

SAY SYMPATHY FOR JAPS WANES

Rumors of Change of Sent.

LIKELY STARTED BY GERMANS
British Admiration for Kuropatkin's
Skill Not Understood by the

London, Sept. 19.—Two interesting and possibly important cross-currents are vexing Great Britain's international relations. A group of journals on the continent suddenly has discovered

Japan is waning and giving place to a preference for Russia. The Times' Vienna correspondent says that the movement is too systematically followed up to be purely fortuitous. When

In the far east there are certainly no signs of any change in England's feelings towards Japan. Nobody here expects continental journalists, after their wanton vilification of the brave British soldiery in South Africa, to understand how the Englishman's fundamental instinct for fair play makes

Gen. Kuropatkin's retreat, without weakening one atom his political sympathies with Kuropatkin's foe. As for the grumbings of English war correspondents, with Bennett Burleigh, of the Telegraph, the chief among them, against the severe Japanese repression of newspaper enterprise, Englishmen have too keen a memory of the mischievous correspondents worked in the Boer war to take the weak-

Japan is engaged in a life and death struggle, and cannot shackle her armies to please even Lord Burnham and the Daily Telegraph. The threat that these correspondents may revenge themselves by writing down Japan's next loan gives the measure to be attached to this.

semi-official press a good deal of credence is attached to the broad outlines of the Times' elaborate exposure of a Russo-German understanding. Germany would seem to be deriving immediate advantage in her new treaty arrangements with Russia, English traders being left severely outside, while it is equally clear that whatever extension of German influence

Russia's good will be made at the expense of that power, Great Britain, in whose sphere of influence the Yangtse Valley practically is.

"Obviously, Germany runs great risks," the Spectator says. "The Kaiser must count upon the fatuity of the British Government, and in a soothing word or two making Englishmen believe that the new agreement is a

interests; but, even so, Japan has to be reckoned with, Japan, victorious in the war, will give Germany a polite reminder that Kiaochow belongs to China and that the peace of the world de-

Lord Lansdowne credits the story of a Russo-German compact, he may suggest to France the expediency of reinsuring herself with Great Britain against eventualities, as Germany has done with France's ally, on the ground that Great Britain, after all, is not so much the enemy as she is supposed to be.

General satisfaction is expressed at Russia's recognition of the principle that provisions are not contraband when consigned to private parties. Any other view, obviously, would entail the gravest results for a people whose food reaches them in ships, but Lancashire asks "What about cotton?" The British view is that cotton is only contraband, not food.

important. As the Manchester Guardian says: "If we were at war, the full doctrine of occasional contraband being previously established, Lancashire's raw cotton would arrive in perfect safety, and no European power could condemn a cargo of American cotton without making America our ally. On the other hand, if cotton be

The fear is the British and American Governments may make the mistake of treating foodstuffs as of exclusive importance, because the circumstances of the moment have given them prominence, ignoring coal, cotton, and a multitude of other articles hardly less vital to England's industrial life.

strongly pressed to abandon their much-resented campaign for the conversion of the Jews. Lord Rothschild, Sir Samuel Montague the chief rabbi, and others have issued an appeal to all Jewish parents and children to refrain from visiting mission halls under any pretext whatever. They urge "all our brethren of the house of Israel to resist all attempts direct and indirect

HID IN TRUNK

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Hidden in a trunk and almost suffocated, Calvin Linden, colored, who shot and killed Charles Meyers, a clerk, and wounded three other men Saturday night, has been injured at the home of his sister, Mrs.

While the police searched the house, and Linden betrayed himself by raising the lid for air as soon as his sister rose, and when the police were about to leave after an apparently fruitless search, Linden submitted meekly to arrest and declared he had killed Meyers in self-defense.