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## ONLY TWO WAYS FOR JAPAN TO ACT SAYS GERMAN NEWSPAPER

Become Vassal of Entente Opposing Own Interests or Play Role of False Ally

Is Seeking Friendship—Germany, Seeing Japan's Big Interests in Future History, Now Wants Rapprochement

The Hague, Dec. 21.—The question of Japan continues to monopolize the columns of the German press, especially Japan's interests versus those of America. At present it is difficult to say with what intention these articles were written, but it is possible that Germany is hoping for a rapprochement with Japan, and is preparing the people.

The Frankfurter Zeitung points out that Japan's refusal to send troops against Russia is comprehensible, as Japan will need friends in the future to further her interests if the European powers weaken themselves by a long war, although she has little direct interest in lengthening the war, as she no longer is delivering war material to Russia, and big masses of Japanese are suffering from the war.

The paper argues that Japan is also menaced by a loss of American trade, because, as America becomes involved in war, the more nationally economical she is becoming owing to tonnage and questions of exchange, and she will soon be obliged to do without Japanese silk. It is argued also that if Japan continues to pursue her present policy, only two ways are open to her—either to become a vassal of the Entente in opposition to her own interests, or to play the role of a false ally, refusing to share the work of the Entente Allies.

No Obstacles to Peace.

"Perhaps politicians in Tokio understand that it is now time to deliberate and recognize a turning point in history," the Frankfurter Zeitung continues. "Japan will, under no circumstances, make a separate peace, but she will not put obstacles in the way of peace. Peace will come from the east as Russia and South China desire it."

The paper points out that it is to Japan's advantage to please these two powers, and concludes that debates in the Japanese parliament will be followed with interest.

The Holsteische Volkszeitung also deals with the question of America's interests in Russia, and concludes that Japan, pointing out that besides all the American capital invested, Russia is such a good client of America's that America cannot afford to quarrel with Russia. The paper contends that America's important interests in the east are practically all at the mercy of Japan unless she can get a stronger foothold there, and that Japan realizes her stronghold, which is unsalable.

The Volkszeitung considers it remarkable that Japan has refused to send troops against Russia, and asserts that

this is another sign of the big role eastern questions will play in the future. It continues:

"For America important and actual questions are at stake, but still more important are those of the future. If she becomes energetically involved in war she loses her footing in the east forever."

The paper argues that America has made many mistakes already, and that it remains to be seen whether she intends to spoil her Russian market, a possibility which no one would desire more than Japan.

## NEW YORK VIEW OF CANADIAN ELECTIONS

(N. Y. Times Editorial.)

The decisive triumph of the Unionists in the Dominion elections is proof of the resolution of the mass of Canadians to stand united, without thought of party names or politics, until the war is won. For that reason, it is most welcome to Americans, even to those who have been the warmest admirers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his great career. In the fifteen years of his premiership he furthered fruitfully the growth of Canadian trade and transportation and agriculture, and of Canadian national feeling, of a Canadian state bearing strongly and with increasing power of initiative her part in the British Empire. His was the most engaging and impressive colonial figure at the commemoration of Victoria's sixtieth year upon the throne and at King Edward's coronation.

At the beginning of the war, and afterwards, he supported with voice and vote its prosecution, and he urged his fellow-citizens of French Canadian extraction to enlist. He is a thoroughly loyal and patriotic leader; but he was unfortunate in some of his allies in this campaign. The Bourassites and extreme Nationalists of his province of Quebec, the separatists and disloyalists everywhere in the Dominion were on his side, not because their purposes and his are alike, but because they wished to break up the Union ministry and to make trouble to hinder the war. Sir Wilfrid proposed to submit the Military Service measure to a popular referendum. He said that conscription was not the main issue, and he had many strings to his bow, but popular opinion, not the opinion of even the subtlest politicians, makes issues. Conscription was the main issue, and it has won.

The popularity of Sir Wilfrid, economic policies upon which in other times he might well have won a verdict, the lingering attachment of many Liberals to their old leader and party, the inevitable dissatisfactions and personal disappointments caused by a long parliament and Sir Robert Borden's long continuance in office, the natural grumbling at war measures and conditions, all the shades of discontent and opposition were powerless to carry out the enterprise which the wonderful old man undertook under a misapprehension of facts singular for so accomplished a judge of men and politics.

Especially notable are the Union gains in the western provinces, where the economic theories of Liberalism are strong. Sir Wilfrid, equally eloquent in French and English, was heard eagerly by the western crowds. They admired him, and then voted against him. Ontario, of course, was enormously Unionist, Quebec enormously Liberal and Laurier in

## TO HELP GERMAN PEOPLE THROW OFF YOKE OF JUNKERS

Appeal Made To American Citizens of Teutonic Birth or Descent

World Freedom Menaced—Friends of German Democracy Urge Whole-Hearted Support of America's War Aims

New York, Dec. 21.—An appeal to American citizens of German birth and descent to join its campaign for helping the United States to win the war is made public by the executive committee of the Friends of German Democracy. Franz Sigel, son of General Franz Sigel, of civil war fame, is president of the organization.

"This was not a war on the part of America against the German nation," the appeal stated. "It is rather a war against a peculiar system of society and government. This system of society and government unhappily dominates the German people to their own and the world's undoing."

The committee declared that "a majority of the German people, if properly informed about their own government and its misdeeds, will not wait until the German nation is completely crushed by force of arms, but will sooner or later rise against the Kaiser and the Junkers and establish a democratic government in Germany."

"President Wilson has very clearly pointed out," the statement added, "that the war must go on until the triumph of democracy is complete. This matter is no longer doubtful. American citizens of German birth or descent must now realize that they are face to face with a known fact, and not with an open question. America and her Allies are going to win this war against the Emperor and the ruling classes of Germany."

"During the last seventy years over five million Germans have come to America. We find that the principles for which many of our immediate ancestors, or we ourselves suffered exile, are threatened by the very powers which forced us as a people out of Germany. We must rally with our fellow Americans against the tyranny which has so long cursed the country of our fathers, and which now rises as a dangerous threat against the liberty of the whole world."

"The friends of German democracy urged our German people in America, by every means in their power, to assist themselves on the side of right in this conflict."

Perhaps after all it is wise to have all those holes in some kinds of cheese. Those kinds apparently need all the fresh air they can get.—Vancouver Sun.

form, anti-British in fact. The execution of the Military Service act in that province will be the most delicate task of the Union government.

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