

Japanese Catastrophe Will Bring Japs Closer To U. S.

With Last Vestige of Imperialistic Tendencies Swallowed Up in Work of Civic Reconstruction Which Looms Ahead New Japan May Rise Out of Present Ruin

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New York, Sept. 5.—Looking for the rainbow in the midst of unimagined catastrophe, the influential Japanese in this city today declared they were convinced that in their present terror and in their future bid for renewed existence, the Japanese people will be brought closer to the other peoples of the world than ever otherwise would have been the case.

With all suggestion of imperialistic tendency swallowed up in the work of civic reconstruction which lies ahead, a new Japan may arise, carrying with her the lasting friendship and sympathy of the other nations. The offers of aid to Japan, reported at the imperial consulate here, show that no country has been too small or too thoughtless to extend a hand of fellowship and of succor. Even soviet Russia, unrecognized among the modern peoples, has sent a substantial offer of aid.

The Japanese in the United States have been conscious of a loss of sympathy, not only in this country but among other white peoples of the globe. They attributed this largely to anti-Japanese propaganda which has pictured Japan as the leading force in a movement for the annihilation of the yellow races into an alliance which would threaten white supremacy in world affairs. Japan has been accused of reaching out to grasp all of China and of sending agents into India to foment trouble for the white leaders of that vast and uneasy empire. All of this propaganda, the Japanese say, has tended to create suspicion among the western people over every move that Japan might make. The Japanese have remained more or less silent under the charges because silence is a Japanese trait. They have been measuring the consequences, however, not merely in possible losses of trade, but in social and moral prestige.

Japan has been striving to hold her place among the first class powers of the world ever since the war with Russia gave her a claim to such rank. Her alliance with Great Britain followed and it was a cherished thing in Japan. Walking step by step with the British lion, Japan felt her relationship with the white nations was established for all time. Japan was quick to follow her ally, England, with a declaration of war against Germany, despite the fact that Germany and Japan always had been on very friendly terms and the Germans had had much to do with building up the Japanese army. The European allies called upon Japan for very little assistance. The Japanese, of course, took Shantung from the Germans immediately, but has returned it to China in compliance with promises made at Versailles.

Japan desired to send troops to the western fighting front in France further to cement her ties with Great Britain, but the Allies had unfortunate experiences with all but white troops in the field and the Japanese were thanked, but their offer was declined.

After the war Japan felt herself slipping a bit as a power. There was agitation in Great Britain for an annulment of the Japanese treaty of alliance. Lord Northcliffe was one of the powerful English influences at work in that direction. Japan was pictured in Great Britain as being the only power likely to threaten the United States and it was said England did not care to run the risk of being brought into any such controversy. The Japanese eyed the Washington arms conference with the gravest suspicion. But in that con-

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PERSONALS

Wallace Humphlett has accepted a position with Martin & Company, plumbers and electricians, at Washington, N. C.
Miss Bernice Bengley of Norfolk, who is visiting Miss Nellie Brinson, will return home Sunday, after a three weeks' stay.
Miss Hilda Snow has returned to her home at Powells Point, after visiting Miss Elsie Fisher on North Road street.
Mrs. S. B. Tarkington and children, Marjorie and Shelton, and Miss Mary Forbes of Norfolk, are visiting

reference, in the end, she won a place of complete supremacy in the Far East and her fears of loss of prestige were allayed.

Now in the disaster which has overwhelmed her, Japan finds the sympathy of the world welling up to her in waves of warmest friendship. The Japanese once more are a struggling people and in their struggle they expect to win again the admiration of the world and to find a means of greater and firmer understanding.

Much has been said of the yellow peril in the United States, but there are only about 112,000 Japanese in the entire country. The Japanese have been a problem on the Pacific Coast, however, because of the total in this country about 95,000 are in the three Pacific states of Washington, Oregon and California.
Los Angeles is the greatest American Japanese city with 11,618 Nipponese inhabitants. San Francisco and Oakland have a combined population of about 8,000. Seattle, however, is the second Japanese city with 7,874 residents. New York has but about 2,500 Japanese residents, but the population here is exceptionally influential through the presence of so many financial and business representatives of the island kingdom.

Mrs. Dennis VanHorn on Burgess street.

Miss Maxine Shepherd has returned to Wilson, after visiting friends here.

Miss Sallie Marshall of Norfolk is visiting Mrs. M. R. Pritchard.

Miss Lorine Holloman of Norfolk is visiting Miss Lettie Bunch on Cypress street.

Mrs. G. W. Turner of this city left Monday to visit her daughters, Mrs. T. G. White of Norfolk, and Mrs. J. R. Blow at Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Midgett and little daughter, Louise, of Mathias Point, Virginia, passed through the city Wednesday, enroute home from Manns Harbor, where they buried their little son, David, who recently died at Swananoa. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopkins on Pearl street.

Charles Palmer of Norfolk is visiting his brother, Moses Palmer, on Greenleaf street, and other relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burrus and little daughter, Rita, are visiting Mrs. Burrus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sutton of Manns Harbor this week.

Miss Thelma Lynch of Norfolk has returned home, after being the guest of Miss Leona Lewis on Pennsylvania avenue.

Caleb Forbes of Washington, D. C., who is visiting friends and relatives at Camden, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Marguerite Shelton of Norfolk is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. G. Jacobs, on West Church street.

Mrs. J. R. Griffin of Chapanoke was in the city Wednesday.

J. C. Trueblood of Okisko was in the city Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Ned Miller, post-mistress at Okisko, was in the city shopping Wednesday.

Miss Pauline Skinner returned Tuesday from Lynchburg, Virginia, where she has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Landon.

Mrs. L. E. Skinner is spending some time at Ocean View.

Mrs. Anna Lewis left Wednesday for Charlotte on a business trip and will return the last of this week.

Mrs. George Williamson will leave Saturday to spend the week-end as the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. C. Rhea at Edenton, returning Monday, and will be accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. N. E. Fanshaw.

R. W. Griffin spent Thursday in

Norfolk on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Aydtlett, Jr., of Norfolk have returned home, after visiting Mr. Aydtlett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Aydtlett on West Main street.

Elmer Scarborough left Tuesday for Mountain to attend school there this season.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McMullan and family have returned from Nags Head, where they have spent the summer.

Mrs. Frank Weeks and little son are spending some time at Norfolk, the guests of Mrs. Weeks' mother, Mrs. George Etheridge.

Miss Louise Weeks of Newland is the guest of Mrs. James Weeks on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pinner returned from Nags Head Tuesday, after spending some time there.

Elwood Weatherly has returned from Roxboro, where he has been visiting friends.

Mrs. Joe Burnham of Norfolk is visiting Mrs. L. S. Knight on Second street.

J. E. Garrett of Pleasant Ridge, Virginia, is in the city visiting his

sons, C. E. and V. L. Garrett.

Mrs. A. H. Basnight and daughters, Garnette and Marjorie, of Lake, are visiting Mrs. D. C. Taylor on Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jackson of The Old Heights and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Sawyer and children motor-d to Norfolk Saturday to spend Labor Day, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. Dan Williams and son, Dan, Jr., are visiting friends and relatives in Tarboro.

Willie Sawyer is spending some time at Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Cape Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fitchett and family motored to Norfolk Saturday to spend Labor Day, returning home Monday night.

Curtis Albertson left Thursday for Cape Henry, after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Albertson on Second street.

Mrs. Cora Mason of Norfolk has returned home after visiting Mrs. J. Roberts of Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bosticher left Thursday to spend some time in Norfolk. William Bosticher and wife, Modina left Thursday for state College.

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