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JAPAN IN CHINA
(Chicago Tribune.)

Separating all peace issues into two parts, eastern and western, the eastern is dominated by the approaching problem of what Japan shall achieve out of the Versailles conference. Diplomats are divided on the subject of Japanese dominance, some maintaining that Japan, as 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.

The origin of Japanese claims is somewhat clouded, being based on what often has been termed a particularly 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 incidents of the crime, alleged, have been lost in the succeeding international dispute. At all events, Germany pushed its case with such thrift and vigor that the Kiao Chau district, commanding the rich mineral Province of Shantung, with millions of inhabitants, was "leased" to Germany for ninety-nine years in explanation of the deaths of these suddenly important missionaries.

Japan's present interest lies in the fact that as one of the allies, it compelled the surrender of Kiao Chau and abolished German sovereignty there. Thus there is established a Japanese claim to the district. This claim seems to be urged in the face of the fact that the German claim and occupation 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 a covenant to preserve the independence and territorial integrity of China. But, although Japan heartily accepted this plan, there was in existence, and still

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is, a list of demands made on China in January, 1915, whereby China would suffer the loss of vast interests and Japan come into possession of them.

Among the more important of these twenty-one demands are several relating to a virtual cession of Shantung, giving to Japan most of the essential mineral wealth of China. The second group of stipulations demands substantially a complete sovereignty over Manchuria. The third relates to the exclusion of foreigners in certain enterprises, 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 imposed, 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 must be consulted if foreign capital is desired by China, and (7) Japan may propagate religious doctrines in China.

It will be seen that under the demands China would be virtually converted over to Japan. And although there was a tacit acceptance by the Chinese government, it will be remembered that it was in 1917, some two years later, that Japan denied the ambitious set out in the twenty-one demands.

The whole subject, together with additional secret treaties which are not public, was provoked anew in the Paris conference. The Japanese envoys are reported to have been directed that the Chinese delegates must in no wise be permitted to mention

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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 probability, 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 threatened to expose the secret demands on Chinese sovereignty. Japan then declared its willingness to accept this publicity and also 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 demands, Japan has denied there are secret treaties existing, but now, upon the exposure of the whole affair, resumes its original position, in addition to demanding the Caroline and Marshall 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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about at very much the same pace in much the same vehicles and vessels. At the advent of steam and electricity the muse of history holds her nose and shuts her eyes. Science will study and get the better of a modern disease, in spite of the fact that it has no classical standing, but our history schools would be shocked at the bare idea of studying the effect of modern means of communication upon administrative areas, large or small. This defect in our historical training has made our minds politically sluggish.

—H. G. Wells in New Republic.

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as they had left the ground. A machine gun then opened upon him from the aerodrome, which he immediately attacked. Both on his outward and homeward journey he was under very heavy fire. Once he attacked a motor car and shot one of the occupants from about fifty feet, afterward attacking infantry on the march and inflicting severe casualties upon them.

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