

## Japan Moves North

that he is extremely polite to an equal. The current manner of a Japanese officer in carrying out instructions must be described as somewhat high-handed.

On the other hand, Count Terauchi knows his army, and would undoubtedly take ample precautions to see that not only the officers of high rank who might come into touch with the Russians in Siberia would handle the situation diplomatically, but that the rank and file of the Japanese army would cause just as little inconvenience and friction as possible. Where there is this determination there is no need to anticipate trouble.

The effect that the entrance of Japan into actual field operations would have on the German people would probably be negligible. It would probably seem to the Germans impossible that a nation so far from its base as Japan would be when operating west of Irkutsk, would be likely to prove a serious menace to German military or political operations in European Russia. The material for the entire change of the efficiency of the Trans-Siberian Railway is, however, available, and the Trans-Siberian line under American supervision, or under Japanese for that matter, would prove a very different means of communication than formerly. Once let the Japanese army take hold in the Russian Far East and it would at least prove an effective menace to