

A BAG OF A FLAG - - Japanese troops honour tattered remains of Imperial standard on 45th anniversary of presentation. -Tokyo-

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Picture.:- You see that curious piece of fringe stuff hanging on a pole ! That is all that is--

--left of the Japanese Imperial Standard !

The flag itself, presented by Emperor Omagari himself in--

--1887, has been shot away--

--in three wars ! But once a year the Imperial Guard turns out to honour the tattered remains - - just a piece of old fringe--

--on a splintered pole. The occasion is considered--

--a very important one, and takes the nature of a general holiday for all--

--Tokyo. Even the school children kew-tow--

--to the ruin which was once a standard. It can't even be called flag wagging, can it ?