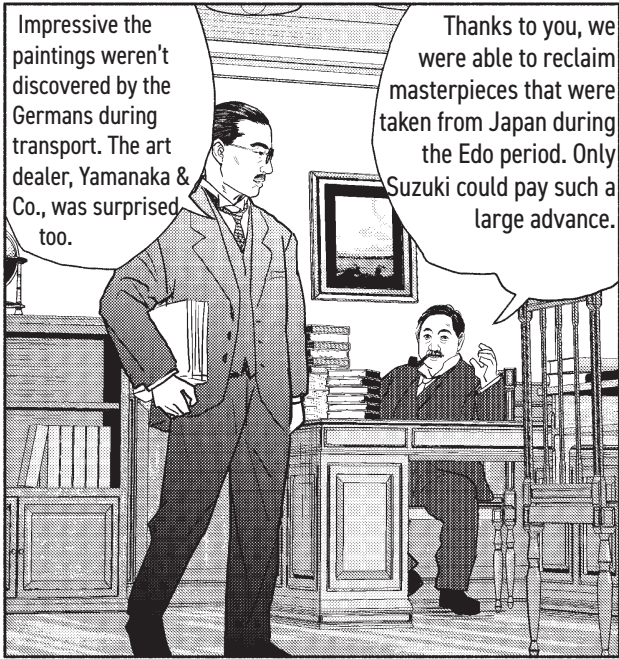


## Chapter 5

K Line established in London

Kaiser Takahata plays golf





Impressive the paintings weren't discovered by the Germans during transport. The art dealer, Yamanaka & Co., was surprised too.

Thanks to you, we were able to reclaim masterpieces that were taken from Japan during the Edo period. Only Suzuki could pay such a large advance.

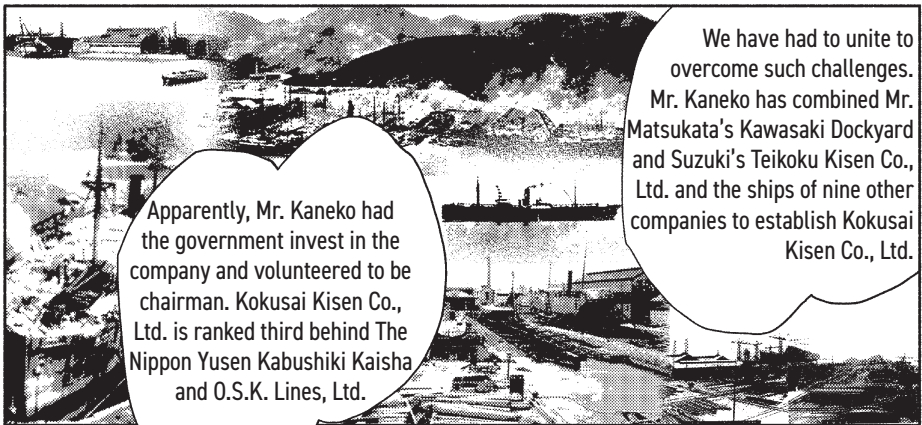


Appreciate your help with the purchase of those 8000 ukiyo-e prints, Mr. Takahata.



...But listen, the market is terrible now after the war. Ship prices are one-tenth of what they were.

Hahaha. What can I say.



Apparently, Mr. Kaneko had the government invest in the company and volunteered to be chairman. Kokusai Kisen Co., Ltd. is ranked third behind The Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha and O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.

We have had to unite to overcome such challenges. Mr. Kaneko has combined Mr. Matsukata's Kawasaki Dockyard and Suzuki's Teikoku Kisen Co., Ltd. and the ships of nine other companies to establish Kokusai Kisen Co., Ltd.

Mr. Kaneko played the leading role in realizing the Agreement to Exchange Ships for Steel. Everyone listens our savior, Mr. Kaneko. He has the power to engage others and innovate. No man in Japan today can compare to Mr. Kaneko.



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That reminds me, I have a proposal for you.

Charter fees can be lowered if we operate in Japanese waters. What if we merge Kawasaki Dockyard, Kawasaki Kisen Co., Ltd., and Kokusai Kisen Co., Ltd. to jointly operate surplus ships in the Atlantic?

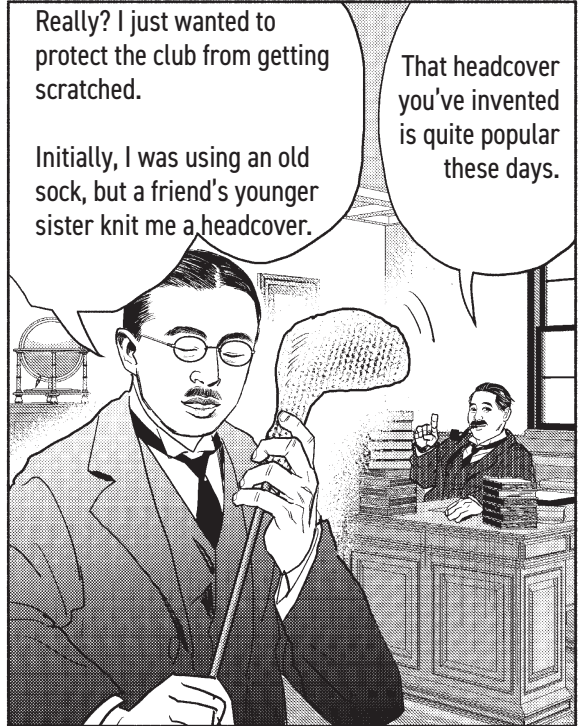
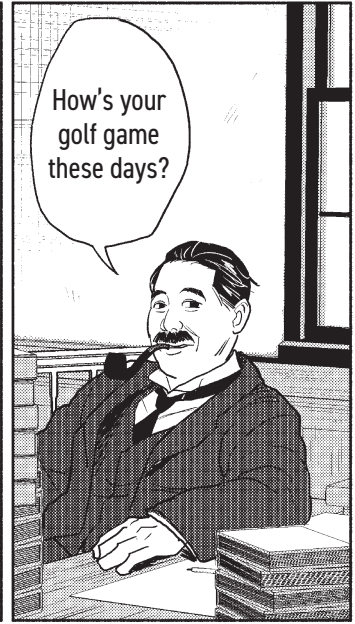


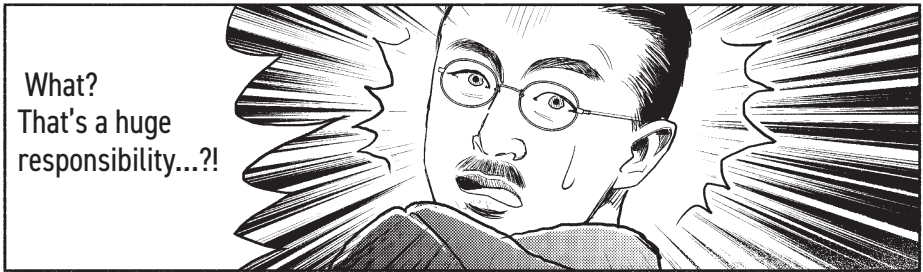
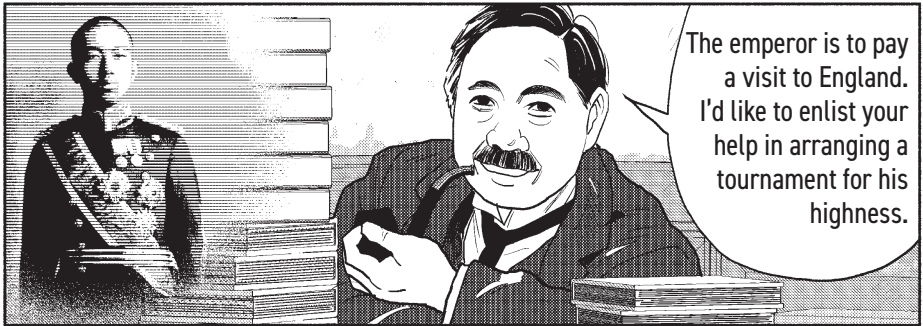
Let's take the first letter of each company's name and call the new company K Line. Takahata—you'll be head of operations.

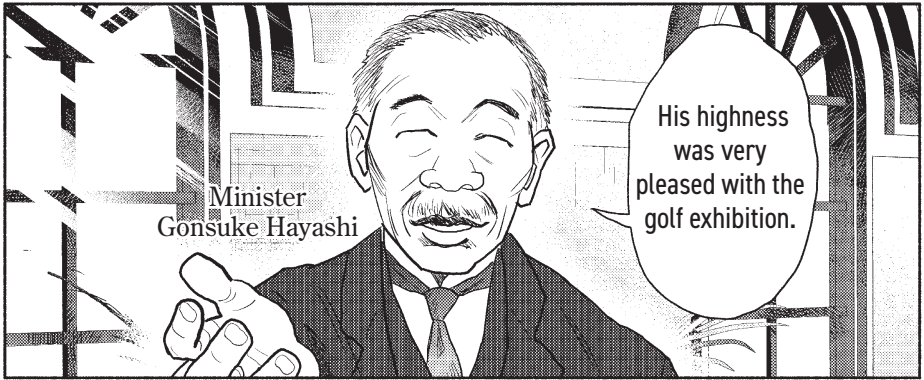
Oh, brilliant idea! Just what I'd expect from Kaiser Takahata.



Leave it to me.

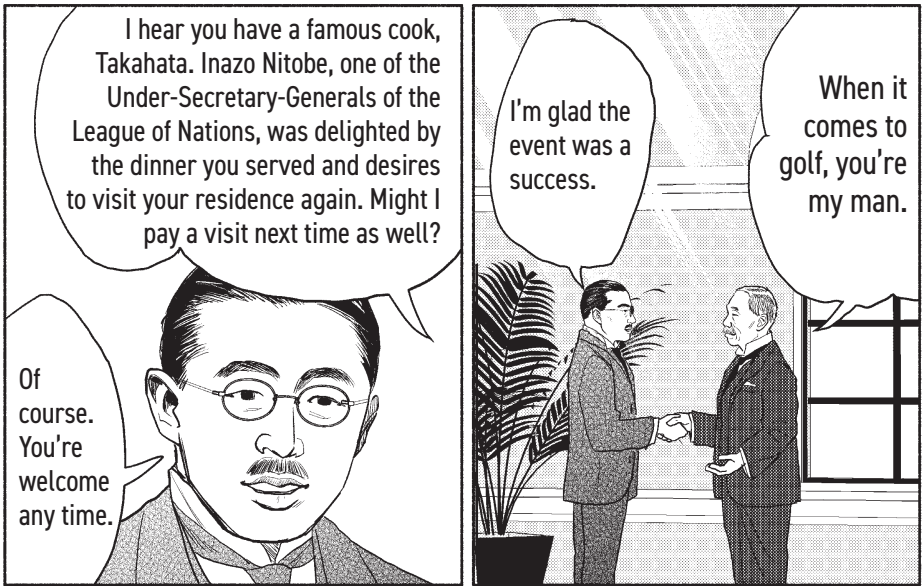






Minister  
Gonsuke Hayashi

His highness  
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golf exhibition.

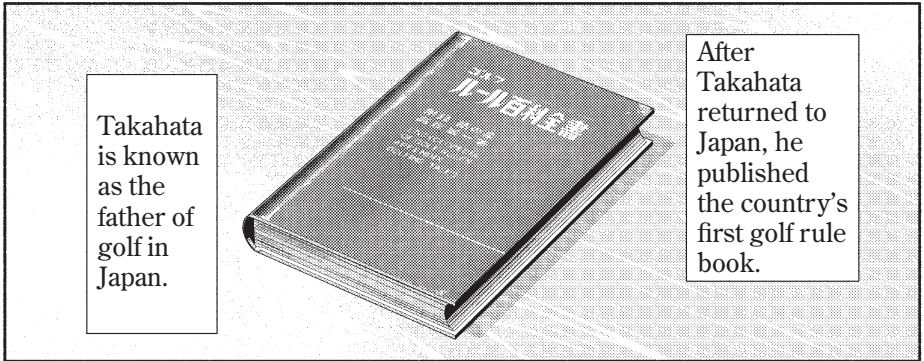


I hear you have a famous cook, Takahata. Inazo Nitobe, one of the Under-Secretary-Generals of the League of Nations, was delighted by the dinner you served and desires to visit your residence again. Might I pay a visit next time as well?

Of course. You're welcome any time.

I'm glad the event was a success.

When it comes to golf, you're my man.



Takahata is known as the father of golf in Japan.

After Takahata returned to Japan, he published the country's first golf rule book.