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JAPAN'S ATTITUDE IN THE MEXICAN CRISIS.

Not to Aid Mexico With Arms and War Munitions--Baron Ishli, Foreign Minister, Says No Assistance Will Be Given to Mexico.

TOKIO, June 25.—"Of course" any claim that the Japanese Government will assist Mexicans with munitions and arms is out of the question and absurd," said Baron Ishli, Foreign Minister, to a correspondent of the Associated Press, who asked him today for his views on the Mexican situation. The interview was sought on account of declarations attributed to Mexicans that assurances had been received from Japan that munitions and other assistance would be given to Mexico in the event of war with the United States.

"As for private Japanese companies selling arms to Mexicans," the Foreign Minister continued, "I consider it extremely improbable. As you know, all available rifles and guns are being furnished to Japan's Allies to assist in bringing the European war to a successful issue, and I fancy, though I do not know, that munitions not available for our Allies may have found their way to China during the revolutionary troubles.

"Let me say this with all the emphasis and earnestness at my command," said the Minister, "the Japanese nation sincerely hopes that armed conflict between the United States and Mexico may be avoided. Japan's interests in America, North, Central and South, being essentially pacific and commercial, any event bringing disturbances into the American market would be felt keenly in Japan. This is especially true at a moment when the whole European trade is virtually closed to Japan and the Chinese market is seriously upset."

Baron Ishli expressed surprise and mystification when the correspondent referred to Gen. Ramon Turbe, a representative of Gen. Carranza, who was reported several weeks ago to be on his way to Japan on a secret mission. The Baron declared he had never heard of Gen. Turbe or his projected visit. He explained that he regarded the Carranza Government as the de facto Government of Mexico, and that the usual relations with Gen. Carranza were being maintained.

Japan's interests in Mexico, he said, were in charge of Secretary Ohta, formerly attached to the Japanese Embassy at Washington. He said he had received no advices from Secretary Ohta in regard to the present situation. Colonel Manuel Romero, recently appointed Minister to Japan by General Carranza, has reached this country, but has not had an audience with the Emperor, and the Baron said it was impossible to state when he would be received in audience. Any idea that the Japanese Government was interfering in the Mexican situation, he declared, was an absurd one. The idea that munitions were being supplied.

Denial by Mexican Charge

M. C. Tellez, the Mexican Charge d'Affaires, in an interview with the Associated Press correspondent, asserted emphatically that the Mexican Government had ordered no arms or munitions in Japan, and that no negotiations for such supplies were under way.

Senior Tellez said he believed all available Japanese arms had been sold to Russia. The last Mexican transaction in Japan, he continued, was made between General Huerta and the Mitsui Company in 1913. It called for 30,000 rifles, for which General Huerta advanced part payment. Only 7,000 were delivered to him, and the remainder were sold to Russia at the outbreak of war. A satisfactory financial settlement was made by Mexico in October, 1915.

In regard to General Turbe, Senior Tellez heard recently that he had gone to Spain on a military mission. The report that the General was coming to Japan reached Senior Tellez, and he cabled to his Government about it. He was informed in reply that the report was groundless.

As for Colonel Romero, Senior Tellez said he arrived in Tokio a fortnight ago, announcing that he came in the capacity of Mexican Minister, and that he was living at the Mexican Legation. He had visited Baron Ishli and requested an audience with Emperor. It was he who negotiated the purchase of the arms for General Huerta in 1913.

To a question where General Carranza will obtain munitions, Senior Tellez replied: "We make them in Mexico and, like Villa, have imported them from the United States."

Could Not Supply Arms
The Mitsui, Takada, and Okura, three large companies exporting arms, formed a joint munition corporation

before the war to purchase munitions from the Government arsenal, which is the only establishment of the kind in Japan. The Oriental steamship liner Seiyo Maru, which sailed on May 29 for South American ports, is due at San Francisco to-morrow, and at Salina Cruz, Mex., nine days later. Manager Asano said to-day that she carried no arms or munitions, and that the only freight shipment to Salina Cruz consisted of two cases of camp-beds consigned to Foo King-Tai, a Chinaman. He stated that the steamships of his line carried no armaments at any time, and would refuse to transport a cargo of them.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha Japan Mail Steamship Company inaugurated last month a service to New York via Panama with the steamship Tsuchimaru. Her cargo of 13,000 tons includes blacklead and copper. A representative of the line said: "The cargo of the Tsuchimaru is consigned to New York. The vessel merely coals at San Francisco, and does not stop in Mexico. I can say in the most emphatic manner that the Tsuchimaru transports no munitions. Our steamships never carry munitions to America."

The agents of the British steamship Indrakula, which sailed for Boston June 21 by way of San Francisco, state that she carries general cargo has no munitions on board and will not call at any Mexican port.

The press makes no mention of Mexican claims that munitions are procurable in Japan, but the Nichi Nichi Shinbun publishes a report from Berlin that Japan is giving support to Mexico. The opinion set forth in the press is that the United States is too optimistic regarding Mexico, and is insufficiently prepared to meet complications. It is observed that Japan should derive lessons as to how to treat China from the outcome of the American policies in regard to Mexico.

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But nothing else is changed.
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Their kindred of the south
As though they formed a long gray line
Across our harbor mouth.

Their prestige and their prowess now
Protect by sea and land;
They're fighting half a world away.
Yet ever near at hand,
To not a port the Empire owns
Is right of way denied,
For dreadnaughts of the North Sea fleet
Are cruising close outside.

So, though the powers of hell be loosed,
And hate and fate combine,
The fleet that dares the hidden death,
The menace of the mine,
Is shield and sword at once for you—
Security and ease,
Because it keeps the Nelson touch
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GERMANS PLANNED TO MAKE PANIC IN CANADA.

NEW YORK, June 26.—Horst von der Goltz, upon whose confession of participation in the alleged plots Hans Tauscher, former German army officer and others were indicted, was the principal witness in the Tauscher trial to-day. He testified that von Papen told him that he had captain Boy-Ed had believed that an armed invasion of Canada was possible, but Count von Bernstorff objected.

He testified that von Papen told him: "If we make a panic up in Canada they will stay at home and not go to help England. We can blow up the Welland Canal, Sault Ste Marie Canal, grain elevators, and railway stations."

The case of Wolf von Igel, who was indicted jointly with Tauscher, was on the calendar for pleading to-day, but when von Igel's case was called, it was announced that it had been postponed until July 6.

THE JEWS PART IN THE STRIFE

Jews in all the countries of the allies are taking an active part in the war. Rev. S. E. Rohold in a striking little book, "The Jew and the War" (Macmillans), gives an estimate of those who are fighting for the great cause. In Great Britain out of a total Hebrew population of 245,000, 16,000 are in the ranks. Hundreds have been decorated for heroism and three have received the Victoria Cross.

France has 10,000 Jews in the army, about one-tenth of the total Jewish population. Russia has 250,000. Special mention is made of the Zion Mule Corps, recruited in Egypt for the Army Service Corps. Their accomplishments in the Gallipoli campaign were mentioned in Sir Ian Hamilton's despatches, and two of the officers got the D. S. O.

The burden of suffering, which has come upon non-combatant Jews in Belgium and in Poland has been un-speakably heavy. It is said that half a million have been slain and three million have become beggars. The author looks for a revived Palestine some time, but mourns over the immense losses that Zionism has suffered and sets forth plainly the almost insuperable obstacles to the ideal of a Guaranteed Jewish State.

Viscount Goschen, who represented Great Britain at the recent representative interview was the son of a Jew. Lord Reading, Chief Justice, who had much to do with raising the great Allies' loan in New York was a Jew. The United States Ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Morgenthau, is one of the outstanding figures of war-time diplomacy. The book has less than a hundred pages, but it tells a proud story and at the same time a story which breathes high tragedy in every line.

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