

# Japan to Help Allies Make War on Germany in Russia

## Nippon Statesmen Believe It Necessary to End State of Anarchy in Siberia, Where Great Quantities of Supplies May Fall Into Hands of German Hordes.

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London, Feb. 28.—(Special Cablegram to New York Tribune and Omaha Bee.)—More active participation in the war on the part of Japan seems to be one of the direct consequences of the development of events in Russia.

### EQUIPPED ARMY READY.

That Japan will consider it necessary to end the state of anarchy in Siberia, is believed by many.

How large a military force and when it could be put into Siberia are questions which cannot be answered definitely for the present, but it is well known that Japan has an army equipped for service comparing favorably with European standards.

According to reports, German and Austrian prisoners have seized part of the transsiberian railway. They hardly can be prepared to withstand an attack by even a small properly armed and officered force.

JAPAN TO WESTERN FRONT. The movement of an army across Siberia would be a slow job. For a long time there has been considerable agitation in France for greater use of Japan's military strength, and it has been suggested that Japanese troops be brought to European battle fields.

The same great transportation problem which is handicapping America, affects Japan.

In the eastern theater the obstacles are not so difficult, and it may be Japan will soon take the field to protect

property, even though she doesn't engage the German army.

Thus far Japan's effort has been confined to assistance in the patrol of the Mediterranean and adjacent waters with her torpedo boats.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Japan has directed inquiries to the entente powers, and the United States government, to test their feeling towards a proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia to save the vast quantities of war supplies stored at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad.

Criticism at home of the failure of Japan to play a larger part in the war is said to have been influential in bringing about the negotiations.

Officials here refuse to discuss this subject for publication, but it is understood, so far as America is concerned, the proposition when first broached was not wholly acceptable

though the exchanges on the subject, which are still in progress, may result in modifying the government's attitude.

Accumulated at Vladivostok are military supplies of all kinds, much of American manufacture, and even greater quantities of Japanese origin, which were delivered long before the bolsheviks took possession of the Russian government. The Stevens commission of American engineers made extraordinary efforts to improve the facilities of the Siberian railroad so that these stores could be transported westward for the use of the Russian army on the German and Austrian fronts.

### Great Quantity Remains.

A good deal of accumulation was removed, but great quantities remain on the docks and in warehouses, and even in the open, both at Vladivostok and at points westerly on the railroad. The material suffers greatly from deterioration through exposure, but the principal matter of concern to the allies is the danger that the stores should fall into the hands of the Germans, who may make their delivery a condition of any peace treaty, which they may compel the bolsheviks to sign.

This situation is regarded by the Japanese as warranting military action on their part. They are quite willing to have the co-operation of the entente and American forces, and the problem now before the co-belligerents is whether Japan shall be allowed to proceed single handed, if such a campaign is begun, or whether there shall be joint operations. It has been argued that there should be a combination movement to avoid any question as to the ultimate disposition of occupied territory in Siberia.

### Ships Bar Movement.

From the tone of the discussion of this subject in official Washington, it appears that, while the entente governments incline favorably to a joint campaign with Japan in Siberia, they are faced with the obstacle that practically none of them has any troops or ships available for an Asiatic campaign. This statement does not apply, however, to America, which not only has some powerful cruisers with large crews and marine contingents now in Asiatic waters, but in addition has

about 20,000 troops in the Philippines, and two full battalions, about 900 strong, in China, and on the railroad where they could be rushed quickly into Siberia.

### To Act Together.

While that American force would be insignificant compared to Japan's, the participation of the American troops in the campaign would serve to maintain its international character.

The Russian representatives in Washington strongly disapprove of any campaign in Siberia conducted under Japanese auspices, even though there be joint operations, urging the belief that the bolshevik elements struggling for control at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad will never permit the military stores to pass into German possession.

### Spanish Shipping Easier Prey Than French or Italian

Madrid, Feb. 28.—The Spanish press announces today without official confirmation the torpedoing of the Spanish ship Sarniero. Efforts to obtain the official confirmation elicited this comment:

"U-boats obtain better results against Spanish shipping than against Italian and French tonnage last week."

### Baltimore Textile Workers Vote to Strike on March 1

Baltimore, Feb. 28.—The textile union workers at the Woodberry and Mount Vernon Cotton Duck mills here tonight at a secret meeting called a strike to take effect on March 1. These mills have government contracts for cloth and tentage for the army.

### Wisconsin Solon May Run For Seat in Upper House

Washington, Feb. 28.—While negotiations were in progress today for a largely attended conference of republicans in Wisconsin to determine upon support of some candidate for the United States senatorship, five members of the Wisconsin delegation in the house urged Representative Allan Cooper to run, and he took the matter under advisement.

# HAYS CONFERS WITH LEADERS AT WASHINGTON

## Chairman Woods of Congressional Committee Says He Is in Complete Accord With New Party Manager.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Chairman Hays of the republican national committee began a series of conferences here today with party leaders at national headquarters after a formal

call at the capitol on Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, republican leader in the senate, and on Representative Woods of Iowa, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee. Chairman Hays will meet Senator Johnson of California and other progressives.

After the conference Representative Woods said he was in complete accord with Mr. Hays' harmony program and would co-operate with the national committee in the republican congressional campaign.

Tonight Chairman Hays was a guest of Washington newspaper men at a dinner, and in a speech reiterated his policy of conducting party affairs on the "open door" basis.

"The open door policy in political matters, in my opinion," he said, "not only includes the equal, unhampered participation in the management of a party's affairs by the party membership, but also a frank, honest and

full advisement of the public of the party's purposes, activities and accomplishments."

### Berlin Strike Pamphlets

#### Roundly Denounce Kaiser

London, Feb. 28.—Some of the pamphlets which were secretly circulated in Berlin during the recent strikes consisted of savage attacks on the German emperor, a fact which was admitted and deprecated recently by the German newspapers, have reached Liverpool.

The document ends with a long denunciation of the ambition, vanity and personal cowardice of the emperor.

### Two Americans Killed.

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