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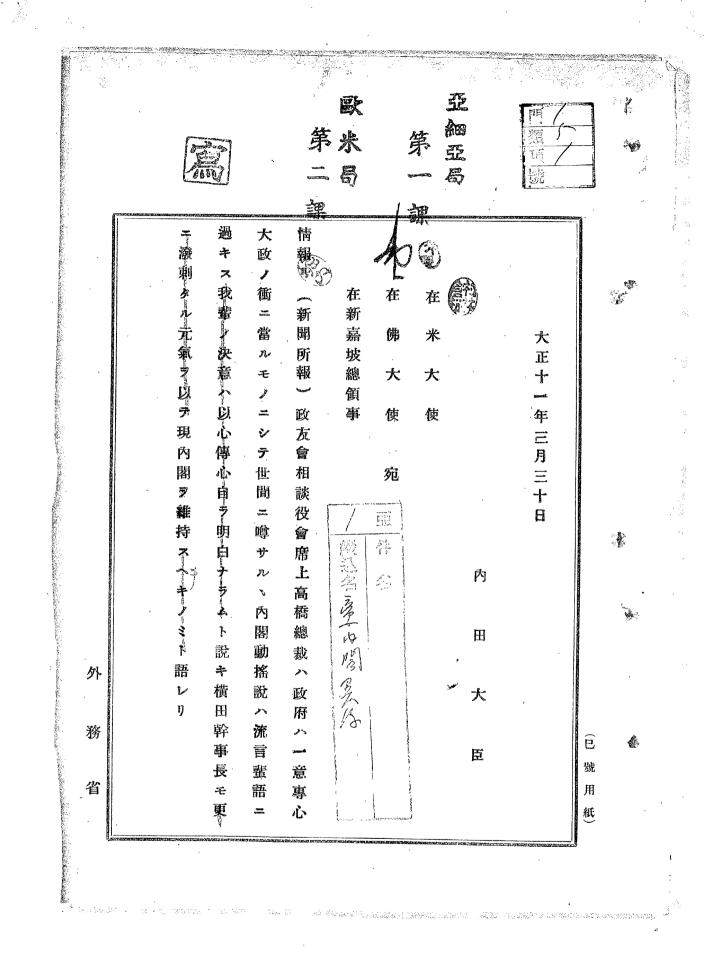
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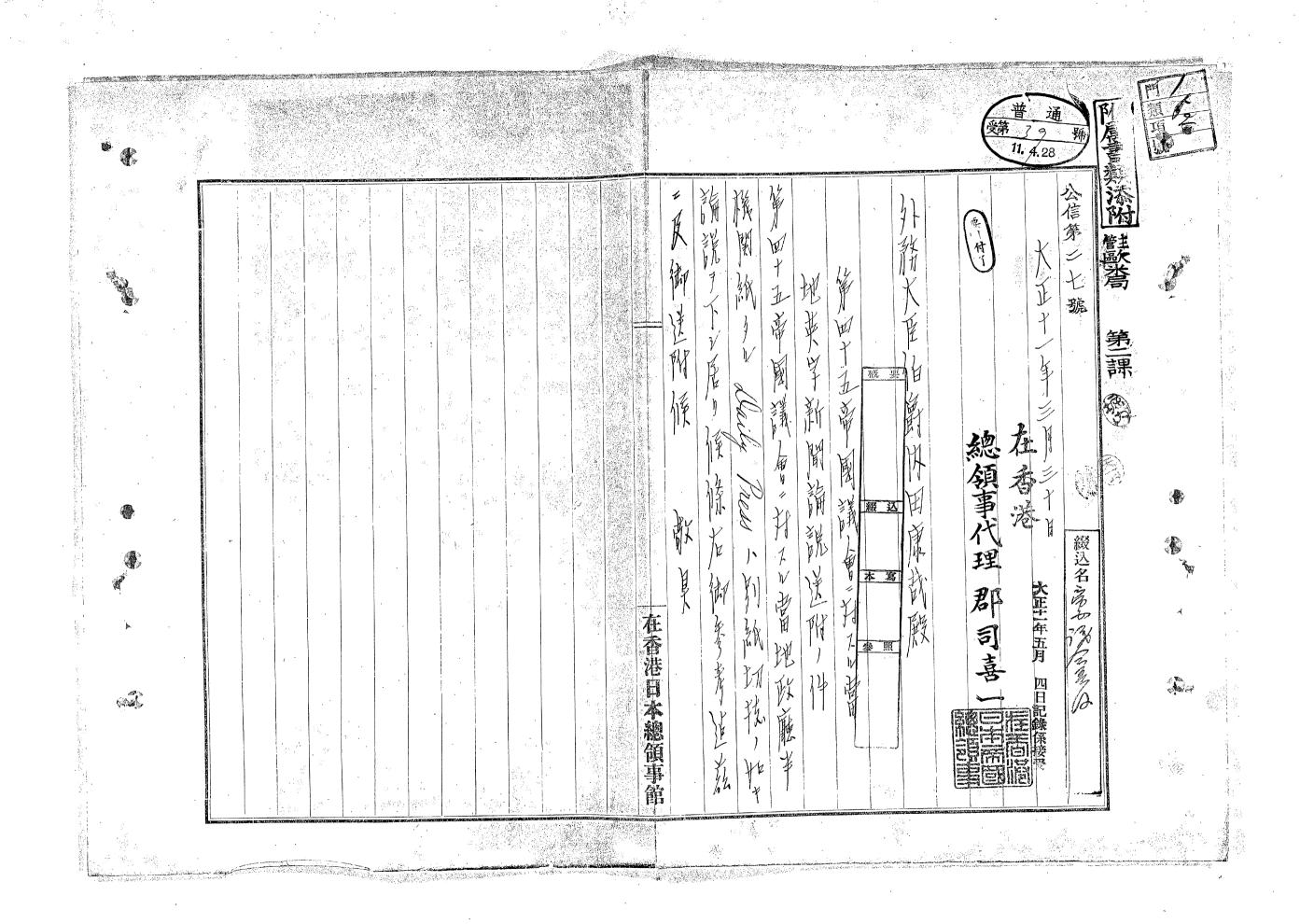
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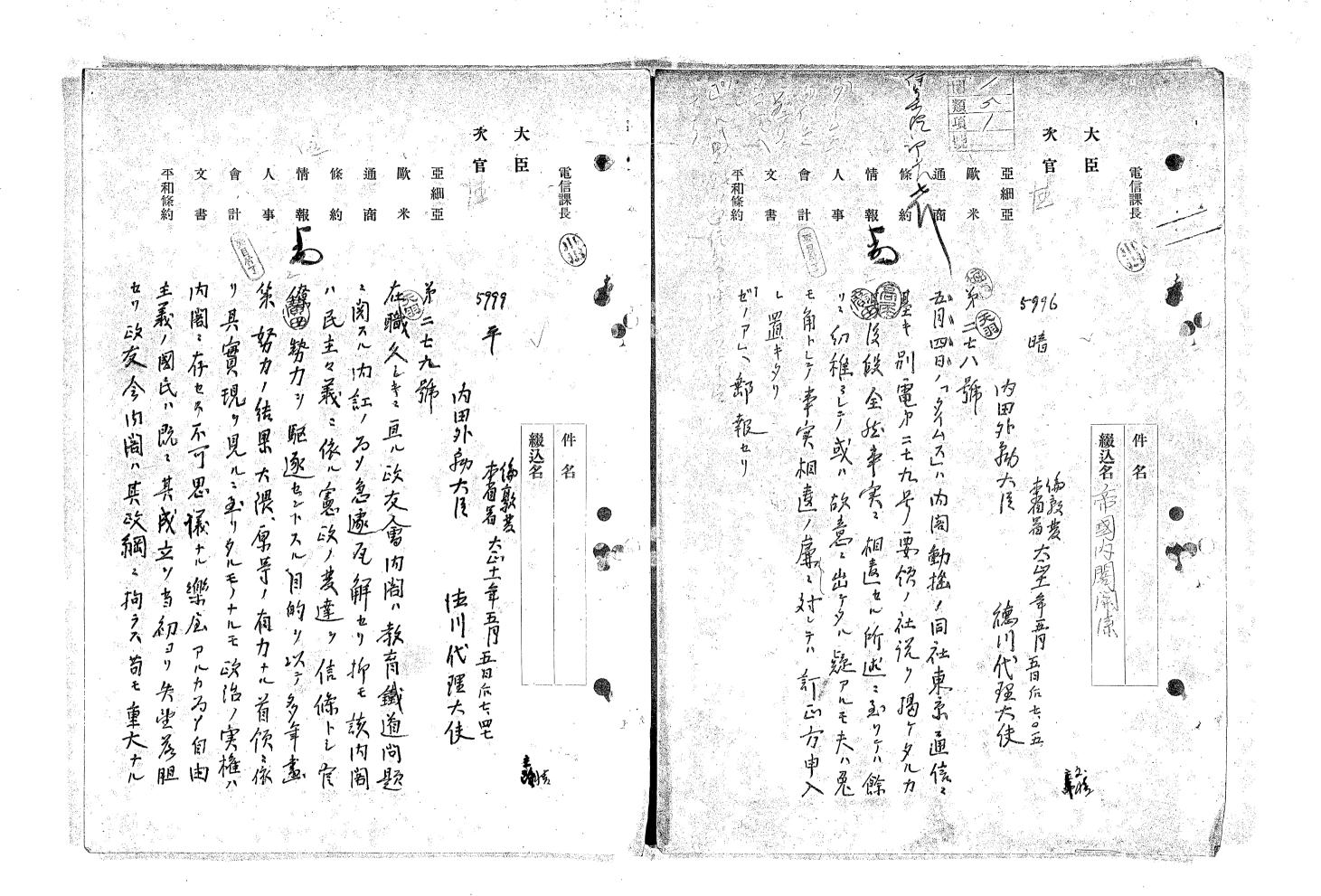
BEFORE the war Austrian Reichsrath was noted as the most disorderly Parliament in the world. Its place would seem to have now been taken by the Japanese Diet, which, renowned before for its scenes, has this year surpassed itself. The Diet only meets for three or four months every year and occcupies a very negative place in the Constitution, the Bills placed before it by the Govenment being measures that have to be passed, whether the Diet is in agreement with them or not. Occcasionally slight amendments are allowed to be made as a sop to representative govern. ment, but rejection of the measures is an impossibility. Once, when the Government had a very recalcitrant Diet to deal with and it seemed possible that the Budget would be rejected, a higher power was invoked, and an Imperial message to the Diet instructing it to pass the Budget produced the desired result. But such extraordinary measures are not often required, the Government, by means that can be surmised, being always able to command a majority. Perhaps it is because of its inability to sway the policy of the Government that the Opposition tends to fall into disorder as a despairing attempt to obstruct, if it cannot defeat, the Government. The goodness or badness of the measures proposed by the Government is of secondary importance; the object is to spoils of office. Of course, there are many members of the Diet inspired by higher motives, who really attempt to criticise the Government Bills from the point of view esprit which in other and more ancient as- among the people. semblies unites all parties in preserving the dignity of the House. 

The disorder in the Japanese Diet-this year has centered round the question of the suffrage. For the past few years Bills have been introduced in the Diet for the granting of what is called "Universal Suffrage." meaning thereby manhood suffrage. Last year there was a split between the two Op position parties on the question of how far the suffrage should be extended, with the result that two Bills were introduced, both of which were defeated. This year the split has been healed, and a joint Bill has been introduced for granting the right to all men over the age of 25. Women are not mentioned, and it is thus a manhood suffrage measure. At present the suffrage is confined to persons paying over a certain amount in direct taxes, and the number of voters is extremely limited, direct taxes practically not affecting the working classes. It is claimed, not without reason, that the small number of voters is the cause of the bribery which is so rampant at elections. Increase the number of voters and it would no longer be possible for any candidate to bribe them unless he was a millionaire. This, perhaps, is the strongest argument that the supporters of the measure have to adduce. Whether there is a demand for the suffrage among the people themselves it is difficult tosay. Every year suffrage meetings are held at the time the Bill is introduced into the Diet, and crowds collect in the vicinity of the Diet while the debate is going on, but as soon as the inevitable defeat of the measure comes the agitation dies down and nothing more is heard of it. for another year. No doubt there is a certain amount of prestige in having a vote for relection to the Diet, and the possibility drive out the Government and obtain the of the vote being negotiable is another attraction, but the number of persons who think that it is any business of theirs what policy the Government follows does not seem to be large. The measure is not lackof the welfare of the country, and ing in Press encouragement, however. not their party's welfare, and it may be Fractically all the chief papers in the said that the standard of debate has risen metropolis and in the other large cities are of recent years, although party considera- in favour of it, and a number of them tions still affect it to a great extent. But recently issued a manifesto strongly the disorderly element shows no signs of advocating the passing of the measure growing smaller and there is lacking that without delay in view of the growing unrest

That there is a growing unrest among the people cannot be denied, but whether the granting of manhood suffrage would compensate for the high cost of living and the growth of unemployment, the main causes of the unrest, is doubtfu!. Apparently the drafters of the manifesto think it would be a sop that would encourage the people to bear the ills they have in the hope that they would be able to right them in the near future, but the chief obstacle to reform would not be overcome—that is the low moral standard of their representatives and their subservience to the Government. The scenes that have taken place in the Diet during the debate-or rather during the introduction of the measure, for debate there was none-on the Suffrage Bill are significant. The rulings of the President of the Diet have been constantly defied, free fights have been indulged in indiscriminately, members have been as saulted in the precincts of the Diet by other members, and, generally, pandemonium has

Naturally the cause of manhood suffrage has not been improved by these tactics. When the introduction of a measure for increasing the responsibilities of the people is regarded by its supporters as an occasion for showing their irresponsibility the conclusion is reached that there is lack of sincerity and that it is merely an attempt to defeat the Government or to obstruct public business. The police authorities in Tokyo increased the sensation by surrounding the Diet with wire entanglements and driving everybody out of the neighbouring parks and squares. They also broke up all suffrage meetings and even roughly handled some of the members of the Diet who were attending them. Of course this attempt to suppress the agitation really gives it a very good advertisement, since the supporters of the measure can point to the ills that are now borne as arising out of the lack of the suffrage. It seems impossible nowadays to get any reform without some degree of violence, but the violence in this case seems to have been all on the side of the authorities, except in the Diet, wh re many of the members behaved more like children than esponsible legislators.

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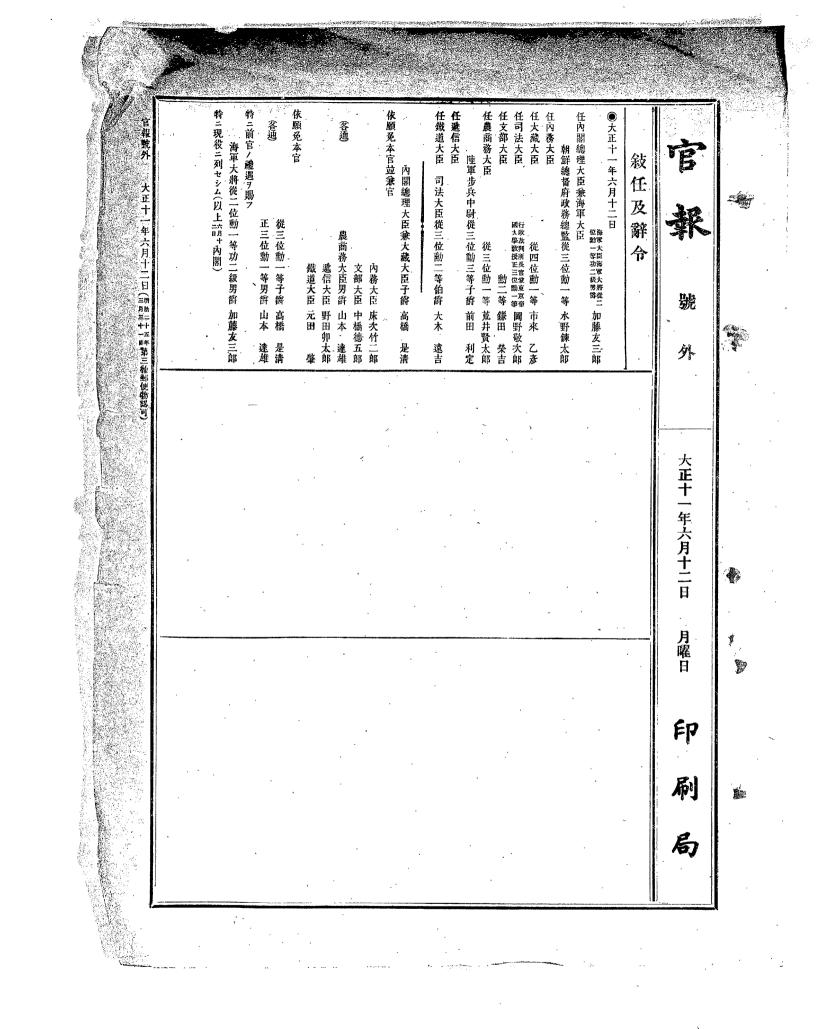
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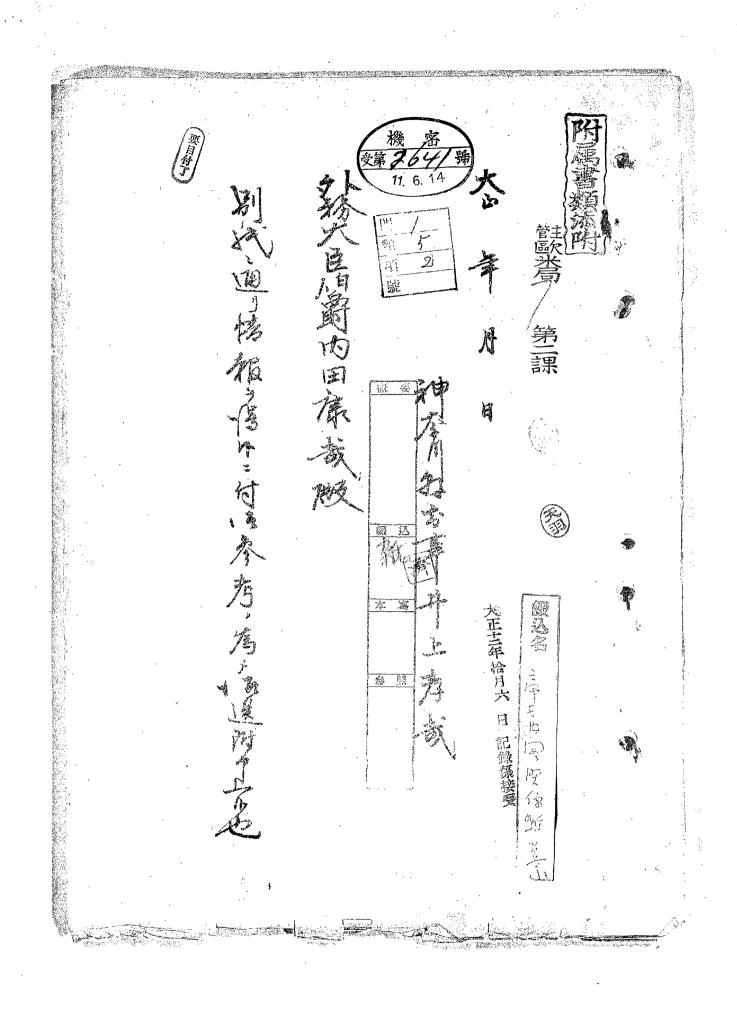
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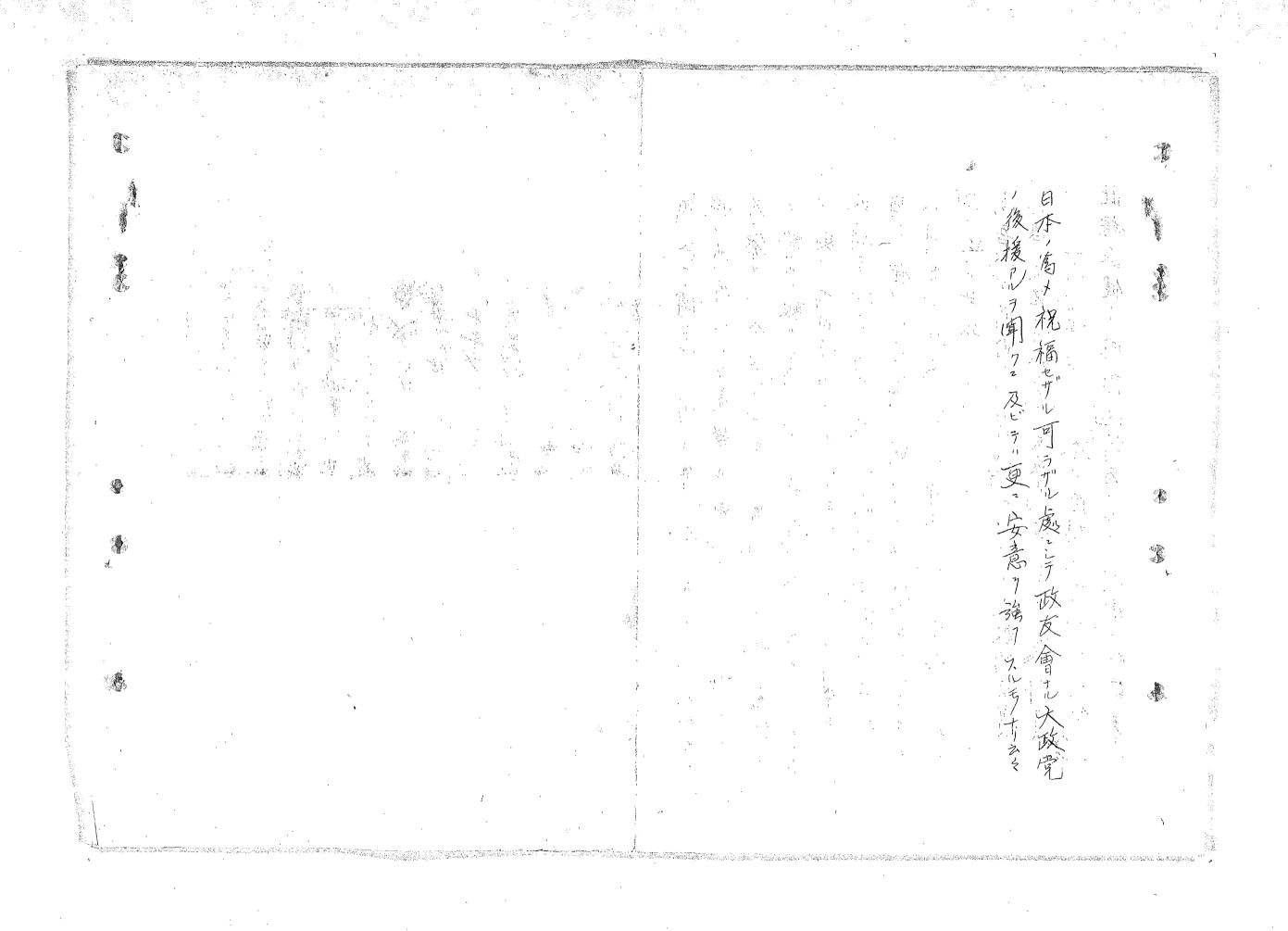


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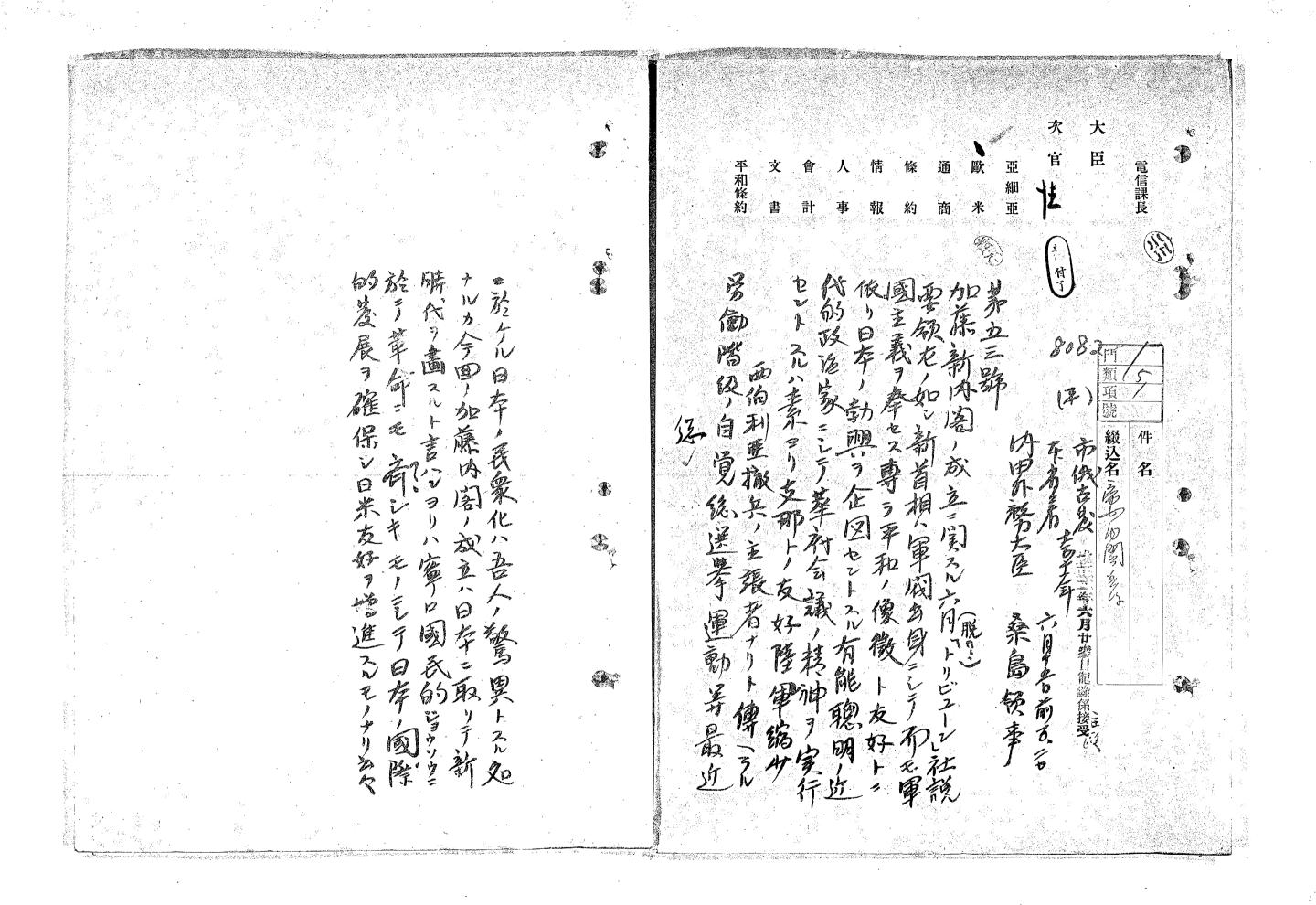
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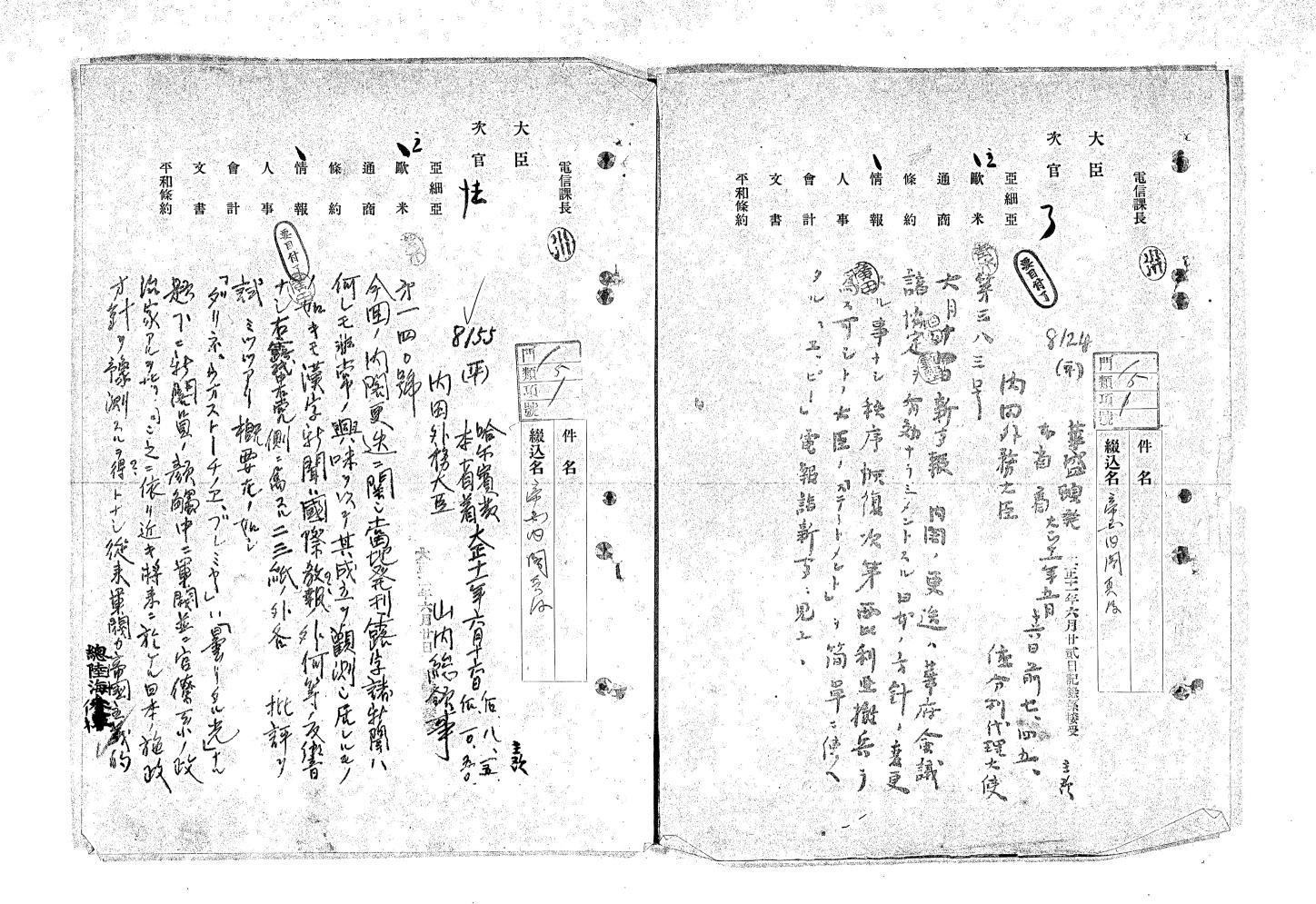
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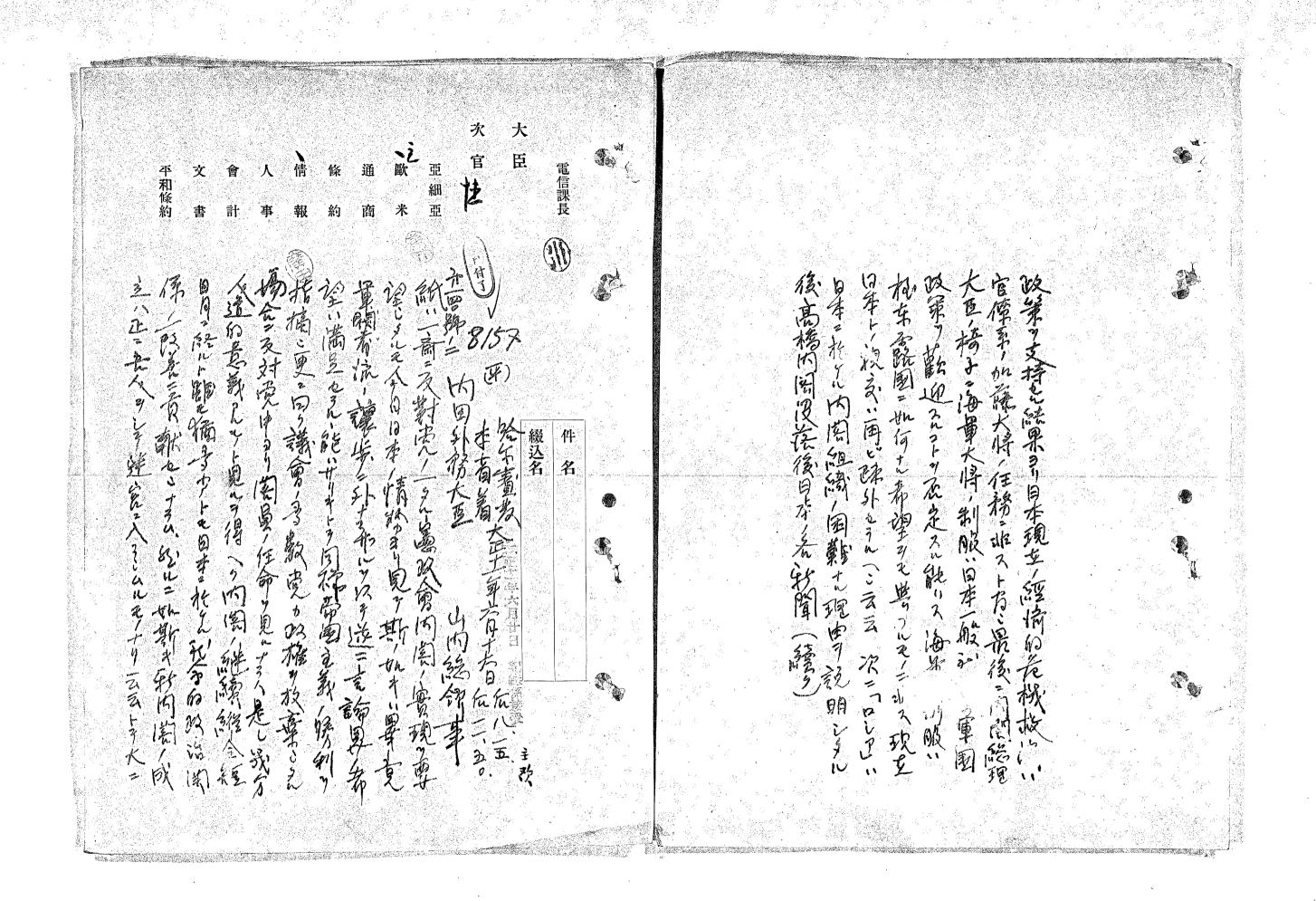
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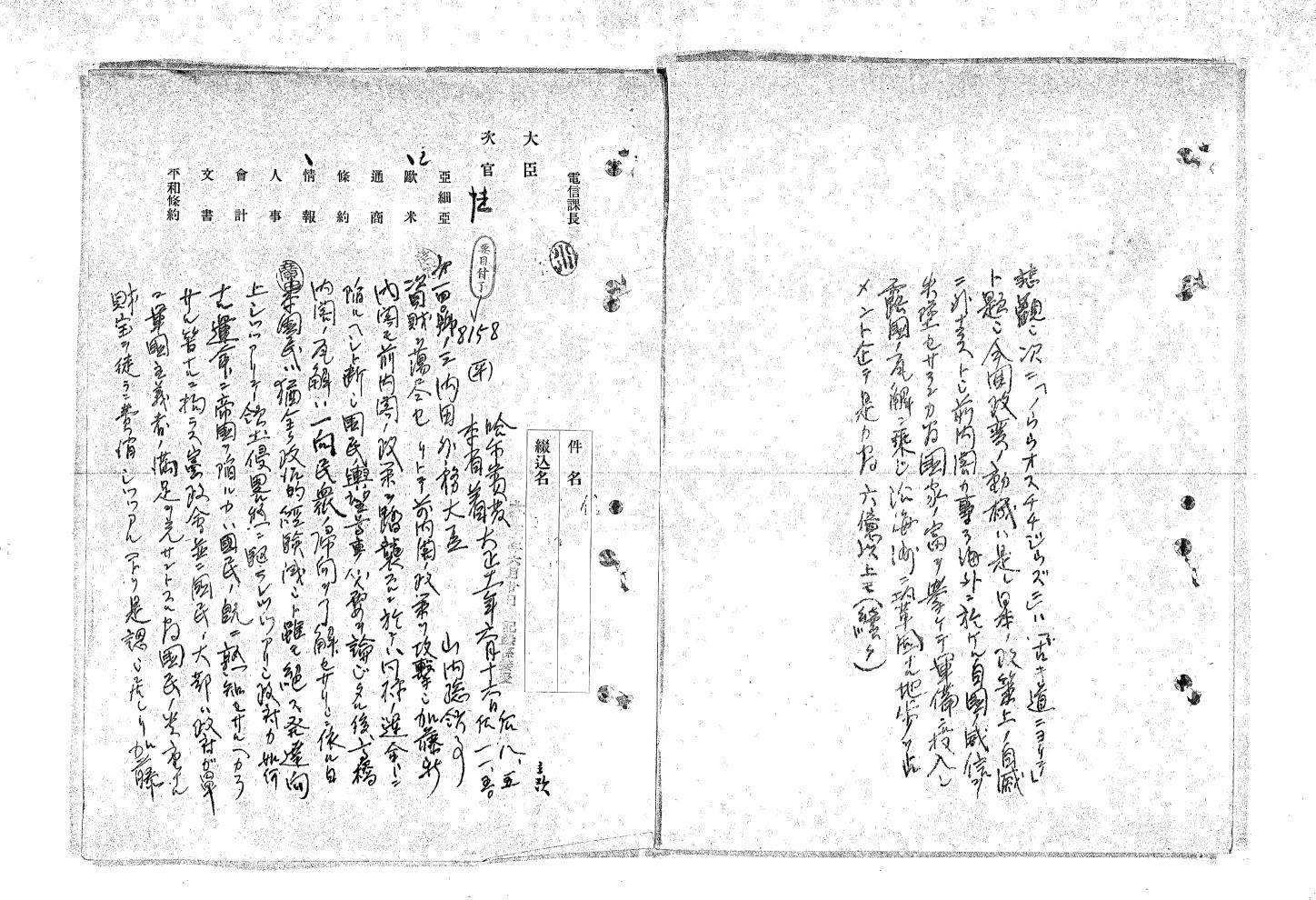


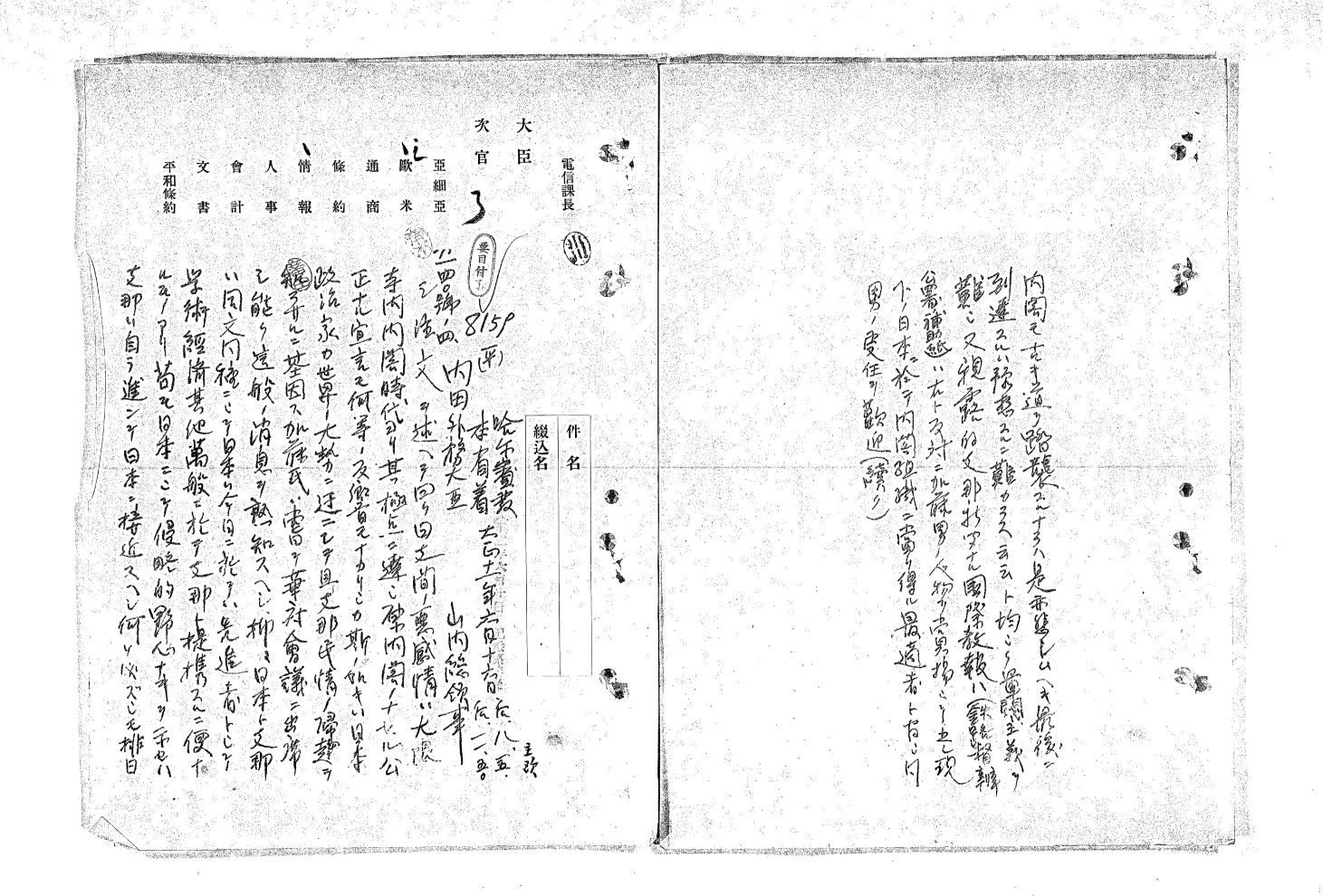
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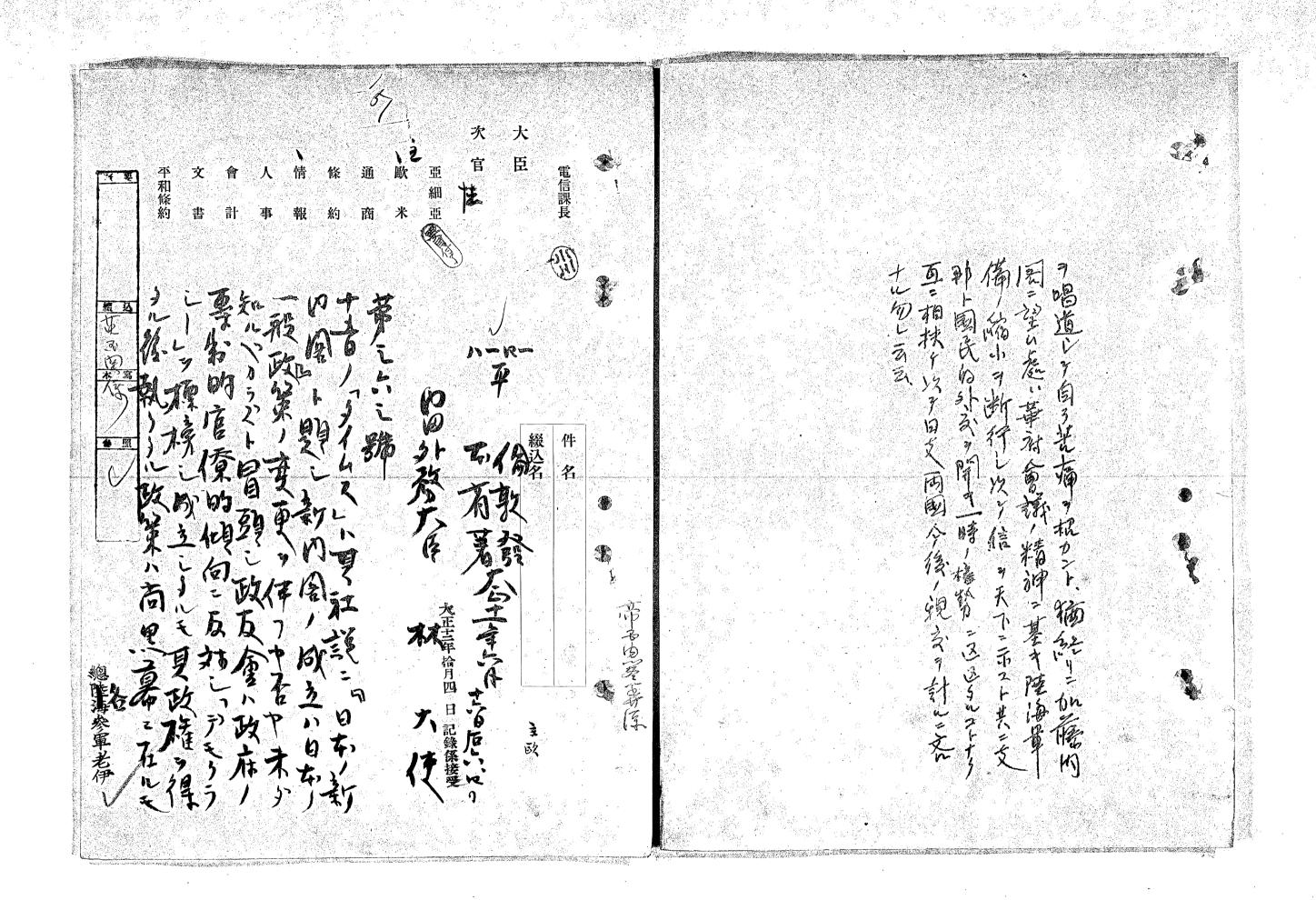


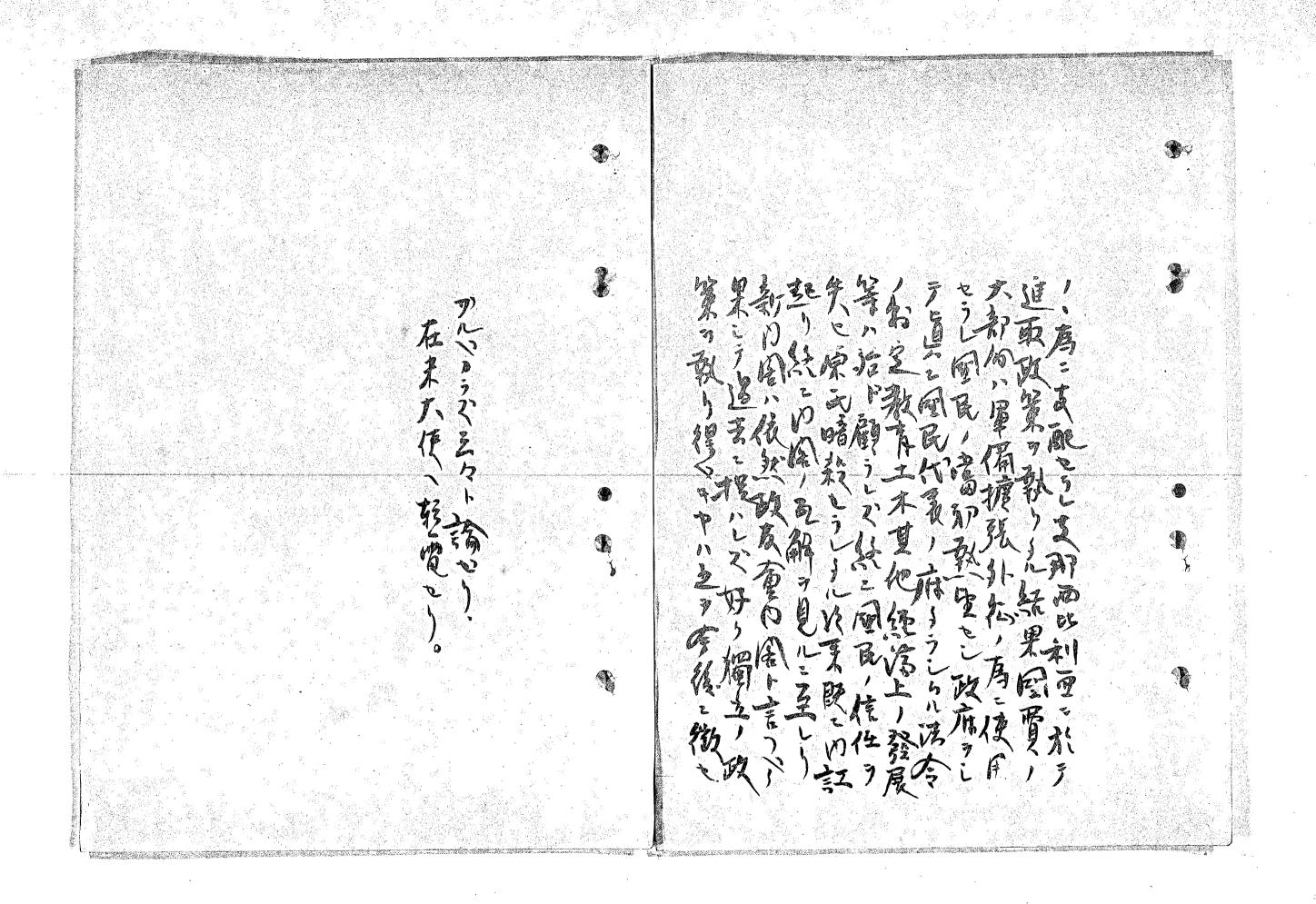


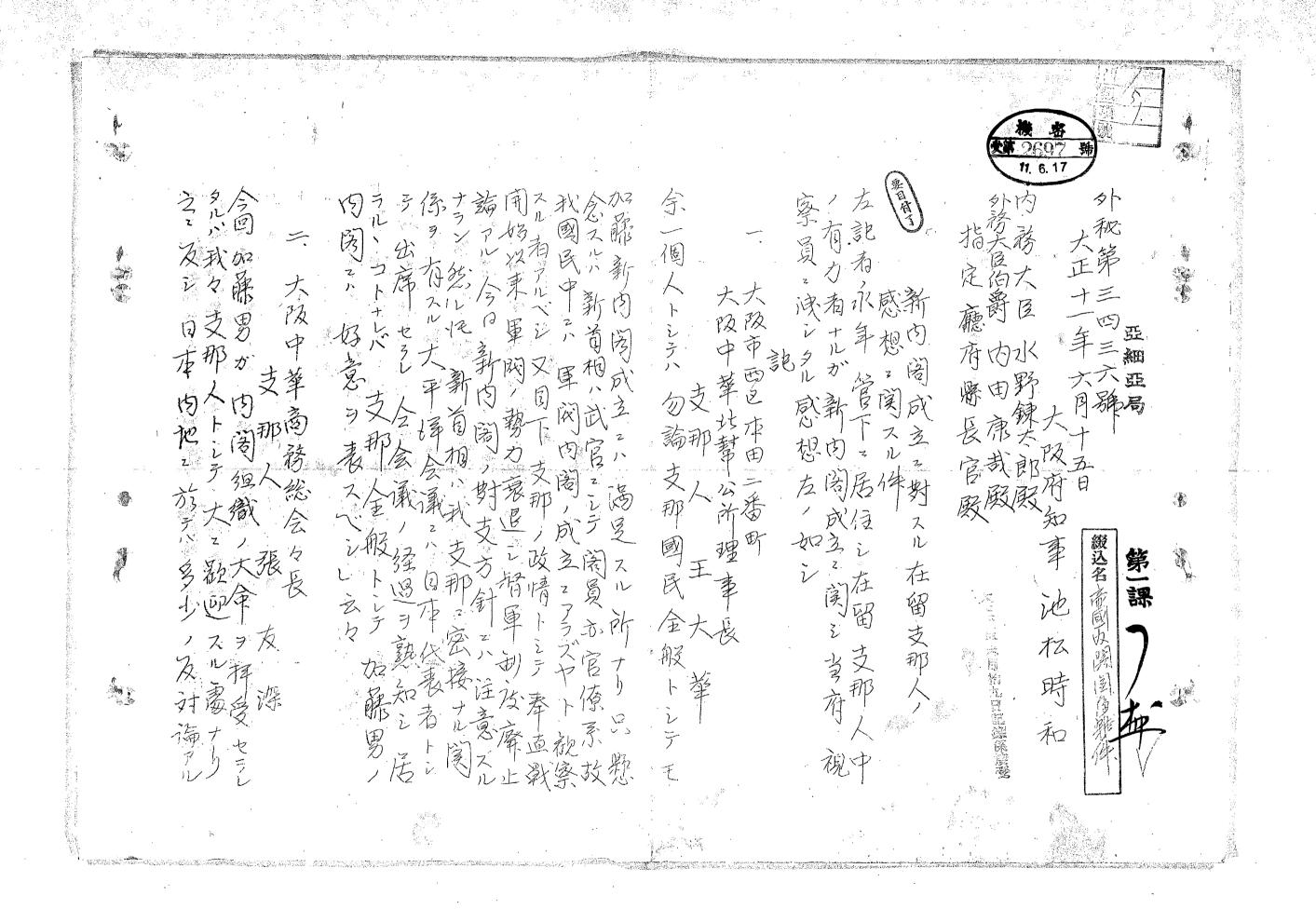


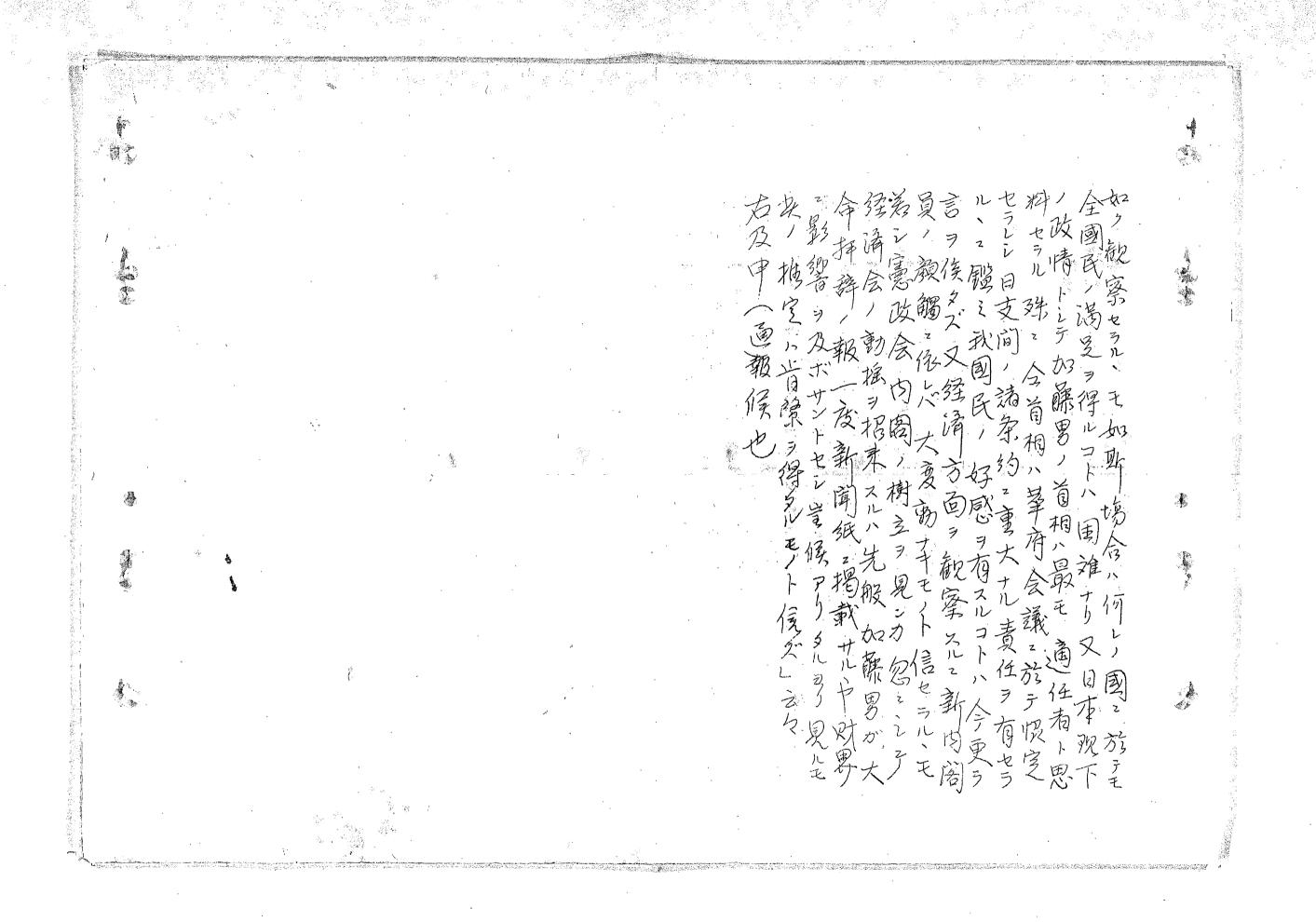


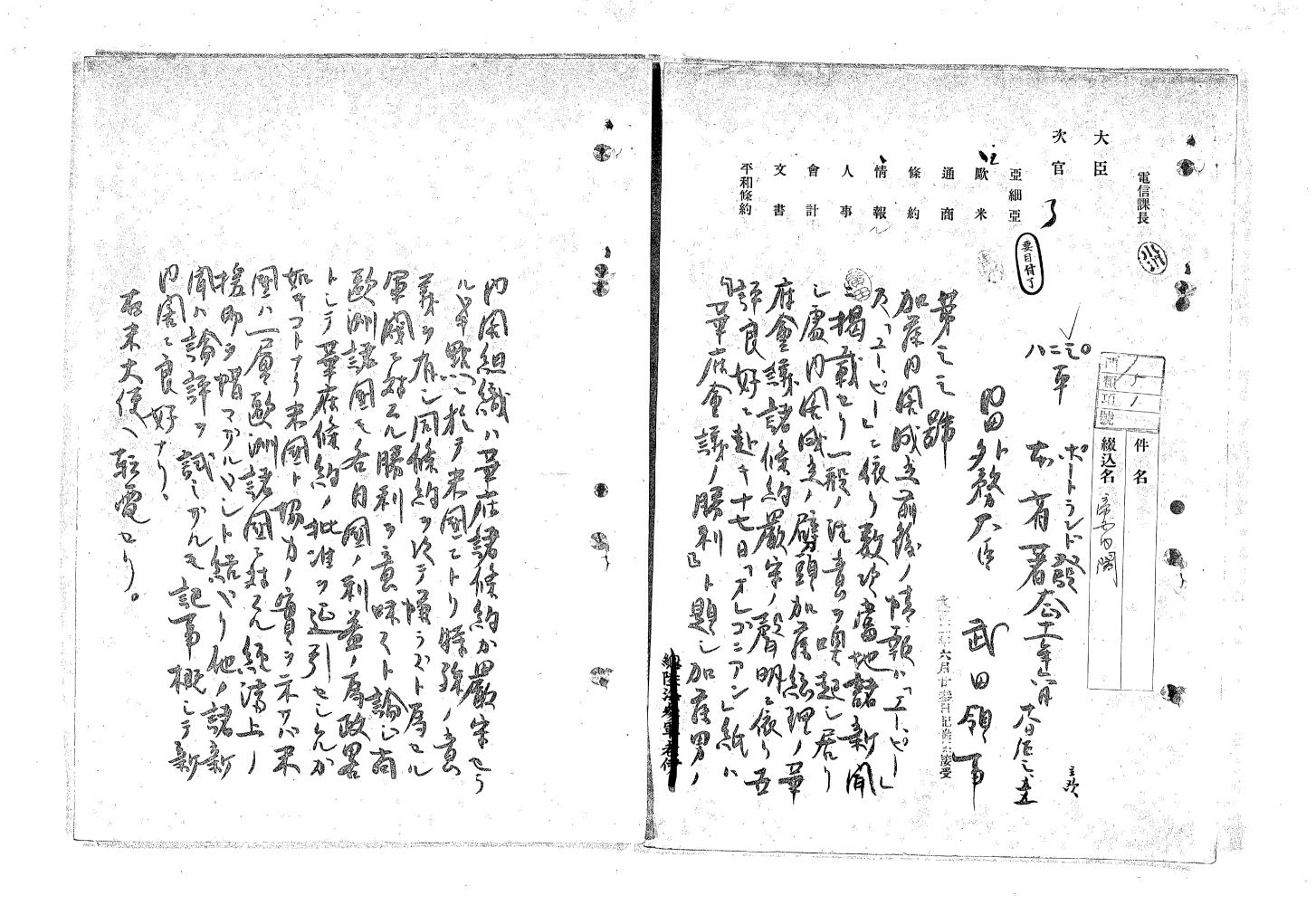


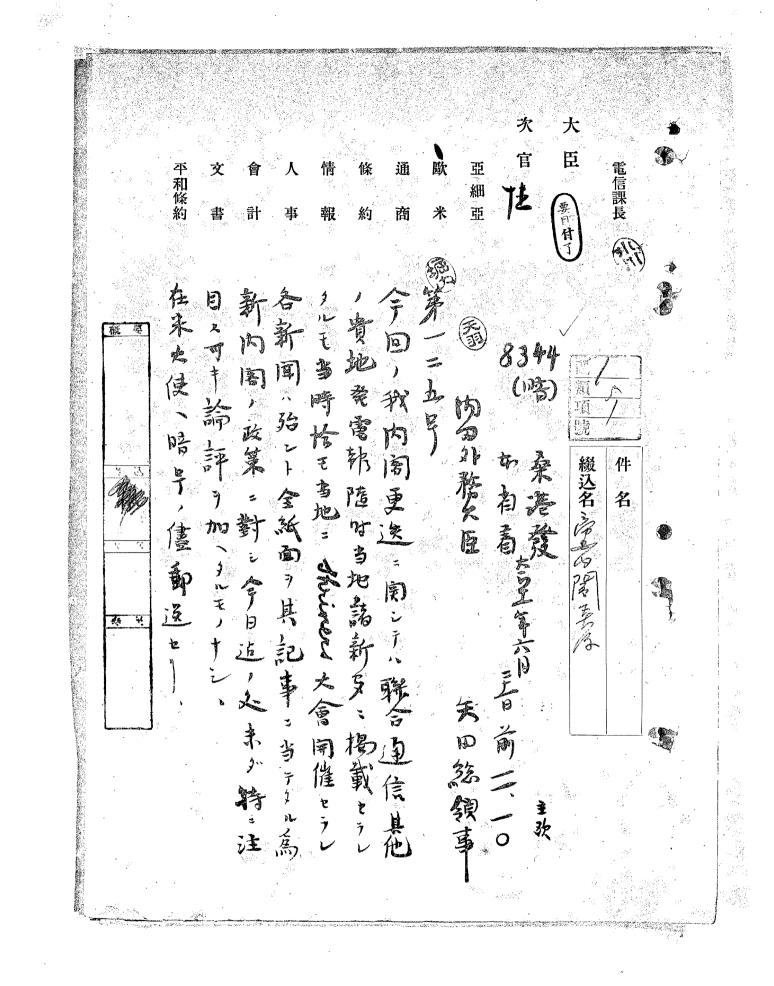


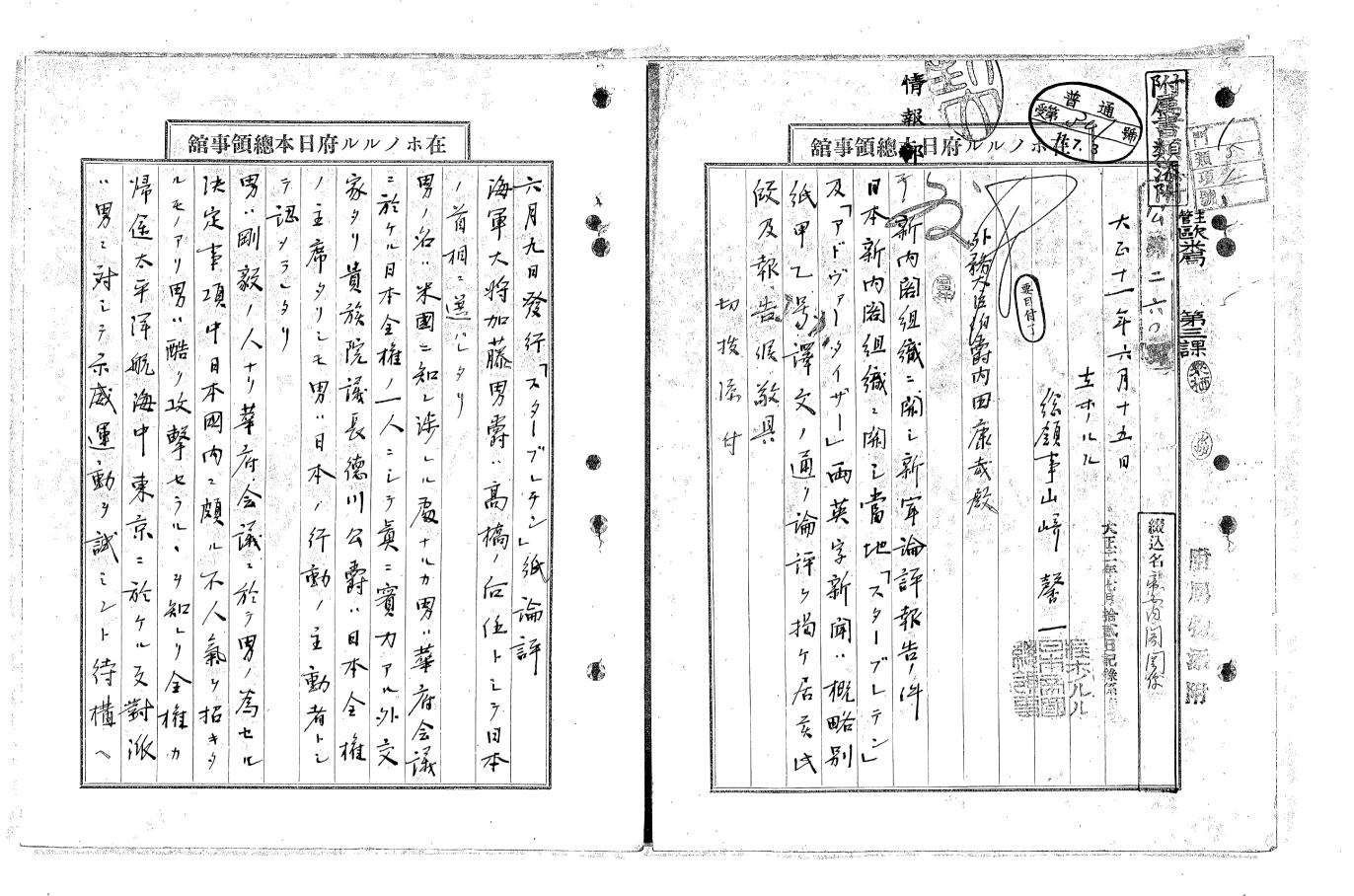


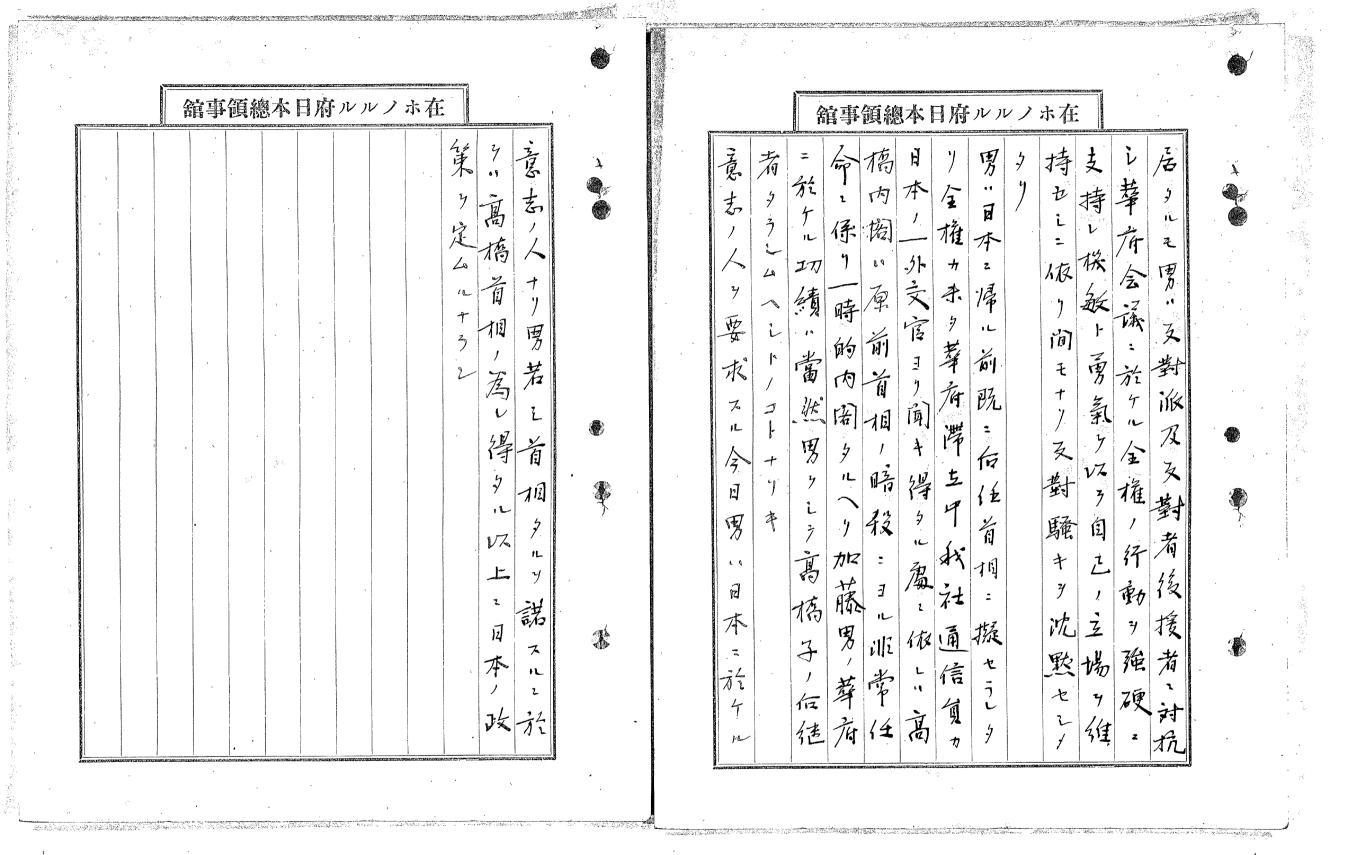








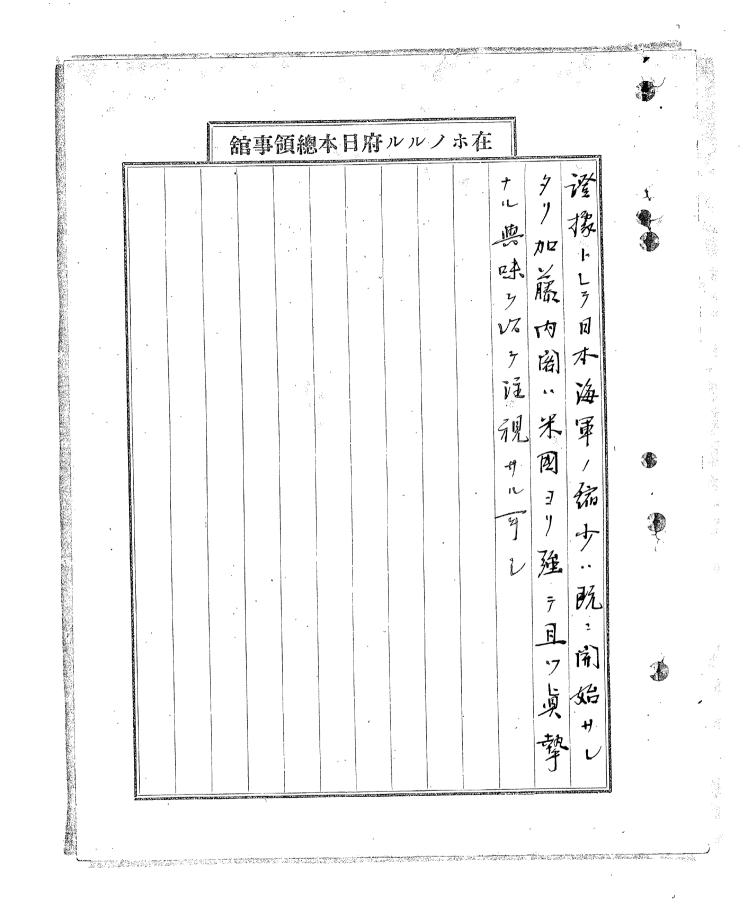




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Japan's Premier

Admiral Baron Tomosaburo Kato is Japan's new premier. His appointment will mean continued friendliness and understanding between the governments of the Mikado and the United States. The new premier has risen to the highest position in the gift of his emperor and his people through sheer merit, is thoroughly democratic in that he has the welfare of all Japan at heart, and is conversant with American ideals and customs.

The recent conference on disarmament gave Admiral Kato an opportunity to express the sincerity of Japan's program for peace in the Pacific, when, as minister of the navy, he headed his country's delegation to Washington. At that time he won the respect and friendship of American and other officials at

Premier Kato will retain the naval portfolio, which is further assurance of the sincerity of the Tokio government with respect to the disarmament treaties.

The appointment of Admiral Kato to the premiership is a rousing victory for peace advocates in Japan, and may prove a death blow to the militarist faction which has been waging a losing fight for years. Admiral Kato was one of the first of prominent Japanese officials to recognize that there was a sincere wish for peace, and that Japan could not endure the terrific economic pressure which the maintenance of the post-war navy would entail.

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It is to be expected that his administration will be assailed by the militarists at every turn and with the full vigor the opposition can muster. However, assurance already has gone out that Japan will ratify the limitations treaties speedily, and in proof of good faith, reduction of the Mikado's naval forces already has been begun.

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Premier Kato's administration will be watched with keen and sincere interest from American shores.

# Japan's "Strong Man"

Admiral Baron Kato has been picked as premier of Japan as successor to Takahashi. His name is well-known here. He was one of Japan's principal envoys to the Washington conference—the strongest diplomat of Japan's very able coterie there. Prince Tokugawa, president of the Japanese house of peers—the upper branch of the Japanese parliament—was the "ranking member," but Kato was recognized as the main spring of Japanese action.

Kato is a man of sturdy character. Some of the decisions his delegation made at Washington were immensely unpopular at home. He knew he would be severely attacked. While the delegation was on the Pacific, en route home, political opponents in Tokio were arranging demonstrations against him. He faced his opponents and their clamorous backers, stood stanchly by the acts of the delegation at Washington, and maintained his position with such a combination of adroitness and vigor that he soon silenced most of the outcry.

Even before Kato had returned to Japan, he was spoken of for premier. While the delegation was still in Washington, The Star-Bulletin was told by a Japanese diplomat then here that Kato's record at Washington made him a logical choice to succeed Takahashi, whose ministry was understood to be temporary—an emergency appointment following the assassination of the preceding premier.

Kato is Japan's "strong man," today. A strong man is needed. If he accepts—which, at this writing, is in doubt, he will shape Japan's policy to a very large degree—much more than Takahashi has been able to do.

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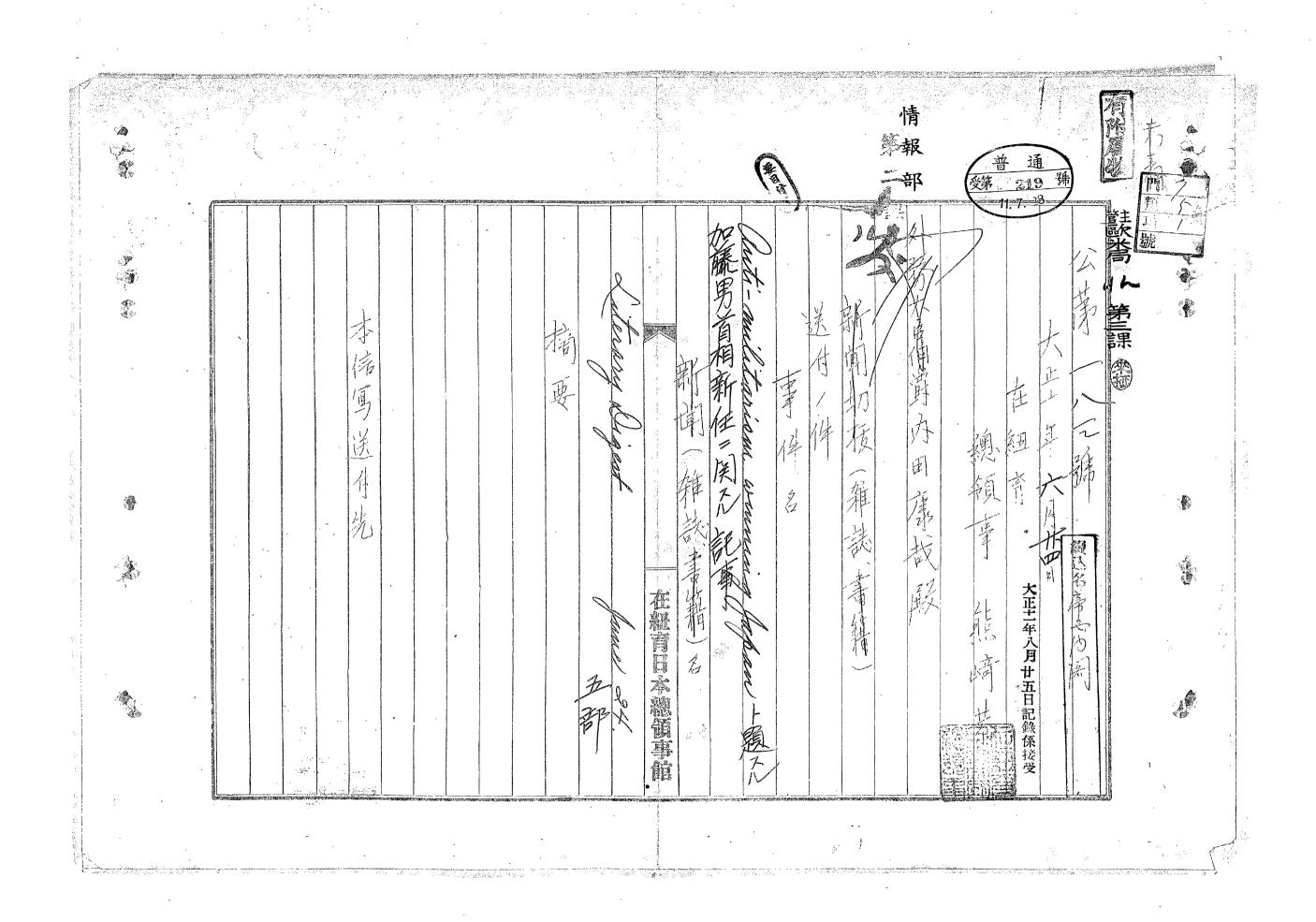
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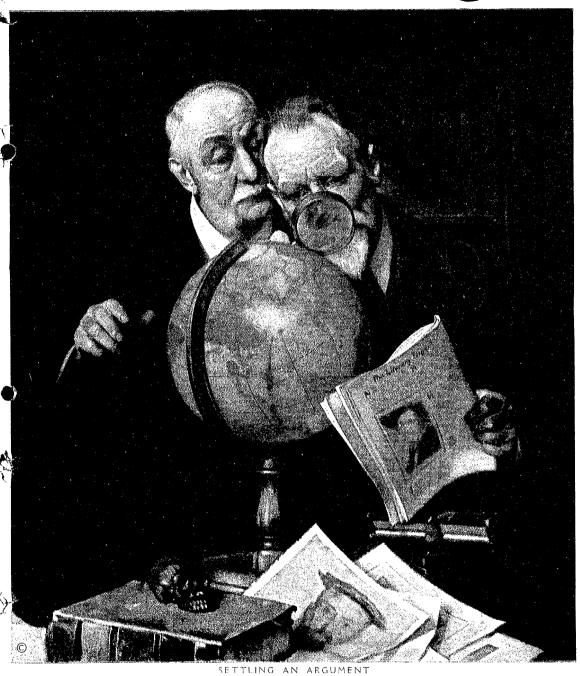
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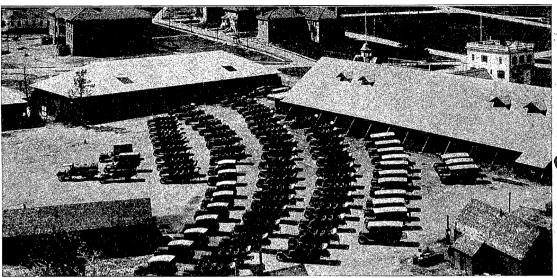
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#### ANTI-MILITARISM WINNING JAPAN

VICTORY FOR ANTI-MILITARISM in Japan is seen by American editors in the elevation of Admiral Baron Kato to be Premier. The leader of the Japanese delegation at the Washington Conference for Limitation of Armament, and "being responsible, so far as Japan is concerned, for the negotiation of the Washington treaties, he is the best ossible man to see that those treaties are not only ratified, but Frictly observed," thinks the New York Times. And Baron Kato should be fully as popular in Japan, except with the militarists, as he is in the United States, observes the Syracuse Post-Standard, for "he strongly favors a policy of retrenchment throughout the Government. In fact, one of his reasons for favoring the naval reduction program was that such a plan would reduce the taxation burden upon the Japanese people." "He has also shown himself to be in favor of developing Japan's international relations with the world," notes the New York Herald. These are only a few of the bouquets which American editors estow upon the new Premier of the Sunrise Kingdom.

The United States and Japan are parties to a treaty for the regulation of international affairs on and about the Pacific," is the way the Worcester (Mass.) Gazette sizes up the situation; "therefore, Japan's attitude toward that treaty means something to us-to all of us." And the Premior, it might be added, is the person who formulates that attitude. Reaching over the mass of bouquets for something more meaty, we find in the New York Herald that-

"Admiral Kato succeeds Baron Takahashi, who came to his office last November, following the assassination of Takashi Hara. Both of the new Premier's immediate predecessors had attained prominence in Japanese political life. Hara especially was representative of new Japan's public servants. He had come more from the people than from the aristocracy, and he brought to trom the people than from the absorbacy and he obtains of the Premiership an understanding of the every-day problems of the Japanese. He was able to hold not only his own party but most of the other turbulent parliamentary parties in order, and thus obtain legislative action.

"In succeeding Hara, Takahashi also succeeded to the leadership of Hara's party, which was then and still is the dominant political party in Japan. He came into power soon after the meeting of the Washington Conference, and it was feared that clash between him and Admiral Kato would defeat the latter's Takahashi, however, refused to interfere with the instructions which the delegates had received, and Kato continued as the leading spirit of the Japanese delegation. Takahashi was unable to hold his party in line, and its factional fights and consequent lack of support finally forced his resignation. This brought about the situation which permits Kato to present to

brought about the situation which permits Kato to present to Japan a program based upon the policy which he favored and supported at the Washington Conference.

"Admiral Kato belongs to no political party, but it is understood that the backing of the majority, or the Sciyukai, party has been promised to him. The opposition which confronts Kato is not an opposition to his policy of limitation of armament, but to the fact that the selection of a man without party affiliation was a blow at the development of party government in Japan; in other words, that his appointment was reactionary. Kato, however, has shown himself a rather shrewd politician by making sure of the support of the Sciyukai. He comes to his post with an understanding entered into by army leaders agreeing to a policy of retrenchment and a considerable reduction in e army budget. He has the privilege, too, of making the same promise as regards the naval budget. In fact, Admiral Kato has an opportunity to relieve Japan of its greatest burden such as has not fallen for years to a statesman of his country.

B. W. Fleisher, a Tokyo correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, cables to his paper that Premier Kato not only stands for a reduction of the Japanese Army, and for the restoration of amicable relations between Japan and China, Japan's best customer, but also for the early evacuation of Siberia. While this last move will be popular with the people of Japan, for financial reasons, the new Premier will encounter strong opposition from the military element, predicts Mr. Fleisher.

That the new Premier's path will not be one of roses is indicated at every turn. The fact that seven of the members of the new Japanese Cabinet formed by Premier Kato are peers, and therefore "can hardly be expected to meet the demands of the people," is noted by a section of the Japanese press. Moreover, observes the San Antonio Express, "the war boom is over and Japan is feeling the pinch of lower wages, unemployment, and general business dopression. Popular unrest continues, and may grow acute at any moment." The new Government, therefore, faces a dangerous situation, in the opinion of The Express. The country is seething with radical ideas, says Mr. Fleisher in his dispatch, and the people, adds the Boston Tran-



THE ADMIRAL WILL REDUCE THE ARMY. Admiral Baron Kato, Japan's new Premier, is pledged to reduce the budget by \$20,000,000, and to withdraw Japanese soldiers from Siberia.

script, are dissatisfied over the fact that the Washington Conference has not been followed by a large reduction in taxes.

The real test of the new Japanese Government, however, in the opinion of the New York Evening Post, concerns China and Siberia. "An order for withdrawal would be sure to arouse the militarists," says the Newark News. As this paper explains:

"Premier Kato has other forces to fight than those of the militarists, however. He is not an advocate of manhood suf-frage, as is the leader of the Kenseikai party, headed by another Baron Kato, the author of the notorious twenty-one demands made upon China in 1915. There are other questions of domestic policies on which he is in disagreement with leaders of the Opposition parties, but he has tried to avoid some of them by choosing what he calls a non-party Cabinet. This is in reality a coalition that may be intended to center support for the new government

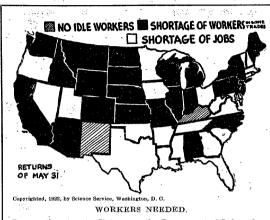
upon the big questions that affect Japan internationally.

"Premier Kato may be a reactionary, as in some domestic affairs, but if he is a consistent progressive in holding down the militarists so that Japan shall keep her pledged word to the nations of the world, then he has an opportunity to clinch the hold he made on popular confidence when he was in Washington.'



#### "HELP WANTED" AGAIN

HE "HELP WANTED" SIGN, which was in obscurity for so many months, now makes its belated appearance, only to find that the worker in many States has been absorbed in agriculture or some other industry. In fact, points out the Christian Science Monitor, of Boston, "whereas within recent months there was much unemployment throughout the



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United States, it is shown to-day that virtually all workers who are not voluntarily idle or on strike can find profitable employment." In two States, Kentucky and New Mexico, according to reports to the Department of Labor, the unemployment problem has virtually solved itself. "In almost every line of business," notes the Washington Star, "there is a steady, if slow, increase in employment. There is no boom, just as there has been no panic; the reaction is gradual, just as the decline was gradual, and this is more wholesome than a spasmodic revival would be."

In more than twenty States, says the Department of Labor, there is already a shortage of workers in some industry. In a large number of agricultural States the reports tell us that there is a shortage of farm help. Pennsylvania, Missouri, the District of Columbia, Wyoming and Colorado report an actual shortage of building construction mechanics, while Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio need more skilled automobile workmen and shop laborers. A shortage of metal miners is noted from Arizona, and a shortage of lumber-mill workers is reported from California and Washington. As Ralph F. Couch remarks in a bulletin prepared for "Science Service," Washington, D. C., "the outlook on industry from the standpoint of the worker is now more encouraging than at any time in many months." "Better business isn't any longer 'just around the corner," agrees the Baltimore American; "it's here." "Perhaps as convincing proof as any that industry is reviving may be had by comparing the 'Help Wanted' columns of newspapers of 1921 in any part of the country with those of to-day," points out the San Antonio Express. "Within a few months the United States will be operating upon a normal economic basis," predicts the Pittsburgh Leader, and we read in the Christian Science Monitor:

"The chief manufacturing industries are operating at approximately normal capacity, building has been resumed in many of the larger cities, the renewed activity being reflected in the steel mills and in the lumber mills and camps, while the farms are demanding, tho at somewhat decreased wages, an army of men to care for the season's crops.

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than a year ago. The renewal of employment is due, to some extent at least, to the adjustments which have taken place in wage and commodity costs, but something above and beyond this has brought about a stabilizing influence. It may be difficult for business experts to analyze the moving forces in this transition, but their research and study, if properly directed, would necessarily end in the conclusion that the change is due solely to the restoration of public faith and confidence.

"Outside of the coal strike, which has thrown about half a million men out of employment, labor conditions are stable," notes the Washington Star, "despite the fact that the employment situation seemed dark last autumn." Yot, as President Harding remarked a few weeks ago, in giving Secretary Hoover and his colleagues credit for their valuable services to the Unemployment Conference at Washington, "we have passed the winter of the greatest unemployment in the history of our country." The gain in employment apparently has been more rapid than American editors believed it could be. Says the New Orleans Times-Picayune, for instance:

"Two or three months ago the suggestion of a labor shortage was remote. It was believed at that time that measural relief of conditions was the best that could be expected of a immediate future, and no one was too sure of that. But April campaigning took many men from the ranks of the jobless army, and May hit it a terrific jolt, with the result that more than two million men have been put back to work in the last ten months and employers in a number of industries are unable to supply their requirements.

"Labor shortages have been reported to the Department of Labor by four of the major activities—automotive industry, lumber industry, building trades and the farming industry. The automotive industry is rather worried for fear the shortage will become serious. Its factories are doing a heavy business, the output thus far this year in automobile production surpassing the entire output of 1921. Lumber interests of the Northwest



declare it is a problem to find labor for their needs, orders being received in a greater deluge than at the high tide of war manufacture. In North Carolina it is said there is not an able-bodied man, save those of the clerical class, out of work.

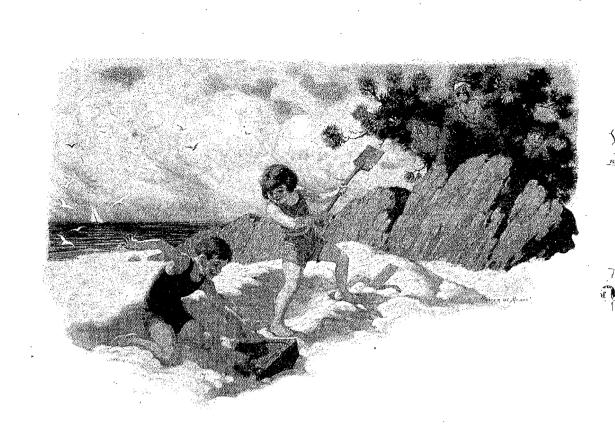
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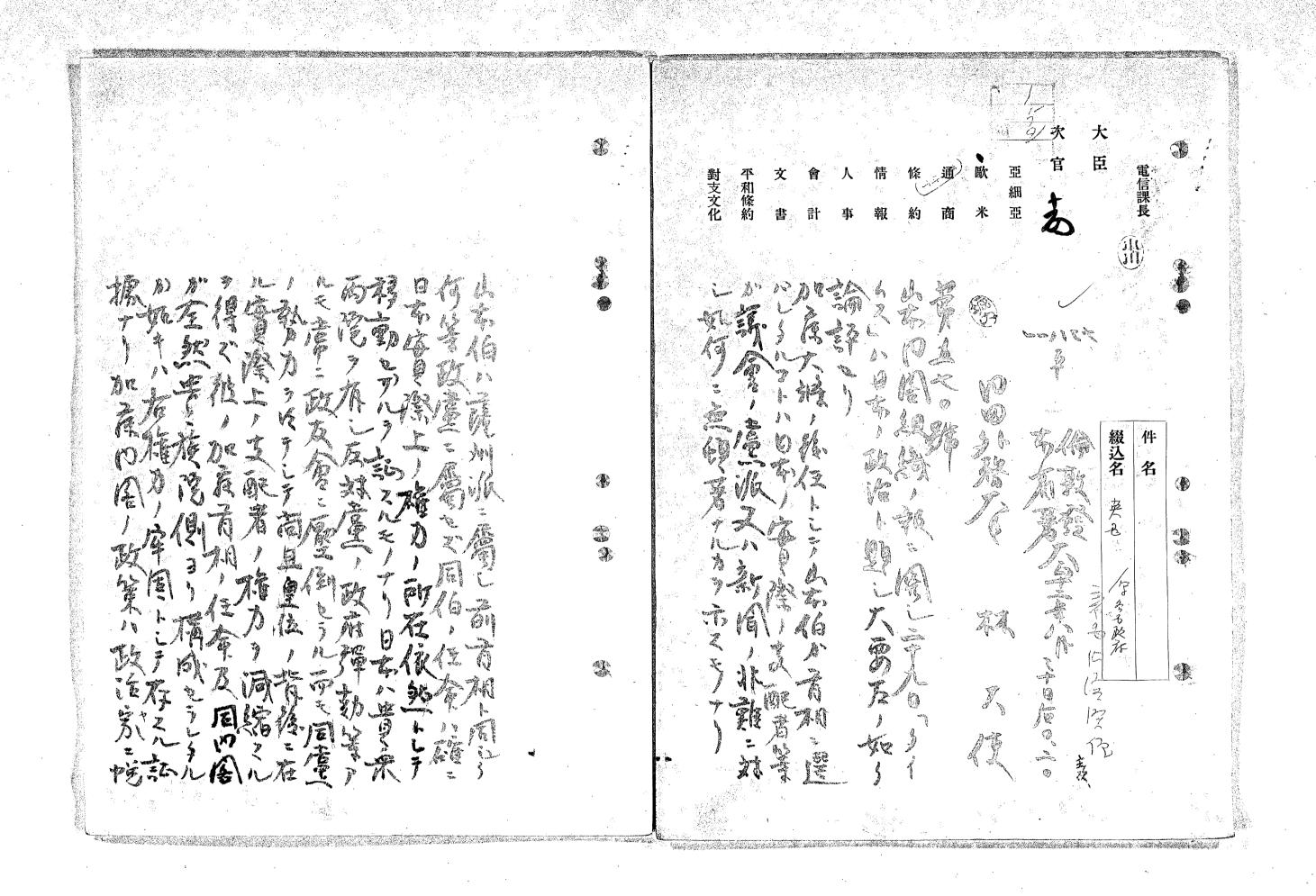
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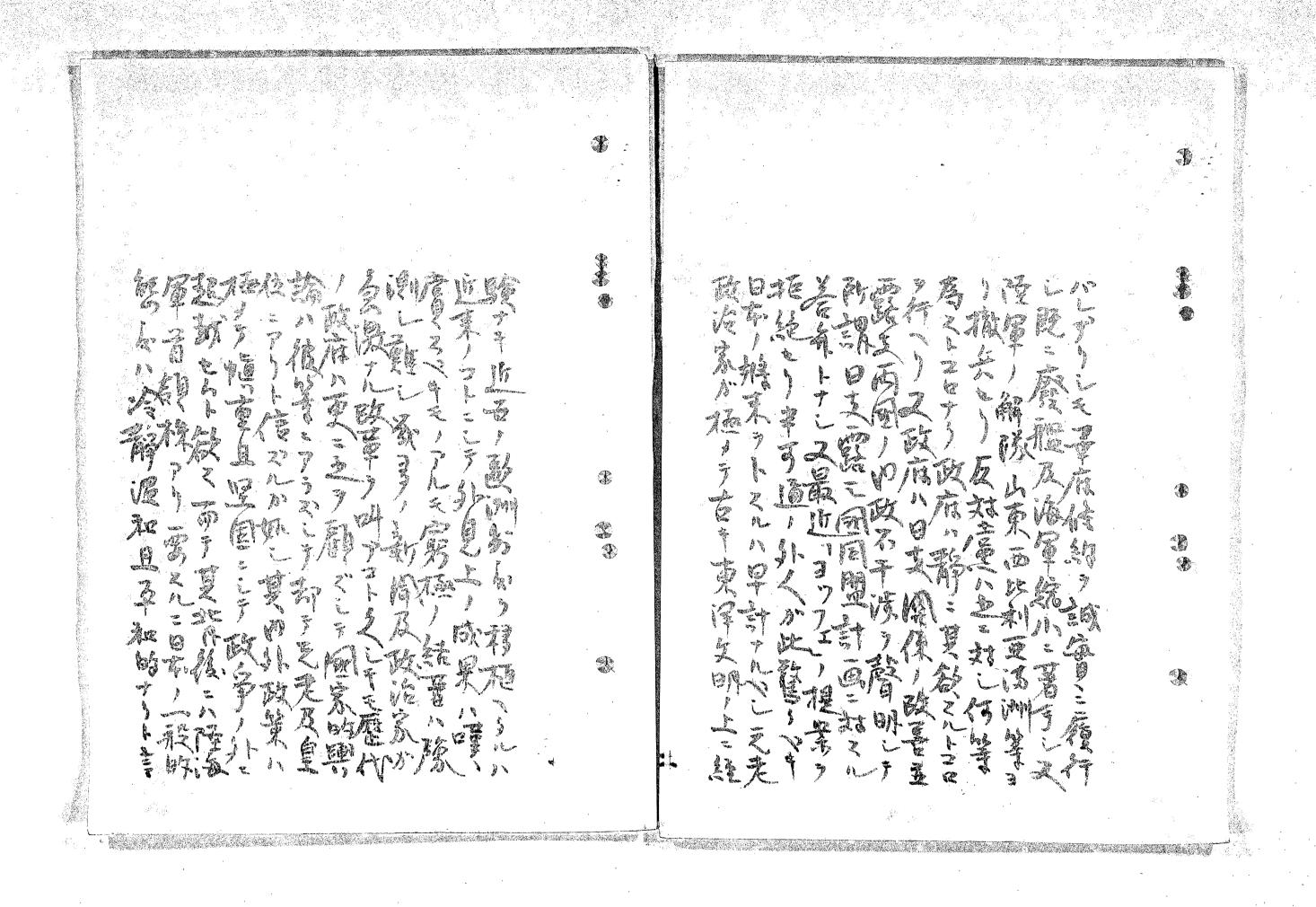


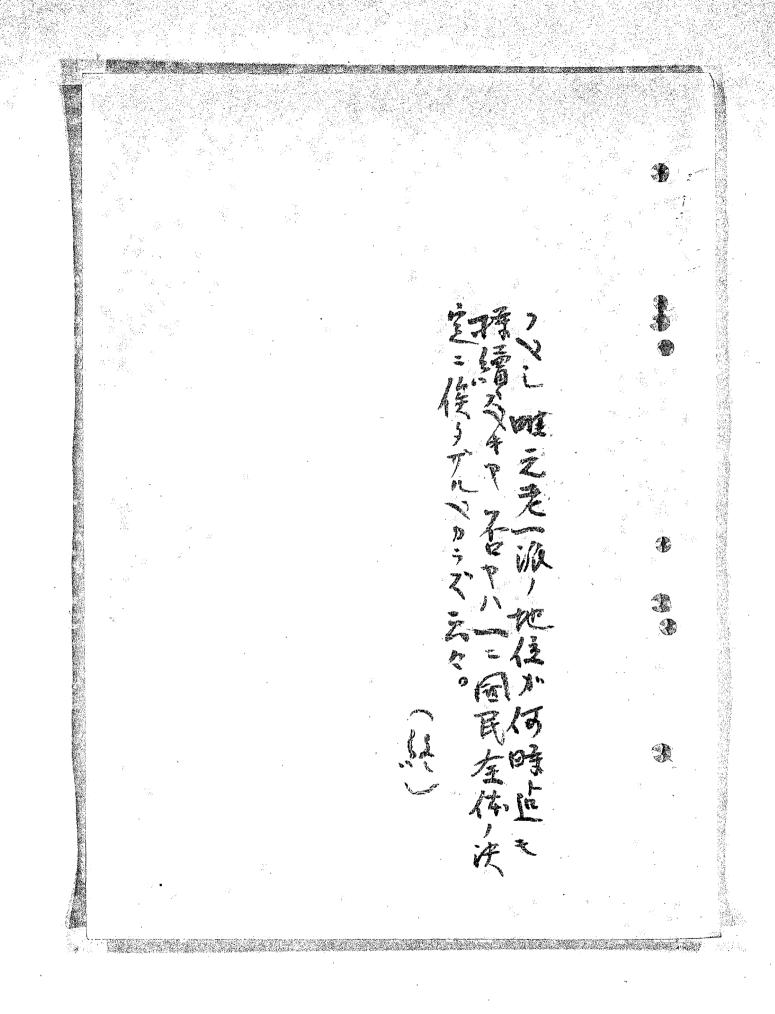


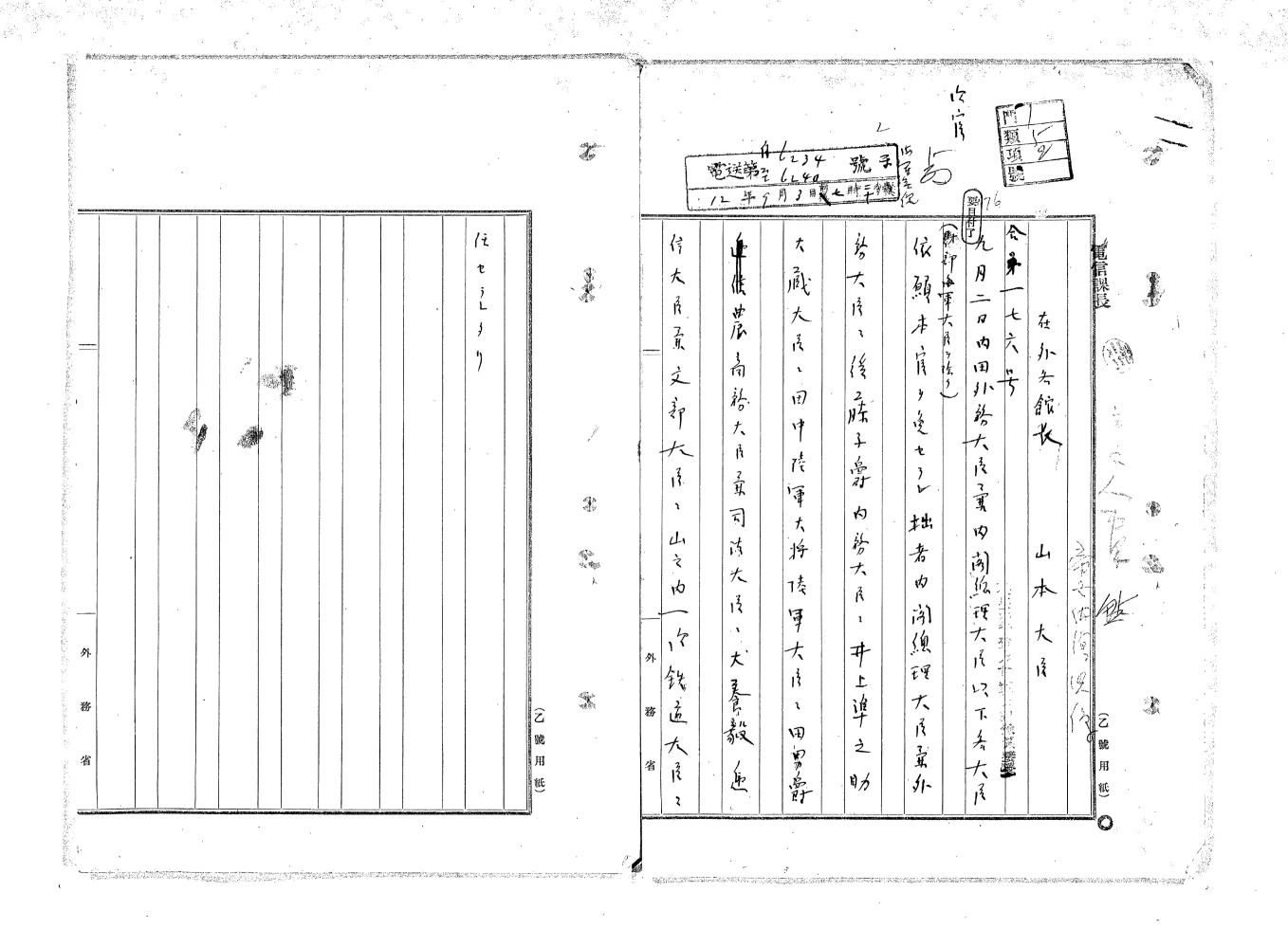
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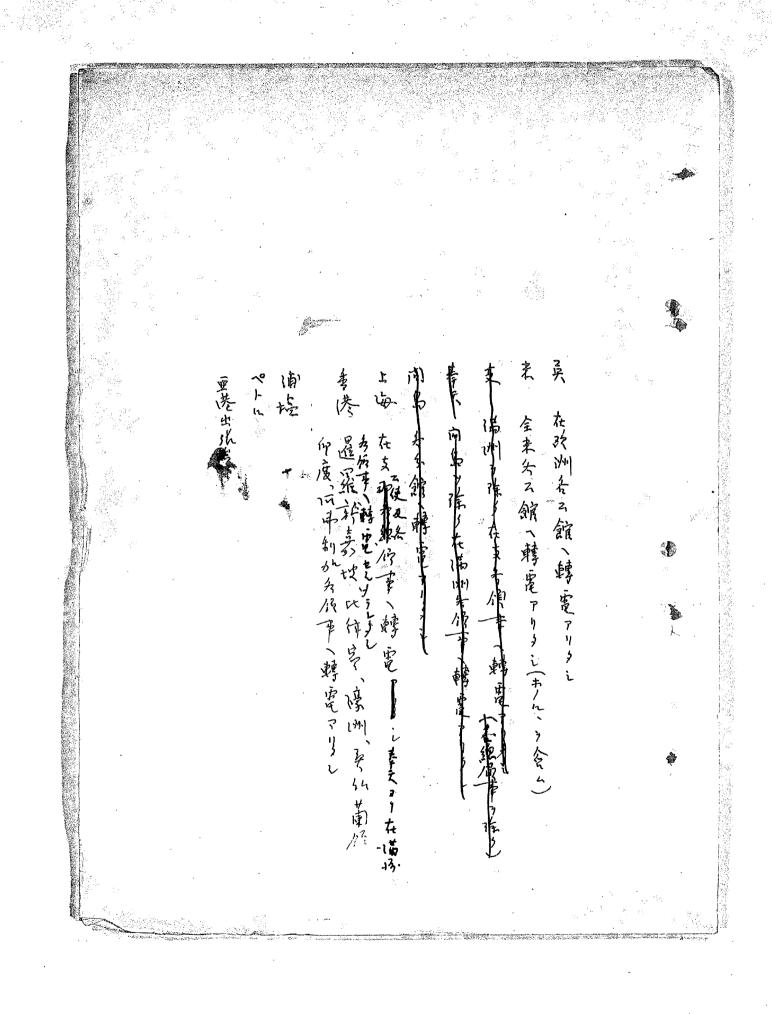


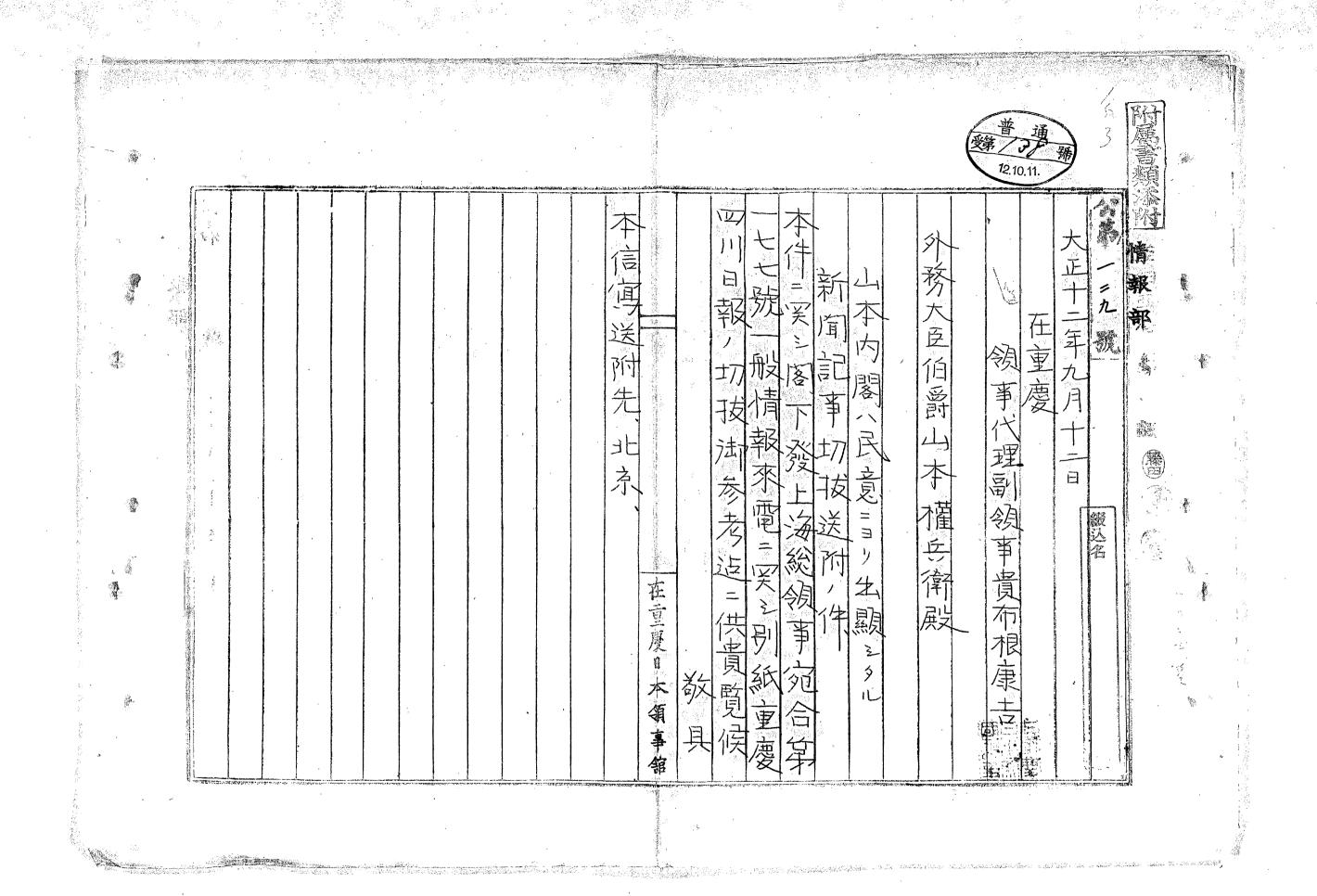












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