

WARNING BY JAPAN TO RUSSIA

Peace Almost Equal to Lining Up With Germany

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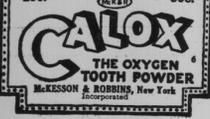
United States Would Be Consulted as to the Measures to be Taken—Government Won Over—Peril of Situation in Possibility of Control of Ignorant Masses by Anarchists

Washington, June 8.—The Japanese government has taken positive measures to let Russia know that Japan is in the war to stay and will not be deterred from her intention to stand by her allies in the struggle until Germany has been defeated. It was learned here that Japan has notified the Russian provisional government that if Russia withdraws from the war Japan, in consultation with Great Britain, will consider what measures to take. It was intimated in a diplomatic quarter that Japan and Great Britain would exchange views with the United States concerning the Russian situation.

It is understood that the Russian provisional government has been warned that if she accepted a separate peace with the Central Empires her action would be almost equivalent to aligning herself with Germany, and that so far from gaining anything by it she would become another Austria under German domination. England and Japan are acting in conjunction in Petrograd in trying to dissuade the provisional authorities. The latter, it was declared, have been definitely won over, and if they can succeed in retaining control of the government there will be no defection by Russia. The difficulty lies in the masses, ignorant clamoring for bread, with many looking for plunder and anarchy.



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GERMAN CROPS GOOD, DUE TO DRY WEATHER

Government Preparing to Rush Early Potatoes to Market to Relieve Grain Shortage

Copenhagen, June 7.—The German crops now show a fairly satisfactory condition, according to German reports, particularly in southern and western Germany, although plenty of rain continues to be the earnest desire of the farming classes. The hot, dry weather during May—the driest May in sixteen years, with a rainfall barely half of the normal—brought on the grain so rapidly that the farmers in southern and western Germany are reckoning upon the harvest at the usual date, despite the greatly belated spring.

The turn of the month from May to June was marked by some rainfall, although not enough by far, and the weather experts predict another period of dryness. The government has made all arrangements to rush the early potatoes from the ground to the market, and has ordered an exact census by districts, to determine the average and probable date of ripening of each individual patch, in order to take them as fast as they come, so as to relieve the drain upon the dwindling grain stocks. Very few potatoes are now reaching the market, and the ration almost everywhere has been cut from three pounds down to nothing, bread being necessarily substituted.

First News of Arctic Party

MacMillan Expedition in Need of Relief

Vessel Will be Sent

Captain Bartlett Will Command Craft Sailing From Nova Scotia on July 1—Valuable Scientific Discoveries

The first detailed news from Donald B. MacMillan, head of the so-called Crocker Land expedition, announcing that he and his companions had only enough supplies to last them until August of this year, and urging that another relief ship be sent to them, was received in New York this week by Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History. It was announced that the steam sailing vessel "Neptune," chartered recently by the committee, probably would sail about July 1 from Nova Scotia under command of Captain Robert A. Bartlett for Etah.

Science Has Benefited. Although the expedition has been one of the costliest on record, it is said that from a scientific viewpoint the results have fully justified the expenditure. While Crocker Land, which Rear Admiral Peary believed he saw, proved to be a mirage the MacMillan party discovered six new islands, mapped and explored Finlay Island, and gathered geographical, botanical, archaeological and ethnological material of great importance.

The message from MacMillan, which was written about the middle of February, was transmitted through the American minister at Copenhagen by Dr. Harrison J. Hunt, of Bangor, Maine, surgeon of the expedition, who left the MacMillan party and reached Godhavn in the Faroe Islands. The message said in part:

"All well at Etah headquarters, Crocker Land expedition. Relief ships of 1915 and 1916 failed to reach us. Dr. E. O. Hovey and Captain George Comer arrived by power boat from North Star Bay in September. Will spend year with us. Hunt and Ekblaw proceeding home by way of South Greenland and Copenhagen. Have good warm house, plenty of fuel and adequate supply of food until August, 1917. A third ineffectual attempt at relief will compel us to resort to Eskimo mode of living—an igloo for

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back before Smith Sound broke out in spring, Crocker Eilsemere Land by old Eskimo pass, ascending river bed at the head of Flager Bay to height of land thence to height of glacier, to altitude of 4000 feet, descending into the head of Bay Fiord.

Good Game Country. "Passed through wonderful game country—wolf, caribou, musk-ox, seal, hare, ptarmigan, lemming, fox, and polar bear. Staging surfaces throughout trip excellent. Secured sights for longitude and latitude at all important points, also line of Azimuths from 73rd Meridian across Magnetic meridian to 106rd. Much cool all through this region. Evidence of recent uplift of land on all shores. Large numbers of bears and musk-ox kept dogs in good condition. Two sledges sent back to headquarters with specimen skins for American museum from Eureka Sound and two from Cape Southwest of Axel Heiberg Land. Game failed, however, from 97th Meridian on.

"Reached Finlay Land April 19, twenty-nine days from Etah. Slopes very low with gentle slopes toward interior, culminating in mountain peaks, 2,000 feet in altitude. Tracks of caribou, Lemman and fox seen. Two days heavy wind drift prevented us from hunting, or from making extended observations or survey of coast line. On 22nd, weather cleared sufficiently for men to obtain good sights for latitude, longitude and Azimuths. Compass needle at last camp pointed almost due south. Lack of dog food compelled retreat.

Left Records Behind. "On the return swung south for exploration of North Cornwall, which was seen in about 1850. Tracks here of musk-ox, walrus, and caribou. Mapped northern, eastern, and southeastern shores of Finlay Island; much larger than record, and very different in shape.

Discovered five islands off its shores, also good-sized island off eastern coast of Amund Ringnes Island, in latitude 78 degrees 18. Built cairns and enclosed records at all prominent points on the trip. Many seals on the ice on the return furnished plenty of meat. Reached Etah, May 15, crossing from Victoria Head to Anoritok. Time fifty-six days, 1,850 statute miles.

"Members of expedition have done good work in botany, geology, glaciology, ornithology, ethology, archaeology, photography, and meteorology. Very fortunate in securing two sets of eggs of the knot, which were found by Dr. Hunt, at Umanak. Captain Comer has obtained some very favorable results in archaeology at Umanak; he will continue his work at Etah and vicinity until the arrival of the ship in 1917.

"Dr. Hovey has begun work in geology, seismology, and glaciology. Extensive plans for future exploration in spring. Work to begin about March 1. I can have large number of dogs, walrus meat for food, whole wheat biscuit, and panmican for trail. Sun now well on way south, having left us on October 24, for 119 days. Men all happy and confident of good health."

An Experienced Cat! A cat from Moss, which is said to have been in ten war engagements, has been sold for £75, 5s, at a "free gift" sale for the Red Cross at Aberdeen, conducted by the Lord Provost. The cat was rescued from a deserted farmhouse by Private Bradley, Scottish Rifles. It had previously been sold for sums totalling £450 at similar sales.

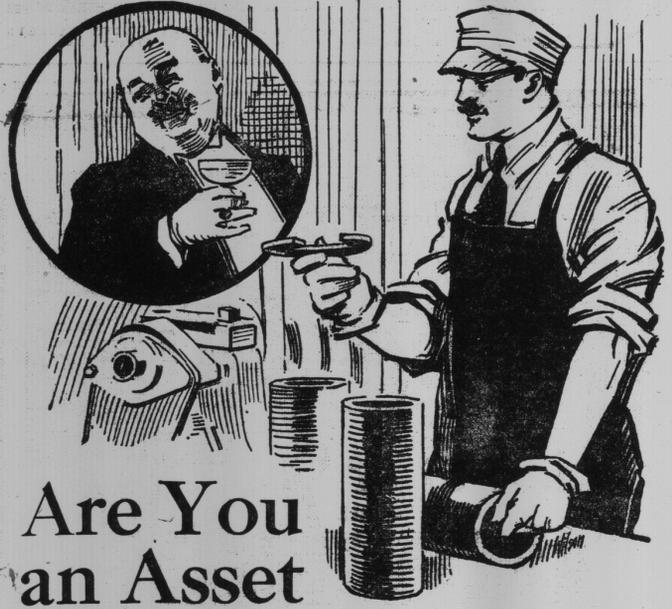


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