## INFORMATION ON THE PHILIPPINES.

There is no uninhabited island in the Philippine group. There are several islands that lie adjacent to the larger ones, and are visited daily by people from the mainlands to till the soil, cut hemp, gather copra,

When the islands were purchased following the Sanish-American War two small islands, that lay between the island of Jolo (Sulu) and British North Borneo (Sandakan), were not included in the treaty but a separat etreaty was signed and an additional purchase pric eof \$2,000,000 was paid for them. Otherwise no other islands in th egroup answer to your inquiry.

These smaller islands can be reached by a native proa or outrigger boats. Small schooners (lorchas) ply in the interisland trade, and their fare is very reasonable.

Gold has ben discovered in small quantities in Mindanao and Luzon. Pearls are fished for in southern Mindanao and Jolo.

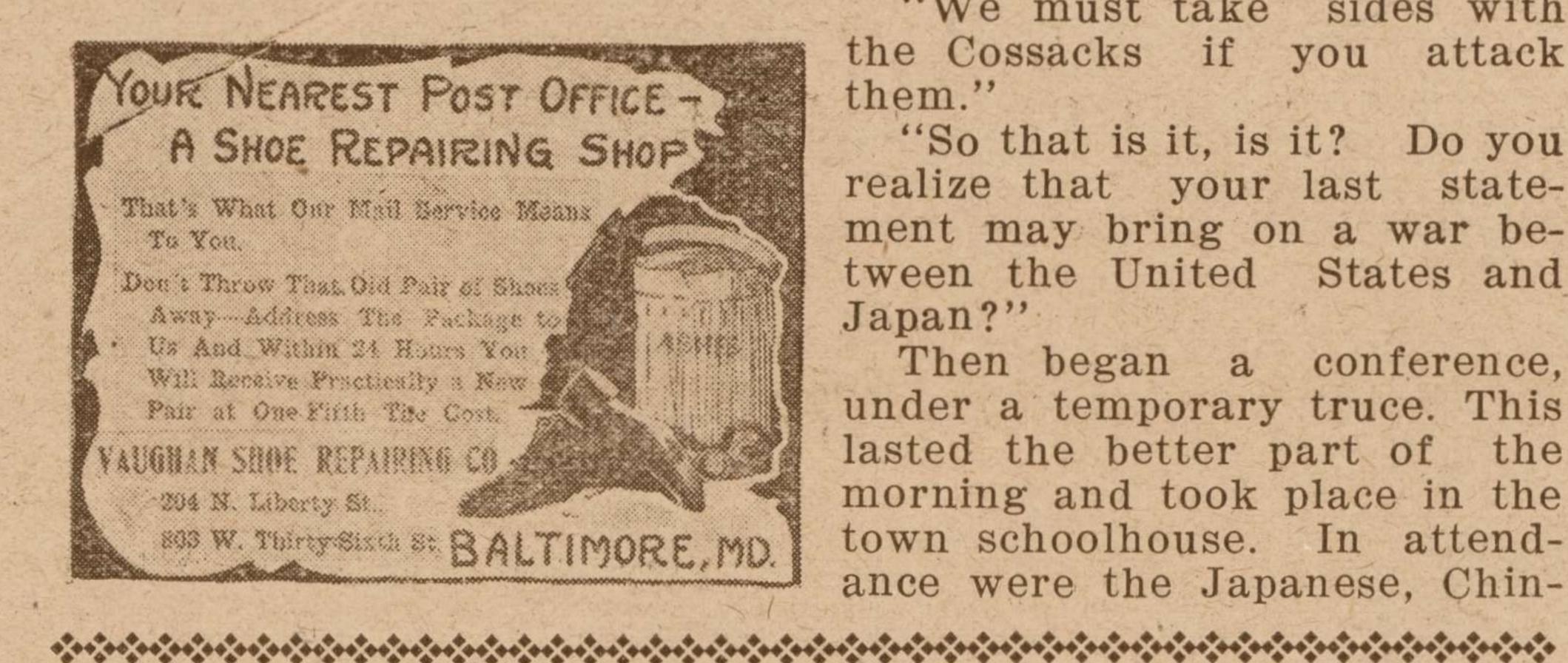
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WHEN DOUGHBOY, JAP AND GOT TANGLED UP IN SIBERIA.

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"Of course not," fairly yelled the fire-eating American. "Get yourselves out of the way, then. Are you protecting these scoundrels?"

"Yes, yes, yes," screamed the interpreter, and the Japanese officer on his heels frantically seconded the words.

"Back up before you get into serious trouble," snapped the American major. "Are the Cossacks ready to open fire or are they prepared to turn over the American soldier they have kidnapped?"

"Don't shoot, they will do it, they will do it," whined the Japanese, now thoroughly fearful of a carnage taking place.

"They'll do what?" demanded the American major. "If they are ready to return the soldier, have them do so at once. In two minutes we open fire, take the city, and search it until we find and liberate that American soldier."

"They will return the stolen soldier," fairly howled the Japanese, for during this parlance our lines were gradually closing in about their positions, to which the Cossacks had fled when notified of our comng. They also could see the machine-gunners putting the belts of bullets into their guns and the riflemen encirclin the redoubt of the Japanese in a jeopardizing manner. This small expedition had a dozen heavy machine guns, and nearly fifty automatic rifles, making a total of practically sixty moble machine guns, besides all our rifles and grenades. The Japanese officer saw these getting ready for action and he became frantic. So much so indeed that he talked himself into very serious difficulty as a result.

"The American soldier is not here," the Japanese went on. "He is not here."

"Where is he? Quick, tell me," from the American offi-

"I don't know," frantically from the Nipponese.

"They've taken him away, have they?" growled the infuriated American. "Very well, we open fire at once."

"No, no, no, you mustn't, we are in your way."

"Get your Japanese troops out of our way, then."

"Don't shoot." "Will you get out of our way or will you take sides in this affair?" came from the Ameri-

can. "Quick, decide." "We must take sides with the Cossacks if you attack them."

"So that is it, is it? Do you realize that your last statement may bring on a war between the United States and Japan?"

Then began a conference, under a temporary truce. This lasted the better part of the morning and took place in the town schoolhouse. In attendance were the Japanese, Chin-

ese, Cossacks, Siberians, a Polish consul, an English trader, and the American officers. One misinterpreted statement, says the recorder, almost led to an open break right there in the conference. For:

We were told that the American corporal had been taken by a group of Cossock officers rection of Khabarovsk, and that if agreeable he would be sent back to us in good faith. On this the Japanese agreed to faithfully insist and took the responsibility for its proper execution.

We insisted that the telegram be sent at once and in our presence. To this the Cossacks replied that they would have to inform Kalmi-

"Kalmikov be damned!" shouted the U.S. commander, Major Shamotulssski, as he rose like a flash and started for the doorway, obviously to it was unhealthy to wear old start the battle. Many handss Cossack clothes when the Cosreached out to implore him to sacks were holding an Ameridesist.

The position of the Cossackss and Japanese, huddled together as they were, was very helpless in relation to the manner in which we had them surrounded and covered. They had one three-inch gun pointed out the gate of their garrison and along a fence which we had beautifully enfiladed, their troops being drawn in line. That gun could never have fired more than once and then the whole garrison would have been ours. They knew it and we knew it. And so our bold bluff worked. The Japanese had permitted the Cossacks to take shelter within their gates. This was not neutrality!

"Send for that American at once," ordered the Cossack to the telegraph operator; and away he flew to do his part.

Then we sauntered over to the station and through the town to see how our troops were employed. As one of the Russians afterward said, we had the town at our mercy ten seconds after the train stopped. At every cross-street there were four machine-guns mounted, looking formidably down the road. No one could move. No one did move. In the station all the officials of the railroad had been herded into the room, disarmed if armed, and the telegraph operator, a beautiful young Russian woman, was laughingly chatting with her American sentry as his bayonet meaningly separated her from her instruments.

Now the soldiers of this leader Kalmikov, wear on their arms a small shield with the letter "K" superimposed thereon, and it was for these the Americans were looking. There

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had been only a few left in that vicinity, to three "of the choicest looking ones of the lot" were invited to come into the American sector.

A Chinese peddler came forth claiming that we had killed his horse under him and that he wanted damages. It was he at whom the first shot had on a train last night in the di- been aimed and his horse was the victim. It was easy to see why he had been shot at. He was wearing a pair of Cossack cavalry breeches with the orange stripe down the leg and when the soldier had seen him riding down the street two blocks away he had fired at him, hitting the horse. The other two shots that followed were fired by recruits through excitement; one had dropped his rifle and nearly shot himself in the chin.

> We were amused at the claims of the Chinese peddler. We paid him, but warned him can as a hostage.

> We had the Polish consul give a speech to the multitude that had by this time gathered about the station, telling them that our sole purpose in coming to Iman was to get the American soldier and to warn Kalmikov that a repetition of this kind would mean the end of his regime, for we would hold him personally responsi-

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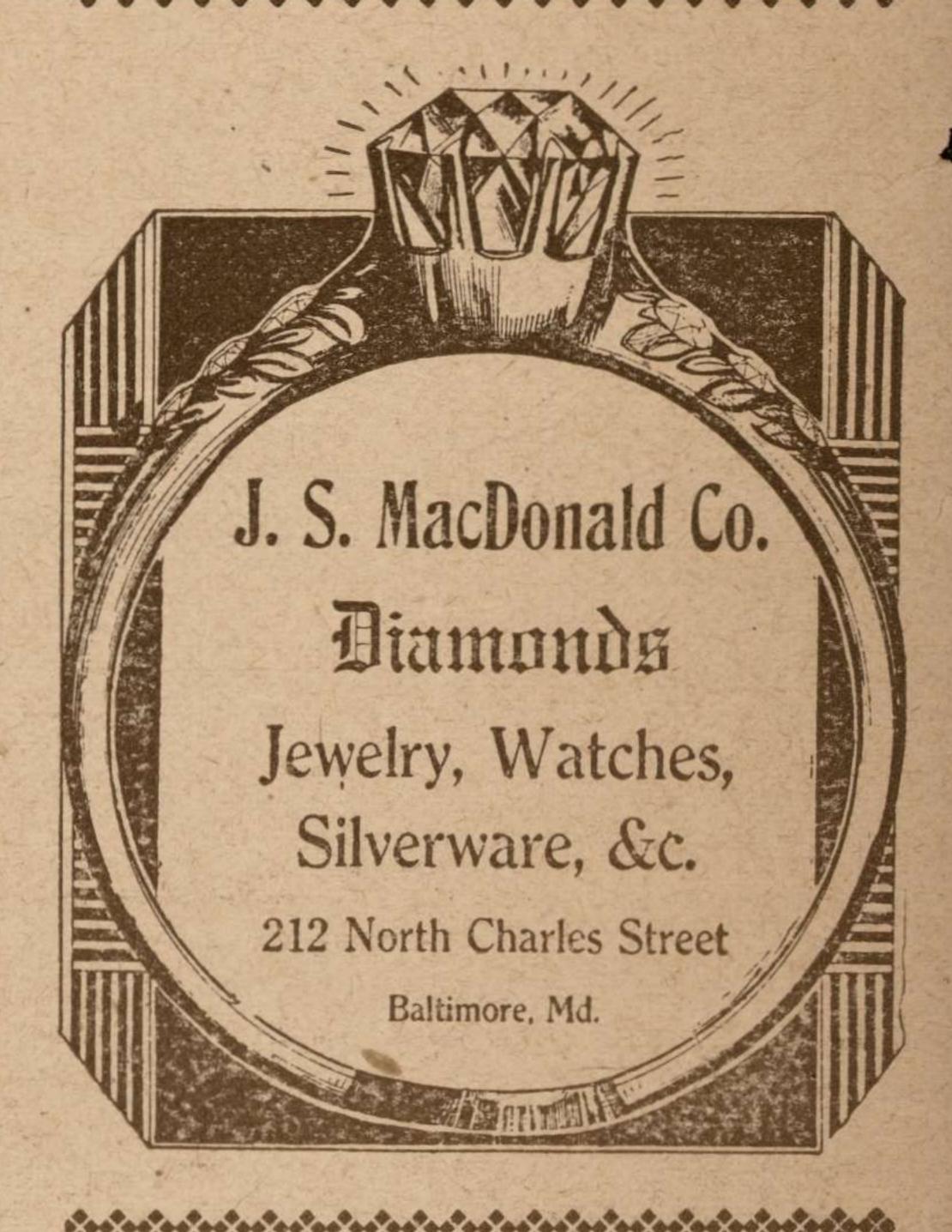
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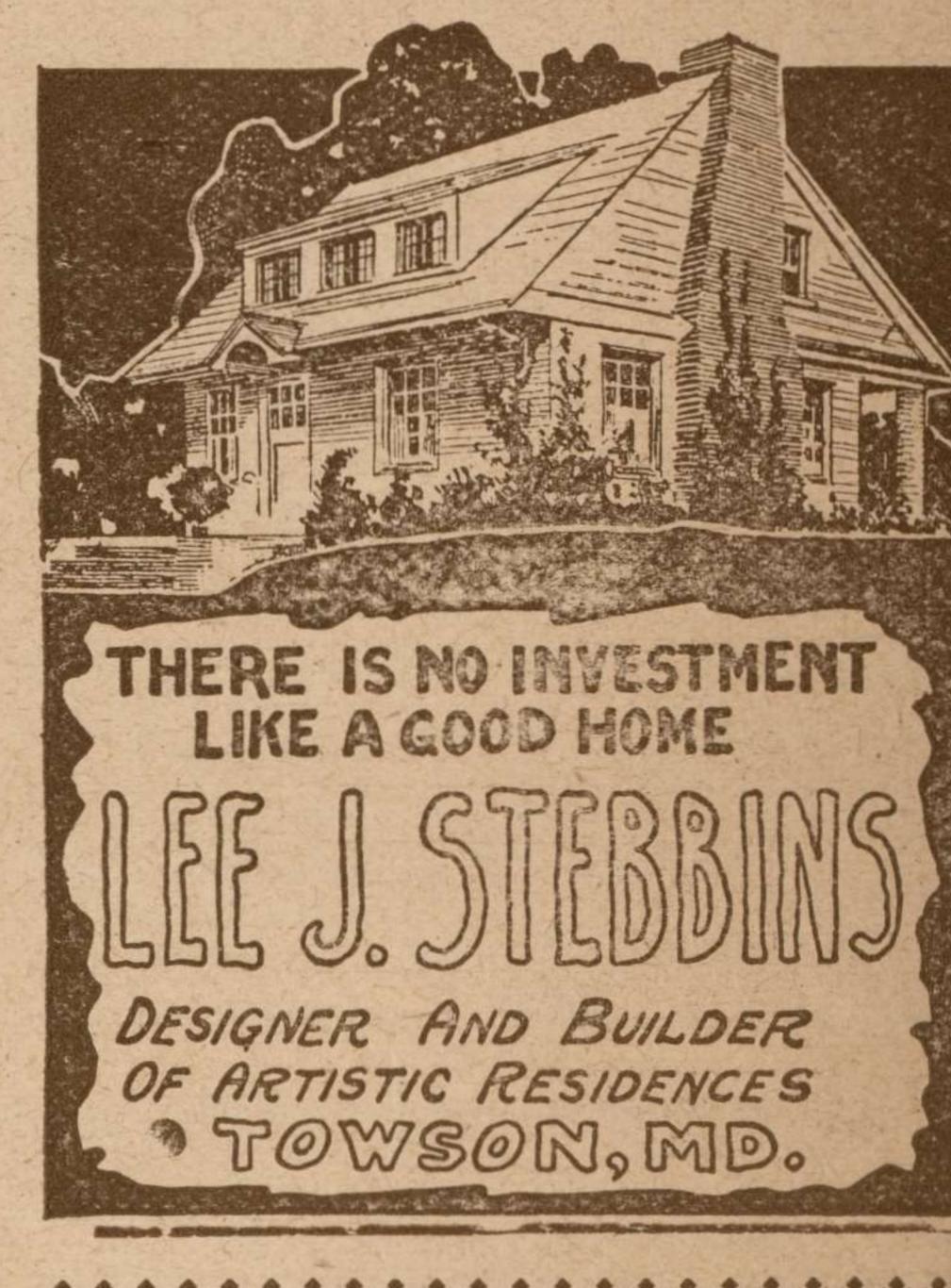
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