

WAR BETWEEN JAPAN AND U.S. QUITE LIKELY

Grave Questions are at Issue Between the Two Nations.

JAPS ARE INDIGNANT Resent the Offhanded Way U. S. Government Acts.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—According to a prominent member of the Kaiser's court it is the opinion in the highest military and naval circles that the questions at issue between the United States and Japan are graver than is generally believed, and will become acute the moment the former country decides on military intervention in Mexico. This member of the Emperor's entourage said in an interview with your correspondent:

"The almost complete isolation of the United States from a political viewpoint in the last two years, combined with the Japanese question, is being closely, but quietly watched by the German Government. It is no secret that it is believed in diplomatic circles in Berlin that there will be a graver danger of war between the United States and Japan if the former country maintains its present indifference, if not antagonistic, attitude towards Japan's demands for settlement of the questions now pending, especially if there should be any further anti-Japanese legislation in America.

Will Strike Suddenly.
"Military and naval men, as well as diplomats, regard the United States as being utterly unprepared for intervention in Mexico, much less for war with Japan. These men do not hesitate to say in private conversation that Japan could easily take the Philippine Islands and Hawaii. Once Japan decides that the war is inevitable, she will strike suddenly without giving any time for preparations.

"Opinions differ as to Japan's probable plan after taking the islands referred to. The majority of men who believe Japan will strike at the Panama Canal, using Honolulu and the coast of Mexico as bases of supplies. These experts point out the unpreparedness of the United States by stating that even Mexico has more modern field artillery than the American army.

"It is undeniable that the United States at present has less sympathy, not only in Europe, but on her own hemisphere, than in many decades. Students of conditions charge that the foreign policy of the American Gov-

Bigger American Navy Imperative

Rear-Admiral Vreeland Urges Necessity of Preparing Against Japan.

Washington, Feb. 18.—In the course of a stormy secret session, Rear-Admiral Vreeland, of the Strategy Board, informed the Navy Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives that unless the United States build four battleships yearly Japan will soon have a superior Navy, and be able easily to capture the Philippines and Hawaii, and to dictate terms for the settlement of the Californian dispute.

Admiral Vreeland asserted that the naval increases of Great Britain, Germany and France made a bigger American Navy imperative, and also expressed the opinion that the Japanese might be able to capture Alaska and the Panama Canal.

Government is responsible for this. Its tactlessness and indifference to other countries, with a who-cares-what-others-think air, have gone far to alienate the sympathy of other nations, even of America's friend, England.

A Case in Point.
"The utter indifference of the United States to the customs and feelings of others extends even to small things. For example, it is said to be a fact, the Washington Government has forbidden your Ambassador to Germany to conform to a simple rule of the Kaiser's court and adopt the usual diplomatic court dress. Every other conforms to this little matter, and the action of the American Government is incomprehensible at the court.

"It may be given out officially that the non-participation of Germany in the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco is based on industrial and economic grounds. It is a fact, never the less, that the action of the Government is due largely to the cumulative irritation over the administrative features of your tariff."

Count Reventlow, a noted writer on naval matters, and one of the mouthpieces of the land barons, who has great influence with the Government, said to your correspondent to-day:
"It is undeniable that President Wilson's Mexican policy has caused ill-will in influential commercial circles in Germany, and the United States no longer enjoys the sympathy of Germany as it did in the past."

Discussed in Newspapers.
The newspapers are taking up the subject of the relations of the United States and Japan.

The Vienna Journal, one of the most influential newspapers at the Austrian capital, editorially reviews the events between Japan and the United States which have led up to the present situation, and says the danger of war be-

THIS CAPTAIN AMONG FIRST TO LEAVE SHIP

Captain Johnston of Monroe in First Boat to Get Away.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Breaking all precedents of the sea, Captain Edward Johnson, of the wrecked steamer Monroe, was in the first boat to leave the sinking vessel, according to his own testimony late yesterday afternoon, at the Government inquiry into the disaster which caused the loss of forty-one lives, off the Virginia coast, on the morning of January 30th.

The probe, which, it was hinted yesterday afternoon, would result in a calling of a conference of all the marine powers, by the United States, to revise the International navigation rules, is being based on the trial of Captain Jeman Berry, Commander of the Merchants and Mariners lines, Nantucket, which rammed the Monroe, of the Old Dominion line.

Looked Out For No 1
Immediately after the collision, said Captain Johnson, he ran through the saloon, calling at the top of his voice that the ship was sinking and ordered all passengers to make for the upper deck. He hurried to life boat No. 5, and assisted by the boatswain, a wireless operator and one waiter, got her clear. He took aboard a colored woman passenger and a white man, and rowed away from the ship.

In the meantime he admitted he had ignored a big life craft capable of holding twenty-six persons. This was lashed to the deck within fifteen feet of the boat he was helping to launch. "I had no time to touch the raft," he said.

Some unknown sailors cut the lashing of the life raft passed by Captain Johnson and it got away with four persons clinging to it. Only two boats and one life raft out of eight boats and six life rafts left the vessel.

On the Stand
Captain Johnson again took the witness stand to-day in the trial of Captain Berry, of the Nantucket. The

between these two countries is greater than ever before. The paper points out that in case Japan decides on war it would be to her advantage to act for the Panama Canal is opened. The indications are, it says, that Japan will assist President Huerta of Mexico with war materials and money.

The paper concludes by saying that Japan will turn the tide of the emigration from that country. She will shut out the United States and send her emigrants to Mexico, which will create a new danger for the United States.

THE "ALMERIANA" COATED WITH ICE

Furness Liner was Six Days Getting to Halifax from This Port.

Exactly six days was the time taken by the Furness liner Almeriana to cover the distance from St. John's, Nfld., to Halifax, arriving here yesterday afternoon after a passage made under weather conditions which were the worst ever experienced by her captain. The Almeriana sailed from St. John's on Saturday last at four o'clock in the afternoon, and arrived in Halifax at four p.m. yesterday.

Ordinarily she occupies fifty hours in the passage, but on this trip she travelled in very light cargo, and meeting with extremely severe weather was tossed about like a cockle-shell during the entire voyage. She carried only 200 tons of freight in the hold and was continually dipping into the seas, her propeller racing half the time. The ship was heavily encased in ice.

The Almeriana's topsides amidships were plated with ice of a foot thick and huge icicles four feet in length hung from under the counter. As she was very high out of water, little seas were shipped, but spray swept all over her, so that the decks, bridge and deckhouses were all thickly coated. The weather was at zero during the greater part of the voyage. Captain Fairclough and his crew were somewhat tired last night after their lengthy and turbulent passage. The ship came through undamaged.

Leaving St. John's the Almeriana ran into a strong southeasterly gale which later shifted to the northwest and developed into a hurricane. Captain Fairclough said he had never before been through similar weather. The Almeriana had two passengers to land here.—Halifax Chronicle.

master of the Monroe has been on the stand two days during which he has several times gone over the details of the accident in which forty-one persons lost their lives. Much of the time of the inquiry, which is being conducted by the United States local steam vessel inspectors, is being taken up in an effort to draw lessons from the disaster with a view of drawing up amendments to the present regulations that will assist in preventing similar occurrences. So far Captain Johnson has made no criticism of the conduct of Captain Berry, but has commended him for the efforts he made to rescue passengers and members of the crew of the Monroe.

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