

JAP-AUSTRALIAN CLASH EXPECTED BY HERR KRAUSS

Says United States - Japan Trouble Will be Smoothed Over.

GERMANS WOULD WELCOME A WAR

Australia Charged With Provoking Japan—Militarists Hope This Will Continue.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Constantly recurring rumors about strained relations between Japan and the United States arouse great interest here. The liberal press constantly points out that America will not forcibly seize the Yap cable, nor will Japan risk war with America for the benefit of some immigrants in California, but that both powers will surely come to an understanding on both questions.

The reactionary press, however, welcomes even another world catastrophe, holding that somehow in the maelstrom of Junkerdom or Kaiserdom might come on top again, and joyous records every day seem to portend a coming clash between the yellow and white races. Germans who know the East believe the tension between Japan and Australia to be more dangerous than any misunderstanding with America.

Privy Councillor Emil Krauss, 44 German administrator of the Caroline Islands, residing in Tientsin, told the correspondent that the Japanese are now about to fortify the harbor of the larger of the forty-four islands comprising the West Caroline Archipelago, not so much against American as Australian aggression.

Australians Hated. "The Australians," said Herr Krauss, "have always acted with the most provocation against the Japanese, and are, doubtless, the best hated people in Japan. What galls the Japanese most is that Australian racial discrimination against the Japanese even in favor of the Chinese. All yellow merchants visiting Australia are compelled to give a certain money security that they will leave again after a fixed time. While this rule is harshly enforced where the Japanese are concerned it is made much easier for the Chinese."

"Somehow the fact that Yap is among the islands to be fortified might be regarded as a provocation by Americans to desire possession of the German cables leading from Pampul or Yap to Shanghai, Guam and Manila. One can easily understand America's interest seeing that the possession of Yap Island will place the Japanese in control of American cable messages in China and the rest of East Asia, and American trade secrets would be at Japanese mercy. To the Japanese, however, possession of Yap Island and cable lines is not only of mercantile, but also of political and strategic importance, because these islands, fortified, would secure her from any aggression by any two countries that could ever be expected to fight her with any chance of success. The German inheritance in the South Sea may thus be destined to play a fatal part in the future for America and Japan, who will find it mighty difficult to come to an agreement over Yap."

Yap Independent of Cable. "Shortly before I left Tientsin the wireless station connecting with Nauen, near Berlin, had been opened. By this means the possessor of Yap will remain in connection with all the world, even if the cables should be cut, which fact, of course, makes the island the more valuable."

As a colonial possession, the ex-administrator said, the Carolines had no value. The inhabitants of the forty-four islands, called Micronesians, numbered only 15,000 altogether. The German Government had never had any trouble with them, except to feed them several years when a plant plague destroyed almost all the fruit-bearing vegetation.

CHICAGO JANITORS 'IN DUTCH' THIS YEAR

Threat of Strike Takes Christmas Spirit Away from Tenants.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The "Merry Christmas" of many Chicago janitors tomorrow morning will fall to bring the customary Christmas tip, for thousands of tenants in this city are not feeling very "Christmasy" toward their janitors Christmas gifts to janitors from landlords are still less probable.

The janitors make the mistake of delivering their "Happy New Year" message before their Christmas greeting. They have served notice upon landlords and apartment dwellers that unless a blanket increase of 25 per cent in wages is granted they will go on strike on Dec. 31. Only the union janitors participate in the "Happy New Year" ultimatum, but they number 4,877, and many apartment house dwellers will be deserted on the first day of the New Year if the strike is made effective. Not only will the apartments be homeless but deliveries of milk and other supplies will be tied up in many apartment houses. The landlords say the increase of pay demanded means an increase of \$1 a month per flat.

Twenty-six per cent of the 65,000 license tags issued in the District of Columbia in 1920 went to non-residents of that city.

More motorists were killed in Delaware last year in proportion to the number of automobiles registered than in any other State.

EXTREME ITALIAN LABOR FACTION'S FORCE IS SPENT

Lenine Has Given Italy up as Bad Job and Bolshevik Propaganda Abandoned.

Rome, Dec. 16.—A few weeks ago British labor propagandists said that Italy was placed where developments would be significant. They were confident that under Italy's lead a reform would be worked out that would create a new and permanent balance between capital and labor. These calculations proved entirely misleading. The labor unrest here appears to have spent itself. Instead of a fight to finish the metallurgical strike seems to have been an exhibition which left little permanent impression. Indeed, among employers the belief exists that the extremists have shot their bolt, and that labor itself has become convinced of the futility of extreme measures. The municipal elections showed how far the pendulum already has swung toward conservatism. I hear that Lenine has given up Italy as a bad job and that Bolshevik propaganda here has been definitely abandoned.

Giolitti moves with crowd. Giolitti adjusts himself to public opinion as it moves from right to left and back again and seems in a fair way to hold power for the ordinary term of an Italian ministry. An interesting and significant fact is that Giolitti is now putting into effect the very change that was the immediate cause of Nitti's fall. He is raising the price of bread to get rid of Government loss, and provide money for more urgent needs. The financial problem continues desperate, but with the menace of a labor revolution removed, and the will to work restored among all classes, Italy may fully count on general betterment through increase of production.

While Giolitti specializes on interior questions, Count Storace is showing strong qualities in the Foreign Office. He struck out on his own lead in the settlement with Jugoslavia and his success has strengthened the government, usually too much inclined to take the line of least resistance.

Ready To Go Ahead. If Italy could get timely help in money and coal, she is ready to pick up and go ahead than any other country. Nowhere else has the old love of working with the hands and accomplishing humble tasks survived to the same extent. Germany saw an opportunity in Italy's labor resources and was utilizing it on a grand scale before the war. She shows signs of trying to resume these relations. She has just bought a splendid palace here to house her embassy and is making arrangements for diplomatic representation that make our over-crowded little ambassadorial quarters in a hotel seem mean by comparison.

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TWO MILLION CUT IN EASTERN STATES FOR CHRISTMAS TIME

Dealers Estimate This Many Trees Will be Used This Year.

Boston, Dec. 22.—In addition to half a million trees brought from Canada for Saturday's festivities in the homes of the eastern states, a Christmas tree crop of more than a million and a half of evergreen trees, spruce, fir, and hemlock, was cut in the forests and pastures of New England this year, according to estimates of dealers here.

From the forests of Maine 600,000 trees were taken; in Vermont it was estimated about 300,000 were felled, and the reports of the state forester of New Hampshire show a shipment of approximately 600,000. The southern section of New England cuts much less, the crop from the Berkshires in Massachusetts being probably about 15,000, and in Rhode Island and Connecticut combined about 25,000.

Bought Cheap by Dealer. On the stump these trees were sold by the farmer or woodland owner for a few cents each, large lots selling at from \$25 to \$30 a thousand. Prior to the war these trees which were brought several dollars when sold at retail in the city.

The department regards the Christmas tree industry as legitimate and says it is not objectionable if the land owners receive a fair value for their trees and the cutting is scattered and confined to the right size of trees.

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Paris, Dec. 22.—A new fortune-teller, with a new way of telling fortunes, has come to Paris from the country, and on the strength of a postcard from President Millerand, thanking her for having predicted his election to his present office, has got herself launched with excellent publicity.

Her name is Mme. Urbe Derville, and she has come from Avignon, the home of romance. She dispenses all ancient methods. The only appliance she uses in order to reveal the future is a mirror. On this her clients breathe on the glass. Then at her leisure the proceeds to examine it. Everyone's breath, it seems, traces a different pattern.

Held First Seance. This morning she held her first seance and chose as her clients a number of newspaper men. That she should surprise many with her knowledge of their past and her views of their future, was inevitable, for she is evidently a shrewd seeress. Unless the police interfere, there seems to be a great career before the seeress who predicted so accurately for M. Millerand.

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EXCESS PROFITS DUTY DOOMED IN ENGLAND

Believed it Will Soon be a Thing of the Past.

(Copyright, 1920, By Cross-Atlantic.) London, Dec. 21.—The Excess Profits Duty, which has earned more abuse for the British Chancellor of the Exchequer than any other war-tax, appears to be doomed. Its "collapse" is already announced, and it is said to be "for all practical purposes" dead. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is concerned by the drop in the yield from "E.P.D." due to the slump in trade. Although the tax has been raised from 40 to 60 per cent, the yield for the six months ended September 30 was 30 millions less than in the same period of last year.

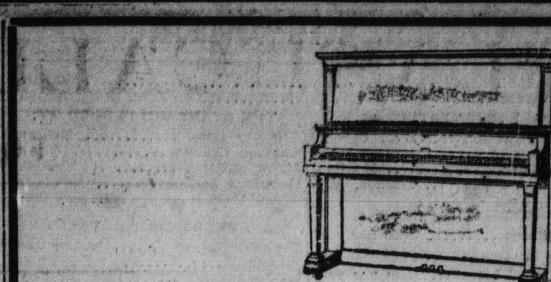
At the taxation department of the Federation of British Industries it was stated that there was every indication the drop would continue with increased rapidity. It is said the tax is already driving British manufacturers out of the country. Only a few days ago a big manufacturer who had established a large business in the North of England, announced that E.P.D. had strangled him. He is going to Australia to establish his factory in that country.

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