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Japan's Chin vs. The Russian Wolf

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Japan has bitten off a bigger slice of the plug than she may care to chew. The little island country that has stuck out its chest and has bellowed loud and rash demands at this and that nation Thursday stuck out her chin. It may be swatted.

Formally notifying the Soviet government that unless Russian troops are removed from the Changkufeng area on the Siberian-Manchuko frontier, she would hurl her strength against this army and drive them out forcibly, Japan today stands non-plussed. It wasn't very wise to speak thusly. The Russians didn't like it and have scooped up chips from the turf, have placed them on their shoulders and have screamed back, "Go Ahead! Knock it off! I dare you!"

At that answer the hair on the nape of the neck of the Michado is bristling. It isn't fair. No country has done anything except comply with Japanese demands so far in the Chinese struggle and this new step is just short of cheating. Neither is it fair that War Minister Gen. Seishiro Itagaki confers with Prime Minister Prince Fumimamo Konoye on the possibilities of a struggle at Moscow. It just isn't the way to play the game.

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Hasn't the Jap officialdom always apologized when their boys have been popping away at the neutral countries' ships, troops and officials. Haven't these apologies

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Polk County Tax Rate Is Fixed At \$2.10

Columbus, July 23. — County Auditor William Egerton has announced that the approximate valuation for Polk county, as reflected by the tax lists, is \$5,250,000. The tax rate has been fixed at \$2.10. The only new item appearing in the budget is one of \$2,250 for a county health program.

SOLOVIOFF—HOLMES

A wedding of interest to the many friends of the contracting parties occurred on Saturday, July 23, at 11 a. m., at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Holmes, at Tryon, when Miss Helene P. Solovioff, of Charlotte, was married to George H. Holmes, Jr., of Tryon. The Rev. W. W. Boyce, of Charlotte, cousin of the bride, officiated. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Dorothy Potts, of Charlotte, and the best man was Laurence H. Holmes, brother of the groom. Mr. John Eversman, violinist, accom-panied by Mrs. John Ferguson, furnished music. The guests consisted of near relatives of the two families, the following being present: Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Beatty, of Columbia, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Manning, Mr. Claude Manning, Jr., Mr. Robert Manning, Miss Nannette Manning, Edward Manning, all of Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. and Mrs. John McEachern, Mr. Cooper Mc-Eachern, Mr. Don McEarchern, Mr. Allen McEachern, all of Whitmire, S. C.; Mrs. C. W. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt, of Continued on Back Page-