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JAPAN, HOWEVER, WILL NOT ATTEMPT WAR ON THE UNITED STATES, AS THIS COUNTRY IS TOO WELL PREPARED TO RISK TOTAL ECLIPSE—SIBERIAN SITUATION FAR MORE DANGEROUS

(By Col. Winfield Jones)

Washington, Nov. 23.—War-like agitation continues in Tokyo over the vote of the California people on November 2 last to bar out the Japanese from the Pacific Coast. The Tokyo jingoes have seized the opportunity to foment war against the United States, but the loudest clamor for war is heard in papers that are opposed to the present Japanese government, as the overthrow of the ministry. Attacks on the United States by this faction, voiced in the newspapers controlled by it, are merely a smoke screen to hide the real purposes of the enemies of the present ministry.

Nippon bares her teeth at the United States, but will not bite.

There are many reasons why Japan will not go to war with the United States over the California immigration embroglio, and chief of these is that the intelligent leaders of Japan know that if war occurs their country would be, to say it in the slang of the street, well "licked," before the conflict ended.

The United States has about twice the population of Japan, many times its land area, ten times its wealth and industrial power, and a navy today trained in the world war that is far superior to the Japanese fleets in number of ships, gun power, and efficiency of personnel. In addition the United States now has within its borders approximately 5,000,000 veterans, and the arsenals are crammed full of munitions of war left over after the armistice. Not only that but thousands of factories in this country that were used in making war materials could be quickly put back on that basis. If war occurred Japan would have committed the blunder of choosing the very worst time to begin hostilities.

Her defeat in the end would be certain. It is true she might seize the Philippines and Hawaii, from which she could be ousted only with extreme difficulty, but she would be ousted in time. She might even attack Alaska and the Pacific Coast and score some initial successes, but in the end the war would be won by the United States.

Probably the biggest factor against war, in addition to the facts as stated is the knowledge on the part of the smart yellow men who guide the destinies of Nippon that the United States, once in a war, knows nothing but fighting to the last man and the last dollar until victory is achieved. Tokyo is well informed on the invincible American spirit and the facts of United States history, which show that this country never lost a war, and judging from our resources in man power and wealth, the most powerful in the world, probably never will.

There is another important factor in the Far East situation which would give Japan pause were she mad enough and ill-advised enough to bring on war over the California matter. This is the Siberian situation, which is now causing the Japanese government much more uneasiness than all the clamor in Tokyo for war with the United States. The shrewd men at the helm in Japan know that there will be no war with the United States, brought on by the United States, because this Republic is too peaceful to deliberately incite a conflict. If war begins it will be started by the Japanese and by the United States. We were ever a peaceful nation. But the Siberian states is what is really causing alarm in Japan—not the California situation, though little is heard of Siberian-Japanese matters in this country.

The Japanese have seized and are holding part of the Siberian seaboard. Siberia belongs to Russia. Russia, however, much the Soviet government may be criticised in other countries, under that government has shown herself vigorous and victorious over the Poles and General

BILLION BE PAID ON CERTIFICATES

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Government will be compelled to meet special obligation totaling approximately \$1,200,000,000 within the next six weeks and so will not be able to permit business men and others to defer payment of the fourth installment of income and excess profits taxes, due December 15, according to a statement issued by Secretary Houston.

Thousands of letters from men in practically every line of business requesting such relief have been received by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

AUTOGRAPH LETTERS

FROM 16 PRESIDENTS

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 23.—William Burdette Matthews, chief clerk of the West Virginia Supreme Court, is the possessor of autographed letters from sixteen Presidents of the United States. He is now hoping for a reply to a letter which he recently sent, President-elect Harding, congratulating the latter on his election.

POLICE DISCLOSE

ATTEMPT ON HARA

Tokyo, Nov. 23.—The Japanese police have disclosed a plot to assassinate Premier Hara with seven bombs.

CREDIT MAN CHARGES

LOOSE BUSINESS

New York, Nov. 23.—Loose business practice throughout the country recently led to the loss of two hundred and fifty million dollars through the cancellation of merchandise orders, H. F. Baker, an official of the National Association of Credit Men, declared.

He advised business men to make short credit terms and prompt collections.

SHOT IN HOME—

SOLDIERS HELD

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Julia Drevry, aged thirty-five, was shot and killed in her home here today. Two soldiers are held on suspicion.

SUGAR DROPPED

TO 8.75 HUNDRED

New York, Nov. 23.—Sugar dropped again. One refiner quoted prices at 8.75 per hundred pounds for fine granulated; others quoted nine-cents.

Wrangel. She has plain shown that she does not intend, under any circumstances, to allow one inch of Russian territory to be alienated. The Japanese have taken possession of part of her territory in Siberia. When the Soviet government can get around to it that government undoubtedly will serve curt notice on Japan to get out of Siberia. Nippon will probably refuse for no one, yet ever heard of Japan surrendering any seized territory or any spoils of war. The Soviet government at Moscow, free of other enemies and probably recognized by all nations, will turn its full attention, unhampered by European wars, to Siberia, and expel the Japanese by force of arms from that territory. It will be a long war and a big one. But the probability is that the Japanese will lose, as they would have lost their last war with Imperial Russia had not the last President Roosevelt brought about the Peace of Portsmouth. The Japanese will lose the Siberian war because they will have to fight it far from their home base, while the Soviets will carry it on on their own soil. Japan will suffer a setback in that conflict that will last a decade or even two decades.

Japanese leaders see this war coming and undoubtedly must be apprehensive of the result. For this reason, too, they are not anxious for war with the United States. The Japanese for can snarl angrily at Washington, but he is merely bluffing.

FRANCE SEEKS WAR ON SOVIET RUSSIA

REALIZES NEW FORCE NEEDED TO END LENIN'S POWER

DESIRES LEAGUE ACTION

Paris, Nov. 23.—With General Wrangel, French protege, defeated in the Crimea, France will turn to the League of Nations as a last resort to destroy the Soviet Government in Russia.

This is practically the unanimous opinion of experts who have watched the situation, fraught with so much peril, unfold itself by degrees.

Two things France knows certainly:

1—A military action by a General like Baron Wrangel, has no chance of success.

2—England will not assist in a vigorous anti-Soviet policy.

While it is realized that the forthcoming resumption of trade relations between England and Russia will not hurt Anglo-French relations because the Entente long ceased to exist. France fears that England may yet see a joker in the League of Nations army and refuse further to support the idea.

Guarding against such action, Premier Leygues is going to London commissioned to discuss the entire orientation of European politics vis-a-vis Russia. This includes the Near East crisis in Turkey where the Allied grip is fast loosening, and the return to the Greek throne of King Constantine, which France may yet be forced to permit in order to satisfy Rumania the leader of "The Little Entente," France's own creation.

Meanwhile France is hoping against hope that the League of Nations' Vilna venture will succeed in embroiling not only the Allies but the neutral nations a swell into a great war against Russia.

Falling in the success of this last trump card, it is believed that France will not further be able to resist the dictates of economic and political common sense, and will follow England's example and recognize the Soviets.

DENIES WEDDING 'BELLE OF EPINAL'

Haverstraw, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Warrior! Warra! Another international romance is blasted. Sergeant Mike Donaldson of the Old Sixty-ninth, whose reported marriage to Yvonne Parris, "most beautiful girl in France," created international interest, says it isn't so.

Mike, wearing nine medals won on the battlefields of Europe, declared that the rumors of his marriage were exaggerated. On his bosom dangled the Croix de Guerre with palm, the Distinguished Service Cross, the French Military Medal, the Victory Medal with battle clasps for all the major engagements of the Rainbow Division and sundry minor medals.

Despite these military distinctions, Mike's life has not been happy since his reported marriage to the "Belle of Epinal." Back in Haverstraw, the famous brickyard town up and across the Hudson, the girls decline to accompany the valorous Mike to the dances, because they think he is a "married man."

Mike has subscribed his manly cognomen to a witnessed denial of any marital entanglements. He declared, "I never married the said Yvonne Parris, or any other woman, under the laws of any state or nation, or otherwise."

After affixing his signature he wiped beads of perspiration from his forehead, and aspirated heavily: "That ought to settle it."

NEGRO KICKS BACK

AND KILLS MULE

Sharpsburg, W. Va., Nov. 23.—Kicked so hard by a mule that he lay unconscious for a short time, Frank Porter, colored coal miner, got up and returned the complaint. He planted his toe on the mule's ribs with such force that the animal died twelve hours later.

'BIG FELLOWS' GET RILED AT RAISE

'TIDE TURNED ON 'BIG BUSINESS,' SAYS SMALL POTATOES

LIGHT RATES DOUBLED

NOT BE MILITARISTIC

(By Llewzjam)

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—The "big fellows" are telling the state corporation commission how it feels to have the price of "necessities" forced up on them. The little fellows and individuals, subject to the mercy of local public utilities corporations that have been allowed to heap increases in the price of gas, electricity for power and lighting purposes to a most extortionate degree, are not feeling sorry that "big business" is getting his'n. For, may be, this may be the means of starting something to stop the sort of thing the corporation commission is allowing to go on here in Raleigh and elsewhere in the state.

Yes sir, the big electrically driven cotton mills and some other manufacturing plants using the same power in the Piedmont section and which hydro-electric current, secured by the harnessing of the tremendous water-powers of that section by Mr. Buck Duke's Southern Power Company, have been protesting telling the corporation commission for two days that they don't like to have the price put up on them—now of times, when business of textile manufacturing is particularly bad in a great number of mills.

But why not? If the individual consumers are required to pay fifty per cent more for electric light or power and even more for gas, why not cotton mills? If the cost of producing power and light and heat is the basis for the increase, as alleged, what excuse is there for denying the Southern Power Company the privilege of putting into execution an increase that is only half as great as the corporation has allowed the Raleigh public utilities concern to exact of the people of this city as well as of individuals in other towns and cities?

The people of Raleigh, for instance, through an order of the corporation commission allowing the increase, are paying the Carolina Power & Light Company more than fifty per cent increase in cooking gas and for electric light and power that was required three months ago. The corporation commission at the time announced that the consumers should have the right at a speedy hearing to present reasons why this increase should not be made permanent.

Although the mayor has an almost unanimous response to an inquiry on the subject which is adverse (to put it politely) to the corporation, he has been given no opportunity to show formally to the corporation commission how the people of Raleigh are being held up and robbed. Repeated demand has been made for such hearing, but the injustice goes on. The corporation commission has been "cussed out" on several occasions, but never more severely than at present on account of this state of affairs.

Working For New Road Law

An important meeting is to be held in Raleigh December 7th of those interested in a new road law for the state for the purpose of getting together and drafting of a good roads bill to be submitted to the legislature in January. It means the beginning of a strenuous campaign for a proper state highway and trunk system of good dirt roads that can be traveled and that will connect every town and city and village in the state. Heriot Clarkson of Charlotte, chairman of the Citizens' Highway Association, has just called the meeting. It will probably continue in session several days. In Chairman Clarkson the cause has a strong man at the helm and we may confidently look for good results. It is one of the most important undertakings scheduled in many years and means great things for the state in its entirety.

A Thanksgiving service will be held at the Baptist Church on Thanksgiving morning at eleven o'clock.

GERMAN REGIME WON'T LAST YEAR

PRINCE RUPPRECHT SAYS THE PEOPLE DESIRE A MONARCHY

NOT BE MILITARISTIC

(By Llewzjam)

London, Nov. 23.—The Express printed what it declared was the first exclusive interview given out since the revolution in Germany by the former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, who is regarded as Germany's future ruler, if the monarchists succeeded in their present plans. The Crown Prince said:

"Germany's financial breakdown is imminent and will probably lead to constitutional changes. I do not believe the present regime can last for another year, because everywhere the population is becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the present government.

"In Bavaria the feeling in favor of a monarchy is growing daily, but the change will not be made immediately because of the rivalry between North and South Germany, which is especially taking the form of dynastic and religious antagonism. A monarchy could be proclaimed in Bavaria, but it might lead to trouble in the rest of Germany, and this must be avoided. We do not want Bavaria to be separated from Germany."

"Monarchy is not synonymous with militarism. For my part, I would abolish even the present reduced army, because it is too expensive, and for it I would substitute the militia. The substitution of mercenary armies is ruining Germany."

VICE RAIDS NET

OVER 1000 ARRESTED

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The biggest raid in the history of Chicago netted more than 1,000 arrests of alleged crooks, according to incomplete records.

The raids were directed against suspicious characters, gun toters, decent houses, gamblers, and other alleged law breakers. They were under the direction of Chief of Detectives Hughes, co-operating with twenty squads of police, and extended to every section of the city. The round-up followed a day of complete with crime, and was begun on the order of Police Chief Charles Fitzmaurice, who declared he would rid the city of vice.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

The public is cordially invited to attend the illustrated lecture in Colby's Chapel tonight at 7:30, when Mr. B. Upjohn of New York City will speak on "Ecclesiastical Architecture." Mr. Upjohn is one of the foremost architects of this country. He has gathered pictures from all over the world which will be shown on the screen tonight.

COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY

CLASH OVER ARMENIA

Geneva, Nov. 23.—A clash between the Council and Assembly of the League of Nations over the Armenian question loomed as a possibility as the result of the failure of the Council of the League to act last night on the Viviani resolution. The entire question of the relations of the Council and Assembly might be raised.

EMINENT PERSONS

SMUGGLES FORTUNES

Berlin, Nov. 23.—One hundred eminent persons, among them Crown Princess Cecilie, Prince Eitel Friedrich, Prince August Wilhelm, the late Prince Joachim, Count Radziwin, and Princess Wanda Radziwin have been smuggled to Holland two hundred and fifty million marks, it was alleged by Hermann Mueller, former German Chancellor in the Reichstag today.

INDIAN VOTES

WERE REJECTED

Washington, Nov. 23.—Every Indian vote by Jackson county at the general election was thrown out by a vote of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, who moved that the hearing be held here to prevent threatened disorder. By throwing out the Indian votes all Republicans, except one, were defeated and the protest for this action which will be heard in the courts.

CONGRESS FAVORS DEAL OF VANDERLIP IN RUSSIA

RIG LEAGUE ARMY MARCHED AT GENEVA

Geneva, Nov. 23.—The League of Nations' Red Army now en route to Vilna to see that the plebiscite that will be decided in favor of Poland may be developed into an unlimited array of unlimited

armies, supplied with unrestricted resources and with the best international military talent on its general staff. This great army was organized in a motion urged by the League of Nations, who in another year, because everywhere the population is becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the present government.

The League of Nations, according to the League of Nations, would be developed into a military organization whose power would be unlimited because it would be made up of the resources of the most military Powers.

YELLOW CREEK KING

TO TAKE THRONE

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SEIZE NARCOTICS

WORTH A MILLION

New York, Nov. 23.—Government agents seized over a million dollars worth of narcotics which were to be distributed among the hospitals of the country.

VENIZELOS MAY

RETIRE FOR GOOD

Paris, Nov. 23.—Venizelos is despondent over his defeat at the polls and may retire permanently from politics, his son tells correspondents.

PAY-UP WEEK

AT CRISTOBAL

At a meeting of the Merchants' Association Friday evening it was definitely decided to have a pay-up week from December first to December tenth. A number of the merchants have joined the "Pay-up week club" and these merchants will be furnished coupons in denominations of one dollar. Every time a one dollar is paid on account, a coupon will be given on which will appear the name of the merchant giving the coupon. The name of the customer is placed on the back and deposited in a box. At the end of pay-up week a public meeting will be held in the Court House and all of the coupon placed together and a disinterested party will draw. The customer whose name appears on the back gets the first cash prize. There will be four cash prizes, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company will give as a prize, one crate of Coca-Cola a week for four weeks. Cash coupons will only be given by members of the "Pay-up week club," so watch for the list which will appear in an early issue of this paper. The Mayor has issued a proclamation designating this period as pay-up week. This proclamation will also appear in an early issue. The prizes will be worth while and everybody who pays some on account has a chance to win one. The first prize will probably be \$50 in gold. Watch the paper for announcements and for any information desired, communicate with J. D. Foster, secretary.

AT CRISTOBAL

Washington, Nov. 23.—Inability to attract American capital on a large scale is the nations insular possession has retarded the development of their natural resources, according to a report from the Bureau of Industrial Affairs.

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