1911.

The Rescript and Laws provide, in general terms, for the prohibition or suspension, by "the administrative office" of the manufacture, collection, giving out, and use of any food and drink intended for sale, or any wares, utensils, or other articles, intended for sale, that are likely to have an insanitary effect; and, when considered necessary, for the destruction of such food, drink, utensils or articles; and, for purposes of inspection, for entry into places where they may be manufactured, collected or exhibited.

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Disobedience of orders in the premises from competent officials, resistance to such officials, malversation by such officials, and the receiving or agreeing to receive bribes by such officials, are punishable by fines and imprisonment.

Ordinance No.133, in Article 1, gives the following list of "noxious, colored substances:"

Class 1 - Arsenic, barium, cadmium, chrome, copper, quicksilver, lead, tin, antimony, uranium, zinc, gambogia, acid picrin, dinitrocresol, and aurin.

Class 2 - Barium sulphate, codmium sulphate, chromic oxide, quicksilver sulphide, tin oxide, Muschif gold (tin sulphates), zinc oxide, zinc sulphide, tin, copper, zinc and its alloy.

Antiseptics are described under the following heads:

Acid benzoin, acid boric, acid chloride, hydrogen fluor, formaldehyde, hydrarg perchloride, acid sulphurosum, acid sub sulphurosum, acid salicylicum, and thymol.

Artificial sweeteners are described as saccharine and other similar chemical preparations which do not contain kohlen hydrate (starch.)

Article 2 prohibits the sale, manufacture, repairing, keeping in store, exhibiting for sale, or use in trade of cooking utensils or containers of food which are manufactured of, or repaired by, lead or alloy containing more than ten per cent of lead, or which are soldered with an alloy containing more than twenty per cent of lead or which are plated with tin alloy containing more than five per cent of lead upon the parts coming in contact with food. The same prohibition applies to cooking utensils and containers of food treated with glaze from which lead will

dissolve

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dissolve by boiling for thirty minutes in water containing forty per cent of acetic acid, and to those made of an alloy of copper from which arsenic dissolves on application of the same test, and to infants' feeding appliances made of rubber containing lead or zinc.

By Article 3 dealers in and manufacturers and importers of metallic vessels used for alimentary purposes are required to stamp the same by a die or other method that will clearly show the identity of the dealer, manufacturer, or importers.

By Article 4 the sale, manufacture, keeping in store, and exihibition for sale of the following foods are prohibited:

Those containing noxious, colored substances, or noxious fragrant substances, or antiseptics, or arsenic, antimony, quicksilver, lead, stibio kalium tartaricus, arsenic sulphide, or plumbum carbonicum, or artificial sweeteners, or sulphuric acid, nitric acid, hydrochloric acid, or other free mineral acid, or those which have become putrified. Copper and coloring substances are permitted to be used on fruit and vegetables to an amount not exceeding 100 milligrams of copper to one kilogram.

Under Article 5, vessels or covers for food or drink, which contain noxious coloring substances, are prohibited to be offered for sale, except those made of lacquer, glass or glaze as to which there is no liklihood of impregnating food or drink.

By Article 6 the sale, manufacture, storage or exhibition of the following articles is prohibited: Toilet articles, tooth powder, toys (including picture books, colored prints, and colored papers) which are made or colored by using

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using barium sulphate, cadmium sulphate, chromic oxide, quicksilver sulphide, tin oxide, muschif gold (tin sulphate), zinc oxide, zinc sulphide, tin, copper, zinc and its alloys having a characteristic lustre; india rubber toys, made or colored by the use of zinc oxide or zinc sulphide; clothing or other objects or their materials which touch the body, if arsenic has been used in their manufacture.

By Article 7 exceptions to the foregoing prohibition are made as to goods to which lacquer or glaze have been applied and to glass, where the noxious, colored substances are dissolved; to goods, in the manufacture of which rubber, impregnated with Schwefet gold (?) has been used; to goods made by applying lead oxide, in which Trockneite oil (?) or varnish has been melted, or that have been lacquered with varnish or lead chromate; to goods made by a zinc compound that is not soluble in water and in which a rubber substance or varnish has been embodied or by a zinc compound on which varnish has been lacquered; and to cloth containing a less quantity of arsenic than two milligrams to 120 square centimetres.

Under Article 8 the sale, storage, or manufacture of an antiseptic on the plea that it is to be used for the preservation of food or drink, is prohibited.

Article 9 names the Superintendents of Police and the Chiefs of the Provincial Police as the "administrative officers" empowered to act under Articles 1 and 2 of the Imperial Rescript and Law.

Article 10 provides penalties of detention and a maximum fine of fifty yen, ($24.90).

Article 11 makes dealers liable for infringement of this ordinance by members of their families, lodgers, employees,

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employees, or agents.

Ordinance No.134 contains the following provisions:

Articles 1 and 2 require manufacturers of or dealers in lemonade, soda water, and other like beverages containing carbonic acid to obtain licenses from the police authorities.

Article 3 prohibits the sale, exhibition, or storage of such beverages when they become turbid or contain precipitates.

Articles 4 and 5 prohibit the sale, storage or exhibition of impure ice or snow for food or drink.

Article 6 prescribes the manner in which bottles and other vessels, containing such beverages, shall be sealed, labelled and marked, so as to show the name and adress of the manufacturer, date of manufacture, and, when imported, the name and address of the importer and date of importation.

Article 7 prohibits the use of appliances or vessels, which come in contact with such beverages, and which are made of lead, copper and their alloys, unless such appliances or vessels are plated with tin or otherwise protected against harmful results.

Article 8 requires dealers in and manufacturers of such beverages, ice and snow to keep clean such appliances and vessels, and the places of manufacture or sale.

Article 9 prohibits the employment of any person, afflicted with tuberculosis, leprosy, or other infectious skin disease, in the handling of such beverages, ice or snow, or their vessels or measures; nor shall such person be permitted to enter the place of manufacture or storage of such articles.

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Article 10 names the Superintendents of Police and the Chiefs of Provincial Police as the "administrative officers" empowered to act under Articles 1 and 2 of the Imperial Rescript and Law.

Article 11 prescribes penalties of detention and a maximum fine of ~~fifty yen ($24.90)~~.

Article 12 makes dealers liable for infringement of this ordinance by members of their families, lodgers, employees or agents.

Article 13 provides for the application of the requirements of Ordinance No.133 to dealers in such beverages, ice, or snow.

It is not anticipated that this legislation will unfavorably affect legitimate American interests in Chosen and, in fact, it is generally regarded as a much needed reform. Those who will probably be the greatest losers by its honest enforcement are mostly Japanese subjects, especially manufacturers in Osaka and Kobe. (Undoubtedly rural policemen and other petty officials will avail of it to exhibit their usual lack of discretion.)

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: "Regulations Controlling Dietary and Other Articles".

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Regulation Controlling Dietary and other Articles.

Regulation Controlling unhealthy Diets and other articles.

Regulation Controlling the Business of Selling Refreshment Water and Ice or Food.

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Imperial Rescript No 272.

Laws No. 15 and 30 from Article 15.
5 and a Supplementary schedule of the
33 rd of year of Meiji shall be enforced
in Chosen.

Supplementary Rule.

This regulation shall come into
operation on the day of its promulgation.

(References.)

Law No. 30 of the 33 rd year of Meiji.

Regulation concerning allowances
made to those engaged in the prevention
and relief of epidemics.

Law No 15. of the 33 rd year of Meiji.

Regulation controlling dietary and
other articles.

Article 1.

The manufacture, collection, giving
out, and use of any food and drink

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intended for sale, or any dietary wares
or cooking utensils, or other articles
intended for sale that are likely to have
an insanitary effect may be prohibited,
or any business in such articles may
be suspended or prohibited by the
Administrative Office according
to the law laid down.

Where a case as set forth in
the preceding clause occurs, the
administrative office may order
the proprietor or possessor to destroy
the articles, or take other necessary
measures concerning them, but
when the proprietor or possessor
applies for permission to dispose
of the articles in some other way,
such permission may be given,
provided the method adopted is
not likely to have any insanitary effect.

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Article 2.

The Administrative office may authorize its officer to inspect articles as stated in Article 1. and to demand such quantities only as are necessary for examination, without payment or compensation.

In such cases as the preceding clause refers to, the administrative office may order the officer to enter the place where the articles he desires to examine are being manufactured, collected, exhibited

Article 3

Any person who is in receipt of an order from the officer, or public office relating to the execution of this law but fails

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to act upon the order given within the designated period shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty yen.

Any person who offers resistance to the one appointed to carry out the directions of the official, public officer, or administrative office under the term of this law shall be liable to a major imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month in addition to a fine not exceeding ten yen.

Article 4.

In the event of any person appointed to carry out the direction of the official, public officer or administrative office committing

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and illegal action in connection
with the execution of this law,
he shall be liable to an ordi-
nary imprisonment for a term not
exceeding one year in addition
to a fine not exceeding 40 yen.

In event of any person appo-
inted to carry out the dirications
of the administrative office
receiving or agreeing to receive
a bribe from another person
while engaged in the execution
of this law, he shall be dealt
with according to Article 284
of the Criminal Code.

Supplementary Rule

This regulation shall come
into operation on and after April
1st of the 33rd year of Meiji.

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Ordinance of the Government-General. #10133.

Regulations controlling unhealthy diets and other articles shall be hereby established as follows:

Regulation controlling unhealthy diets and other articles.

Article 1.

According to this regulation, the table wares, cooking utensils and other preparation appliances, vessels, receptacles, and measures for diets shall be styled "appliances for dietary use".

Noxious, colored substances are divided into the following classes:—

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1. The following materials, their compounds and those containing them:

Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chrome, Copper, Quicksilver, lead, Tin, Antimonium, Uranium, Zinc, Gambogia, Acid picrin, Dinitrocresol, Aurin.

2. The following materials, and those containing them:

Barium sulphate, Cadmium sulphate, Chromic oxide, Quicksilver sulphide, Tin oxide, Muschif gold, (tin sulphate) Zinc oxide, Zinc sulphide, Tin, Copper, Zinc and its alloys having a Characteristic lustre.

Those described as antiseptic are the following materials and their compounds and those containing them.

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1. The following materials, their compounds and those containing them:
Arsen, Barium, Cadmium,
Chrom, Kupfer, Quecksilber,
Blei, Zinn, Antimonium,
Uranium, Zink, Gold
Platin, Kieselstoff,
Kollarlin,

2. The following materials, and those containing them:
Bariumsulfat, Cadmiumsulfat,
Chromoxyd, Quecksilbersulfid,
Zinnoxyd, Mussivgold,
Zinkoxyd, Zinksulfid, Zinn,
Kupfer, Zink, and its alloy
having a characteristic lustre.
Those described as antiseptic
are the following materials
and their compounds and those
containing them.

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Benzoesäure
Chloroform,
Formaldehyd
or Sublimat,
Thiosinamin
Thimol.

Acid benzoin, Acid boric, Acid chloride, Hydrogen fluor, Formaldehyde, Hydrarg perchloride, Acid sulphurosum, Acid subsulphurosum, Acid salicylicum, Thymol.

Substances of artificial sweetness such as Saccharine and other similar chemical preparations which do not contain Kohlenhydrat. (Starch?)

Article 2.

Utensils for dietary purposes enumerated below can neither be sold, manufactured, repaired, kept in store, exhibited for sale or employed in the use of trade.

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Benzöesäure, Borsaure,
Chlorsaure, Fluorwasserstoff,
Formaldehyd, Wasserstoffsuperoxyd,
or Sublimat, Schwefligsäure,
Thiosschwefelsäure, Salpetersaure,
Thimol.

Substances of artificial sweetness such as Saccharine and other similar chemical preparations which do not contain Kohlenhydrat. (Starch?)

Article 2.

Utensils for dietary purposes enumerated below can neither be sold, manufactured, repaired, kept in store, exhibited for sale or employed in the trade of trade.

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1. Those manufactured of, or repaired by lead or alloy containing more than ten per cent of lead.

2. Those soldered with an alloy containing more than 10 per cent of lead, or plated with tin-alloy containing more than 5 percent of lead, upon the part coming in contact with diets.

3. Cans for the preservation of foods which are soldered with an alloy containing more than 50 percent of lead.

4. Articles treated with glaze from which lead will dissolve by boiling for 30 minutes in water containing 4% percent of acetic acid.

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5. Those made by an alloy of copper, from which the arsenic disappears on application of the test set forth in the preceding paragraph.

6. Infants feeding appliances made of rubber containing lead or zinc.

Article 3.

A dealer shall be required to put a trade-mark or other marks upon all metallic vessels for dietary use that he manufactures, imports or conveys by stamping with a die or by any other method that will insure the legibility of such marks and be sufficient

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to prove that these articles were manufactured, imported, or conveyed by him.

Articles bearing model, stamp, trade-mark, or other marks as stated in the preceding clause can neither be sold, kept in store, nor exhibited for the purpose of sale, nor shall they be used for business purposes.

Article 4.

Diets enumerated below can neither be sold, manufactured, kept in store nor exhibited for sale.

1. Those that make use of noxious colored substances.

2. Those containing noxious

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fragrant substances

3. Those containing anantesep-
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4. Those containing arsenic,
antimonium, Quicksilver, Plumbum,
Baritanus, Stibio Kalium tartaricus,
Arsenic sulphide, Plumbum car-
bonicum, salt likely to
to health.

5. Those containing Artificial
substances or sweeteners.

6 Those containing Sulphuric
acid, Nitric acid, Hydrochloric
acid and other free mineral acid.

7. Those which have become
putrified, or in which matter unfit
for human consumption is mixed,
or contained, or to which it adheres.

The preceding clause shall
not apply to stored fruit and

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fragrant substances.

3. Those containing an antiseptic

4. Those containing arsenic, antimonium, Quecksilber, Blei, Pantamsulfuricum, Arsenicsulfid, Bleikarbonat, or other metal or salt likely to prove injurious to health.

5. Those containing Artificial substances or sweetners.

6 Those containing Sulphuric acid, Nitric acid, Hydrochloric acid and other Acid mineralsäure

7. Those which have become putrified, or in which matter unfit for human consumption is mixed, or contained, or to which it adheres.

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vegetable, or laminaria, to which copper or coloured substances containing copper has been applied to an amount not exceeding 100 milligrams of copper to 1 kilogram.

Article 6.

No article coloured with a noxious coloured substances can be used as a vessels or cover for food or drink offered for sale, except those enumerated below.

1. Those that are made of lacquer, glass, glaze, in which noxious coloured substances has been embodied.

2. Vessels or covers coloured by substances named in Article 1. Clause 2., Section 2, by which

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receive the likelihood of food or drink being impregnated by such odours or substances.

Article 6.

The Articles enumerated below can neither be sold, manufactured, stored, nor exhibited for sale.

1. Toilet articles, tooth-powder, toys (including picture-books, coloured prints, and coloured papers) which are made or coloured by using the coloured substances named in Article 1. Clause 2. Section 2. India-rubber toys made or coloured by the application of finishing by or fictitious fish.

3. Clothing and other objects or their materials that touch the body if a coloured substance containing

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15.

Articles not known in Italian manufacture.

Articles

The provisions set forth in the preceding article shall not apply to goods as enumerated below:

1. Goods to which lacquer, glaze, in which a noxious, coloured substance is dissolved has been applied.

2. Glass in which a noxious coloured substance is dissolved.

3. Goods in the manufacture of which a rubber substance already impregnated with lead-sulfur has been used.

4. Goods made by applying

Lead oxide, Troolmeite oil(?) or varnish, metallic or

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Article has been used in their manufacture.

Articles 7.

The provisions set forth in the preceding article shall not apply to goods as enumerated below.

1. Goods to which lacquer, glaze, in which a noxious, coloured substance has dissolved have been applied.

2. Glass in which a noxious coloured substance is dissolved.

3. Goods in the manufacture of which a rubber substance already impregnated with deleterious gold has been used.

4. Goods made by applying a Bleiorgd in which Prockneted or

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varnish has been melted or that have been lacquered with varnish or bleichromate.

5. Goods made by a zinc-compound that is not soluble in water and in which a rubber-substance or varnish has been embodied or by a zinc-compound on which varnish has been lacquered.

6. Cloth containing a less quantity of arsenic than 2 milligram to 120 square centimeters.

Article 8.

An preservative cannot be sold or the plea that it is to be used for the preservation of food or drink nor can it be stored or transported for sale as

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Article 9.

For the purposes of this regulation, the Superintendent of Police and the Chief of the Provincial Police shall discharge the duties set forth in Article 1 and 2 of Law #10 15 issued in the 33rd year of Meiji.

Article 10.

Any one who infringes this regulation shall be liable to detention or a fine not exceeding 50 yen.

Article 11.

for preservative, read antiseptic

Members of the families, lodgers, employees, or other persons engaged in the business of the dealer infringing the provisions of this regu-

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Article 9.

For the purposes of these regulations, the Superintendent of Police and the Chief of the Provincial Police shall discharge the duties set forth in Article 1 and 2 of Law No 15 issued in the 33rd year of Meiji.

Article 10.

Any one who infringes this regulation shall be liable to detention or a fine not exceeding 50 yen.

Article 11.

In the event of members of the families, lodgers, employees, or other persons engaged in the business of the dealer infringing the provisions of this regu-

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lation with regard to that business, the dealer shall not be exempted from punishment even though he did not direct them in such an infringement.

Supplementary Rule.

This regulation shall be enforced on and after October 28th of the 44th year of Meiji (Oct. 28/1911.).

The use of face-powder, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6. may be allowed for the time being

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Order of the Government-General.

No 134.

The Regulations Controlling the business of selling Refreshment Water and Ice or Snow.

Article 1.

Any kind of Ramune, Lemonade, Fruit-water, Peppermint-water, Cinnamon-water, Soda-water and other waters containing carbonic acid that are offered for sale shall be called as "Refreshment Water" by this regulation, and what is hereafter called snow or ice is snow or ice offered for sale.

According to this regulation a dealer is one who is engaged in the occupation of manufacturing

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collecting or selling refreshment-water, ice or snow for a profit. (A place in which refreshment-water or ice or snow is manufactured, sold, or stored, shall be called, according to this regulation "a Business Place".

Article 2.

Any person intending to commence the manufacture or sale of Refreshment-water or ice or snow must obtain consent from the Chief of the Provincial Police (If it falls under the jurisdiction of Seoul, consent must be obtained from the Superintendent of Police. This modification to hold good in all similar clauses of this regulation). But any person intending to open

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A retail business in such good shall be required to tender notice to the police station concerned (Re-phrase "Police Station Concerned" also includes any office where the business of a sub-police station is transacted, and this shall be understood in all similar clauses in this regulation).

Article 3.

A refreshment water which has become turbid or contains a precipitate can not be sold, exhibited or stored for sale.

Article 4

Ice or snow shall be sold, stored, or exhibited for the purpose of eating or drinking unless the water is colourless &c.

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transparent, and without impurity, but if any impurity is present it must be a very small quantity

No ice or snow, the water of which contains more than 2 parts of Chlor. to one million, or 1 of Nitric acid, or 0.05 of Ammonia or 3 of Permanganate of Potash, or a trace of Salpetrigsäure, shall be used for dietary purposes.

Article 5.

No retailer of ice or snow for dietary purposes, whatever his intentions be, shall be allowed to sell, store, or ~~exhibit~~ snow or ice that is not in conformity with the preceding article

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Article 6.

A manufacturer of refreshment water shall seal the vessels containing such refreshment water for sale, with labels inscribed with his name, the title and address of his commercial establishment and the date of its manufacture, but with regard to refreshment water manufactured outside of Chosen, the importer or conveyer must seal the vessels with labels inscribed with his name, his address, the name of his commercial establishment and the date of importation or conveyance.

In the case of vessels for refreshment water, the sealing of which is not needed by reason

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of the nature of those vessels, or the method of manufacture and sale, the manufacturers, importers or conveyers may dispense with the requirements of the preceding paragraph subject to consent being obtained from the Chief of the Provincial Police

Article 7.

No dealer in Refreshment water shall be allowed to use preparation appliances, vessels, and measures of which any part coming in contact with the water is made of lead copper, and their alloys, but exemption from this rule is granted if the part is plated with tin or by other methods

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calculated to prevent harmful results.

Article 8.

Every dealer in refreshment-waters or ice or snow shall be required always to keep clean the preparation appliances, vessels, and places of manufactures or other places where the refreshment-water or ice or snow is to be handled.

Article 9.

No dealer in refreshment-waters or snow or ice must allow any person who is attacked by tuberculosis, leprosy or other infectious skin disease to handle the

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refreshment waters, or excavation
or wells and measures, or to enter
the place of manufacture and
storing place. This rule shall
be enforced on the dealer also
in the event of his being the
diseases mentioned above.

Article 10.

For the purposes of this regulation,
the Superintendent of Police, and
the Chief of the Provincial Police
shall discharge the duties set
forth in Article 1 and 2 of the
Law No 15. issued in the 33rd
year of Meiji.

Article 11.

Any person infringing this
law shall be liable to pay a

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fine not exceeding 50 pesos or to detention, and any person who seals a labels inscribed with false information or presents another person so to do or makes a misleading collection on the labels or permits another person so to do, shall be liable to detention or a fine.

Article 12.

In the event of members of the family, lodgers, employees, or other persons engaged in the business of the dealer, infringing the provisions of this regulation with regard to that business, the dealer shall not be exempt from punishment even though he

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shall not affect them in case of a infringement.

Article 13.

The Regulation controlling nonwine dietary and other articles shall be applied to any refreshment-water, snow or ice that fails to come within the scope of this regulation.

Supplementary Rule.

This regulation shall be put into operation on and after 1st Oct-ober in the 44th year of Meiji.

The former regulation with regard to the business of Refresh-ment water or snow or ice shall be annulled hereafter.

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January 4, 1912.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to The Honorable the Secretary of Agriculture, and has the honor to transmit as of possible interest a copy of a despatch from the American Consul General at Seoul, Korea, with an accompanying translation of the pure food laws and regulations of Chosen.

Enclosure:

From Seoul, No. 282, November 23, 1911,
with enclosure.

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A true copy of the signed original.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 15, 1913.

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Subject: Medical Practice in Chosen.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

Having received an inquiry as to the requirements precedent to the granting of licenses to foreign physicians and surgeons seeking practice in Chosen I addressed a request for information to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General and, on the 13th instant, received a reply from Mr. Ikebe, in charge of that Bureau. A copy of his letter and a translation of its enclosure are herewith transmitted. I also enclose a translation of Korean Ordinance No.27, of January 2, 1900.

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So far as these enclosures will affect an American practitioner, and as at present enforced, the rule, in brief, is that in the case of a foreign physician or surgeon, coming to Chosen to practise, he will be required to produce evidence, such as a diploma from a reputable and well recognized school and other document~~s, evidence of~~ showing his right to practise in his own country, and obtain a license from the Governor General of Chosen.

It is very probable that the regulations in this connection will be revised in the near future, but I do not anticipate that

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any very serious obstacles will be placed in the way of reputable American physicians and surgeons who may come here.

Aside from employment as medical missionaries they cannot expect to find this a profitable field.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Scidmore

Consul General.

Enclosures: 1 - Copy - Mr. Ikebe to Mr. Scidmore, January 13, 1913.

2 - Translation - Residency and Police Orders relating to Medical Practice.

3 - Translation - Home Department Ordinance No.27, of January 2, 1900.

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(Enclosure No.1 with despatch No.402 - Jan.15,1913 - Seoul).

Copy.

No.22, P.

Government General of Chosen,

Keijo, January 13, 1913.

Sir:-

In reply to your enquiry dated the 15th November last, regarding the laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Chosen, I have the honour to state that the "Doctors' Regulations", Ordinance No.27 of the Home Department of the former Korean Government promulgated in the 4th year of Kwangmoo is applicable to Koreans, while Japanese are governed in this respect by the Ordinances of the former Japanese Residencies, which are still in force.

According to these Ordinances, Japanese who are desirous to practise medicine in Chosen shall be required to make notification to that effect to the Police authorities concerned, such notification being to be accompanied by the License issued by the Japanese Minister for Home Affairs in accordance with the Doctors' Law. The same Ordinances of the Residencies also apply to foreigners. In case, however, of notification to be made by foreigners other than those already in possession of the License, such notification, will, it has been decided, be accepted only when they may be considered as having sufficient capacity to be given the Licence in conformity with the provisions of the above mentioned Doctors' Law.

I beg to enclose herewith for your information the extracts of each of the said Law and Regulations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. Ikebe.

Geo. H. Scidmore, Esq.,
American Consul General,
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(Enclosure No. 2 with despatch No. [illegible] January 4, 1913-Seoul.)

(Translation)

Residency and Police orders relating to notification of Medical Practice.

Seoul Residency Order No.1.

Article 2. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses shall present reports and biographical statement to the Police Office of this Residency or this Residency:

1 - Upon opening of medical and dental practice.

3 - Upon opening of veterinary practice.

5 - Midwifery and nursing.

Article 3. When a business man under Article 1,and a person carrying on business under Article 2, establishes a branch office or removes or suspends his business, he shall notify the police office of this Residency or branch office of this Residency within ten days.

Taiku Residency Order No.4.(October 6, 1906).

Article 1. Persons intending to carry on the following business shall obtain permits from the Residency stating the following determined details:

4 - Upon opening of medical veterinary and midwifery practice.

Article 2. Persons intending to carry on the following mentioned business shall obtain permits from the Police Office stating the following determined details:

10 - Drug and patent medicine business.

Article 3. Nature of business, domicile, residence, character and name shall be reported to the Police Office before opening the various kinds of business mentioned in Articles 1 and 2.

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Songchin Residency Order No.5. (August 21, 1909)

Article 3. Persons intending to carry on the following mentioned business shall present their biographical statements together with copies of licenses to this Residency through Japanese association or police office concerned:

1. Physician.
2. Veterinary surgeon
4. Animal shoer
5. Midwife
6. Nurse.

Article 5. When a business man or a person carrying on business under the preceding articles abolishes or suspends his business, or removes to an other place, or any other alterations occur, he shall notify the proper office within 5 days through the police office of Japanese association or Japanese association.

Kunsan Residency Order No.4 (September 14,1909)

Article 4. Persons intending to carry on the following business shall present their biographical statements and certificates of study together with copies of licenses to this office through the Police Office concerned:

1 - Physician
3 - Veterinary surgeon
4 - Animal shoer
5 - Midwife and nurse
6 - Moxa and acupuncture, dentist and bone-setter.

Article 5. Kinds of business, place, domicile, residence and date of birth shall be stated in the application for business, and it is necessary to state the following details in accordance with the kind of business.

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Wonsan Residency Order No.1. (February 26, 1908).

Article 2. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses shall report to the police office concerned attaching a biographical statement. This shall also apply to the establishment of a branch office:

1. Upon opening of medical and dental practice.
3. Upon opening of veterinary surgical practice.
4. Midwifery and nursing.
5. Shampooing, moxa and acupuncture.
6. Upon opening of animal shoing business.

Article 3. When a business man under Article 1, and a person carrying on business under Article 2 removes or suspends his business, he shall notify the police office concerned within 10 days.

Jinsen Residency Order No.4 (June 6, 1908).

Article 3. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses, shall notify the police office concerned stating their family domiciles, residences and places of opening business and attach their biographical statements. This shall apply when branch offices are established:

1. Medical and dental practice
3. Veterinary surgical practice.
4. Animal showing business.
5. Midwifery and nursing.
6. Shampooing, moxa and acupuncture.

Article 4. When a business man under Article 1, and a person carrying on business under Article 2, changes any items in his application or suspends business, he shall notify the Police Office concerned within 10 days.

New

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New Wiju Residency Order No.1 (January 1, 1909.)

Article 3. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses shall notify the Residency through the police office concerned attaching biographical statements and copies of licenses;

1. Physician
3. Veterinary surgeon
4. Animal shoer
5. Midwife
6. Nurse.

Fusan Residency Order No.14. (December 29,1908).

Article 3. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses shall notify the Residency through the police office concerned attaching their biographical statements and copies of licenses:

1. Physician.
3. Veterinary surgeon
4. Animal shoer
5. Midwife
6. Nurse.

Article 6. When a person carrying on business under the preceding Articles, stops or suspends his business, removes to an other place or any other changes occur, he shall notify the proper office within 5 days.

Masampo Residency Order No.5 (October 31,1908).

Article 1. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses, shall obtain permits upon application to this office through the police office concerned, but persons having permits or licenses shall attach copies thereof:

1. Physician
3. Verterinary surgeon

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4 Midwife

5 Animal shoer.

Article 4. When persons carrying on business under articles 1 to 3, stop or suspend their business or remove, the proper office shall be notified within 5 days.

Chinnampo Residency Order No.2 (November - 1908).

Article 1. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses, shall obtain permits upon application to this office through the Municipal Council or Japanese association:

14. moxa and acupuncture.

Article 3. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses shall notify this office through the Municipal Council or the Japanese association stating domiciles, residences, names and ages, and attaching copies of licenses:

Physician

Veterinary surgeon

Animal shoer and midwife

Nurse.

Article 4. Persons intending to carry on the following business shall notify this office through the municipal council and the Japanese association:

Chungchin Residency Order No.3.(January 18,1908)

Article 1. Persons intending to carry on the following business must obtain permits upon application to the police office concerned:

Moxa and acupuncture.

Mokpo Residency Order No.3. (May 10,1908)

Article 1. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses shall obtain permits upon application to the Resident through

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through the police office concerned:

10. Dentistry and bone-setting

11. Shampooing, moxa and acupuncture.

Article 2. Persons intending to carry on business other than those mentioned in the preceding article shall notify the Resident through the Police Office concerned 3 days before the opening of the business.

South Ham Kiung Province Police Office Order No.6
(December 11,1911)

Regulations for formalities and control of applications relating to various businesses.

Article 3. Persons intending to carry on the following businesses shall notify this office through the police office concerned attaching their biographical statements and copies of licenses, but Korean business men and persons under No.7, who have no permits need not attach them.

1. Physician
2 Pharmacist
3. Veterinary surgeon
4. Midwife
5. Nurse.

Extracts

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Extracts from the Physicians' Law.

(Law No.4 of May of 1906 and as revised by Law No.44 of 1909).

Article 1. Persons intending to be physicians must have the following qualifications and obtain the permit from the Minister of Home Affairs.

(Omitted)

3. Persons who have graduated from foreign medical schools and have obtained license for practice in foreign countries and who are proper persons under the provisions of orders.

(Omitted)

Article II. Persons who engage in practice of medicine without obtaining a license ..... shall be liable to a fine of not more than 500 yen.

(Omitted).

Extracts

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Extracts from the Detailed Regulations for the Enforcement of the Physicians' Law.

(Home Department Order No. 27 of 1906, and as revised by No.17 of 1909.)

Article 1. Physicians who have not obtained licenses shall attach a copy or draft of household registration to the application stating the qualifications, residences and names under.....Clause 1 of Article 1 of the Physicians' Law, and present it to the Minister of Home Affairs through the Chief of the local district wherein they are residing.

(Omitted)

Article 2. Item to be recorded in the Physician's register are as follows:

1. No. and date of record.
2. Family register, (For foreigners, their nationalities) name, date of birth, and if woman, a statement to that effect.
3. Date of obtaining qualifications.....under Clause 1 of Article 1 of the Physicians' Law.
4. Withdrawal of license, suspension of medical practice, the reasons, period and date.
5. Reissuance of license, the reasons and date.
6. Reasons and date of cancellation.

Article 3. Physicians shall, when any change occurs in the items recorded under No.2 of the preceding Article....., apply for correction of the Physician's register.

When any change occurs in the items recorded under No. 3 of the preceding Article.....the correction of the Physician's register may be applied for.

(Omitted)

Article 5. Persons who make application .....under Article 1

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and 3 shall paste on the application the revenue stamps equal to the amount of the Record fee or fee.

(Omission.)

Article 7. When physicians change their residnces, they shall notify the Chief of the local district within 10 days.....

Article 15. Persons violating Clause 1 of Article 3.....and Article 7....., shall be liable to a minor fine of not more than 10 yen.

(Omission.)

(Supplement)

Matters relating to persons to whom license is given in accordance with No.3 of Clause 1 of Article 1 of the Physicians' Law.

(Imperial Ordinance No.244 of 1906)

Article 1. Persons to whom license is given in accordance with No.3 of Clause 1 of Article 1 of the Physicians' Law are as follows:

1. Foreigners whose countries have been designated by the the Minister of Home Affairs, and who have obtained physician's licenses in their own countries, and who have qualifications deemed suitable by the Minister of Home Affairs.

2. Japanese subjects who possess diploma from foreign medical schools or who possess physician's licenses in foreign countries, and who are deemed suitable by the Minister of Home Affairs.

Article 2. In case designation is made in accordance with No.1 of the preceding Article, examination is not necessary for practice in Japan. A physician's license granted by the country is necessary.

(Laws and Orders relating to dentists have the same import, and are, therefore, omitted.)

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(Enclosure No. 3 with despatch No. 402 January 15, 1913-Seoul)

(Translation.)

Home Department Ordinance No. 27, issued January 2, 1900.

REGULATIONS FOR PHYSICIANS.

Article 1. Doctors are those who are expert in physical knowledge, so as to use medicine properly, through capably understanding physical laws, examination of pulse, medicine and surgery, nature of medicine, acupuncture, and the strengthening or washing out of the intestines.

Article 2. Doctors who have not a diploma from a College of medicine and pharmacy, and have not the permits given upon passing the examination of the Home Department, may not be allowed to engage in medical practice.

But, for the present, however, permits may be given by the Minister of the Home Department by examination of their medical knowledge at the Sanitary Bureau.

Article 3. In obtaining permits, doctors shall, when they are in different districts, apply to the Home Department with their examination certificates through the Governor's office, conserned.

Article 4. When doctors apply for permits, they shall pay a fee of 3 yen.

Article 5. When a permit is given to a doctor, the Home Department shall register his name, age and nationality in the Record of Doctors which will become an official certification.

Article 6. When doctors lose or destroy their permits or change their names or nationalities, they shall report the facts to the Home Department through the Governor's office, conserned to reissue their permits, and they shall pay a fee of 1 yen.

Article 7. Those, natives or foreigners, who have not permits, shall not be allowed to engage in medical practice.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, December 3, 1913.

Office of Foreign Trade Advisers
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

SUBJECT: Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine and Dentistry, and the Supernumerary Medical Advisers.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

1/4 I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of translations, made in this office, of Orders No.100, 101, 102, and 103, of the Government General of Chosen, for the control, respectively, of (1) physicians, (2) dentists, (3) Korean old style physicians, and (4) the supernumerary medical advisers or public health officers. The regulations regarding Korean old style doctors and the supernumerary medical advisers, though relating in no way to foreign practitioners, are transmitted as a matter of information as to the Government General's method of dealing with these two questions. All the regulations enclosed herewith are to go into force on January 1, 1914.

REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO PHYSICIANS.

Article 1 gives the qualifications necessary for those who

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who desire to secure licenses for the practice of medicine in Chosen. By section 5 licenses are to be given to such subjects or citizens of certain foreign countries, to be designated by the Governor General of Chosen, as have obtained a license in such country. The countries so designated will probably be only those which grant reciprocal privileges to Japanese subjects or citizens. In case the applicant is a subject or citizen of a country not so designated, he(or she) will be obliged to qualify under one of the other provisions of Article 1. Articles 2 - 7, and 15 - 21, give further rules for the grant, suspension, or cancellation of licenses, while Article 22 provides the penalty for minor breaches of the regulations. Articles 8 to 14, inclusive, lay down certain rules to be followed by medical practitioners in the matters of examination, treatment, etc., of patients. The supplementary regulations give the manner in which present practitioners are to be dealt with, special attention being directed to the last paragraph, which provides for foreigners who are not at present licensed practitioners in Chosen.

REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO DENTISTS.

The general plan of the regulations is the same as that of the regulations in regard to physicians, the most notable difference being the provision of Article 1, Section 3, which opens the practice of dentistry in Chosen to licensed practitioners of all foreign countries and to graduates from foreign dentistry schools. It will be noted that the provisions of Articles 2, 3, 5 - 7, 10, and 12 - 20, of the regulations in regard to physicians, are extended to apply to dentists.

No provision of either set of regulations can be construed as discriminative against American practitioners, it being understood

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understoodthat American physicians in Chosen are accorded the same rights and privileges as Japanese physicians in the United States. There are at present about thirty foreign physicians in Chosen, of whom by far the larger part are Americans. There is one American dentist with a practice in this country. It is not anticipated that any difficulties will arise in connection with the issuance of licenses to these practitioners.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURES:

1. Regulations in Regard to Physicians.
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TRANSLATION. C/

From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of November 15, 1913.

Government General of Chosen,

Order No.100.

Regulations in regard to physicians are laid down as follows.

November 15, 1913. Count Masatake Terauchi
Governor General of Chosen.

Regulations in regard to Physicians.

Article 1. Persons wishing to practise as physicians must have one of the following qualifications and must obtain permission from the Governor General of Chosen.

1. They shall fall within the purview of the PhysiciansLaw, Article 1, Clause 1, Section 1 and 2, and shall have passed the medical Practitioners Examination.
2. They shall have graduated from Medical Schools designated by the Governor General of Chosen.
3. They shall have passed Physicians' Examinations determined by the Governor General of Chosen.
4. They shall have been considered suitable for practising medicine by reason of being Japanese subjects, who have graduated from a foreign Medical school or have obtained a physician's permit in a foreign country.

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5. They shall have been considered suitable for practising medicine by reason of being subjects or citizens of countries designated by the Governor General of Chosen, who have obtained a physician's license in such country.

Persons having a physician's license or permit for opening medical practice granted by the Minister of Home Affairs (of Japan) are regarded as having obtained licenses in accordance with this Order.

Article 2. Persons falling within the purview of one of the following sections may not receive a physician's license.

1. Persons who have received a sentence of more than 6 years' penal servitude or imprisonment. Persons, however, who have been sentenced to penalties under Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code, do not come within the scope of the above.
2. Persons who have received sentences to penalties not less than imprisonment, either until they shall have completed the execution of the same or until they shall have reached the period of not being subject to the said execution.
3. Persons under 20 years of age, or incompetent, quasi-incompetent, deaf, dumb or blind.

Article 3. Physicians' licenses shall not be given to persons who have been sentenced to penalties not less than imprisonment, persons who have done any unlawful act in regard to medical matters or persons who, being deranged in body or mind, are considered unfit for medical practice.

Article 4. Persons desirous of obtaining a physician's license

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license shall make application to the Governor General of Chosen, stating their qualifications under the various sections of Article 1 and appending to the document a copy or abstract of their census registrations or registrations, together with copies of their graduation diplomas, examination certificates or licenses as physicians in foreign countries.

When permission is given in response to an application under the preceding clause, a physician's license shall be issued.

Article 5. If a physician who has obtained a license from the Governor General of Chosen has changed his domicile or name, or if he has damaged, destroyed or lost his license, he shall make application within 15 days to the Governor General of Chosen for the renewal of the license or for a fresh grant of the same.

If a physician under clause 2 of Article 1 has changed his domicile or name, or if he has destroyed or lost his physician's license or permit for opening medical practice, he shall report the fact within 15 days to the Superintendent of Police Affairs, or in Seoul to the Director General of Police Affairs (as also below).

In the circumstances set forth in the two foregoing clauses, the person whose domicile or name has been changed shall append to his application a copy or abstract of his census registration or registration.

If the physician's license or permit for opening medical practice which has been destroyed or lost be discovered, the fact shall at once be reported to the Superintendent of Police Affairs.

In the event of the person in question, being a licensee of the Governor General of Chosen, having obtained the

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grant of a new license, the former one shall be returned.

Article 6. Persons applying for a physician's license shall pay a fee of 10 yen by means of revenue stamps and those applying for the renewal or fresh grant of a physician's license shall pay one yen. Fees once paid shall not be returned.

Article 7. When a physician begins medical practice at his own or another person's place of medical examination or treatment, or branch office, he shall send in a report within 5 days to the Superintendent of Police Affairs having jurisdiction over the district, appending a copy of his physician's license or of his permit for opening medical practice.

If he abandons or temporarily ceases his medical practice or if a change comes about in the locality of examination or treatment, the rule is the same. If, however, by reason of the change, the Superintendent of Police Affairs having jurisdiction also becomes different, the report shall be made to the Superintendent of Police Affairs at both the new and the old localities.

The provisions of the foregoing clause do not apply to physicians engaged in medical examination or treatment at Government or public hospitals.

Article 8. A physician may not, without personal examination, give treatment or issue a written diagnosis or prescription-slip, nor may he, without making an autopsy, issue a certificate of autopsy, or a certificate of still-birth.

Certificates of death given in the case of the death of a patient in course of examination and treatment do not however come under the above.

Article 9. A physician may not without due reason refuse to

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give written diagnoses, certificates of autopsy or certificates of still birth to persons requiring the same in accordance with law and Ordinance.

Article 10. A physician may not in any manner whatsoever make advertisements connected with ~~the~~ his capabilities, methods of treatment or career, with the exception of his professional diplomas, his designation and the name of his specialty.

Article 11. If a physician, upon examining a patient or making an autopsy of a corpse or child still born after 4 months' pregnancy, considers that there is a suspicion of crime, he shall make a report within 24 hours to a Police Station, (wherein is included branch police stations and also gendarmerie detachments and sub-detachments discharging the duties of police stations, as also below,) or to a police official or person performing his duties.

Article 12. A physician shall enter upon prescription-slips, given to patients examined by him, the name and age of the patient, the name, quantity, method of use and quantity to be used of the medicine, together with the date of the prescription, and append his signature or write his name and affix his seal.

Article 13. If a physician himself issues medicine to a patient examined and treated by him, he shall plainly inscribe on the receptacle or paper wrapper the method of use, the name of the patient, the designation of the place of treatment, and also his own name.

Article 14. A physician shall provide a register of medical examination and treatments and shall enter therein the name, age and profession of patients examined or treated, the name of the illness, the date of the examination or

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treatment and the method of treatment, and shall keep it for ten years. If any of the items to be entered are unknown, he shall make an entry of the fact.

Article 15. If a physician comes within the purview of the items of the provisions in the various sections of Article 2 and in Article 3, he may be ordered to suspend his medical practice, or, in the case of physicians under clause 1 of Article 1, his license may be cancelled or, in the case of physicians under clause 2 of Article 1, he may be prohibited from medical practice.

If a physician under clause 1 of Article 1 is dealt with, in accordance with the provisions of the preceding clause, by cancellation of his license or by suspension from medical practice, he shall send in his physician's license within three days to the Governor General of Chosen.

Licenses that have been dealt with by suspension from medical practice and have been sent in shall have endorsed upon them the reasons for such suspension and shall be returned after the expiry of the period.

Article 16. Persons who have been dealt with by cancellation of license or prohibition from medical practice may, when the reasons for their being so dealt with have ceased to exist or whenever signs of their repentance become marked, have a new license granted to them, or the prohibition may be withdrawn.

Article 17. Persons who have received the punishment of suspension from medical practice from the Minister of Home Affairs (of Japan) may not engage in medical practice during the term of the suspension.

Article 18. In the event of a physician's retirement from practice, or of his death, the fact shall be reported within

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within 15 days to the Governor General of Chosen, and in the case of physicians under clause 1 of Article 1, the physician's license shall be returned. In the case of death, the formalities shall be performed by the head of the house or by the family.

Article 19. Under the conditions mentioned in Article 15, clause 2, and the preceding Article, if the return or sending in of the physician's license is impossible, the circumstances shall be fully reported.

Article 20. Documents to be forwarded, in accordance with the provisions of this Order, to the Governor General of Chosen or to a Superintendent of Police Affairs shall pass through the Police Station having jurisdiction.

Article 21. Persons falling within the purview of any one of the following sections shall be punished with a penalty not exceeding Two Hundred Yen or minor fine.

1. Persons who have practised medicine without having obtained license or in contravention of a punishment of prohibition or suspension from medical practice.
2. Persons who have contravened the provisions of Article 8 to 14, or Article 17.

Article 22. Persons who have contravened the provisions of Article 5, Article 7 clause 1, Article 15 clause 2, Article 18 or Article 19 shall be punished with fine.

Supplementary Regulations.

This Order shall go into effect from January 1st, 1914.

Persons who have obtained authorizations for opening medical practice prior to the enforcement of this Order are considered as having obtained a license in accordance with the same.

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Licenses for medical practice for a prescribed area and period may also be granted for the present, upon examination of their record and abilities, to persons who do not fall within the purpview of the various sections of Article 1.

Persons desirous of obtaining the licenses mentioned in the foregoing clause shall make application to the Governor General of Chosen, stating their domicile (in the case of foreigners their nationality), residence, name, date of birth and the area and period of medical practice, and append thereto a copy or abstract of their census registration or registration a statement of their record and documents sufficient to demonstrate their attainments.

Persons who have, previous to the enforcement of this Order, obtained licenses for limited areas and periods and are actually carrying on medical practice are considered as having obtained licenses in accordance with the provisions of the preceding clause.

The provisions of Article 5 to 16 and Articles 18 to 21 apply to persons who have obtained licenses in accordance with the provisions of the third clause and the preceding clause.

Persons who, being physicians under clause 2 of Article 1, are at the time of the enforcement of this Order actually engaged in medical practice shall, within 30 days from the date of enforcement of the Order, report to the Superintendent of Police Affairs their domicile (in the case of foreigners their nationality), residence, name, qualifications as enumerated in the various sections of Article 1 and locality of practice.

Foreigners who have hitherto been engaged in medical practice in Chosen without having obtained a physician's

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license may not, unless they obtain a license, in accordance with the provisions of clause 3 or Article 4, within 60 days from the date of enforcement of this Order, continue to carry on medical practice.

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From Official Gazette of November 15, 1913.

Government General of Chosen,

Order No. 101.

Regulations in regard to dentists are laid down as follows.

November 15, 1913. COUNT MASATAKE TERAUCHI
Governor General of Chosen.

Regulations in regard to Dentists.

Article 1. It is necessary for persons who intend to practise dentistry to possess one of the following qualifications and to secure permission from the Governor General of Chosen.

1. They shall fall within the purview of the Law regarding Dentists, Article 1, sections 1 and 2, and they shall have passed the examinations for commencing the practice of dentistry.
2. They shall have graduated from a School for Dentists which has been designated by the Governor General of Chosen.
3. They shall have been considered suitable persons for the practice of dentistry by reason of having graduated from a foreign Dentistry School or having received permission to practise dentistry in a foreign country.

Persons who hold dentist's licenses or permits

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to commence the practice of dentistry, which have been issued by the Minister for Home Affairs (of Japan) shall be deemed to have received a license in accordance with this order.

Article 2. Persons who desire to secure dentist's licenses shall apply to the Governor General of Chosen attaching to the document setting forth their qualifications under all the sections of Article I, a copy or an abstract of their census registrations or registrations, and a copy of their diplomas or examination certificates or their permits to practise dentistry in a foreign country.

A permit to practise dentistry shall be issued whenever a permission is granted to an applicant under the foregoing clause.

Article 3. Dentists may not give treatment, or issue diagnoses or prescription slips without having made an examination themselves.

Article 4. Dentists may not refuse, without proper reason, to give out diagnoses or prescription slips in needful cases, in accordance with the provisions of the laws and regulations.

Article 5. The provisions of the Regulations regarding physicians, Articles 2, 3, 5-7, 10, and 12-20, shall be applicable to dentists.

Article 6. Persons falling within the purview of any one of the following sections shall be liable to a fine of not more than Yen 200 or to a minor fine.

1. Persons who shall have carried on the practice of dentistry without having received a permit, or in violation of an abolition or suspension of their dentistry practice.

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2. Persons who have violated the provisions of Article 3 or Article 4.

The penal provisions of the Regulations regarding Physicians shall be applicable as against persons who violate those provisions of the Regulations regarding Physicians which have been applied to this order, in accordance with Article 5.

Supplementary Regulations.

This order shall go into effect from January 1, 1914. Regulations regarding the false teeth business shall be laid down by the Director General of Police.

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From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of November 15, 1913.

Government General of Chosen,

Order No.102.

Regulations in regard to Student (Korean old style) Doctors are laid down as follows.

November 15, 1913. COUNT MASATAKE TERAUCHI
Governor General of Chosen.

~~Regulations in regard to Student Doctors.~~

Article 1. Those who are called student doctors are those who receive a license in accordance with the provisions of this Order and practise medicine.

Article 2. If persons possessing the following qualifications desire to obtain licenses as student doctors, they shall make application to the Director General of Police within three months from the date of the going into effect of this Order, attaching a copy or abstract of their life history and registration.

1. Persons who are Koreans over 20 years old.
2. Persons who have been practising medicine in Chosen for more than 2 years prior to the going into effect of this Order.

Whenever applicants under the foregoing clause shall have been deemed fit persons to practise medicine, they shall receive licenses as student doctors.

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Article 3. If student doctors have changed their domiciles or names, or if they have damaged, destroyed, or lost their licenses, they shall make application for an exchange of such license, or for its reissue, to the Director General of Police within 15 days, stating their reasons therefor.

If a license which has been destroyed or lost has been discovered, it shall be presented to the Director General of Police at once.

Article 4. Applicants for licenses as student doctors shall pay a fee of Yen 3 in revenue stamps and applicants for an exchange or reissue of licenses as student doctors a fee of 50 sen.

Fees once paid shall not be returned.

Article 5. Whenever a student doctor shall have been condemned to a punishment of not less than imprisonment or shall have done any dishonest act in his medical practice, or whenever he shall be considered to be incapable of medical practice by reason of being deranged in body or mind, his license shall be revoked or he shall be ordered to suspend his medical practice.

Whenever persons who have been dealt with under the foregoing clause shall have ceased to furnish reason for such disposition of their cases, or whenever signs of their repentance become marked, they shall be granted a second license.

Article 6. Persons who have been dealt with under clause 1 of the preceding article shall present their licenses to the Director General of Police within three days.

In the case of licenses which have been dealt with by suspension of the medical practice and have been

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turned in, the reasons for such suspension shall be noted down on the back (of the document), and the license shall be returned after the expiration of the term of suspension.

Article 7. The provisions of Articles 7-14 and 18-20 of the Regulations in regard to Physicians shall be applicable to student doctors; but in those provisions for the words "Governor General of Chosen" shall be substituted the words "Director General of Police".

Article 8. Persons who fall within the purview of any one of the following sections shall be liable to a fine of not more than Yen 200 or to a minor fine.

1. Persons who shall have carried on the practice of medicine without having received a license or in violation of a judgment of suspension.
2. Persons who have violated the provisions of Articles 3 or Article 6, Clause 1.

The penal provisions of the Regulations in regard to Physicians shall be applicable as against persons who have violated those provisions of the Regulations in regard to Physicians which have been applied to this Order, in accordance with Article 7.

Supplementary Regulations.

This Order shall go into effect from January 1, 1914.

As regards student doctors, for the time being student doctor's licenses may be specially granted for a period of not more than five years to persons who are deemed suitable by reason of being Koreans who have studied the practice of medicine not less than 3 years.

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Persons who desire to secure a license under the foregoing clause shall make application attaching a copy of their registration and a statement of the curriculum of their studies certified by a student doctor; but in the case of applications for continuance of the license after the expiry of the period, the license only shall be attached to the application.

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From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of November 15, 1913.

Government General of Chosen Order No.103.

Regulations in regard to Supernumerary Medical Advisers are laid down as follows:

Count Masatake Terauchi
November 15, 1913. Governor General of Chosen.

Regulations in regard to Supernumerary Medical Advisers.

Article 1. There shall be Supernumerary Medical Advisers in Chosen.

The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall be appointed by the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 2. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall be under the supervision of the Director General of Police.

The disposition of the Supernumerary Medical Advisers and their territorial jurisdiction shall be determined by the Director General of Police.

Article 3. It is required that the Supernumerary Medical Advisers be residents of the locality in which they are stationed and be engaged in the practice of medicine.

Article 4. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall give attention to the following matters under official direction:-

1. The prevention of infectious diseases.
2. The investigation of endemic diseases.
3. Vaccination.
4. School

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4. School sanitation.

5. Factory sanitation.

6. Medical examinations of geisha (singing girls), licensed prostitutes, waitresses, etc.

7. Inquests on dead bodies.

8. Examination and treatment of travellers who fall ill and charity patients.

9. Matters regarding public sanitation and medical affairs other than those mentioned in the foregoing sections in regard to which special instructions shall have been issued.

Article 5. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall constantly investigate and make researches on sanitation and medical matters within their territorial jurisdiction, and shall make reports to the Government office concerned and to the supervising Government office.

Article 6. Whenever it is necessary in order to save life following some extraordinary occurence, the Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall immediately proceed to the spot and shall attend to the saving of lives and the treatment of patients.

Article 7. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall by the 5th. of every month report to the supervising Government office on the following items which shall have been handled during the month previous, but urgent matters shall be reported on at the time:-

1. Matters detailed in all the sections of Article 4.

2. The classification of the diseases of patients who shall have been examined and treated by them as licensed medical practitioners.

Article 8. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall be paid allowances:

Whenever they shall have been ordered to proceed anywhere, the Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall have

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their travelling expenses paid.

The amounts of allowances and travelling expenses and the method of such payments shall be determined by the Director General of Police, with the sanction of the Governor General of Chosen.

Article 9. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers and their families may not engage in the drug or patent medicine business.

Article 10. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall determine upon consultation fees, operating fees, the prices of medicines, etc., and shall obtain the sanction of the Director General of Police, and the same sanction shall be obtained whenever there is to be a change in these matters.

Article 11. The Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall obtain the sanction of the controlling government office for matters such as are detailed as follows:-

1. When the location of the place for examination and treatment is about to be changed.
2. When the location of a branch office is about to be established.
3. When they are about to travel on their private business.
4. When for cause they are about to suspend such business.

Article 12. When ordered by the Director General of Police the Supernumerary Medical Advisers shall attend to matters outside their territorial jurisdiction.

Supplementary Regulation.

This Order shall go into effect from January 1, 1914.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 7, 1914.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

With reference to Mr. Scidmore's despatch No.475, of December 3, 1913, I have the honor to report that, by a notice issued in the OFFICIAL GAZETTE of January 4, 1914, Great Britain has been designated as a country whose subjects or citizens may practise medicine in Chosen, if they have obtained licenses in their own country. This notification was issued under Article I, Clause I, Section 5, of the Regulations in Regard to Physicians, which went into effect on January 1, 1914.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond S. Curtice

Vice Consul General in charge.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

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I have the honor to enclose herewith, from to-day's Official Gazette, translation copy of Government General Order No.111, amending the Regulations in regard to Physicians which went into effect on January 1, 1914. Translation of these regulations (Order No.100, of November 15, 1913) accompanied Mr. Scidmore's despatch No.475 of December 3, 1913.

It will be noted that foreign physicians who, at the time the existing regulations went into effect, were actually engaged in the practice of medicine in Chosen and were graduates of foreign medical schools or held licenses to practise in foreign countries, will, upon making application within three months from date in the form prescribed, receive general licenses.

While the original regulations, as remarked by Mr. Scidmore, were not discriminatory in form, it was found that in effect they greatly circumscribed, both as to

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time and to territory, the activities of foreign physicians other than those licensed to practise in Great Britain. This result was principally due to the fact that, owing to the mixed conditions of jurisdiction and of the application of laws, both before and after the annexation of Chosen, there was in practice, prior to the promulgation of Order No.100, no general rule clearly recognized as applicable to foreign physicians, other than the local police regulations which merely required registration. Hence when the new regulations went into effect on January 1, 1914, requiring compliance with former Korean and Japanese laws issued some years before annexation, foreign physicians generally, of whom the large majority are Americans, found themselves unable to qualify for general licenses, and that through no particular fault of their own.

To meet the situation thus created provision was made for limited licenses, - for a specified territory and for a period of five years - to such as were not entitled to receive general licenses. The difficulties as to territory, while working considerable inconvenience because of the widely scattered missionary communities, might have been overcome; but the obviously temporary nature of the arrangements adopted caused grave apprehensions as to the future of important benevolent missionary enterprises.

The question of some more favorable arrangement was accordingly taken up with the authorities here, both by correspondence and personal interviews, first by Mr. Curtice and subsequently by myself, with the result now reported.

2-7/ Copies of the notes exchanged are enclosed herewith and I have only to add that the Embassy at Tokyo has been kept informed

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informed as to the successive developments in the question.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ransford S. Miller

Consul General.

Enclosures:

1. Translation of Order No.111, of Government General of Chosen, of July 9, 1914.
2. Mr. Curtice to Mr. Komatzu, March 10, 1914.
3. Mr. Komatzu to Mr. Miller, April 6, 1914.
4. Memorandum from Mr. Komatzu to Mr. Miller.
5. Mr. Miller to Mr. Komatzu, May 29, 1914.
6. Mr. Komatzu to Mr. Miller, June 13, 1914.
7. Mr. Miller to Mr. Komatzu, June 15, 1914.

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(Enclosure No. 1 with Despatch No. 42, of July 9, 1914 - Seoul.)

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From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of July 9, 1914.

Government General of Chosen,

Order No.111.

The Regulations in regard to Physicians are hereby revised as follows.

July 9, 1914. COUNT MASATAKE TERAUCHI
Governor General of Chosen.

The following two clauses are added to the Supplementary Regulations.

As regards those foreigners who, at the time the Regulations in regard to Physicians went into effect, were actually engaged in the practice of medicine in Chosen, those who have graduated from foreign medical schools, or have obtained licenses to practise medicine in foreign countries, although they do not fall within the purview of the provisions of the different sections of Clause 1 of Article 1, shall specially be given physicians' licenses.

Persons who desire to obtain licenses under the preceding clause, shall make application to the Governor General of Chosen within three months from the date of the enforcement of this Order, attaching to the applications setting forth their nationalities, residences, names and dates of births copies of their biographies, diplomas, or licenses to practise medicine in foreign countries.

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(Enclosure No.2 with despatch No.42 of July 9, 1914-Seoul)

Copy.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, March 10, 1914.

SUBJECT: Medical Licenses.

Sir:

I have the honor to direct your attention to the present status of those American physicians and surgeons in Chosen who were practising here prior to the enforcement of the present laws regarding physicians and surgeons. Under the former conditions these doctors were allowed to practise in all parts of Chosen without restrictions; but at present the only licenses allowed them are those granted under Supplementary Regulation No.3 of the *(paragraph) Regulations in Regard to Physicians, which licenses limit both the area and the period of practice.

The application of this law in the case of those American doctors practising in Chosen prior to January 1, 1914, will undoubtedly seriously disturb and contract the excellent work done by these men in the past, besides hampering the work of the mission and mine hospitals scattered over the country, in which a large amount of capital has been invested. In view of these circumstances, which I have already discussed in conversation with you, I have the honor to suggest that the above-mentioned clause of the regulations be considered as relating only to future applicants for a medical license, and that unlimited licenses be granted to those American

Midori Komatzu, Esquire,

Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs,

Government General of Chosen.

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American physicians and surgeons who were practising in Chosen prior to January 1, 1914.

Understanding, as I do, the reciprocal arrangements existing between the Governments of Japan and certain other countries on the subject of medical licenses, I still consider that such arrangements should not be allowed to interfere with the formerly recognized and tacitly agreed to conditions through the retroactive application of new law.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Raymond S. Curtice

American Vice Consul General in Charge.

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(Enclosure No.3 with despatch No.42 of July 9, 1914-Seoul)

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TRANSLATION. C/3.

No.145 F.

April 6, 1914.

SUBJECT: Medical Licenses.

Ransford S. Miller, Esquire,
American Consul General,
Seoul, Chosen.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 10th ultimo of a note from Mr. Curtice, the Acting American Consul General, in regard to medical licenses for American citizens. Under the former Korean Government those persons, native or foreign, who had no license from the Department of Home Affairs, in accordance with Article 7 of the Physicians Regulations, promulgated by Order No.27 of 1900 of the Department of Home Affairs, were unable to practise medicine. But in consequence of the existence of extraterritoriality at that time, the actual application, in the case of foreigners, of all the laws and regulations was inconvenient; with the result that there is no case of the actual application of the law above cited. But, as regards the practice of medicine by foreigners after the annexation, it was required that they should make the same sort of a report to the competent police office, attaching the license from the Japanese Minister for Home Affairs, as was required of Japanese, as outlined in the reply of Mr. Ikebe, Secretary of this Bureau, to Consul General Scidmore, note No.22 F., of January 9, 1913. Moreover, in the case of reports from

foreigners

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foreigners, as regarded those who held no license from the Japanese Minister for Home Affairs and also certain other special persons, it was decided to take up such reports only from those who could be considered as qualified to receive a license in accordance with the provisions of the Physicians Law, No.47, of 1906.

On these grounds therefore it cannot be considered that the fact that foreign physicians practised medicine in Chosen in former times constitutes a vested right or privilege. Accordingly, the Regulations regarding Physicians, Order No.100 of the Government General of Chosen, which was promulgated last year, in no way infringed on any vested rights or privileges. Furthermore, the foreign physicians who were practising in Japan at the time of the abolition of extraterritoriality there, all came under the regulations for medical licenses. In spite of the fact that these persons received no special treatment, inasmuch as foreigners had been engaged in medical practice in Chosen for some time, as a special favor, they are permitted to practise within specially limited areas. This should, therefore, be considered in the light of special treatment, such as is not accorded even in Japan.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Midori Komatzu

Director of the Bureau of
Foreign Affairs,

Government General of Chosen.

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(Enclosure No.4 with despatch No.42 of July 9, 1914-Seoul)

TRANSLATION.

Memorandum Reply to American Consul General
Concerning the Physicians' Regulations.

I. Referring to our recent conversation on the subject of medical licenses for foreigners, subsequent investigations show that on June 23rd., 1899, the Vice Minister of Home Affairs instructed the higher local officials to communicate with the consular officers of the various countries concerned in the following general sense:

(1) After the operation of the revised treaties (July 17, 1899) foreigners desiring to practise medicine should observe the existing regulations concerning medical licenses.

(2) Those who desire to receive a license after examination in accordance with the said regulations should follow the regulations with respect to examinations for medical licenses.

(3) When foreigners at present practising medicine in Japan, who desire to continue their practice after the operation of the revised treaties, shall, before the operation of the new treaties, make application for a license in accordance with Article 4 of the above-mentioned regulations concerning medical licenses, after due investigation a license shall be granted bearing the date of the operation of the treaties.

II. Article 4 of the above mentioned regulations concerning medical licenses reads as follows:

"When persons who are graduates of the medical "department of foreign universities or of foreign "medical schools, or who have received licenses to

practise

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"practise medicine in foreign countries shall apply
"for medical licenses, enclosing their diplomas or
"licenses, the Department of Home Affairs, after
"inspecting the documents, shall grant such licenses
"without requiring an examination."

Although the above regulation was the one in operation up to the time of the enforcement of the present Physicians Law in October, 1906, foreign physicians practising (in Japan) prior to the operation of the revised treaties acquired thereby no privileged position, nor were they accorded any special treatment whatever. It was merely to ensure that those who had previously been practising without a license should thereafter comply with the regulations, and the granting of licenses without examination was limited to those who held diplomas from reputable medical schools abroad or who had licenses to practise in foreign countries.

III. As for the medical regulations of Chosen, inasmuch as it is necessary that steps should be taken in conformity with the latest and most advanced laws and regulations of Japan Proper, it is naturally impossible, while imitating the Physician's Law now in operation in Japan Proper, to follow former and obsolete precedents. (Consequently,) although provisions such as that in Article 4 above-mentioned have been omitted, yet in view of present conditions in Chosen, it has been considered advisable to incorporate (in the regulations) more lenient provisions than those of the (present) Physician's Law of Japan Proper; and therefore the special consideration of licenses limited in area was

granted

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granted; and, as the enjoyment of this special consideration is not necessarily limited to those persons who have diplomas from medical schools or licenses to practise medicine, as in Article 4 above mentioned, this is more lenient treatment than that accorded in Japan Proper at the time of the going into effect of the revised treaties.

As regards the special provision relating to British subjects, which is identical to that of the Physician's Law of Japan, this, as you know, is based on the principle of absolute reciprocity.

IV. Again, as a matter of fact, the so-called "limited area" is not necessarily restricted to narrow boundaries. According to circumstances a license may be granted to cover one or more (two) provinces; so that it is believed that no serious inconvenience will occur in the medical treatment of resident foreigners.

Moreover, should it become absolutely necessary to treat a foreign patient outside the limits of one's license, there is no objection to doing so in consultation with a local physician who shall act as head doctor, or to giving one's opinion as to the treatment and prescriptions of the head doctor.

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(Enclosure No.5 with despatch No.42 of July 9, 1914-Seoul)

COPY.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, May 29, 1914.

SUBJECT: Medical Licenses.

Dear Mr. Komatzu,

Referring to Mr. Curtice's note of March 10 last on the subject of medical licenses, and to your reply of April 6th together with the memorandum handed me on the 7th instant by Mr. Katayama, may I be permitted to suggest that one essential difference in our respective points of view on the question seems to lie in this: that whereas you are inclined to regard the measures taken by the authorities in Japan proper, when consular jurisdiction was abolished, merely as precautionary steps to ensure the observance of the Japanese law by foreign physicians, those measures appear to me to indicate a considerate desire on the part of the authorities to permit those foreign physicians of good standing who were at that time practising in Japan to continue their practice under the new regime with as little inconvenience as was consistent with the change in jurisdiction. Be the reason what it may, the fact remains that due notice was given them of the impending changes and of the steps necessary to maintain their position under the new conditions.

The question that has been raised is not as to what measures the Government General might adopt for the control

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Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs,

Government General of Chosen.

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of medical practice in Chosen, nor is there, I trust, any lack of appreciation of the provisions already made with respect to foreign physicians. The question is rather as to whether the adoption of new regulations which so retroact upon practising physicians of undoubted qualifications as to cause them no little embarrassment in their humanitarian work, and concern for their future, evidences sufficient consideration of all the circumstances of the situation. I take it that none of the laws enacted in Japan proper, even those of 1906, have so reacted upon physicians of reputable standing actually engaged in practice there at the time.

You will doubtless observe that the above remarks refer only to the effect of the new regulations upon such qualified physicians as were practising their profession in all good faith at the time the regulations were adopted. As to these I am informed that, in point of fact, the new limitations do result in considerable inconvenience in their professional work and that, moreover, as by the terms of the regulations even the limited licenses now granted them are evidently regarded as a temporary measure only, there is no assurance as to their future. From this point of view, and having in mind all the special circumstances of the case, the character of the men and the nature of their profession, I trust you will not consider it as too much for me to hope that some further measures may be taken to relieve those concerned of their present embarrassments.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Ransford S. Miller,

American Consul General.

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(Enclosure No.6 with despatch No.42 of July 9,1914-Seoul.)

Copy.

No.145 F. Government General of Chosen.

Keijo, June 13, 1914.

Dear Mr. Miller,

In reply to your note of the 29th of May, relating to the subject of medical licenses, I have the honour to say that I cannot agree with you in regarding the new regulations in question as retroactive upon practising physicians, because the physicians who had received from the Government permits to practice medicine prior to the enforcement of the regulations are recognized as such, and those who had failed to obtain such permission are accorded the privilege to receive special permits to practise medicine. Besides you are not correctly informed if you regard the new limitations as resulting in considerable inconvenience in their professional work, inasmuch as the limited area could in a point of fact be so extended as to include a whole province or even two provinces.

However I do not see any objection to adopting special measures with a view to granting general license to qualified physicians of reputable standing actually engaged in practice at the time the new regulations in question were put into force. I shall be willing to recommend to the Governor General that an ordinance will be promulgated for that purpose.

Hoping that the proposed arrangement will meet your desire both in principle and practice, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) M. Komatzu.

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(Enclosure No.7 with despatch No.42 of July 9,1914-Seoul.)

Copy. AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, June 15, 1914.

SUBJECT: Medical Licenses.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your note of June 13 on the subject of medical licenses, in which you state that, while maintaining your opinion as to certain points involved, you see no objection to adopting special measures with a view to granting general licenses to qualified physicians of reputable standing actually engaged in practice at the time the new regulations in question were put into force and that you will be willing to recommend to the Governor General that an Ordinance be promulgated for that purpose.

I take this opportunity of assuring you that the proposed action on the part of the Government General will be greatly appreciated, not only by those directly concerned but also by the large circle of those both here and abroad who are deeply interested in the work of medical missions in Chosen, as a renewed evidence of the friendly disposition of the Government General toward these commendable humanitarian enterprises.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Ransford S. Miller

American Consul General.

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Midori Komatzu, Esquire,

Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs,

Government General of Chosen.

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September 10, 1914.

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to The Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury and has the honor to enclose for the Public Health Service a copy of a despatch from the Consul General at Seoul, Chosen, in regard to medical licenses in Chosen.

Enclosure:

From Seoul, Chosen, No. 42, July 9, 1914.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, April 8, 1915.

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SUBJECT: Medical Licenses.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:

I have the honor to report that in an interview yesterday with Mr. Komatzu, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs of the Government General of Chosen, at which I was accompanied by Dr. R. G. Mills, Secretary of the Medical Association of Chosen, we were informed that hereafter foreign physicians newly arriving in Chosen would be granted licenses only after examination, which would be conducted in English; and that the provision of the Physician's Law relating to limited licenses would be applied only to certain special cases, such as native doctors of the old school.

Mr. Komatzu stated that the reason for the new ruling was the fact that the law had been so revised as to provide general licenses for all foreign physicians formerly practicising in Chosen (See my despatch No.42, of July 9, 1914), and that accordingly the provision regarding limited licenses was regarded as inapplicable except as to the special cases mentioned. He thought, however, than any

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cases that might arise before the Mission Boards at home were informed of the new ruling might be adjusted. I may add that the occasion of our interview was the case of an American missionary physician who had been refused a limited license but who, at Mr. Komatzu's suggestion, will renew his application.

Dr. Mills will report in full upon the subject to the various Mission Boards in America, but the question may also be of interest to other physicians who may possibly be contemplating the practice of medicine in Chosen.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Rawlford Miller

Consul General.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

Referring to my despatch No.85 of April 8 last on the subject of medical licenses, I have the honor to report that I was to-day informed by Mr. Komatzu, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs of the Government General, that the examinations for general (unlimited) medical licenses should be taken in Japan proper by foreign applicants, inasmuch as it had been found practically impossible to provide competent interpreters here for conducting the said examinations in English. I was at the same time also informed that the practice of granting limited licenses, good for a specified period and area, would be continued subject to the local conditions in the respective districts. (I understand this to mean that in districts where the number of physicians is considered as already sufficient, further licenses will not be granted)

The above is the net result of several conferences

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with Mr. Komatzu on the subject during the last few weeks. Notwithstanding the previous assurances that the examination of foreign physicians would be given in English, the examinations held last month were conducted only in Korean and Japanese, two or three American applicants being thereby disqualified. The explanation subsequently offered was the practical difficulty of providing competent interpreters for the purpose.

The latest suggestion, as above reported, is based upon the following considerations:

By the provisions of the Physicians' Law of Chosen, ---------- "persons having a physician's license or permit "for opening medical practice granted by the Minister of "Home Affairs (of Japan) are regarded as having obtained "licenses in accordance with this order."(Article 1, last paragraph). I am reliably informed that according to the practice in Japan proper,

"(1) The examination may be taken in English, French or or German.

"(2) Examinations are held periodically in April and September, and applications therefor must be submitted in the preceding January and June, respectively.

"(3) Theoretically the questions given to foreign physicians are the same as those given to Japanese, but in practice they are more or less abbreviated. There are two grades of examinations, the "ante-examination" (zenki Shiken) and the "post-examination" (Koki shiken), evidently corresponding to the customary division into preliminary and final.

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While Japanese are required to take both separately, with an interval of one year, or more at the option of the applicant, foreigners are permitted to take them together as one examination. The examinee may not engage in practice until he has passed both.

"(4) The number of days required for the examination in the case of a foreigner is not definite, on account of the combination of the zenki and koki, but may be reckoned at from three to five days."

By taking the examinations in Japan proper (Tokyo), therefore, it is thought that the practical difficulties which have arisen may be overcome.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond Smith

Consul General.

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July 30, 1915.

Reverend Arthur J. Brown, D. D.,

Chairman Committee on Reference and Counsel,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith for your information copy of Despatch No. 89, of June 19, 1915, from the American Consul General at Seoul, Chosen, on the subject of medical licenses in that country.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

William Phillips

Third Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:
As stated.

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Hon. William Phillips,
Third Assistant Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I acknowledge with deep appreciation of your kindness the receipt of your letter of July 30th, enclosing copy of Despatch No. 89, of June 19th, from the American Consul General at Seoul, Chosen, on the subject of medical licenses in that country. I shall present the matter for consideration by the Committee of which I am Chairman and whose membership is indicated on this letterhead, and I may then communicate further with the Department of State.

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully yours,

Arthur J Brown

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See 895.1281/1 NOTE.

For: #475 from Chosen, December 3, 1913, re orders of the Goverment General of Chosen concering dentistry.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 21, 1914.

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SUBJECT: Regulations Controlling the False Teeth Business.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:

Referring to Mr. Scidmore's despatch No.475, of December 3, 1913, transmitting the regulations in regard to the practice of medicine and dentistry in Chosen, and more particularly to the second supplementary regulation of enclosure No.2 with that despatch, I have the honor to enclose herewith, in duplicate, a copy of a translation, made in this office, of the regulations governing the false teeth business. These regulations were issued by the Director General of Police, and went into effect on January 1, 1914.

These regulations follow the same lines as the regulations in regard to dentists, and provide for the proper control of the business through the necessity of securing licenses. All question of the ability of the applicants is apparently left to the discretion of the Director General of Police.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond S. Curtice

Vice Consul General in Charge.

Enclosure:
Translation of Regulations, as stated.

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 498 of January 21, 1914-Seoul)

TRANSLATION.

From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of December 25, 1913.

Order No.5 of the General Police Department of the Government General of Chosen.

Regulations in regard to the control of false teeth business are laid down as follows.

December 25, 1913.

M. AKASHI

Director General of Police of the
Government General of Chosen.

Regulations in Regard to the Control of
the False Teeth Business.

Article 1. Persons who intend to engage in the false teeth business shall make application to the Director General of Police, attaching a statement of their domiciles, (for foreigners, their nationality, and the same shall apply hereafter in this Order) residences, names, dates of birth and places of business, together with their biographies and a document which will prove their knowledge and ability.

When the application under the preceding clause has been considered suitable, a license for the false teeth business shall be given, limited to a period of not more than five years and to the place of business named.

Article 2. Persons who engage in the false teeth business may not, with the exception of processes necessary in the insertion or extraction of teeth or false teeth,

perform

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perform acts connected with medical treatment; but this limitation shall not apply to the removal of pain and other first-aid measures.

Article 3. Persons who engage in the false teeth business may not, in any way whatever, issue advertisements relating to their ability, methods of treatment, and their personal experience, and also they may not use any designation to confuse them with dentists.

Article 4. When a person who is engaged in the false teeth business shall have changed his domicile or name, or when he shall have damaged, destroyed or lost his license, he shall make application within 15 days to the Director General of Police for the renewal of his license or for a re-issuance of the same, stating his reasons for such application.

When a license which has been lost is discovered after receipt of a fresh grant of the same, the former one shall be returned.

Article 5. Persons making application for a license for the false teeth business shall pay a fee of 5 yen in revenue stamps, and those making application for the renewal or re-issuance of such license shall pay 50 sen.

Fees already paid shall not be returned.

Article 6. When a person who is engaged in the false teeth business shall have changed his residence, such fact shall be reported within five days to the Police Office (sub-police office, sub-gendarmerie office, or the office of a sub-gendarmerie detachment in charge of police affairs, and the same shall apply hereafter in this Order).

Article 7.

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Article 7. When a person who is engaged in the false teeth business shall have given up his business or when the period of his license shall have elapsed, he shall notify the Director General of Police and he shall also return his license within five days.

When a person who was engaged in the false teeth business shall have died, the formalities under the preceding clause shall be performed by the head of his family or his family.

Article 8. When a person who is engaged in the false teeth business shall have been condemned to a punishment of not less than imprisonment, or when he has done any dishonest act in his business, or when he is considered to be incapable for the false teeth business by reason of being deranged in body or mind, his license shall be cancelled by the Director General of Police, or he shall be ordered to suspend his business.

When a person who has been dealt with under the preceding clause shall have ceased to furnish reasons for such disposition, or when it has been considered that signs of his repentence have become marked, he shall be given a second license.

Article 9. A person who has been dealt with under clause 1 of the preceding article shall present his license within 3 days to the Director General of Police.

As for a license taken up, which has been dealt with by suspension of the business, the facts of such suspension shall be stated on the reverse side of such license, and the license shall be returned after the expiration of the period of suspension.

Article 10. In cases under Article 7 or clause 1 of Article 9, when it is impossible to send in or return the licenses

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licenses, such facts shall be reported.

Article 11. Any documents to be presented to the Director General of Police in accordance with the provisions of this order shall be presented through the police offices.

Article 12. Persons falling within the purview of any one of the following sections shall be liable to a fine of not more than Yen 100 or to a minor fine.

1. Persons who shall have engaged in the false teeth business without a license, or at places other than those designated in the licenses.

2. Persons violating the provisions of Articles 2 and 3, and persons who have engaged in the false teeth business in contravention of a disposition under clause 1 of Article 8.

Article 13. Persons violating the provisions of Articles 4, 6 and 7, clause 1 of Article 9, or Article 10, shall be liable to a minor fine.

Supplementary Rules.

This Order shall go into effect from January 1,1914.

Persons who have, prior to the enforcement of this Order, obtained licenses for the false teeth business, for the manufacture of false teeth, or for dentistry for limited places and periods, and are carrying on at present the business of the extraction of teeth and the insertion of false teeth, shall be considered as having obtained licenses in accordance with this order. Those who have no limitation of their business places shall be designated by the Superintendents of Police.

The term of business for those persons carrying on their business under the terms of the preceding clause who have no fixed term or whose terms exceed five years from the date of the enforcement of this order, shall be considered to be five years.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

DIVISION OF
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Seoul, Chosen, September 25, 1917.

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SUBJECT: Revision in Regulations regarding Dentists.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:

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See C.41020 also C.33099

1/ With reference to Mr. Scidmore's despatch No.475, of December 3, 1913, transmitting the regulations governing the practice of medicine and dentistry in Chosen, I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a translation, made in this office, of a revision in the regulations regarding dentists. This revision has been made to cover the cases of those Koreans who, not being graduates of a Japanese middle school, are therefore not entitled to a diploma from a regular Japanese dental college, although they may be otherwise perfectly qualified to practise their profession.

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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond S. Cumbee

Vice Consul in Charge.

Enclosure:

Revision in Regulations regarding Dentists.

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(Enclosure with Despatch No. 210, of September 25, 1917 - Seoul.)

TRANSLATION

From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of September 20, 1917.

Order No.68 of the Government General of Chosen.

The regulations in regard to dentists are hereby revised as follows:

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

September 20, 1917. Governor General of Chosen.

The following section is added after section 3 of Article 1:-

4. They shall be Koreans who, possessing the regular matriculation qualifications, have received permission to specially matriculate at any school under the Law regarding Dentists, Article 1, section 1, have completed the same course of study as matriculated persons and have passed the examinations in the entire curriculum.

Supplementary Regulation.

This order shall go into effect from the date of its promulgation.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Department, a copy of a communication from the Consul-General in Seoul, enclosing a translation of order No. 154 of the Governor-General of Chosen (Regulations in regard to nurses).

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:

As stated.

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Enclosure with Mr. Guthrie's No. # of JAN 22 1915

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 18, 1915.

The Honorable

George W. Guthrie,

American Ambassador,

Tokyo, Japan.

Sir:

3/ I have the honor to transmit herewith for the use of the Embassy translation copy, in triplicate, of Order No.154 of the Government General of Chosen, of date October 13, 1914, promulgating regulations in regard to nurses which went into effect on November 1, last.

Article 1 of the regulations provides that applicants for nurses' licenses must either have passed the examination prescribed by the Governor General of Chosen or be graduates of certain Japanese institutions. The question of the effect of the new regulations upon foreign nurses now practising their profession here was not raised by those directly interested until early in December when a petition was presented to the Governor General in the names of some score of American and British nurses, respectfully requesting that licenses be granted to them on the ground that they were actively engaged in their work before the enactment of the new law.

The government officials concerned frankly admitted that they had no idea that so many foreigners would be affected by the regulations; but since they were already

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promulgated and could not readily be changed, they would attempt to find some way out if the petitioners complied with the letter of the law. Late in December the applicants were given a formal examination and of the ten foreigners who took the test here in Seoul all were passed. I understand that a number of others whose names were attached to the petition are at present absent from the country.

This appears to me to be another instance in which the Japanese authorities here have gone out of their way to avoid embarrassment to missionary enterprise in Chosen, since nearly all of the foreign nurses concerned were so connected. As matters stand, however, nurses newly arriving must be prepared to take the government examination.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ramford Munro

Consul General.

Enclosures:

Three, as stated.

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TRANSLATION. C.

Order No.154 of the Government General of Chosen.

Regulations in regard to nurses are laid down as follows:

October 13, 1914. COUNT MASATAKE TERAUCHI
Governor General of Chosen.

Regulations in Regard to Nurses.

Article 1. Persons desiring to secure nurses' licenses shall be over 18 years of age and shall fall within one of the following classifications:-

a. Those who have passed the nurses' examination laid down by the Governor General of Chosen.
b. Those who have successfully completed the course of study for nurses at the hospital of the Government General of Chosen or at (one of) the provincial charity hospitals.
c. Those who have graduated from a nurses' school or a nurses' training school, designated by the Governor General of Chosen.
d. Those who have passed the examinations for nurses laid down by the provincial or prefectural authorities.
e. Those who have graduated from a government or prefectural nurses' training school or from the nurses' training school of the Japanese Red Cross Society.

Article 2. Persons falling within the purview of one of the following clauses may not receive nurses' licenses:-

a. Those who are deemed unfit for the nurse's profession by reason of mental or physical derangement.
b. Those who have committed a crime punishable by a penalty of not less than imprisonment, or a crime regarding the profession of a nurse.

Article 3. Persons desiring to secure nurses' licenses must apply to the Superintendent of Police (in Seoul to the Superintendent General of Police, and so hereafter in this order), attaching to the documents showing their registrations

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registrations, residences, names and dates of birth, a biography and papers to prove their eligibility under the various clauses of Article 1.

Whenever permission is granted to applicants under the provisions of the previous clause, the Superintendent of Police shall issue a nurses' license.

Article 4. Whenever a nurse's name shall have been changed or the license damaged or lost, application shall be made to the Superintendent of Police within fifteen days for such alteration or re-issue of the license, the reasons being stated in the application.

Whenever a license which has been lost is found, it shall immediately be turned over to a Police office (or to a gendarmerie detachment office or gendarmerie branch office having charge of the business of a branch police office or police office, and so hereafter in this order).

Article 5. Persons desiring to secure nurses' licenses shall pay a fee of Yen one in revenue stamps, and persons making application for a re-issue of a license a fee of fifty sen.

Fees once collected shall not be returned.

Article 6. Whenever a nurse shall have opened business, the matter shall be reported to a Police office within five days; and whenever a nurse's residence shall have been changed, the same procedure shall be followed. But whenever the change involved is one to a police office in a different jurisdiction, the matter shall be reported both to the new and to the former police offices.

Article 7. Persons desiring to establish nurses' agencies

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or other places of business resembling such agencies, must establish private rules regarding fees and must receive permission from the Superintendent of Police, and when it is desired to change such rules, the same procedure shall be followed.

Article 8. Whenever a nurse shall have ceased practising, report shall be made and the license returned to the Superintendent of Police within five days; and whenever a nurse shall have died, the formalities laid down in this Article shall be performed by the head of the house or by the family.

Whenever a nurses' agency shall have suspended or ceased business, report shall be made within five days to the Superintendent of Police.

Article 9. Whenever a nurse falls within the purview of the various clauses of Article 2 or whenever a nurse has acted in a manner injurious to such nurse's reputation, the Superintendent of Police may revoke the license or order the suspension or cessation of such nurse's business.

Persons who have been dealt with under the preceding clause shall return their licenses within three days to the local Police office.

In cases where licenses have been returned as a result of the business having been suspended or estopped, such fact shall be duly inscribed on the face of the license, and, after the expiration of the interval decided on, shall be returned.

Article 10. Whenever he shall deem it to be for the public good, the Superintendent of Police may order the abolition of the places of business provided for in

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Article 7, and may make such disposition thereof as may be necessary.

Article 11. Examinations for nurses shall be conducted by the provincial governors.

Public announcement shall be made of the time and place of the examinations.

Article 12. The subjects for examination shall be as follows:-

a. Nursing methods.
b. Principles of anatomy and physiology.
c. Methods of disinfection.
d. Practical work.

Article 13. The examination under clause d of the preceding Article shall be held for those who have passed the examination under clauses a to c inclusive.

Article 14. Persons desiring to take the nurses' examinations shall make application to the provincial governor attaching their biography to the documents showing their registrations, residences, names, and dates of birth.

Article 15. A certificate shall be issued to those who have passed the nurses' examination.

Article 16. Documents to be presented to the Superintendent of Police in accordance with this order shall be transmitted through the local police office.

Article 17. Persons falling within the purview of any one of the following items shall be liable to a fine of not more than Yen fifty or to a minor fine:-

a. Persons who practise as nurses without having secured licenses or who have secured licenses under false pretences or who have violated a suspension or estoppage of their business.
b. Persons who have violated extremely the provisions of Article 10 or the disposition of their cases thereunder.

Article 18. Persons who have violated the provisions of Articles 4, 6, 7, 8, or Article 9 clause 2, shall be liable to a minor fine.

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Supplementary Regulations.

This order shall go into effect from November 1, 1914.

Persons who are practising as nurses at the time of going into effect of this order and persons who at that time are conducting nurses' agencies or a similar business, shall within 3 months from the date of the going into effect of this order secure their license or permission in accordance with Articles 1 and 3 to 5, or Article 7, respectively.

Persons who have made application for a license or for permission under the preceding clause, may continue the practice of their profession until the question of their permission is settled.

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Seoul, Chosen, April 6, 1920.

DIVISION OF
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS,
MAY 5 1920
Department of State.

SUBJECT: Abolition of Flogging in Chosen.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that two important reform measures were promulgated in the OFFICIAL GAZETTE of April 1. The first had to do with the abolition of flogging, and the second, which is described in a separate despatch of this date, dealt with the abolition of the Company Regulations.

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The intention of the authorities to abolish flogging as a penalty imposed upon Koreans for minor offences has been much heralded, and it is a source of satisfaction to see the measure now actually put in force. The delay, which has been unduly criticized in some quarters, has been due to the necessary enlargement of prison accomodations, and the action of the authorities in carrying out the promised reform in spite of the failure of the budget at the last session of the Diet is entitled to a great deal of credit.

In an explanatory statement issued by Dr. Midzuno,

Administrative

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Administrative Superintendent of the Government General, it is remarked that during the past three years an average of 57,324 Koreans suffered the penalty of flogging each year in lieu of fine or imprisonment. The prison accomodations will now have to be increased accordingly and Dr. Midzuno reports that five branch jails have already been enlarged into separate prisons, while new buildings have been added to the 13 other main and branch prisons. Four branch jails and three detached prisons will be newly established. It is estimated that this building program will require some Yen 2,700,000 and that an increase of Yen 830,000 will be required for prison administration.

The main objections to the system of flogging in lieu of fine or imprisonment have been the brutality with which the punishment has sometimes been applied, and the fact that the penalty was applicable to Koreans only and not to Japanese residing in the same jurisdiction. This discrimination has now been done away with and one more promised reform has become an accomplished fact.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ramford M. Miller

Consul General.

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No. 305.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, January 30, 1912.

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SUBJECT: Red Cross Flag
Use of by American Missionaries.

To the Honorable MAR 19 1912

The Secretary of State,

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Sir:-

I have the honor to report that recently a number of American Missionaries have complained to this office of instructions from the police and gendarmerie to discontinue the flying of the Red Cross flag over mission hospitals or dispensaries.

To such complaints I have replied by quoting from the Act of Congress of June 23, 1910, and stating that I am informed that provisions similar to that law are enforced by the Japanese Government.

Copies of the latest of these complaints, from the Reverend William C. Kerr, of Chai Ryung, Chosen, and of my reply thereto, are herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. R. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURES:-Copies:

1. William C. Kerr to Consul General Scidmore, January 27, 1912.
2. Consul General Scidmore to William C. Kerr, January 30, 1912.

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No. 305

(Enclosure No. 1-despatch of January 30, 1912-Seoul)

KOREA MISSION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

CHAI RYUNG STATION.

Chai Ryung, Korea.

Jan. 27, 1912.

The Honorable G. H. Scidmore,
American Consulate General,
Seoul, Korea.

My Dear Mr. Scidmore:-

It has been our custom here for a number of years to fly a flag bearing the red cross over the hospital on market days. In the absence of Dr. Whiting in America I cannot say with what idea the custom started, nor can I say that he is a member of the Red Cross Society. At any rate, a member of the gendarme force came to us the other day with a polite suggestion that we had better not raise the flag again. Nothing was said about the American flag which we are in the habit of raising on Sundays. The suggestion was based on what was said to be a convention of the Powers to the effect that that particular flag should not be used without authorization. At the time I could not recall any such action, but thought afterward that perhaps it was something safeguarding the Red Cross Society. This gendarme, however, could give no very definite information, and so I am writing to you to ask if there is any such convention, and if there is not, to enquire whether you know the meaning of this step.

Trusting that this will not give you unnecessary trouble, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) William C. Kerr.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

January 30, 1912.

SUBJECT: Red Cross Flag, Use of.

Rev. William C. Kerr,

Chai Ryung, Korea.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of January 27, 1912, in which you complain of gendarme interference with the use of the flag of the Red Cross over the Christian Hospital at Chai Ryung, I have to enclose herewith a copy of part of the Act of Congress of June 23, 1910, restricting the use of that emblem.

I am informed that the Japanese Government enforces similar provisions.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

American Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Copy from law, as above.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the American National Red Cross", approved January fifth, nineteen hundred and five, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec.4. That from and after the passage of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person within the jurisdiction of the United States to falsely or fraudulently hold himself out as or represent or pretend himself to be a member of or an agent for the American National Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material; or for any person to wear or display the sign of the Red Cross or any insignia colored in imitation thereof for the fraudulent purpose of inducing the belief that he is a member of or an agent for the American National Red Cross. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or association other than the American National Red Cross and its duly authorized employees and agents and the army and navy sanitary and hospital authorities of the United States for the purpose of trade or as an advertisement to induce the sale of any article whatsoever or for any business or charitable purpose to use within the territory of the United States of America and its exterior possessions the emblem of the greek Red Cross on a white ground, or any sign or insignia made or colored in imitation thereof, or of the words 'Red Cross' or 'Geneva Cross' or any combination of these words: Provided, however, That no person, corporation, or association that actually used or whose assignor actually used the said emblem, sign, insignia, or words for any lawful purpose prior to January fifth, nineteen hundred and five, shall be deemed forbidden by this Act to continue the use thereof for the same purpose and for the same class of goods. If any person violates the provision of this section he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any federal court shall be liable to a fine of not less than one or more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, for each and every offense."

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

No. 1 Shanghai, China, June 5, 1922.

Subject: Circular issued by Korean Red Cross Society; Rev. G. F. Fitch.

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THE HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

Sir:

1/ I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of self-explanatory despatch (No. 1208, File No. 800/814), of this Consulate-General, of even date, on the above subject with enclosures therewith, to the American Legation at Peking.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edwin S. Cunningham

American Consul-General.

Enclosure:

1/- Copy of Shanghai Consulate-General despatch (No. 1208, File No. 800/814), of June 5, 1922, with enclosures therewith, to the American Legation at Peking.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

No. 1208 Shanghai, China, June 5, 1928.

Subject: Circular issued by Korean Red Cross Society; Rev. G. F. Fitch.

The Honorable

Jacob Gould Schurman,

American Minister,

Peking.

Sir:

1/ I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a circular issued by the Korean Red Cross Society, which was brought to my attention unofficially by the Japanese Consul-General because the Reverend G. F. Fitch, Honorary Treasurer, is registered here as an American citizen. Upon the unofficial complaint from my Japanese colleague, a letter was addressed
2/ to Mr. Fitch, copy of which is enclosed, dated May 26, 1922, anticipating that the circular had been issued without his approval, but, on the contrary, his letter of May 30, 1922,
3/ copy of which is enclosed, confirms that the circular was issuedwith his approval. The part of the circular soliciting funds which is particularly objectionable states:

> "In the coast regions north of Vladivostok and in Manchuria are over a million Koreans many of whom are suffering most severely. Having left Korea on account of Japanese cruelty and oppression and sought a home elsewhere, even here they have been attacked by the Japanese, many of them killed or their property destroyed and they driven forth as wanderers to endure cold and starvation. Many have already perished and their condition is most pitiable."

An American citizen should not, in the opinion of this office, lend his name to an attack, however just he may regard it,

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gard it, upon the people of another nation. I so informed
4/ Dr. Fitch, and copy of my letter is enclosed herewith.

The Reverend G. F. Fitch is registered here as an American citizen; he has spent over fifty years in China as a missionary, chiefly in Shanghai; he was born on June 28, 1845, at Avon, Ohio; and during recent years he has been actively interested in the relief of Koreans. This is the first occasion, however, that it has been brought to the attention of this office that he is the Honorary Treasurer of the Korean Red Cross Society or that he attacks the Japanese.

The Legation's instructions are respectfully requested as to what further steps should be taken, and particularly what reply should be given to the unofficial verbal information of the Japanese Consul-General.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN S. CUNNINGHAM

American Consul-General.

Enclosures:

1/- Copy of circular of Korean Red Cross Society, dated April 19, 1922.
2/- Copy of letter to Rev. G. F. Fitch, dated May 26, 1922.
3/- Copy of letter from Rev. G. F. Fitch, dated May 30, 1922.
4/- Copy of letter to Rev. G. F. Fitch, dated June 5, 1922.

Copy of this despatch, with enclosures, as enclosure with Shanghai Consulate-General despatch (No. _____, File No. 800/814), of June 5, 1922, to the Department of State.

In duplicate

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A true copy of the signed original.

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BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(C O P Y)

KOREAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Dr. Philip Jaisohn, Hon. President
Rev. G. F. Ditch, D. D., Hon. Treasurer

General Office

14 Rue Bourgeat, Shanghai, China.

Dear Sir:

In the coast regions north of Vladivostock and in Manchuria are over a million Koreans many of whom are suffering most severely. Having left Korea on account of Japanese cruelty and oppression and sought a home elsewhere, even here they have been attacked by the Japanese, many of them killed or their property destroyed and they driven forth as wanderers to endure cold and starvation. Many have already perished and their condition is most pitiable.

The Korean Red Cross Society is endeavoring to bring them all possible relief, especially in the way of furnishing grain for the farmers for seed. Singled handed we can accomplish but little. We trust that if we can make our appeal to be heard, the public may generously respond. We fondly hope and pray that all our liberty loving sympathizers and friends will lend us a helping hand to save the defenceless lives of this one million people.

Any funds for this purpose may be remitted to the Hon. Treasurer, Rev. G. F. Fitch, D. D.. 61 Rangse Road, Shanghai.

Shanghai, April 19th, 1922.

(sgd) J. D. Sohn

President.

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELED AUTHORITY LETTER
OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

(COPY)

Shanghai, China, May 26, 1922.

Rev. G. F. Fitch, D. D.,
50 Dixwell Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Dr. Fitch:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular, the original of which I have seen, dated April 19, 1922, issued by the Korean Red Cross Society, and inquire whether or not this circulated with your approval. It is noted that you are the Honorable Treasurer and that the funds are to be transmitted to you.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,
EDWIN S. CUNNINGHAM
American Consul-General.

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Enclosure:

1/ Copy of Korean Red Cross Society circular of April 19, 1922.

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(COPY)

61 Range Road, May 30th 1922.

Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham,
U. S. Consul General,
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:-

Excuse the delay in replying to yours of the 26th in regard to the circular issued by the Korean Red Cross Society of Shanghai, but I was in Mohkansan at the time and only returned last evening.

Yes, the circular was circulated with my approval but I did not write it, nor should I have used quite the language it employs had I composed it, though I do not think it in any ways oversteps the bounds of truth in regard to the treatment which I know from the testimony of Americans living in the regions mentioned, that the Koreans have received from the Japanese.

I have every confidence that the money received will be honestly used for the relief of the suffering and not at all in the way of propaganda. I may mention that I have for a number of years tried to help the Koreans here in Shanghai, of which there about a thousand, but have never given them any encouragement in their political aspirations or countenanced propaganda either here or elsewhere.

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Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) G. F. Fitch.

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OF 1-8-58 FROM W. H. ANDERSON, STATE DEP'T
BY James E. Primas DATE 10/19/62

Shanghai, China, June 5, 1922.

Subject: Circular issued by Korean Red Cross Society in Shanghai.

Dear Dr. Fitch:

I regret to have received in your letter of May 30, 1922, confirmation of your approval of the circular issued by the Korean Red Cross Society of Shanghai, of which you are the honorary treasurer. It is regretted because the American Government has specifically requested all of its citizens in this part of the world to refrain from taking part in political discussions, and it is regretted that you do not comply with the request of the State Department. The correspondence is being transmitted to the Legation and the Department for its information.

Very sincerely yours,

EDWIN S. CUNNINGHAM

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Reverend C. F. Fitch,
61 Range Road,
Shanghai.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Seoul, Chosen,
November 3, 1912.

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DEC. 24 1912
FILE, G. E. S.

SUBJECT: HOSPITALS IN CHOSEN.

DEC 21 1912

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a clipping from the Seoul Press of yesterday, giving a statement of the number of hospitals at present in operation in Chosen, from which it appears that their total number is 124, of which 26 are government and public institutions and 98 are private. Of these private hospitals it is stated that 8 are under the management of Koreans and 11 of foreigners. The eleven hospitals stated to be under the control of foreigners are practically all American. Three American mining companies maintain hospitals; the Oriental Consolidated Mining Company at Pukchin, the Seoul Mining Company at Suan and the Chiksan Mining Company at Chiksan. Medical attendance and drugs are given gratis by these companies, whether the patients are employes or not. During 1911, the hospital maintained by the Oriental Consolidated Mining Company treated 19,209 cases of which only 8,776 cases were those of employes, leaving 10,433 non-company or charity cases. During the same period the hospital at the Seoul Mining Company's mine treated 17,679 cases, of which number only 5,658 were of employes. The work of this

hospital

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hospital has received very favorable comment from the local semi-official press, especially as to the willingness of the company's officials to assist the local authorities in drawing up and enforcing sanitary regulations.

The pioneers in medical work in Chosen were the American missionary physicians. They first made their appearance in the early '80's and, ever since that time, have pushed their work vigorously. There are now several well equipped missionary hospitals, the most important of which are located in Pyeng Yang and Seoul. The Caroline A. Ladd Hospital at Pyeng Yang (supported by the Presbyterian Church in the United States) has, in its seventeen years of existence, treated over two hundred thousand cases. The report for the year ending April, 1912, shows that 25,018 patients were treated. The cost of maintenance, aside from the cost of buildings and the expense of the physicians in charge, was $1,988. Severance Hospital, (Seoul,) maintained by the Presbyterian Church in the United States, treats an average of 1,555 patients per month. This hospital also conducts a medical school, the faculty of which is made up of physicians from the missionary bodies of all denominations. Their cost of upkeep for the past year was $8,638. The Methodist Missions also support hospitals, among which may be noted the hospital erected in Seoul at a cost of some $12,000 for the exclusive treatment of women.

Since the inauguration of the Japanese regime, in 1905-1906, the work of the missionary doctor, excellent as it was and is, has been to a certain extent overshadowed by the extensive medical and hygenic measures undertaken by the Government. A beginning was made in 1907, when the first Government Hospital was established in Seoul.

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Since that time the work has grown until there are now 19 government and seven "public" or quasi government hospitals. The Government contributes, I understand, to the support of certain of the 98 hospitals listed as "private" institutions. The Government estimates for the upkeep of the medical and hospital work for the fiscal year 1912 amounted to $463,996.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. A. Scidmore

Consul General.

Enclosure: Clipping from Seoul Press of November 2, 1912, entitled "Hospitals in Chosen."

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 383 November 3, 1912 - Seoul).

From Seoul Press of November 2, 1912.

HOSPITALS IN CHOSEN.

According to the latest investigation made by the authorities the total number of government, public and private hospitals in Chosen was 124. The particulars are as follows:—

	Government.	Public.	Private.
Kyongsongpu	1	—	30
Kyongki	1	—	12
North Choongchong	1	—	1
South Choongchong	1	2	—
North Chonla	1	1	4
South Chonla	2	1	1
North Kyongsang	2	—	3
South Kyongsang	1	1	17
Whanghai	1	—	8
Kangwon	2	—	—
South Pyongan	1	—	8
North Pyongan	2	—	9
South Hamkyong	1	1	1
North Hamkyong	2	1	4
Total	19	7	98

Of the private hospitals above referred to eight are under the management of Koreans and eleven of foreigners.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, August 20, 1919.

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SUBJECT: Regulations governing the erection and control of private hospitals in Chosen.

Filed
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a translation of Regulations for the control of private hospitals, issued by the Government General of Chosen under Order No. 53 of April 7, 1919, which went into effect June 1, 1919.

The regulations have been submitted to Dr. M. O. Robertson, Secretary of the Korea Medical Association, for such comment or criticism as he may care to make which, if received, will be communicated to the Department.

Private hospitals already in operation have two years in which to conform to the new regulations which are issued, not so much to disturb those institutions to which permits have already been granted, as to provide that the

construction

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construction and equipment of new hospitals shall meet the requirements of sanitation and safety.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul General.

Enclosure:

Regulations as stated.

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TRANSLATION of Order No. 53 of April 7, 1919. From

OFFICIAL GAZETTE, April 7, 1919.

ORDER NO. 53 OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

Regulations for the control of private hospitals are hereby laid down as follows.

Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA

April 7, 1919. Governor General of Chosen.

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

Article 1. Persons desiring to establish private hospitals shall make application to the Superintendent of Police attaching the following information, and shall receive permission therefor; and the same rule shall apply whenever any changes have been made in the information under Item 3 or Items 5 to 10, inclusive, and whenever it is desired to make any enlargements, alterations, or major repairs to the buildings.

1. Name or title, domicile, and address of the founder, and, if a juridical person, the name, domicile, and address of the representative.
2. If the owner of the site and the founder are not the same, the name or title, and address of the former.
3. The name of the hospital.

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4. The location and area of the site, and the area in the buildings.
5. A plan of the site and its neighborhood and of the buildings.
6. The area in tsubo of all wards and the number of patients to be accomodated.
7. The number and width of staircases.
8. The number of emergency exits, and the breadth and length of the alleys leading therefrom to the road.
9. Arrangements against fire and other emergencies.
10. In case patients suffering from infectious diseases are to be admitted, the location, construction, and distance from the ordinary wards of the separate kitchens, bathrooms, lavatories, disinfecting rooms (filth depositaries and laundries shall be attached to disinfecting rooms), mortuaries, cesspools, and sewers; provided, that in case there is provision for a disinfecting room for table-ware, the separate kitchens may be omitted.
11. The disinfecting arrangements in the disinfecting rooms mentioned in the foregoing item.
12. Structural specifications and estimates of building expenses.
13. Dates of commencement and completion of building work.

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Article 2. The designation "hospital" may not be used unless permission as provided in the foregoing Article or in Article 5 shall have been obtained.

More than 10 ordinary patients may not be admitted except to hospitals, and no patients suffering from infectious diseases may be admitted except to hospitals.

Article 3. Upon the completion of the construction of a hospital the fact shall be reported to the Superintendent of Police and an inspection shall be made.

Hospitals may not be used unless they have passed the examination provided for in the foregoing paragraph.

Article 4. In the following cases permits for the establishment of hospitals may be cancelled:-

1. When the date for commencement of building has passed without building having been commenced.
2. When the date for completion of building has passed without building having been completed.

Article 5. Persons who desire to receive by transfer the business of a hospital and persons who desire to succeed to the business of a hospital by inheritance shall make application to the Superintendent of Police and obtain permission therefor: provided, that in case of transfer the joint signature of the

transferor

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transferor shall be required.

Article 6. The following articles shall be provided in infectious diseases wards:-

1. Separate utensils, bedding, chamber-pots, prophylactic garments, and medical instruments.
2. Utensils with fly-proof equipment in which food, drinks, and utensils therefor shall be placed.

Article 7. Clean utensils and bedding shall be used for the patients in infectious diseases wards, and that part of the bedding which comes in contact with the body shall be covered with white cloth.

Article 8. In infectious diseases wards patients in excess of the full capacity and patients suffering from different diseases may not be admitted to one ward.

Article 9. No entrance to infectious diseases wards shall be permitted, except for doctors, nurses, and other persons who are in charge of the business of the wards or are engaged in miscellaneous duties therein.

Article 10. Persons entering infectious diseases wards shall put on prophylactic garments and on leaving shall take them off; and proper disinfecting measures shall be enforced against persons who have come in contact with patients or have handled articles infected or suspected of being infected

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with virus.

Article 11. Proper disinfecting measures shall be enforced as regards utensils and bedding used by patients in infectious diseases wards and as regards the discharges of such patients, the remnants of their food and drink, and any articles infected or likely to be infected with virus.

Article 12. Rubbish from infectious diseases wards shall be burnt.

Article 13. Articles in infectious diseases wards must not be removed unless proper disinfecting measures have been taken, except in case they are being moved in order to take such disinfecting measures.

In case articles the disinfection of which has not been completed are to be removed to another place, proper arrangements shall be made to prevent the spread of the infection.

Article 14. No dirty water, used bath water, excrement, or urine, from infectious diseases wards shall be taken out or thrown away unless proper disinfecting measures are applied.

Article 15. Patients suffering from infectious diseases shall not be accomodated anywhere except in infectious diseases wards.

Patients suffering from pest, cholera, smallpox, eruptive typhus, or scarlet fever, shall not

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be admitted to private hospitals even though there is provision for infectious diseases wards; provided, that this limitation shall not apply in cases permission has been received from the Police Station (including sub-gendarmeries and gendarmerie detachments in charge of police business, and the same applies hereinafter).

Article 16. Whenever patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to private hospitals, a report should be made at once to the police station, gendarmerie, or quarantine officer, detailing the name, domicile, and residence of the patient, his age, the name of the disease, the date of entering the hospital, the place where he fell ill, and the dates and hours of his falling ill and of the diagnosis.

Whenever a patient falling within the purview of the preceding paragraph shall have died or shall have left the hospital by reason of recovery or by flight or for any other reason, a report shall be made at once to the police station, gendarmerie, or quarantine officer, detailing the name of the patient, and the cause and date and hour of the occurrence.

Article 17. In the following cases reports shall be made to the Superintendent of Police within five

days

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days; provided, that, in case of the death of the manager, the report shall be made by the head of the house or by the family.

1. When the hospital is opened to business or when its business is suspended or closed.
2. When the rules of the hospital are drawn up or altered.
3. When the head of the hospital, physicians, pharmacists, midwives, or nurses are employed or discharged or shall have died.
4. When any alteration is made in the items detailed in Nos. 1 and 2 of Article 1, or when the manager of the hospital shall have died.

Article 18. The Superintendent of Police may, whenever it is deemed necessary for sanitary reasons or for the public interest, order that alterations be made in hospitals or infectious diseases wards or that the use thereof be suspended, and may impose other necessary restrictions.

Article 19. Reports of the number of the staff and of the number of patients treated shall be made to the Superintendent of Police in accordance with the annexed form, the report for the period from January to June to be made before July 15th and the report for the period from July to December before January 15th of the following year.

Article 20. Documents to be presented to the Superintendent of Police in accordance with the provisions of this

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this Order shall be forwarded through the police station.

Article 21. Persons who shall have violated the provisions of Article 2, Article 3, Articles 6 to 17 inclusive, or Article 19, and who shall have violated a settlement made under the provisions of Article 18, shall be liable to a fine of not more than two hundred yen or to a minor fine.

Article 22. Whenever the representative of the manager of a hospital, the head of his house, members of his family, persons living with him, employees, or others connected with the business, violate the provisions of this Order in connection with such business, the manager of the hospital may not be exempted from punishment on the plea that such violation was not done under his personal orders.

Article 23. Whenever a juridical person's business representative, employees, or others connected with the business, violate the provisions of this Order, the penal clauses shall be applied to the juridical person.

In case a juridical person is to be punished, the representative of the juridical person shall be considered the defendant.

Article 24. The standard for the structure and equipment of private hospitals shall be determined by the Superintendent General of Police.

In the construction of private hospitals on urban lands designated in accordance with the provisions

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provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 1 of the Regulations Controlling Building on Urban Lands, the limitations of Article 3 and 4 of those Regulations shall be followed.

In the construction of hospitals as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the permit provided for in Paragraph 1 of Article 1 of the Regulations Controlling Building on Urban Lands shall not be required.

Supplementary Regulations.

This Order shall go into effect from June 1, 1919.

Those private hospitals which are actually in existence at the time of the going into effect of this Order and which have been designated by the Superintendent of Police, shall be considered as having received a permit under this Order for a period of two years from the date of the going into effect of this Order.

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WATER SUPPLY: KOREA.

See 125.8532 / 2 For:

From Seoul, No. 164, November 21st, 1910.

Reporting the sale of the Korean Waterworks to some Japanese syndicate for the sum of $1,419,300.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen,

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SUBJECT: Waterworks in Chosen.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a clipping from yesterday's edition of the semi-official Seoul Press, relating to waterworks in Chosen which have within recent years received great attention from the Government and have resulted in vast improvement in sanitary conditions.

The water works at Seoul were constructed by Messrs. Collbran and Bostwick, an American firm, under contract with the city government made in the year 1900. The work thereon was delayed during the course of the war between Russia and Japan, but was completed in 1906, when it was turned over to a British company. This company operated the plant until it was purchased by the Japanese authorities in 1910.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. N. Seidmore,

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE:

Clipping from Seoul Press of January 23,1913.

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 1417 January 27, 1913 - Seoul)

From Seoul Press of January 23, 1913.

WATERWORKS IN CHOSEN.

Of cities in Chosen, Seoul, Chemulpo, Fusan, Pyongyang and Mokpo have waterworks actually supplying citizens with drinking water. Of these, the waterworks of Fusan has been undertaken and is managed jointly by the Government General and the Japanese Municipality of the port, and that of Mokpo has been entirely undertaken by the Japanese Municipality there. The Seoul waterworks was purchased from a British Company and the rest have been undertaken. All these are managed by the Government General. The cost of each waterworks and the maximum of population to be supplied with water by them are :—

	Cost. *yen.*	Max. number of persons.
Seoul	3,000,000	120,000
Chemulpo	2,400,000	70,000
Fusan	1,170,000	55,000
Pyongyang	1,300,000	60,000

The waterworks of Mokpo has been undertaken on a small scale, with a view to supplying water to only 5,000 persons. It has been found of late that the plan is too small to meet the needs of the city which has made remarkable development, and extension of the waterworks has been projected since last year. The Waterworks of Chemulpo, Fusan and Pyongyang are found sufficient to meet the present requirements of the cities, but the Seoul waterworks is now found, as often reported, too small. Extension of it is planned, to be completed during next fiscal year at an estimated cost of 110,000 *yen*. In Chemulpo and Kunsan, waterworks are now in the course of construction, that of the former city being undertaken by the Government-General at the estimated cost of 400,000 *yen*, and that of the latter by the Japanese Municipality there at an estimated cost of 300,000 *yen*, half of which is subsidized by the Government. Both waterworks will be completed next year. Wonsan and Taiku will also have waterworks before long, though the work has not yet been undertaken in the two cities. Subsidies from the Government-General to Wonsan with regard to the construction of a waterworks have been included in the Budget for the next fiscal year, so that the work will be commenced immediately after the Budget has been approved by the Diet. For Chonju, Kwangju, Chongjin, New Wiju, Haiju and a few other cities investigations are now being made. The undertakings, however, will generally be on a small scale. It seems that Taichon and Masan have scarcely need of waterworks, as the water of wells in the two places is comparatively good. It may be added that in Lanam and Chinhai there are waterworks undertaken and managed by the Army and Navy respectively.

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SUBJECT: Highways in Chosen.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a clipping from this morning's edition of the Seoul Press, reporting statements made by the Director of the Public Works Bureau of the Government General, concerning highways in Chosen.

From these statements it appears that the Government General proposes to expend for road construction and improvement the sum of $4,980,000, covering a period of five years, beginning with 1911. About 500 miles of the more important roads contemplated in this scheme are expected to be completed by the end of March,1913, at a cost of $1,743,000.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. R. Scidmore

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Clipping from Seoul Press of September 5, 1912.

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(Enclosure with despatch of September 5 — 1912 - Seoul)

From Seoul Press of September 5, 1912.

IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAYS IN CHOSEN.

On the authority of Mr. R Mochiji, Director of the Public Works Bureau of the Government-General of Chosen, a local paper publishes the following statement concerning the works undertaken by the Government with regard to the improvement of roads and highways in Chosen :—

Improvement of roads in Chosen is carried out according to two different methods, —one under the direct management of the Government-General, and the other carried out by local offices by means of subsidy from the national coffers. It is true, roads and highways in Chosen were not altogether neglected even in the days of the former Korean Government; repairs were made from time to time, but they were made only in patches and were merely time-serving. Attention was not paid to bringing all the highways in the peninsula under one system. Now the Government-General has taken up the work of improvement of roads and highways at an estimated cost of ten million *yen* to be defrayed in five consecutive fiscal years beginning with 1911 Of course this sum will not be sufficient to effect thorough improvement over all roads and highways in the peninsula. The present project is that repairs shall first be completed on highways of first importance Twenty six such highways reaching 587 *ri* or some 1,174 miles in length have been selected, on which work was to be commenced in 1911. The work was, however, unexpectedly delayed owing to the longer preparations than at first expected and subsequent floods. Work was consequently carried out on only nine of the lines allotted for the year, besides works brought over from the preceding fiscal year. All have, however, gone very well until this year, so that works at the estimated cost of 3,500,000 *yen*, both newly to be commenced and brought over from the preceding year will be completed by the end of March next. The lines on which improvement is thus to be completed are Chongjin-Hoilyong, Songjin-Heisanjin, Pyongyang-Wonsan, Haiju-Chailyong, Lichon - Kangleung, Lichon - Changhowon, Chongju-Eumsong, Chimju-Sangju, Sunchon-Chonju, Anju Manpochin, Seoul-Wonsan and the city of Seoul. These lines put together reach 250 *ri*, or some 500 miles in length, of which 110 *ri* or some 220 miles are nearing completion, while preparations to commence works are being taken with the rest. As for the improvement taken up by the local offices, 300,000 *yen* has been defrayed from the national coffers to be distributed among provinces as subsidy for the present fiscal year. Kyongki and seven other provinces have already been given permission to receive the subsidy from the sum referred to, each ranging from 750 *yen* to 36,700 *yen*. It is expected that other provinces will in time send application for the subsidy. They will be granted it after due consideration.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, November 7, 1912.

Office of Foreign Trade Advisers
DEC 10 1912
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

SUBJECT: Street and other Improvements of Seoul.

Sent to C# 5695

CONSULAR BUREAU
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ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a map of the city of Seoul, published in yesterday's edition of the Official Gazette of the Government General of Chosen, which shows in red lines the opening and extension of streets and parks now in progress and proposed.

In lieu of the present ~~narrow and tortuous and insanitary lanes~~ narrow streets which have characterized Seoul there will be constructed paved and macadamized thoroughfares, having widths, one of 180 feet, one of 115 feet, three of 90 feet, five of 72 feet, five of 60 feet and fifteen of 48 feet. It is estimated that these improvements will cost about 13,000,000 Yen, ($6,474,000.)

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore,

Consul General.

ENCLOSURE: Map of Seoul.

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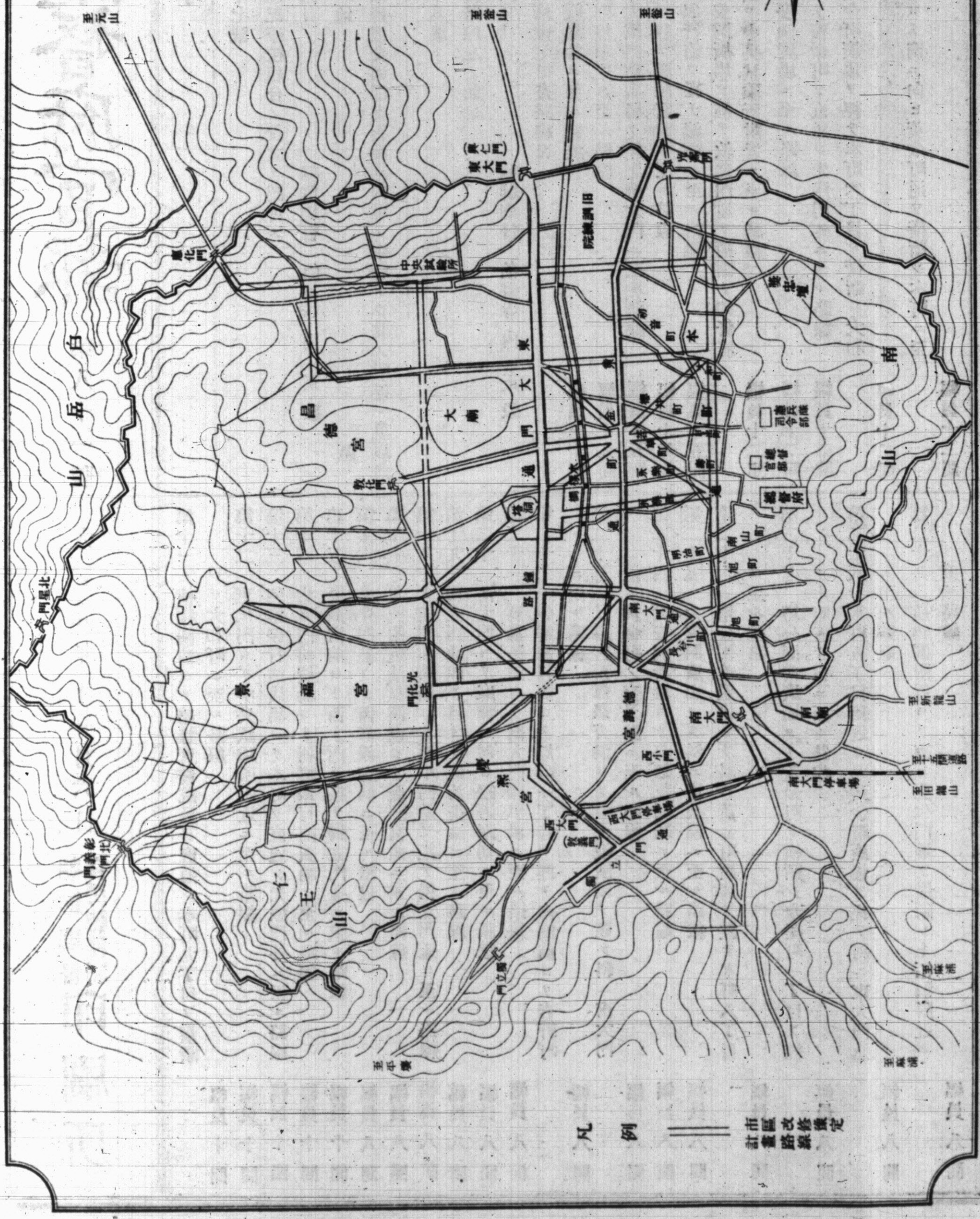
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Map of Seoul, Chosen

京城市區改修豫定計畫路線圖

縮尺三万分之一


至元山
至釜山
至新義州
至平壤
至仁川
至水原
至開城
至大邱
至釜山
至鎮南浦
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朝鮮總督府告示第七十七號

大正元年十一月二日左記學校組合ノ設立ヲ認可ス

大正元年十一月六日　朝鮮總督　伯爵寺内正毅

名稱	地區
交河學校組合	京畿道交河郡支石面邑内里ヲ中心トシ其ノ附近一里以内

朝鮮總督府告示第七十八號

京城市區改修豫定計畫路線左ノ如シ

大正元年十一月六日　朝鮮總督　伯爵寺内正毅

京城市區改修豫定計畫路線表

第一	光化門ヨリ黃土峴廣場ニ至ル路線	幅員三十間
第二	南大門ヨリ南大門停車場ニ至ル路線	幅員十九間
第三	黃土峴廣場ヨリ大漢門前廣場ヲ經テ南大門ニ至ル路線	幅員十五間
第四	東大門ヨリ鐘路ヲ經テ慶熙宮前ニ至ル路線	幅員十五間
第五	南大門ヨリ朝鮮銀行前ヲ經テ鐘路ニ至ル路線	幅員十五間
第六	光化門前ヨリ大安洞廣場ヲ經テ敦化門通ヲ横斷シ總督府醫院ノ南部ヲ貫キ中央試驗所附近ニ至ル路線	幅員十二間
第七	鐘路ヨリ北部大安洞廣場ニ至ル路線	幅員十二間
第八	大漢門前廣場ヨリ黃金町ヲ直通シ光熙門外ニ至ル路線	幅員十二間
第九	敦化門前ヨリ黃金町廣場ヲ經テ本町六丁目ヲ横斷シ大和町ニ至ル路線	幅員十二間
第十	中央試驗所附近ヨリ南ニ向ヒ黃金町通ヲ横斷シ本町ニ至ル路線	幅員十二間
第十一	植物園前ヨリ總督府醫院通ヲ直通シ本町九丁目ヲ横斷シテ大和町ニ至ル路線	幅員十間
第十二	惠化門ヨリ中央試驗所附近ニ至ル路線	幅員十間
第十三	朝鮮銀行前廣場ヨリ本町ヲ直通シ光熙門外ニ至ル路線	幅員十間
第十四	大漢門前廣場ヨリ朝鮮銀行前廣場ニ至ル路線	幅員十間
第十五	慶熙宮前ヨリ西大門ヲ經テ獨立門通ニ至ル路線	幅員十間
第十六	光化門前ヨリ西部銀杏洞ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第十七	北門附近淸風溪洞ヨリ慶熙宮前ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第十八	大漢門前廣場ヨリ西小門通ヲ經テ獨立門通ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第十九	獨立門通四丁目ヨリ麻浦街道ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十	南大門ヨリ麻浦ニ向ヒ鐵道踏切ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十一	麻浦街道ヨリ南大門停車場ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十二	朝鮮銀行前ヨリ旭町一丁目ヲ經テ南廟前ヨリ吉野町通ト黃金町ノ交叉點ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十三	景福宮西部銀杏洞ヨリ黃土峴廣場ヲ經テ斜ニ南大門ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十四	大安洞廣場ヨリ北部花開洞ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十五	大安洞廣場ヨリ斜ニ塔公園ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十六	塔公園前廣場ヨリ斜ニ黃金町廣場ヲ經テ本町八丁目ニ至ル線路	幅員八間
第二十七	塔公園前廣場ヨリ黃金町ヲ横斷シ永樂町一丁目ヲ經テ本町五丁目ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十八	本町五丁目附近ヨリ黃金町廣場ヲ經テ斜ニ東大門通ニ至ル路線	幅員八間
第二十九	植物園附近ヨリ東ニ惠化門通ヲ横斷シ上栢洞附近ニ至ル路線	幅員八間

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, July 2, 1913.

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Subject: Regulations for Control of Thoroughfares.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

AUG 16 1913
FILE, G. E. S.
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Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation, made in this office for the information of Americans resident here, of Order No.53 of the Government General, promulgated May 29, 1913, and taking effect July 1, 1913, embodying regulations for the control of public thoroughfares.

The enforcement of these regulations is placed in the hands of the police and penalties for infractions are provided, including imprisonment and fines to a maximum of one hundred Yen, ($49.80.) The rapid increase in the use of wheeled vehicles and the many needs of advancing civilization make these measures very acceptable, as well as necessary. The subjects covered are those recognized as usual and proper for control in America and Europe - such as obstructions to traffic by buildings, posts, signs, repairs, processions, and crowds, prevention of nuisances, disorder, and high speed of vehicles, and the enforcement of the rule of the road which is here established as "keep to the right."

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore
Consul General.

File No. 811.9

Enclosure: Translation of Chosen Government Order No.53 of May 29, 1913.

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From Official Gazette of May 29, 1913.

Order No.53 of the Government General of Chosen.

Regulations for the Control of Roads are determined as follows:

May 29, 1913.

Count Masatake Terauchi,

Governor General of Chosen.

Regulations for the Control of Roads.

Article 1. This Order shall, except in cases of special provisions, apply to the use of roads for public passage.

Roads in the preceding clause includes things attached thereto.

Article 2. In cases under any one of the following items, permits must be obtained upon application to the Road Administration Office through the Police Office (Sub-Police Office, Sub-Gendarmerie and Sub-Gendarmerie Detachment in charge of police affairs, and same shall apply hereafter), attaching a schedule and plan thereto:

But in cases under clause 1 of Article 3, this limitation shall not apply.

1. When it is intended to establish advertising posts, water closets or other buildings in roads, or to change them.

2. When it is intended to instal water pipes, iron pipes or other structures under roads, or to change them.

3. When bridges, sub-drains, or drains are newly built or changed, or it is intended to do other works in roads.

4. When it is intended to plant or cut down trees in roads.

5. Besides

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5. Besides the preceding items, when it is intended to use the roads continuously.

Article 3. In cases under any one of the following items, permits must be obtained from the Police Office:

1. When a matter, although falling under an item of the preceding Article, is of little consequence.

2. When it is intended to establish or change street lamps, guide-posts or monuments in roads.

3. When it is intended to place bamboo, wood, soil, stone and the like, or set up board fences, scaffoldings, or props in roads.

4. When road works which will stop traffic temporarily, are contemplated.

5. When it is intended to hold a performance or other assembly of people in roads.

6. When it is intended to open street-stalls in roads.

7. When it is intended to pull or move a long and large, or heavy article, which will block up roads, or which will affect their upkeep.

8. In addition to cases under items 1 to 4, or any items under the preceding Article, when it is intended to dig up the surface of a road.

As for city streets, in cases under any one of the following items in addition to those under the preceding clause, permits shall also be obtained from the Police Office:

1. When it is intended to hang out banners, signal-lights, signboards, sun-screens and the like over roads; but banners, signal-lights or signboards which project out not more than 2 feet (Japanese shaku) at a height of more than 8 feet (Japanese shaku) from the surface of the ground, are not included.

2. When

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2. When it is intended to build, repair or remove buildings at places bordering on roads.

3. When many people go in procession for fetes, sales, or advertisements in roads, when sacred cars, dancing cars, or ornaments are carried along, or when it is intended to erect flag-staffs or other structures.

Article 4. Upon use of roads, a fee for use shall be collected, except in case of use for public advantage.

The fee for use in the preceding clause, shall be paid in advance. When it is not paid within the period determined, the permit shall be cancelled.

Fees for use, already paid in, shall not be returned, except in cases of cancellation of permits in accordance with the convenience of the Government office.

Article 5. Persons who have dug up roads with permission shall, to avoid likelihood of danger in passing, make proper arrangements and light beacons at night.

When a person who has dug up under the preceding clause, has finished using a road, he shall immediately restore it to its original condition.

Article 6. When there is a fear that lots of ground, structures, trees or other articles may collapse, tumble or fall down in roads or any places bordering on roads, immediate repairs, removal or other arrangements for prevention of danger shall be made.

Article 7. Foot passengers shall keep to the right side in roads, and bull or other carts, to the right side of the centre of roads, but in case of special designation by police officers or gendarmes, this limit shall not apply.

When turning to the left in crooked places in roads, a wide turn, and when turning to the right, a narrow turn must be made.

Article 8.

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Article 8. Vehicles or horses shall not be irregularly driven at full speed on bridges, or on very gradient or crooked roads, or in city streets.

Article 9. As for the roads which have special side-walks and roadways, bull, horse or other carts shall not, except baby carriages or watering carts, be irregularly drawn onto the side-walks, and no one shall, except bull, horse, carts or people in ranks or in procession, etc., irregularly pass through the roadways.

Article 10. When many people in ranks or in procession are passing through the roads, they shall be properly divided so as to keep a suitable distance between ranks; and the same applies to bull, horse or other carts.

Article 11. When troops, or other people in ranks or in procession, vehicles or horses for mails, extinction of fires, or watering, or blind persons are met in roads, they shall have the right of way.

Article 12. When foot passengers, bull, horse, or other carts meet in roads, they shall mutually turn to the right, but empty carts shall move out of the way of loaded carts.

When bull, horse or other carts intend to pass those in front, they pass on the left side.

Article 13. When the use of a road is suspended, being considered necessary by the police officers or gendarmes, passage thereon shall be stopped.

Article 14. When any one uses a motor-car or bicycle in roads, a sounding instrument shall be provided, and when in traversing crooked or narrow places, street corners, bridges or hilly roads, or when running ahead of foot passengers, bull, horse or other carts, it shall be rung for a warning.

Article 15. Water pipes shall, in case of designation by the

Police

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Police Office, be attached to the eaves of houses bordering on roads, and some means of carrying off water, shall be provided at the mouth of the water pipe.

Article 16. When things that are likely to fall down, be blown down or leak out in city streets, are removed, proper arrangements shall be made; and when bambeo, wood or other things that are likely to be injurious to passengers, are removed, some arrangements for prevention of danger shall be made.

Article 17. When vehicles or other articles are unavoidably left temporarily in city streets, they shall be placed on the sides of the streets, so that communication may not be obstructed, but, when large things are put in roadsides at night, some arrangements shall be made for prevention of danger, upon notification to the Police Office, and beacons shall be lightened.

Article 18. Persons who lead bull or horse in city streets, shall hold their bridle ropes not longer than 3 feet (Japanese shaku.)

Article 19. None of the following named things shall be done in roads:

1. Irregularly projecting the eaves of a house or other things out over roads.

2. Loosing bull, horse or other animals which should be tied up.

3. Throwing or scattering dust, mud, dirty water or other filth.

4. Putting up advertisements or signboards that are likely to disturb the public peace or customs, or to injure the scenery in roads or any places bordering on roads.

Article 20. None of the following named things shall be done in city streets:

1. Playing with fire irregularly, throwing stones or

other

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other dangerous acts.

2. Allowing a baby who is not more than five years old, to go out walking without a protector.

3. To play or to let others do so, disregarding the prohibition by police officers or gendarmes.

4. Irregularly stopping or dragging in a row bull, horse or other carts.

5. Learning to manage motor-cars, bicycles or horses.

6. Removing excrement, urine or other dirty things in an uncovered vessel.

7. Singing songs or bawling, disregarding the prohibition by the police officers or gendarmes.

Article 21. The residents along the roads shall be responsible for the duties of sweeping, watering or removing snow on the roads around their houses.

When the persons in the preceding clause have discovered any destruction of roads, obstruction of communication, or dangerous places, they shall notify the police officers or gendarmes.

Article 22. When a Government Office, which has issued permits in accordance with this Order, considers it necessary for preservation or control of roads, it may cancel such permits, change the details, or issue other necessary orders.

Article 23. Persons violating the provisions of Article 2, shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred yen, to detention or to minor fine.

Persons violating the provisions of Article 3, or Articles 5 to 21, or persons who do not obey the orders issued by a Government Office in accordance with Article 22, shall be liable to detention, or to minor fine.

Article 24. Besides those determined in this Order, the Director General of Police or Superintendents of Police may issue

necessary

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necessary orders regarding the control of communication upon roads.

Supplementary Rules.

This Order shall go into effect from July 1, 1913.

Road Administration Office in this Order means Provincial Governors' Offices in regard to city streets.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, July 10, 1913.

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Subject: Roads in Chosen.

The Honorable AUG 16 1913

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

FILE,
C. E. S.

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AUG 18 1913

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith a clipping from this morning's edition of the Seoul Press, relating to road construction and improvement in Chosen. This work, it appears, from statements attributed to an engineering expert of the Government General, covers 1,552 miles of highways of the first class, 4,718 miles of the second class, and 6,538 miles of the third class, most of which has been undertaken since annexation in the year 1910, and there being now about 4,200 miles of completed roads of all classes.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore

Consul General.

Enclosure: Clipping from Seoul Press of July 10, 1913.

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(Enclosure with despatch No.442 of July 10, 1913 - Seoul.)

From Seoul Press of July 10, 1913.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS IN CHOSEN.

As often referred to, special attention is being paid by the authorities of the Government-General to improvement of roads in the peninsula. Not only encouragement but also substantial aid has been given without stint to such undertakings, and consequently roads in the peninsula have greatly improved, compared with conditions they showed a few years ago. In connection with this the following statement by Mr. Sakaide, Engineering Expert of the Government-General, may be found interesting. According to the statement, work is steadily taken up in pursuance of a plan drawn up after deliberate consideration, and the total length of roads thus to be repaired or constructed comprises 776 *ri* or some 1,552 miles of first class highways, 2,359 *ri* or some 4,718 miles of the second and 3,269 *ri* or some 6,538 miles of the third. Work on a few leading highways is being pursued under the direct management of the Government-General, at the national expense. This kind of work was completed over some 400 miles, when Chosen was a protectorate under the Residency-General régime. It was discontinued for some time, but taken up again the year before last, when a defrayment of ten million *yen* in five consecutive years was approved of by Parliament to carry out the scheme, and since then it is being steadily continued. Minor works of improvement are taken at local expense, as well as by contribution of labour by local farmers. Monetary aids are also given to such works from the national treasury. A very gratifying fact with regard to the improvement of roads is that officials and people are at one in recognizing the necessity of the work and aid is being freely given to its pursuance. The result has consequently been very remarkable some 4,200 miles of such highways in addition to those repaired at the national expense having so far been completed. These comprise 40 miles of first-class highways, 920 miles of the second, 1,440 miles of the third and 1,600 miles of unclassfied roads. Under the circumstances, almost all roads in the peninsula have now been made passable, improvement having already been made on roads in some provinces over the length of more than 1,000 miles. At present, roads between places where district offices are located allow the passage of rickshas, except in South Hamkyong and Kangwon provinces, where works of improvement are much hindered by the topographical features.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, March 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Harbor Regulations for Open Ports.

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FILE-C. E. S.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

1-2/ I have the honor to enclose herewith two copies of an official English translation of the Harbor Regulations for Open Ports in Chosen. Copies of this pamphlet have been forwarded to the Naval Attaché at Tokyo for the use of his office and for transmission to the Navy Department if so desired.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Rawlford Allen

Consul General.

Enclosures:

2 copies Harbor Regulations, as stated.

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HARBOUR REGULATIONS

FOR

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(GOVERNMENT-GENERAL ORDINANCE, NO. 72 OF THE 21 ST OF JULY OF THE 4TH YEAR OF TAISHO.)

HARBOUR REGULATIONS FOR OPEN PORTS.

ARTICLE 1.

The limits of open ports are defined as follows :—

CHEMULPO HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within an extended line drawn from Byō kaku to the northern extremity of Getsubi Tō and a line drawn from the eastern extremity of Fusshi Tō as a strating point to S/W ½ W and a line drawn from the southern extremity of Nō Tō to W ¾ S and a line drawn from the summit of 128 feet high, situated at south-east of city to the eastern extremity of Nō Tō.

KUNSAN HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from Shochi Kan to S ¾ E, a line drawn from Dō Matsu to the summit of Kobō Zan and a line drawn from Yontan to the Chemmayegu Mori Beacon light.

MOKUHO HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from Nankaku to the summit of 264 feet high of Kaiha Tō, a line drawn from summit of 240 feet high of Kaiha Tō to the opposite shore through the summit of 42 feet high of Island, and a line drawn from the summit of Aasan to the Buan Peninsula through the eastern extremity of Sankaku Tō.

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FUSAN HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from the southern extremity of Pumindogu to Teipugupo, Deer Island and a line drawn from Kagusemu Kutsu to Pupon Kutsu.

CHINNAMPO HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from the summit of 177 feet high of Che Tō, to N. ½ W and a line drawn from Mandari, to N. ½ W.

SHIN GISHŪ HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from the mark of Hadando, (corresponding with Kuhaton of chart) to the right shore at the mouth of Shōsaka, on the opposite shore of N/W. ½ W, and a line drawn from the mark at the mouth of Kaishuka (located downstream about one mile from Shin-Gishū) to N/W/N ½ N. provided that Madenkō shall not be comprised in this limits.

YONGAMPO HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from the summit of 250 feet high of Saajaayemu to the summit of Katchiri Tō, a line drawn from the summit of Katchiri Tō to the summit of Kurumi Tō; a line extented from the summit of Kurumi Tō passing over the top of Kanondori and a line drawn from the summit of Nonha San to W/N ¾ N.

WONSAN HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from the summit of 136 feet high of Rentori to the right shore at the mouth of Yonichisen.

CHONJIN HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised within a line drawn from the Kolokoltset Point to the right shore at the mouth of Susungha

(corresponding with Kanun Kei of chart).

SONJIN HARBOUR: The harbour limits are comprised wihin a line drawn from Morenarugii Kutchii to the summit of Furjin San on the opposite shore.

All bearing given in the preceeding clauses are true.

ARTICLE 2.

Any vessel on entering and leaving the harbour, from sunrise to sunset, shall hoist ensign and signal letters, and from sunset to sunrise, shall raise vertically three lights of white, red and white lanterns on the foremast where the anchoring lantern should be put up; provided that regular mail packets may hoist the house flag in lieu of the signal letters.

The ensign, signal letters or house flag, or ship lanterns mentioned in the preceding clause must not be lowered until the vessel's arrival shall have been duly reported.

A vessel that notified her departure slall hoist the blue-peter.

ARTICRE 3.

The report of arrival in conformity with Form I, within twenty four hours after arrival and the notice of departure in comformity with Form II before leaving must be presented to the Chief of Police concerned but ships which have fixed dates of departure and arrival and have been specially permited by the Chief of Police need only make the report for their arrival and departure in conformity with Form III.

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ARTICLE 4.

Coasting vessels which ply between certain ports, and whose owners have previously received permission from Chief of Police may be exempted from the process of reporting as to their arrival and departure.

ARTICLE 5.

Vessels entering the harbour shall be required to produce the passengers-list accompanied by the report of arrival or report of arrival and departure, recording the address, occupation, name, age, class of accommodation, the place of departure and destination of passengers who leave the ship.

Should the Chief of Police consider it necessary, he may order vessels intending to leave the harbour to produce the list of passengers embarked, containing items according to the preceding clause.

ARTICLE 6.

Whenever any vessel returns to harbour within twelve hours after her departure for the purpose of refuge' necessary repairs or beconse of accidents, a written report, stating the cause for so puting back, shall be made to the Chief of Police in lieu of the report of arrival.

ARTICLE 7.

Master of all vessels arriving in harbour must not make nor permit others to make any communication with other vessels or the shore until it shall have been permitted by the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 8.

The Chief of Police may designate the berth or order a change of berth for any vessels within harbour limits, should he consider it necessary.

Vessels receiving an assignment of berth or an order to change berth according to the preceding clause must not change the berth unless permission is first obtained from the Chief of Police excepting in cases of stress of weather or other emergency.

When the proviso of the preceding clause is acted upon, a written report stating the reason thereof shall be made without delay to the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 9.

Vessels either at anchor or under weigh within the harbour limits or in its vicinity shall carry between sunset and sunrise the various lights required by the law relating to the prevention of collisions at sea.

ARTICLE 10.

No vessels shall obstruct the navigation or anchoring of other vessels within the harbour limits or in its vicinity.

The Chief of Police may order vessels whieh have run out jib-booms to rig them in, should he consider that they obstruct the free navigation of other vessels.

ARTICLE 11.

Vessels under weigh within the harbour limits shall

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slacken speed or be towed, an exception being made in the case of steam launches.

ARTICLE 12.

Steam launches or veseels propelled by any kind of oars, shall keep out of the way of steamers and sailing veesels within the harbour limits.

ARTICLE 13.

No vessel is allowed to tow at the same time more than five lighters, boats or sampans within the harbour limits or two water boats or covered lighters ; or one sea going vessel, except when permission from the Chief of Police has been obtained.

The Chief of Police, if he deems it necessary for maintaining order, may specially restrict the number of vessels to be towed.

Vessels in tow must not be set free within the Fairway.

ARTICLE 14.

When two or more vessels are proceding on the same course within the harbour limits, the vessels must keep a proper distance from each other, and no vessels shall be allowed, without sufficient cause to navigate abreast each other or cross the head of another vessels or overtake any other vessel within the fairway.

ARTICLE 15.

When vessels are navigating round the extremity

of a promontary, pier, wharf, or the bow or stern of a vessel at anchor, within the harbour limits, shall make a short turn if on the starboard side, and wide turn if on the portside.

ARTICLE 16.

Should the Chief of Police deem it necessary, he may order vessels of any description of over 500 tons (gross tonnage) within the harbour limits to be moored with two anchors.

ARTICLE 17.

When stormy weather threatens, vessels within the harbour limits shall get ready to reserve their anchors and steamships, in addition to this, shall generate steam.

ARTICLE 18.

No vessels within the harbour limits shall anchor or stay in the fairway, save such vessels as accord with the following exceptions or have obtained a permit from the Chief of Police.

1. Vessels undertaking work in the harbour.
2. Vessels raising any wreckage or sunken materials.
3. Vessels rendering help to vessels in distress.
4. Vessels not under control.

Vessels mentioned in the above exceptions shall hoist lights or shapes described in clause 1 of Article 4. of the Regulation for preventing collision at sea while anchoring or staying in the fairway excepting such vessels

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under 20 tons (gross tonnage) or under 200 Koku (gross number of Koku) as have been specially assigned a method of signalling by the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 19.

If any vessel requires to be fitted out, laid up, or repaired within the harbour limits or in its vicinity, previous notice thereof shall be given to the Chief of Police.

Should the Chief of Police consider it necessary under the preceding clause, he may order such vessel to cause a part of the crew to stay in it.

ARTICLE 20.

When a case comes under any of the following items, permission must be obtained from the Chief of Police, and it is also the same when an alteration shall be made.

1. When it intends to carry about highfly inflammable materials within the harbour limits or in its vicinity.
2. When it intends to raise any wreckage or sunken materials within the harbour limits or in its vicinity.
3. When it intends to use any special signal within the harbour limits or in its vicinity.
4. When there is an intention to launch vessels of more than 5 tons within the harbour limits or in its vicinity.
5. When there is an intention to hold boatraces within the harbour limits or in its vicinity.

ARTICLE 21.

Any vessel that enters the harbour carrying explosives or highly inflammable materials in excess of ordinary requirements shall remain outside the harbour limits, hoisting at her mast or any other conspicuous place, between sunrise and sunset, the powder-flag of the International Code of signals, and between sunset and sunrise, a red-lantern, and there await instructions from the Chief of Police, but vessels having not prepared a signal flag or red lantern may use a red flag in place of the powder flag and a red safety lamp instead of a red lantern.

ARTICLE 22.

The word "explosives" in the preceding article shall mean explosives as mentioned in Article 2 of the Reguration of Fire Arms and Explosions. Not more than fifty charges of gunpowder and seventy primers for each Cannon, and one hundred charges of powder and one hundred and fifty caps for each musket and no other explosives excepting Socket signals, Rockets, Blue or Red lights, and Holm's signals, shall be recognized as coming under the term of ordinary requirements.

The term "highly inflammable materials" shall include; Crude Petroleum (including Burmah Oil, Rangoon Oil, and Rock Oil) Kerosene, Naptha, Turpentine, Ether, Benzole, Benzine, Acetone, Spirit, Carbon Bisulphide and all such materials as produce inflammable vapour at a temperature not exceeding 95 Fahrenheit, and no othor

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inflammable materials shall be recognized as coming under the term of ordinary requirements unless satisfactory proof regarding the purpose for ship's use is produced.

ARTICLE 23.

Any vessels loading or discharging explosives or highly inflammable materials in excess of ordinary requirements shall report their names and quantities and shall not be allowed to load or discharge any such materials except at such places as the Chief of Police may indicate.

ARTICLE 24.

In case the Chief of Police deems that he can not appoint any place within the harbour limits for loading or discharging explosives or highly inflammable materials in excess of ordinary requirements, he may indicate a suitable place outside of harbour limits and the place so indicated shall be considered as being within the harbour limits.

ARTICLE 25.

An case of a distress or any other accident occuring on a vessel within the harbour limits or in its vicenity, it shall be reported to the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 26.

In case of the vessels mentioned in the preceding Article requiring rescue by other vessels or from the shore,

the steam whistle, siren, or fog-horn shall be constantly used and the " N. C." flag of the International Code of Signals be hoisted in the day time and Socket Signals which send out a starlike light, Rockets or other firing signals shall be made in the night time provided that in case of fire breaking out, the ship's bell shall be rung until the arrival of assistance and the " N.M." flag of the International Code of Signals shall be hoisted in the day time and a red lantern be continuously hoisted and lowered in the night time.

If police assistance be required in case of other than the cases mentioned in the preceding clause, the " G " flag of the International Code of Signals shall be hoisted in the day time and in the nignt time blue or flash lights shall be shown.

ARTICLE 27.

All discharging of fire arms or letting off fireworks or the use of other explosives within the harbour limits or in its vicinity is forbidden without permission from the Chief of Police except in cases such as are mentioned above for the purpose of emergency signals.

No vessel shall be allowed without sufficient cause to use her steam whistle, siren or foghorn within the harbour limits or in its vicinity excepting in cases required by the provisions of this Regulation or of the Regulation for preventing collision at sea or other special provision or in cases of current usage.

ARTICLE 28.

When discharging bamboo or timber on the water

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within the harbour limits from vessels having them on board, or when mooring rafts and floating bamboo or timber within the harbour limits, or transporting such materials, permission must be obtained from the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 29.

No carcases, ballast, ashes, sweepings tiles or gravel shall be thrown overboard within the harbour limits and it is not allowed to make fast vessels or any other things to other vessels within the harbour limits without suffic icent cause.

Vessels within the harbour limits taking in or discharging coal, ballast or other similar articles shall be required to take necessary precautions to prevent them falling into the sea.

ARTICLE 30.

The Cheif of Police may order the owners or those who had thrown or allowed to fall into the sea within the harbour limits or in its vicinity, to remove any drifting or sunken materials dangerous to or liable to impede the navigation of vessels.

ARTICLE 31.

Any vessel damaging a lightship, buoy, beacon, jetty or any other structures shall pay the necessary expenses for repairs or reconstruction.

ARTICLE 32.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Article 2, Article 3, Clause 1 of Article 5, Article 7, Clause 2 and 3 of Article 8, Article 19, Clause 1 of Article 10, Articles 11 and 12, Clause 1 and 3 of Article 13, Articles 14, 15, 17, 18, Clause 1 of Article 19, Article 20, 21, 23 and Articles from 25 to 29, or of the orders provided for in Clause 2 of Article 5. Clause 1 of Article 8, Clause 2 of Article 10, Clause 2 of Article 13, Article 16, Clause 2 of Artile 19, and Article 30, shall be punished by a major fine of not more than 200 Yen or by a detention or by a minor fine.

ARTICLE 33.

The master of the ship or the one who exercises the duty of the master of the ship shall be responsible for the provisions relating to vessels when an order shall be issued according to this Regulation or based on this Regulation.

In cases. when a member of the crew violates an order that is in accordance with these Regulations or is based on these Regulations, the master of the ship or the one who exercises the duty of the Master of the ship shall not be exempted from responsibility even though the act of violation may not have been directed by him.

ARTICLE 34.

The Chief of Police may prevent the departure of any vessel from the harbour until major and minor fines, fees, and expenses imposed or charged under these Regu-

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lations or others shall have been paid or until reasonable security to the satisfaction of the authorities concerned shall have been deposited.

The security prescribed in the preceding clause shall be limited to either currency or national bonds.

ARTICLE 35.

The provisions concerning vessels in these Regulations shall apply to dismanteled vessels and to any structures approximating or shmilar to vessels.

ARTICLE 36.

The provisions of Articles 8, 10, and 29, shall be applied to both Japanese or foreign men-of war.

ARTICLE 37.

The provision of Article 2 shall not be applied to sailing vessels on the coasting routes, stem-ships on smooth water routes and vessels whose capacity is measured by Koku.

The provisions of Articles from 2 to 6, Article 9 and 26 shall not be applied to vessels under 20 tons (gross tonnage) or under 200 Koku and vessels propelled by any sort of oars.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULE.

These Regulations shall come into operation on and

after the 1st August of the 4th year of Taisho.

(FORM I.)

Report of Arrival.

1. Kind of vessel.
2. Name of vessel.
3. Name of owner of vessel,
4. Nationality of vessel.
5. Port of Registry.
6. Gross Tonnage or estimated Number of Koku.
7. Register Tonnage.
8. Agency.
9. Name of first port and last port of departure and date of departure.
10. Number and Tonnage of goods unloaded at this Port.
11. Name of first and last port of destinatoin.
12. Date and hour of anticipated departure.

I hereby beg to report that the above mentioned vessel has arrived at this harbour at.....o'clock on the .....day of the.....month of the.....year of Taisho.

(Name of Ship)—Master of Ship.

Dated at.....this.....day of the.....month of the.....year of Taisho.

To the Chief of Police.

(FORM II.)

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Notice of Departure.

1. Name of Vessel.

I hereby give notice that the above mentioned vessel will leave this harbour bound for..... at .....o'clock on the.....day of the.....month of the.....year of Taisho.

(Name of Ship)—Master of Ship.

Dated at..... this .....day of the..... month of the.....year of Taisho.

To the Cheif of Police.

(FORM III.)

Reports of Arrival and Departure.

(The items from 1 to 12 mentioned in the Form I, shall be supplied).

I hereby beg to report that the above mentioned vessel has arrived at this harbour at.....o'clock on the.....day of the .....month of the.....year of Taisho and she will leave at.....o'clock on the..... day of the.....month of the.....year of Taisho.

(Name of Ship) .....Master of Ship.

Dated at.....this.....day of the.....month of the.....year of Taisho.

To the Chief of Police.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen. June 21, 1911.

SUBJECT: Chemulpo Harbor Works.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Filed JUL 25 1911

Sir:-

1/ I have the honor to transmit herewith a blue print map of the proposed harbor improvements at Chemulpo.

The ceremonies connected with the beginning of this work took place on the 11th instant and were attended by the Governor General of Chosen, a report of whose address

2/ is also herewith enclosed.

The expenditures involved in this much needed improvement are estimated to amount to Yen 3,483,394, ($1,734,730), spread over a period of six years.

The project involves the dredging of an outside channel to a depth of 14 feet at low water spring tides, approaching a dock measuring 720 feet by 1,500 feet in area, and having a depth of water within, when flooded, of 26 feet. The entrance channel to the dock will be about 68 feet in width and 440 feet in length between the gates, with a depth over the sill of 32 feet at neap high tides and 43 feet at spring high tides.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore
Consul General.

ENCLOSURES: 1-Blue print map of proposed ~~Chemulpo Harbor Works.~~
2-Clipping from Seoul Press of June 13, 1911.

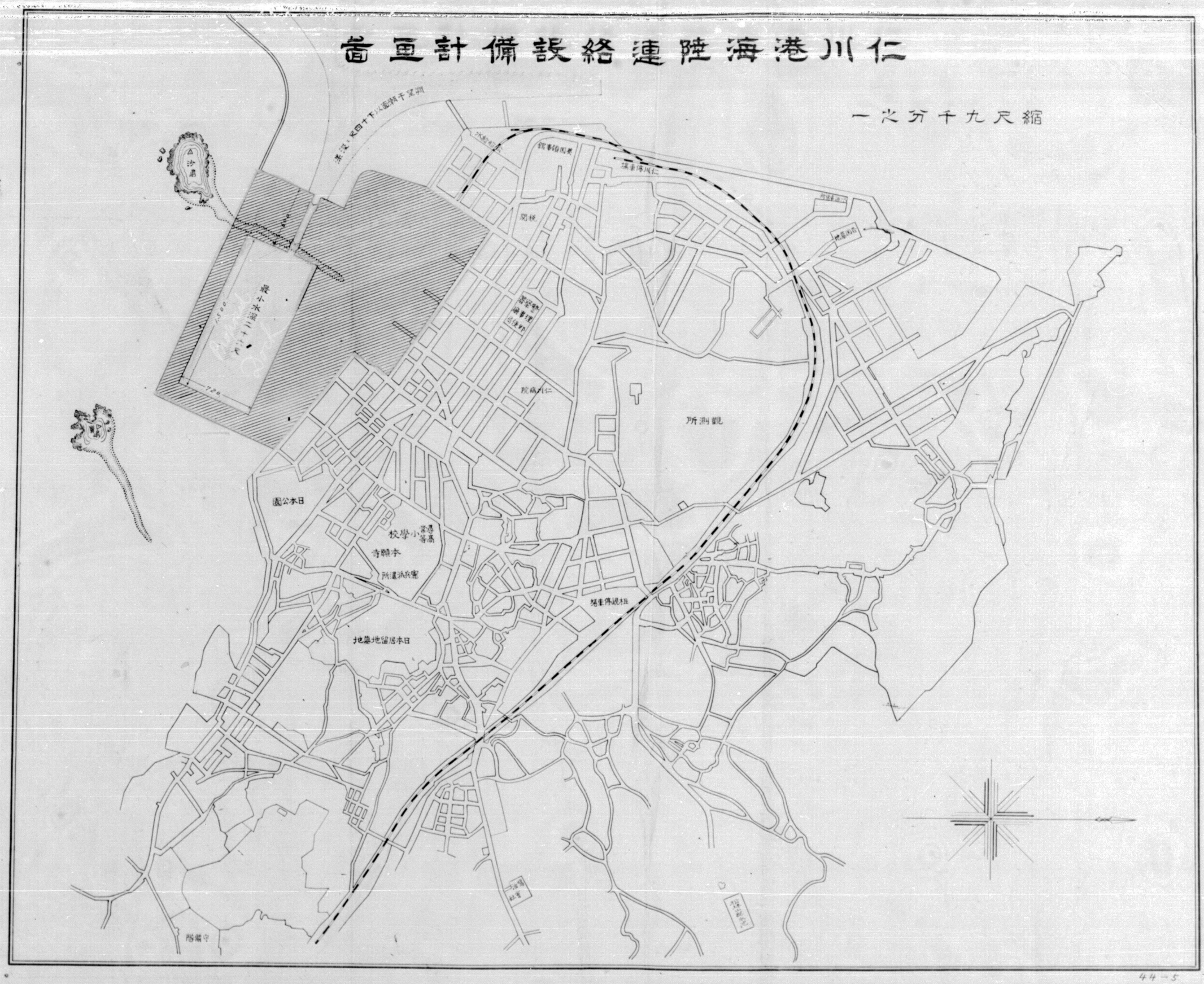
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(Enclosure No.2 - Despatch No.232 - June 21,1911 - Seoul).

From Seoul Press of June 13, 1911.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT WORK AT CHEMULPO.

BRILLIANT INAUGURATION CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION.

JUN 11 1911

Chemulpo was en fête the day before yesterday and yesterday. This was due to the inauguration of the harbour improvement work, which has been eagerly desired and looked forward to for some years past by the inhabitants of the port. Japanese, Koreans, Chinese and foreigners living in the port are all jubilant and have taken part in the celebration. The weather was fine on both days and everything was carried out successfully.

The inauguration ceremony took place in the compound of the Custom House on Sunday morning. The chief feature of the ceremony was thesinking of a foundation stone by Count Terauchi, the Governor General, into the sea where the proposed harbour is to be constructed. The stone had on it two Chinese ideographs, meaning "Repose" and "Guard," engraved from the handwriting of the Governor General himself [redacted]

ADDRESS BY COUNT TERAUCHI.

"Chemulpo occupies the position of the leading port of Chosen. But on account of the extraordinary high tide in the harbour vessels are compelled to cast anchor at least three miles off the shore and the difficulties attending shipping and unloading of freight are unparalleled elsewhere. In view of this the harbour improvement work has now been undertaken. On the completion of it, three vessels of less than 4,500 tons displacement each will be able to lie at anchor alongside the shore. The work will cost 3,483,394 *yen*, and take six years to complete. It is undertaken in order to meet the requirements for the present as well as the immediate future. Further improvement of the harbour will be undertaken when it is deemed necessary. Since the annexation, the trade of Chosen has made remarkable increase in its volume along with the growth of the wealth of the people. Thus between January and May this year it has increased by more than 9,300,000 *yen* in value compared with the trade done during the corresponding period of the previous year. Of this the trade done at Chemulpo showed an increase of 3,550,000 *yen*. Five years hence the new railways now under construction in Chosen, particularly the Seoul-Wonsan railway, will be completed. In that event great prosperity will come to Chemulpo. But it must be remembered that prosperity will come to Chemulpo along with the general industrial development of Chosen, where every undertaking is now still in the opening stage and requires long time for accomplishment. One must be on guard against indulging in extravagant ideas and undertaking too great a work. It is but human nature to wish the speedy attainment of work undertaken, but it should not be forgotten that steady and gradual progress is the root of enduring success. In wishing prosperity to the people of Chemulpo I must call their serious attention to this."

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CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, April 3, 1913.

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Subject: Harbor and Railway Improvements at Fusan.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a clipping from yesterday's edition of the Seoul Press, giving particulars concerning the recently completed railway pier at Fusan.

This excellent improvement adds much to the comfort and convenience of travellers at the easternmost end of all-rail connection with Europe, and will contribute considerably to the commercial advancement of the port. From a military point of view it is of great value and it will be supplemented, it is said, by other similar work on a larger scale.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. H. Scidmore,

Consul General.

Enclosure: Clipping from Seoul Press of [redacted]il 2, 1913.

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(Enclosure with despatch No. 423, of April 3, 1913 - Seoul.)

From Seoul Press of April 2, 1913.

THE NEW FUSAN PIER.

PARTICULARS OF THE WORK.

The new railway pier at Fusan, the completion of which was celebrated a few days ago, is undoubtedly one of the best of similar works in the Far East. It is a little more than 906 feet nong and not quite 77 feet wide, comprising an area of 1956 *tsubo*. It (nearly 1-2/3 acres)
is built mainly of steel and runs along an embankment reclaimed from the sea. The iron material used weighs 1365 tons and was partly manufactured in Japan Proper. The front of the pier was dredged to the depth of 24 feet at low tide and two steamers of 3000 tons each can be moored with ease at the same time. The embankment is about 420 yards long and 38 yards wide and is protected by a breakwater on the northern side. Rails connecting the pier with the Fusan Station are laid thereon to accommodate the Manchurian-Chosen express train. Between the pier and the railway line an iron-framed building of one story covering an area of 1614 *tsubo* has been (about 1⅓ acres)
constructed. It contains Customs offices, waiting rooms for passengers and store rooms.

The work was started in March, 1908, the construction of the embankment having first been taken up. In October of the same year the construction of the pier was commenced. The former work was completed in July, 1911, and the latter in March, 1912. Since June 15, last year, the pier has been in use for mooring the Fusan-Shimonoseki ferry steamers. As for the iron-frame building on the embankment, its construction was begun in January last year and completed on March 20 last.

The cost of all these works, exclusive of office expenses, was 210,534 *yen* for the ($104,846)
embankment, 359,799 *yen* for the pier, 15,519 *yen* for laying the rails and building ($179,180)
the breakwater and 197,852 for the iron- ($7,728)
frame building on the embankment, aggregating 783,705 *yen*. ($98,530)
($390,285)

The construction of a new pier is projected on a bigger scale to the north of the new pier. This pier will be 400 yards long and will be able to berth two vessels of 20,000 tons each and two others of 7,000 tons each at the same time. The harbour of Fusan will simultaneously be dredged and widened. The sea front near the site of the projected pier has already been reclaimed and a new city is now in the course of being laid out there. When all these are completed, Fusan will become one of the best ports in the Far East.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Seoul, Chosen, June 19, 1920.

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SUBJECT: Chemulpo Wet Dock.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

On looking over the records of this office, I fail to find any report on the formal opening to shipping of the Chemulpo Wet Dock, in the autumn of 1918. As the matter may be of considerable interest to merchant and naval vessels intending to visit Chemulpo, I am enclosing herewith, in quintuplicate, a report prepared by Mr. Foster M. Beck, Vice Consul.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Raymond Miller

Consul General.

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Enclosure:

Report as stated.

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TRANSLATION

From OFFICIAL GAZETTE of October 18, 1918.

ORDER NO. 98 OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF CHOSEN.

Regulations governing the use of Chemulpo dock are laid down as follows.

October 18, 1918. Count YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA
Governor General of Chosen.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF CHEMULPO DOCK.

Article 1: Those who desire to have their vessels enter the Chemulpo dock, shall present application at the Custom-house not later than one day previous according to Form No. 1 and get the permission therefor. But in case of those vessels making regular voyages and those vessels making constant use of the dock, application according to Form No. 2 shall be presented at the Custom-house, previously fixing the term, and get the permission for its use.

Article 2: When those who have obtained the permission mentioned in the foregoing article, desire to change the term for its use, they shall obtain the permission of the Custom-house therefor.

Article 3: Those who desire to continue the use of the dock after the term for its use has expired, shall present application according to Form No. 1 at

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the Custom-house, 3 hours prior to the expiration of the permission and get the permission therefor.

Article 4: The fee for the use of the dock shall be paid in advance at the rate of 2 sen per ton of the registered tonnage of a vessel for 24 hours, and of 1 sen (per ton) for every additional 24 hours. But a fraction in the tonnage shall not be taken into calculation.
The fee for its use in cases where the permission mentioned in the foregoing article is obtained, shall be the difference between the amount of fees for the whole length of time of use and the sum already paid in advance.

Article 5: The Chief of the Custom-house shall, with the approval of the Governor General of Chosen, fix the term for vessels making regular voyages or vessels making constant use of the dock and reduce their fees or fix the method of their payment.

Article 6: Fees paid shall not be refunded. But this shall not hold good in the cases where the permission for its use shall have been cancelled.

Article 7: The Chief of the Custom-house shall, when it is deemed necessary, stop the use of the dock, cancel the permission for its use, or order the vessels which are using the dock to change their moorages, or to leave the dock for a time.
The time during which the dock is not made use

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of in accordance with the provision of the foregoing article shall not be taken into calculation. In such cases the use of the dock shall, after the term has expired, be allowed to continue for the time thus lost.

Article 8: The time for opening and closing the lock of the dock shall be determined by the Chief of the Custom-house.

Article 9: Except such as are permitted by the Chief of Custom-house, the following things shall not be allowed within the dock:-

1: Repair of vessels.

2: Loading and unloading of articles of combustible or explosive nature, lime, refuse or things that are likely to dirty other things.

Within the dock, no such things as refuse, ashes, sweepings, filth, etc. shall be thrown overboard.

Article 10: When it is deemed necessary, the Chief of the Custom-house may place other restrictions on using the dock besides those set forth in the foregoing article.

Article 11: When the dock is damaged intentionally or by mistake, the Chief of the Custom-house shall have those who have done such damages repair them.

Article 12: When it is recognized that articles drifting or sunk within the dock are obstructive to the use of the dock, the Chief of the Custom-house shall order

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order their owners or those who have thrown or dropped them to clear the dock of such articles.

Article 13: When the vessels, while using the dock, act against the provisions of this Order or the orders of the Chief of the Custom-house, the Chief of the Custom-house shall order such vessels to leave the dock.

Article 14: When those who have obtained the permission of proviso of Article 1 desire to employ a temporary substitute vessel, they shall previously notify the Chief of the Custom-house thereof. The fee for using the dock shall be the same for the substitute vessel as it is for the original.

Article 15: Those who desire to employ boats within the dock for the purpose of loading or unloading goods shall present application according to Form No. 3 and get the permission therefor. The provisions of Clause 1 of Article 7 and of Articles 9 to 13 shall be applicable to the vessels mentioned in the foregoing article.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES.

This Order shall be enforced on and after October 28, 1918.

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Form No. 1.

No.....

Application for Permission to Use Chemulpo Dock

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the permission to use Chemulpo dock for the vessel described below.

Date.....

Address.....

Applicant.....

Description and name	
Owner or charterer	
Dimensions	
Draft	
Registered tonnage	
Moorage	
Term for using the dock	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
Fee for using the dock	
Remarks	

In case it is desired to continue the mooring after the term for using the dock has expired, it should be noted in the Column for Remarks.

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No.....

Permission for Using
Chemulpo Dock

Permission is hereby given to the following vessel for using the dock.

Date .....

JINSEN CUSTOM HOUSE (seal)

Description and name	
Owner or charterer	
Registered tonnage	
Moorage	
Term for using the dock	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
Fee for using the dock	
Remarks	

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Form No. 2.

No.....

Application for Permission to Use Chemulpo Dock

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the permission for the vessel described below to use the dock in..... (month)

Date.....

Address.....

Applicant.....

Description and name	
Owner or charterer	
Dimensions	
Draft	
Registered tonnage	
Moorage.	
Term for using the dock	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes

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No.....

Permission for Using
Chemulpo Dock

Permission is hereby given to the following vessel for using the dock in.....
(month)

Date.....

JINSEN CUSTOM HOUSE (seal)

Description and name	
Owner or charterer	
Dimensions	
Draft	
Registered tonnage	
Moorage	
Term for using the dock	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
	From..... to .... hours ..... minutes
	From..... to ....hours ..... minutes

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Form No. 3.

No.....

Application for Usin Chemulpo Dock

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the permission for the following vessel to use the dock from the..... day of .....19.... to the ..... day of ..... 19...

Date.....

Address.....

Applicant.....

Description and name
Owner or charterer
Registered tonnage
Dimensions
Purpose for using the dock
Remarks

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No.....

Permission for Using
Chemulpo Dock

Permission is hereby given to the following vessel for using the dock from the..... day of ..... 19..... to the ..... day of..... 19....

Date.....

JINSEN CUSTOM HOUSE (seal)

Description and name

Owner or charterer

Registered tonnage

Purpose of using the dock

Remarks

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THE PORT OF CHEMULPO, CHOSEN.

The port of Chemulpo, known in Japanese as Jinsen, was opened to foreign trade in 1883. It was formerly the chief port in Chosen and practically all of the merchandise imported into Chosen from other countries was landed at Chemulpo. But with the opening of the railway between Seoul and Fusan and the establishment of daily ferry service between Fusan and Shimonoseki, Japan, the importance of Chemulpo was greatly lessened. Within the last year or two, however, the port has experienced a substantial growth both as to total amount of business and as to population. The present population is estimated at approximately 32,000.

Trade returns published by the Government General of Chosen for the year 1918 and 1919 give the following figures for the port of Chemulpo:

Exports	1918	$ 7,803,783.
Imports	1918	14,498,005.
	Total	$22,301,788.
Exports	1919	$13,148,165.
Imports	1919	32,209,380.
	Total	$45,357,545.

Monthly returns for 1920 for the months of January and February, which are the only ones so far published, are as follows, comparison being made with the same months of 1919:

January

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January

1920		1919
Exports	$ 712,168.	$1,225,292
Imports	2,186,516.	1,632,671.
Total	$2,898,684.	$2,857,963.

February

1920		1919
Exports	$1,070,525.	$1,287,824.
Imports	1,863,452.	2,375,922.
Total	$2,933,977.	$3,663,746.

One of the greatest problems which has had to be faced in Chemulpo was the fact that the port has an enormous rise and fall of tide averaging 30 feet. This necessitated two anchorages, the outer one accomodating ships of all sizes, and the inner one frequented by ships of about 1,000 tons. In 1918, however, a new wet dock was completed. This is operated through the use of two locks. There is a water area in the dock of 24.5 acres while the minimum depth of the dock is 27.5 feet. Berths are provided at the wharf for three vessels of 4,500 tons each, but there is ample room for moorage within the dock itself. (See map and also regulations for the use of the dock)

The steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shosen Kaisha call regularly at Chemulpo and have the bulk of the trade and passenger communication with Japan, and in the case of the former, with North Chosen. The Chosen Yusen Kaisha maintains a regular service between Chemulpo and Dairen, South Manchuria, touching also at

Chefoo

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Chefoo and Tsingtau, China. It also maintains a service to Vladivostok via Gensan on the east coast, and to Chinnampo and Antung, China, on the west coast. Figures published for the year 1919 show that 329 vessels aggregating 138,099 tons entered Chemulpo during that year, while 324 vessels aggregating 147,668 tons departed from the port. During the month of January, 1920, 20 vessels aggregating 8,054 tons entered Chemulpo while 21 vessels aggregating 8,165 tons cleared the port. In February, 1920, 19 vessels aggregating 7,887 tons entered the port and 18 vessels aggregating 7,487 tons cleared the port. The majority of these vessels were Japanese.

Chemulpo is connected with Seoul, (Keijo) a distance of 25 miles, by a branch of the Chosen railways, connecting with the trunk lines for Fusan and Antung, China, at Yeitoho, and with the line going to Gensan at Ryusan. Nine trains each way are run daily between Seoul and Chemulpo and beginning July 1st two special express trains each way will be run daily which will make the run in fifty minutes. There is also a good automobile road between Seoul and Chemulpo.

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FROM Japan (Woods) DATED May 16, 1924
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REGARDING:

Proposed visit to Korea and Japan of Brigadier General William Mitchell, Assistant Chief Air Service, United States Army, now in China for purpose of investigating and determining the progress in aeronautics.

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Tokio,

Dated May 16, 1924.

Recd. 6:22 A. M.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

104, May 16, 11 A. M.

I received yesterday a telegram from Legation at Peking as follows: " Brigadier General William Mitchell, Assistant Chief Air Service, United States Army, now in China on official mission for the purpose of investigating and determining progress in aeronautics and shortly proceeding to Japan same purpose, expects to arrive Seoul about twenty seventh, remaining three days en route to Japan. While in Seoul he desires to inspect Japanese aviation activities in Korea and requests you make necessary arrangements", to which I replied this morning as follows: " It is my opinion that on account of the existing tense situation resulting from the congressional attitude toward Japanese Exclusion General Mitchell's visit to Korea and Japan at this time for purposes indicated would be most certainly misconstrued and be looked upon with grave suspicion by the Japanese and therefore I insist that it be deferred for a future occasion"

I trust that the Department will bring this situation to the attention of the War Department and explain the situation to them as it is clear that this visit would be very unwelcome here at this juncture.

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No. 1108 AMERICAN CONSULATE

HARBIN CHINA, April 5, 1923.

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SUBJECT: REPORTED MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON THE MARITIME DISTRICT BORDER OF MANCHURIA.

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THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

SIR:

I have the honor to report that an unconfirmed local rumor is to the effect that there is evidence of much military activity at various border points of Manchuria and Korea occupied by Reds, and that strong reinforcements continue to arrive. It is stated that Koreans are taking part in these alleged mysterious preparations, approximately 600 Koreans having recently reached Grodekovo. According to the rumor, an agreement has been entered into between Soviet Russia and a certain group of Koreans intending to declare an autonomous Korean state on the Maritime District border under the protectorate of Soviet Russia. This agreement is said to bind both parties to the same to render assistance if either Korea or Soviet Russia became engaged in any military adventure. The report further states that a few bands of brigands, aggregating one thousand men, are

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being concentrated in the border district close to Pogranichnaia and Tuisantao.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. C. Hanson
American Consul.

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Copy has been sent to the Legation.

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