

# JAP BRUTALITY IN CHRISTIAN KOREA

### Statement Issued By Council of Churches of Christ in America

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 16.—The following statement concerning the situation in Korea has been given out here by the Commission on Relations with the Orient of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, of which commission William I. Haven is chairman and Sidney L. Gulick is secretary.

"The reports of atrocities against the Korean population and especially against the native Christians that have been coming from Korea for several months are confirmed in abundant detail by a special report about to be issued by the Commission on Relations with the Orient of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"The commission wishes to make it clear that while it has no jurisdiction to speak on political issues at stake in Korea, yet as representing the Christian sentiment of a majority of the American churches it cannot remain silent when a defenseless people are made the victims of massacre and widespread brutality.

"This report substantiates the charge that the Japanese colonial system which has been forced upon the Koreans is thoroughly Prussian in its military severity and its treatment of the native population.

"The invariable procedure of the so-called revolutionists was to assemble, usually carrying the national colors and shouting 'Mansei' (equivalent to the Japanese 'Branzi' or to our 'Hurrah').

"In no case was anything more violent attempted, nor were arms borne by the revolutionists. In scores of cases these defenseless demonstrators were fired upon by Japanese troops and killed or wounded by hundreds. In other instances native high school students of both sexes who had joined the processions in behalf of Korean liberty were imprisoned and tortured. The stripping and beating of girl demonstrators and the brutal treatment of Korean women by Japanese soldiers were frequent, while bands of armed Japanese thugs were turned loose upon the Korean crowds.

"From March 1 to April 11 361 Koreans were known to have been killed and 860 wounded. The indignities to a few foreign missionaries and especially the arrest and imprisonment of the Rev. Eli M. Mowry are already well known in America.

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### FURTHER DECLINES IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET.

New York, July 16.—Absence of a short account with a heavy influx of commercial cotton and grain bills resulting from the approach of the crop moving season, were the reasons attributed today for further violent declines in the foreign exchange market, when sterling and francs fell to the lowest quotations ever recorded here.

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while the Italian rate approximated the low point made during the war.

According to bankers conversant with existing conditions, still further declines may be expected unless steps are taken speedily to stabilize the market. One large dealer in foreign exchange declared he would not be surprised to see England ship more gold to this country to improve the situation as she did in 1916, provided she can spare the metal. Large shipments of grain, cotton and dried fruits are going to England, he said, and nothing is being received in return.

Sterling which was "pegged" at 4.76 1/2 to last March when the British government withdrew its support, was quoted today as low as 4.31, with a minimum of 7.70 for franc cables, and 8.66 for lire.

Rates of all the neutral European countries, including Spain and the Scandinavian centres moved in favor of this market with moderate rallies after the pressure of offering relaxed.

### HOARDED FOOD IN BERLIN THEOWN UPON MARKET.

Berlin, Tuesday, July 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—Prices on all foodstuffs have fallen with a crash in Berlin as a result of the lifting of the blockade. They began to show weakness when it was rumored that the embargo would be lifted, but the real drop came only when illicit dealers with huge concealed stocks brought them out in a virtual panic to unload before competing supplies entered Germany.

Tons of provisions are being shipped in from occupied territories, while everywhere in the city great stores of coffee, cocoa, butter, sausages and other supplies have made their appearance. Coffee prices fell from an average of 40 marks to below 20 yesterday, and the product could easily be bought for 15. Other food prices were correspondingly cut. Restaurants, however, still maintain absurdly high prices, and apparently intend to continue to do so as long as possible.

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## URGES MEETING OF WAR OBLIGATIONS

### Mr. Watts Says Self-Respect Should Drive To The Filling

Durham, July 16.—"Simply from a business standpoint, the man who fails to meet his obligations, particularly a public pledge, is making a serious mistake and is injuring his standing in a community in a way that is well-nigh irreparable."

Thus does George W. Watts, prominent North Carolina citizen of Durham, view the appeal of the United War Work committee for payment of subscriptions pledged almost a year ago. This is in contemplation of the State-wide special effort to close war welfare collections.

"It is inconceivable to me that any man or woman who values his self-respect or his prospects of success should be so blind as to ignore this pledge," said Mr. Watts. "It is not simply a question of patriotism or honor. It is strictly business. The person who fails to pay his debts—and a subscription pledge is as binding as any—is mortgaging his future heavily."

The Fourth Liberty Loan campaign it was part of the duties of the executive committee to look up the record of other public campaigns. Many North Carolina people would be surprised to know some of the facts gleaned about their neighbors. It is needless for me to say this semi-public knowledge worked to the harm of those who were in arrears.

"What is true of the Liberty Loan campaign is true of others. This is the day of drives and we have not seen the last one. The United War Work Campaign committees are keeping close tab on its subscriptions and its records, like those of other campaigns, have not been destroyed, but will be

available for years to come. Such information does not have to be published to become general knowledge. Every business man knows how swiftly and easily it is carried about and how just things as this may make or mar a man's success for life.

"If I had a friend who had been so unwise—not to speak of other considerations—as to 'rent' on a war pledge, I should advise him to make good for his own sake."

**The Hohenzollerns Are Ailing.**

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**To Give Ice Cream Supper.**

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**Did you know that many people died between 1890 and 1893 from the after effects of the 1889 epidemic of Grippe? If you have had the 'Flu' don't delay. Get a bottle of Chill-Ease and build yourself up. Price 75c at all drug stores.—Adv.**

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