

# SAYS JAPAN WOULD LOSE HEAVILY SHOULD SHE MARCH INTO SIBERIA

Adachi Kinnosuke, New York Publicist, Tells Why Nipponese Could Not Undertake Job of Punishing Russia

A few weeks ago the newspapers of the Eastern United States were making a sensation of reports that Japan, in case Russia made a separate peace with Germany, would send forces into Siberia to chastise a faithless Russia. In the following article, which appeared in the New York Tribune, Mr. Adachi, a prominent Japanese writer working in New York, tells why Japan could not accept such a task.

Here is one of the most sensational items of news that ever came out of Washington:

"Japan has an understanding with Great Britain whereby she will attack Russia, if Russia should, for any reason, cease to make war on Germany."

It is an appealing idea; it may be even tremendous—to those whose eyes are ever on the destiny of Japan and the Far East. It isn't what you might call offensively Christian, though. Japan and Great Britain, with the rest of the proud Entente Allies, are fighting for justice, humanity and all the rest of the fine phrases. That is their contention, anyway. And all of a sudden they are said to be in a secret plot of uniting one of their own Allies in the back even with Russia is with them—before she has given any positive proofs of going back on them.

It is curious how calmly the American sentiment takes this news. It held its breath; it held up both its hands in holy horror when President Wilson exposed the Zimmermann plot to get Mexico and Japan to attack the United States. Yet the little silly scheme of the German foreign minister to seduce Japan away from her Allies through the good offices of Mexico is as white as a feather from a new born angel's wings beside this picture of the imitation Britain of the Far East and the original Britain putting their heads together over a thing which has a distinct flavor of the middle ages about it.

But that is neither here nor there. The question is: If Russia—as, indeed, it seems rather likely from the newspaper despatches—should go back on her Allies, break her pledges and come under the Teuton domina-

ance, what then? Will Japan fight her? Would Japan cross the Rubicon with an heroic step and occupy the maritime province of Siberia? Germany, with Russia under her domination, could draw ample food supplies for the empty and mottled stomachs at home and stoke up those along the front to a fighting efficiency. With Germany supplied with food it would not be pleasant for the Entente Allies to think of what might happen along the western front. Such a condition may spell almost anything, including a German-dictated peace, the disappearance of the French republic, even the death struggle for the British Isles. Under the circumstances, it is not at all beyond the horizon of a prophetic vision that the Allies would ask Japan to send her armies to Europe to stem the German advance, to which there will be no second battle of the Marne. But there is just one trouble about that, a little matter of ships, altogether aside from Japan's willingness to send a million men to Europe to fight. It would take at least more than a hundred more ships than Japan can possibly spare at this time to transport that number of men. And anything less than that force would be worse than a sad joke. Neither Europe nor the United States can help Japan in this matter; they have no ships to spare. **Would Lose, Not Gain.**

Now, if Russia were to come under the German sway she would either voluntarily fight on the side of the Teutonic powers or be forced to do so in the end. She will not be strong enough to stand aloof and enforce her neutrality. And if she were to fight as an army ally, what would Japan do? Would she fight Russia in Siberia? She would not. For the one and all-sufficient reason that she would not gain anything by it. Because she would lose, and lose very heavily, by it.

But would not the conquest and occupation of the maritime province of Siberia destroy once for all the Russian dream of the Far Eastern empire and the hope of a war of revenge on Japan? It would, certainly. But both of those two things are dead now; the Russian empire of the

# HILO MUST STOP SELLING BOOZE TO SOLDIERS OR SEE THEM LEAVE

Twenty-fifth Inf. Captain May Recommend Company Be Returned to Honolulu

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

HILO, July 27.—That there is a big chance of Company B, 25th Infantry, being sent back to Honolulu or else an order being issued that will create a "dry" zone around Hilo, is the latest development. The situation is a serious one, and it is known that Captain McNab of the 25th Infantry, is determined to put an end to the illicit selling of booze to his men. The respectable hotels and saloons are not doing anything along this line, but many blind piggers and others are declared to be giving the soldiers all the liquor they can pay for.

The attention of the sheriff and the license commissioners has been brought to the matter. That a determined effort should be made by the license inspector and the police department to stamp out the hundreds

East and the second Russo-Japanese war died a complete and permanent death with the fall of autocracy—If, indeed, it did not die on the 3rd of July, 1916, when the Russo-Japanese alliance was signed.

Moreover, Japan's attack on Siberia would not advance the cause of her Allies. If Russia were actually to join Germany and take up arms against her former Allies in Europe, Japan could not stop her from carrying her plan out by invading Siberia. Japan could not march through Siberia and attack Moscow. The utmost she would be able to do would be to take the maritime province east of the Amur river; and there would be the end of her military activity. That in no wise would affect the war front in Europe. For under such circumstances, neither Russia nor the Teutonic Allies would think it wise to divert enough force from the European fronts to the Far East to influence their European operations.

But would not the Pacific provinces of Russia be a tempting prize for Japan to seize—especially when the other members of the Entente Allies would urge her to do so? No eager and ready "yes" to the above question will be forthcoming from Japan. For such a war is a war of conquest, pure and simple. It means also the creation of a second Russo-Japanese war—which is happily and effectively dead now. Another, and a rather pertinent, query is whether Japan is financially and economically able to carry out a scheme of conquest of that sort. Leading economists of Japan would be bitterly opposed to it, including such men as Baron Takahashi, Prof. Teamura and all the rest who oppose what is called the "continental policy" of Japan.

Besides, the maritime province is not such a glittering prize as is generally supposed. There is a mistaken idea that the Primorsk is a promised land of flowing honey and milk—that it is a vast agricultural wonderland. Nothing is further from the actual truth.

Attitude of the United States And then there is the United States. When Japan drove the Germans out of Kiaochow American public opinion was not slow to point the finger of condemnation at Japan. The American press was filled with the picture of Japan driving the first wedge in her unholy scheme of the conquest of China. The occupation of the maritime province of Siberia would look in the eyes of the United States like the birth of another Germany in the Far East. And Japan would be much blacker and more sinister in American eyes than the Germany in Europe because Japan is nearer to the United States and because she is a "yellow" power. And Japan would not like that at all. That is about the last thing that Japan would like to see of all the black perturbations of international politics. For, after all, it is the attitude of the United States which fences out Japan from the Asian continent, as well as from the Americans on this side of the Pacific, certainly infinitely more effectively than Russia does.

Then, too, Japan has learned a good lesson with Korea—a lesson she is not likely to forget soon—namely, it is neither pleasant nor profitable to make your neighbor's country a part of your own. This is utterly contrary to what some of the American papers say about the sinister design of Japan on China; but never mind them, it is true. When she can have all the wealth producing advantages in Manchuria and in the maritime province of Siberia without the annoyance and

of "blind pigs" that are known to exist in Hilo and in the vicinity of the city is the general opinion here. That the long drawn out row and bad feeling between the sheriff's department and the license inspector should be thrown into the discard and the two work together for the good of the town is the unanimous verdict of those who understand the situation.

Sheriff Pua claims that he is short-handed, and that he, in addition, has many extra duties to attend that take up his time. The lack of sufficient appropriation by the board of supervisors has forced him to discharge several police officers, and there are not enough left now to police town, he claims.

The license inspector has always claimed that he could not get any assistance from the police department, so as to make arrests of blind piggers. He claims that he is so well known that he cannot get in and secure evidence enough to convict any illicit booze dealer whom he might arrest.

expenditure of administration why should she insist on spending her good money for no other commodity than the enmity of your neighbors and the hatred and distrust of the other powers of the world? That is not sense. Whatever else Japan is, she is neither a downright idiot nor an incurable lunatic.

The Russo-Japanese Alliance Then, again, there is the present Terauchi cabinet and its foreign policy. All this talk of attacking Russia would sound like a cheap yarn in the ears of those who know the present foreign minister of Japan, Viscount Motono. It was he who signed the Russo-Japanese agreement of July 30, 1907. He was the negotiator of the Russo-Japanese convention of 1910 and it was he who put through the Russo-Japanese alliance of July 3, 1916. Russia today has no better friend in the whole of the Far East than the present holder of the portfolio of the foreign minister of Japan. Would Japan under such a minister as Motono and with the general foreign policy of Premier Terauchi be likely to indulge in a dark scheme of playing a Judas to Russia even while she is still her ally? The extremely innocent American international imagination might be equal to hatch an original fiction of that sort, but no other.

Besides, public opinion in Japan is now suffering from an acute attack of sudden sobriety in matters of international politics. This, again, does not square with the popular picture of the Young Japan revising her hands every few seconds. But, again, it is true. Marquis Okuma, writing in his own magazine, the Shin Nihon, in the May, 1917, issue devotes six or seven pages to the merciless exposure of the shortcomings of the Japanese and the primitive state of their scientific achievements, and then adds:

"Nevertheless, our countrymen too often fall victim to pride and empty boasting. Some of them mouth the Monroe doctrine for the Far East. There are even those who entertain the shallow idea of trying to drive out the influence of the white men from Asia under the name of 'Asia for Asiatics.' It is all wrong. What we should do is to hold ourselves in all modesty and face the world and life in a receptive attitude of mind. We should foster substance and power with might and main."

And Marquis Okuma is a representative Japanese of today. In the above he is simply echoing the general sentiment of the thinking half of the nation. Fighting Russia in the maritime province of Siberia will not stand much chance in a Japan whose leaders are of the type of Marquis Okuma. It's a catchy, colorful suggestion, but it hasn't a ghost of a show in the realm of practical politics.

## HILO LIQUOR DEALERS TO AID IN KEEPING BOOZE FROM SOLDIERS

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HILO, July 27.—E. H. Austin informed the board of trade members on Wednesday last that all the saloon managers of the city and nearby districts have agreed to not sell any bottled booze after 5 p. m., and that they also refuse to sell to chauffeurs who might take the liquor out to soldiers. The matter of how the wholesale and retail liquor dealers are working to help to prevent booze being sold or given to agents who represent soldiers, has been taken up by the dealers.

It is thought that if the dealers will not sell booze in bottles after 5 o'clock in the afternoon, there will not be much of the carrying away of liquor in containers during the daytime. It is generally at night that the stuff is purchased for joyriders.

## SIX FILIPINO COUPLES MARRIED ON SAME DAY

Six Filipino couples were married last Saturday in the same place and by the same priest, Father Victorinus Claesen of the Catholic mission. The happy six are Benito Gonzales and Sarah Makuena, Costor Calledo and Benita Hermine, Fausto Ponsay and Dominga Caballs, Jose Martinez and Fleiciano Ablino, Pascual Verte and Barbara Gallego, Laurentio Pasuguiray and Clara de la Berte. George Waipa and Malie K. Kahimoku, Hawaiians, were married on the same day by Father Claesen. Emilio Augustine and Ramona Cruz were married on the day following.

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# Hint Boycott of Local Landlords If Rents Raised

Chinese Lodgers Said to Be Up in Arms Over Threatened Increase of Rates

Dozens of Honolulu's Chinatown whose homes are in the tenements threaten to boycott certain owners of these buildings if they persist in raising the rent on rooms when there is no apparent reason for the increase. This is the information received from a Chinese well acquainted with conditions in Chinatown tenement district, and who asserts that, during the past week, a number of Chinese of the working class have been stirred to action over the wholesale rent-raising propaganda.

One Chinese landlord, who conducts other business besides his tenements, announced recently that room rent would be raised one dollar.

"Now everyone knows that the war has had no effect on the rooming houses in the city of Honolulu," says the Chinese who knows conditions in the tenement district. "The Chinese who are living in these rooms were 'up in the air' when the landlord sent his collector out with notices that the rent on every room will be raised one dollar beginning August 1. In one of the tenements, on Hotel street, there are about 50 rooms and each room measures about 7x9. Some of the rooms are double and the rent charged for two rooms is nine dollars. Two years ago, according to the Chinese people, the rooms rented for \$4.50, and the rent was gradually increased a dollar. "Some of the buildings in which these rooms are located are filthy and with but a single light at the entrance at night, leading to stairs that are nearly worn out.

"Bath tubs and showers are not to be found in some of the buildings and in many instances the small lavatories are used by from 70 to 80 people. The so-called bath rooms in some cases are used by the lodgers as kitchens. There are at least half a dozen buildings in which these conditions exist. Some of the Chinese are talking of boycotting the landlord if he persists in raising the rents. But they add, however, that if the rooms were cleaner and more sanitary, they would be satisfied with having to pay more rent. When August 1 comes, some of these landlords are likely to find their tenements without occupants."

# HILO SEEKS U. S. DEPUTY MARSHAL TO ENFORCE LAW

Board of Trade Exercised at Free Supply of Booze to Men in Uniform

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HILO, July 27.—At the special meeting of the board of trade that was held on Wednesday last, it was decided that United States Marshal Smiddy be asked to appoint a deputy marshal for Hilo. This was the sense of the meeting which was held to discuss the proposition of soldiers in uniforms being supplied with booze in Hilo. Capt. McNab made the statement that certain men are obtaining the booze and that he wishes this practise to be stopped as it may lead to something unpleasant. Capt. McNab declared that he could handle the men of his company all right, but that he did object to having to punish certain men repeatedly. He thought that the people of Hilo should back the federal authorities up and do whatever is possible to prevent soldiers getting booze.

The question of soldiers getting booze in private houses was brought up and an opinion was read by Attorney Carl C. Carlsmith that the federal law was not violated when a citizen gave an officer or a private liquor while the officer or soldier was a guest of honor.

Capt. McNab pointed out that while it was said that the soldiers were getting booze at the homes of Hawaiians, it must be plain to everybody that the soldiers were providing the money for the liquor. It was always around payday that the trouble in regard to the men drinking occurred.

The secretary was also instructed to write to United States District Attorney Huber and forward the written opinion of Attorney Carlsmith and inquire as to how the law stands, in the opinion of Attorney Huber.

# METROPOLITAN MARKET CLOSES AT 10:30 A. M.

Tomorrow being Registration Day, The Metropolitan Meat Market will close at ten thirty in the forenoon to allow employees to register.—Adv.

# REGISTRATION DAY CLOSING

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