## BRITAIN TO AID RUSSIA AGAINST **GERMAN ARMIES**

Foreign Secretary Balfour Defends Integrity of Japan in Its Desire to Save Siberia From Iron Heel.

London, Thursday, March 14.-Debate on the question of Japanese intervention in Siberia in the House of Commons today brought from Forthat German penetration in Russia must be combatted.

The allied point of view was that they should help Russia in protecting laration made by Imperial Chancellor itself against Germany. Although von Hertling last November 29. he did not think that Germany would send an army to Vladivostok, he said he had absolute faith in Japan's loy-

alty in carrying out any decision reached by the allies.

Discussing the situation in Rus-sia, Mr. Balfour said:

"If Russia had not been at war it

would have taken many years to complete the beneficent course of the revolution. When autocracy fell almost without a blow, Russia immediately fell into chaos. It is untrue to say that the same thing happened in the French revolution, for there the effect was not the disintegration, but the integration of France. Precisely the opposite happened in Russia. The revolution came and all the old divisions between regions and creeds became marked and prominent.

Talk of New Russia.

"It must inevitably take time before we will see the end of that process and to know clearly how much of old Russia, if any, ought to cease to form a part of new Russia, and how new Russia will be constituted.

"There will be classes, some from

patriotic, others from selfish motives, ready to welcome anything promising a semblance of stability and order in the government. When that time comes I can imagine Germany trying to re-establish possibly the old form of autocratic government.

We should then have Russia shorn of some of its fairest provinces and with a kind of autocracy far worse than the old autocracy, because it would lean upon a foreign power for continued existence. If that came to be gone and Russia would become a mere outpost of the central powers.

"That is the real difficulty of dealing with the problems raised in this debate. Mr. Lees-Smith's speech is a strong attack on what he conceives as the government's policy with regard to Japan and Siberia. It is entirely oblivious of the facts I have just brought before the house and is based on a profound misunderstanding of what any human being had ever thought, contrived or desired with regard to allied intervention, Japanese or other, in Russian affairs.

Defends Japan's Integrity.

H. B. Lees-Smith, a liberal, in questioning Mr. Balfour as to the British attitude, had declared that if Japan entered Russian territory and occupied it at the mandate of the alliance, it followed with almost absolute certainty that this territory would not be re-

"I cannot let this debate end, ' said Mr. Balfour in conclusion, "without repudiating to the full Mr. Lees-Smith's suggestion that Japan would be moved by selfish and dishonorable motives in any course which may be discussed in Japan, either among its

statesmen or with the allies.

"Japan has behaved with perfect loyality, and if it gives promises with regard to Russian integrity, or on any question connected with Russia, it would keep them as it has kep' all promises it had made in connection with this war, or any great public transactions with the United States and the allies. I draw no distinction in this matter between Japan an! the allies, who make up the great body of the belligerents on the entente s.de."

Crew of Russ Ship Omsk Face Espionage Charge

Norfolk, Va., March 15 .- Fortythree members of the crew of the Russian steamer Omsk, in port here, today faced charges of violating the espionage act as the result of their efforts Thursday night to seize the

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#### **NEW GERMAN TERMS** ON LITHUANIANS

Teutons to Recognize Independence on Certain Conditions; Berlin Press Knocks Attitude.

Amsterdam, Thursday, March 14 .-Germany has replied to Lithuania's repeated requests for recognition of its independence by making its recognition dependent upon Lithuanian agreement to certain military customs, railway and currency conventions, according to the Vorwaerts of Berlin. These conditions, Lithuania, in the hope of bringing about an aleign Secretary Balfour the declaration leviation of its condition, is ready to

Vorwaerts says such procedure is in nowise reconciliable with the decvon Hertling last November 29.

Addressing the Reichstag on November 29, Count von Hertling ex-pressed the wish that Poland, Courland and Lithuania could have the right of choosing their own governments and could obtain that political form which corresponded to their conditions and culture. In his speech to the Reichstag on February 26 he said that Germany's chief object in Lithuania was to create organs of self-determination and self-adminis-

#### ALLIED COUNCIL TO BOOST OCEAN TRANSPORTATION

London, Wednesday, March 13 .-The allied maritime transport council, formed at the recommendation of the American mission, headed by Colonel House, for the purpose of using most effectively the tonnage of Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy, held its first meeting here today. Subsequently the following announcement was made:

"The council will have a permanent organization, consisting of four sections, one for each government. The council will obtain through its permanent staffs programs of import requirements for each of the main classes of essential imports and full statements as to the tonnage available to the respective governments. It will examine the import programs in relapass, all our dreams of Russian de- examine the import programs in rela-velopment and Russian liberty would tion to the carrying power of the available tonnage in order to ascertain the extent of any deficit, and will consider means whereby such deficit may be met."

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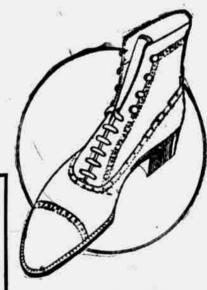
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