

Speech of General Le Gendre
at the Dinner at the Yen-ri-Kwan,
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The Formosa difficulty has been the means of opening, to both the Army and Navy of Japan, a field for distinction which, considering the great distance from their base at which they had to operate, and the mighty difficulties and untold sufferings which they encountered, stands unequalled in the history of the Empire. During five months of heroic efforts, they thus prepared the way for a triumph for their flag which the people at home, with unshaken loyalty, and their government, with unmovable firmness in dealing with either blind or hostile interferences and with skilful

diplomacy, finally achieved. But now
that the sword has been sheathed, that
quiet security and happiness once more
reign over the land, let us enjoy these
blessings by devoting all our energies
to the less exciting but not less glorious
avocation of peace, and joining here
together, with an enthusiastic appre-
ciation of a past which is so near
to us, and with our souls yearning
towards the bright future which
we see before us, permit me to pro-
pose His Majesty's health.