

CHARGE SHANTUNG IS PRICE PAID TO JAPAN

American Republican Leader Claims Consideration Given to Rob China.

Washington, July 15.—Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, charged in the senate today during debate on the peace treaty, that the Shantung settlement was "a price paid" for Japan's signature to the league of nations, with the robbing of China as the consideration.

"Shantung was a price paid, and all the world knows it," Mr. Lodge said. "There is no statute of limitation that runs against a great wrong like that."

Reciting how Germany secured the Shantung concessions, and how Japan succeeded Germany by virtue of war, Senator Lodge continued: "England

and France took Belgium away from Germany during the war. Does that give them a claim to Belgium? Shantung was not enemy country like

Flume. It was handed over to Japan against the protests of some of our delegates, and the experts charged with this question.

"It was handed over because Japan's signature was needed to the league. It was done as a necessity. It takes the territory of a friend, a ally who had been loyal—handed over

to a great military power in the east."

Charge Secret Pledges.
A charge that Japan secretly

cured pledges from Great Britain, France, Italy, and Russia early in 1917, that in the peace settlement the Shantung peninsula should for certain considerations, be turned over to the Tokio government, was made

Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, who produced what he declared to be copies of diplomatic correspondence embodying the promise

pledges, the Nebraska senator declared, fully explained the pressure which resulted in Shantung's transfer.

fer to Japan under the Versailles treaty, whose ratification by the senate, he asserted, would write "the blackest page in the nation's history."

Great Britain's influence in the matter, he charged, was secured by Japan's support of British claims.

Pacific Islands south of the equator while France's aid was purchased a promise of the Tokio government help draw China into the war so it

German ships in Chinese harbors would be available for carrying troops and provisions to France.

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CHATHAM MERCHANTS
BALK ON PEACE

Special to The Toronto World.
Chatham July 15.—Indications

that the wishes of the city council that Saturday be observed as a general holiday will not be obeyed. Although the council at its regular meeting

the night, decided that Friday of this week would be market day instead of Saturday. The decision was made in order that all stores could be open for the veterans' parade.

veniently close for the veterans' celebration, a large number of prominent merchants today signed and published in the local paper an agreement that they will open their stores

ment that they will open their stores on Monday and carry on business as usual on Saturday.

**COMMERCE MINISTER
FOR KOLCHAK REGI**

(Paris, July 15.—M. T. Serge Tro
koff, president of the economic and
financial commission of the Russian
national conference in Paris, and a

Meanwhile the United Farmers of Alberta political branches are preparing actively to launch into the province.

awarded to General Currie and
Walter Miller of the Canadian corps.