

## JAPAN IN CHINA (Chicago Tribune.)

(Chicago Tribune.) Segarating all peace issues into two parts, eastern and western, the eastern is dominated by the approaching prob-lem of what Japan shall achieve out of the Versailles conference. Diplo-matists are divided on the subject of Japanese dominance, some maintain-ing that Japan, us the enlightened nation, should be free to bestow the benefits of progress, while others urge the right of China to work out its own destiny.

benefitie of progress, while others urgo the right of China to work out its own destiny. The origin of Japanese claims is somewhat clouded, being based on what often has been termed a particut larly odious specimen of German diplomacy. In 1897 Germany charged China with responsibility for the deaths of two German missionaries. The names of these persons, together with the fncidents of the crime al-leged, have been lost in the succeeding fiternational dispute. At all events Germany pushed its case with succ thrift and vigor that the Kiao Chau district, commanding the rich minera-tion of the deaths of these suddenly important missionaries. Japan's present interest lies in the fact that as one of the allies\_it com pelled the surrender of Kiao Chau abolished German claim and occu-pation were rather doubtful. Japan's position is made further doubtful in view of the American-Japanese agreement of November. 1917, under which Japan concurred in attorito the grana concurred in the retritorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and the formes and further and territorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and the add further and territorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and the add further and territorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and the addition of the daterity barden and cou-pation were rather doubtful. Japanese agreement of November. 1917, under which Japan concurred in attorito the participation of the american and territorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and the addition of the same further and territorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and here the same disconce the days and here and barding the attories days and here and some thousands provide the partices and further and territorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and here and there and territorial integrity of China. Buy attories days and here the addition of addition and france be-fore the war

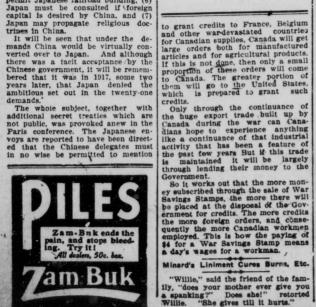
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and japan come into possession of them. Among the more important of these twenty-one demands are several relat-ing to a virtual cession of Shantung, giving to Japan most of the essential mineral weaith of China. The second group of stipulations demands sub-stantially a complete sovereignty over Manchuria. The third relates to the exclusion of foreigners in certain en-terprises, and the fourth forbids the foreign occupation of any Chinese coastal territory. Most important of all, however, and the cause of violent outbursts in China, because of the humiliation im-posed, is group 5, consisting of seven articles. These are (1) that China shall employ influential Japanese in conducting all government affairs, (2) Japanese schools and hospitals shall hold Chinese land, (3) Japanese police must be permitted to operate, (4) China must buy half its arms and ammunition from Japan, (5) China to permit Japanese railroad building, (6) Japan may propagate religious doc-trines in China. It will be seen that under the de-mands China would be virtually con-verted over to Japan. And although there was a tacit acceptance by the Chinese government, it will be remem-bered that it was in 1917, some tyo years later, that Japan denied the ambitions set out in the twenty-one demands. The whole subject, together with additional secret treaties which are



the demands or make public any of the secret clauses, but that peace in the east must be conducted under the Japanese formula. Thus, if China pressed no claims, Japan, in all pro-bability, would be left free to organize such mandates in the east as it deemed pressent

bablity, would be left free to organize such mandates in the east as it deemed necessary. The Chinese, however, discovering a salubrious protection in the arms of the potential league of nations, openly threatned to expose the secret de-mands en Chinese sovereignty. Japan then declared it willingness to accept this publicity and sido to revoke its claims to Kiao Chau the Japanese were seeking to force sovereignty over the whole Shantung province, of which Kiao Chau is but a small portion. In the face of the twenty-one de-mands, Japan has denied there are se-cret treaties existing, but now, upon the exposure of the whole affair, re-sumes its original position, in addition to demanding the Caroline and Mar-shall islands as its war portion. China still hopes for territorial entity: Japan hopes to defeat this; and it is at this point the peace conference will take up the problem.

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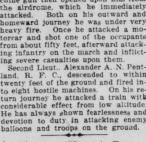
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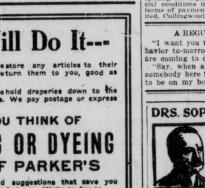
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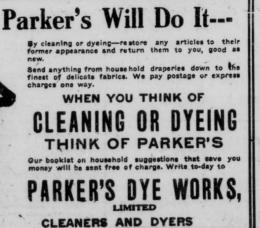




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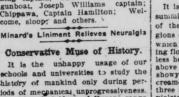
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