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JAPAN IS FOR PEACE

Invites All Nations to Her Big
Exposition in 1912.

AOKI EXPLODES IDLE RUMOR

Ambassador, Regretting Disquieting Ca-
ble from Hawaii as to the Mikado's
Birthday Message, Explains that the
Language Was from an Old Rescript.
Comparable with Our Declaration.

That Japan is preparing for a campaign
of peace and industrial development, rather
than one of war and international
strife, is shown by the invitation which
Japan, through her embassy here, pre-
sented yesterday to the State Depart-
ment asking this country to participate
in the great national exposition, at Tokyo,
April 1 to October 31, 1912. The invita-
tion requests this country to participate
as a nation, and is general to all the
people of the United States to send their
exhibits to Tokyo. Similar invitations
have been sent to all other countries.

The exposition is to commemorate no
historical event, but its purpose is to
show to all the world Japanese develop-
ment and progress, and by inviting ex-
hibits of the arts and sciences from other
nations, Japan, for her own people, ex-
pects to gain new ideas and a broader
knowledge of the industries of other
countries. The management and complete
control are to be in the hands of the
national government, and Japan has plan-
ned to expend from her national treasury
10,000,000 yen. The scheme also contem-
plates that an additional 10,000,000 yen
will be appropriated by the various prov-
inces and municipalities of the Island
Empire, making the total cost about \$10,-
000,000.

All Nations Invited.

The invitation presented to the State
Department, in part, reads:

"It is the earnest wish of the Japanese
government that the participation of the
different governments and peoples of the
world will be on such a scale as to make
the scope of the exposition a thoroughly
international one."

As a further evidence that Japan is not
seeking trouble with the United States,
regret upon the part of Ambassador Aoki
was expressed at the embassy yesterday
that a report had come to the United
States from Hawaii that the Mikado had
issued a birthday message to his subjects,
in which he was quoted as having said:
"Should emergency arise, offer yourselves
courageously to your beloved country, and
thus guard and maintain the prosperity
of our imperial throne."

It was explained, upon behalf of the
Ambassador, that this language is taken
from an imperial rescript on education
issued by the Emperor of Japan on the
occasion of his birthday seventeen years
ago. Ever since that time it has been
read on his birthday anniversary where-
ver there are Japanese schools. It is
said that the reading of the document is
not unlike the reading of the Declaration
of Independence by the American colony
in Paris on the Fourth of July. The
complete rescript is as follows:

Mikado to His Subjects.

"Know ye, our subjects: Our imperial
ancestors have founded our empire on
a basis broad and everlasting, and have
deeply and firmly implanted virtue. Our
subjects, ever united in loyalty and filial
piety, have from generation to generation
illustrated the beauty thereof. This is
the glory of the fundamental character
of our empire, and herein also lies the
source of our education. Ye, our sub-
jects, be filial to your parents, affectionate
to your brothers and sisters; as husbands
and wives be harmonious; as friends,
true; extend your benevolence to all; pur-
sue learning and cultivate arts and there-
by develop intellectual faculties and per-
fect moral powers; furthermore, advance
public good and promote common inter-
ests; always respect the constitution and
observe laws; should emergency arise, offer
yourselves courageously to the state,
and thus guard and maintain the prosper-
ity of our throne, coeval with heaven and
earth. So shall ye not only be our good
and faithful subjects, but render illus-
trious the best traditions of your fore-
fathers.

"The way here set forth is, indeed, the
teachings bequeathed by our imperial an-
cestors, to be observed alike by their
descendants and the subjects, infallible
in all ages, and true in all places. It is
our wish to lay it to heart in all rever-
ence, in common with you, our subjects,
that we may all thus attain to the same
virtue."