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**The War
And Jap Strikes**

It would be interesting to know how much of the disposition to violence among Japanese in Hawaii is due to the influences of the war in the Far East. All will remember that before the outbreak of the conflict the prediction was freely made here that if the Japanese were victorious over the Russians they would become so "cocky" that there would be innumerable difficulties in handling them. Victories over the great European power, it was stated, would so add to the natural conceit of the Japanese as a race that they would become unmanageable as laborers and our plantations would suffer greatly from their insubordination.

This state of affairs did not develop in any marked degree. What did develop, as indicated by police reports, was a greater tendency to violence among the Japanese themselves. There were more murders and other crimes of violence. The reading of the stirring literature of blood that came from the Far East seemed to spur the little brown man here to settlement of his own troubles with the gun or knife. The strikes which have occurred during the months since the war began, with the possible exception of the present one, have not been unusual, and there has been no special difficulty in settling them.

The present strike, if it has as its cause an objection to a Japa because he is a Russian, is certainly a result of the war, and at the same time it is something rather unique in the way of labor troubles. Incidentally there is food for thought in the fact that the man sent in command of the militia to quell the disturbances is also a Russian by birth. Sam Johnson is a good American now, but the fact dreadful to Japs, that he was once a Russian, is not to be gainsaid. Of course, in spite of their denials, which have been made more than once in the local Japanese press, of "cockiness" as a result of the battles in Manchuria, it is impossible that the Japanese character should have been unaltered by their successes under Oyama and Togo. The Japanese should remember at the same time that these successes have also affected the foreign view of them. The very victories won in the Far East have done something to diminish American sympathy for Japan, the sympathy having been founded in large part upon the notion that Japan was a weak little power bravely attacking an almost invincible giant. Such occurrences as a serious strike over trivial matters and deeds of violence in connection therewith, added to the agitation in California, will do more to alter the American estimate of the Japanese character and lose for Japan the sympathy of Americans. The Japs at Lahaina are probably doing their nation real harm, for already their actions are known all over the country.

**The World
By The Ears**

Was ever the world so by the ears? It seems as though wireless and cable had no service to perform but to bring us news of violence, commotion and disaster. At home we have the strikes on Maui, that at Wailuku happily ended without violence, but that at Lahaina still seemingly displaying all the characteristics of the shock of arms, and the thunder of conflict.

From Chicago comes the announcement that the strike is spreading and the rioting growing worse, with men being killed; in the pacified Philippines, war again rears his ugly front. The cry from Macedonia now is the shriek and wail of the dead and dying in the encounters between Turks and Greeks. Hungry rioters attack flour mills in Spain. There is a fatal clash between Socialists and police in Buenos Ayres. A British steamer is sunk in collision at Tynemouth. Eight persons have been killed by lightning in Silesia. In Serbia the whole Serbian population of a particular town is threatened with massacre by the Albanians. And now pirates have attacked a British vessel in Mediterranean waters.

This is a mad world, my masters. We seem to be having either a carnival of violence or a carnival of reporting violence from the ends of the earth.

**Congressman
Hull's Views**

According to the London, Eng. Standard, Congressman Hull, the chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, remarked at Sioux City, Ia., in the course of an interview on the subject of Japanese ambitions in the Pacific:

"I foresee trouble for the United States in Japan's victory. It makes them feel that they can whip any country, and they want the Philippines. At Washington the situation is regarded as menacing. There would be no land fighting in a Philippine campaign. The United States needs a navy equal to that of England, but we spend on it less than half as much as England. We ought to fortify Hawaii so that no Japanese warship could coal there against our will. Japan would prefer to buy the Philippine Islands, and may try to do so with the Russian indemnity money, and if we refuse to sell we can expect trouble very shortly afterwards."

**Getting
From Under**

One of the indications that there is a sentiment in Russia that questions the wisdom of the policy which carried out the occupation of Port Arthur, and the successive steps that led to the present war with Japan, is shown by the keen controversy now going on in Russia as to who is responsible for it. There seems to be a general disposition to disclaim responsibility for it. Echoes of this controversy are heard outside Russia, and in the continental papers a great deal of keen discussion of the matter appears.

One of the most interesting contributions to the controversy is from M. Angurieff, formerly an assistant of M. Witte, president of the Committee of Ministers, who undertakes the defense of his former chief against the charges that he was in any manner responsible for the Manchurian adventure, or the events which brought on the war. On the contrary, M. Angurieff proves, by means of hitherto unpublished documents, that M. Witte opposed the Manchurian plans throughout in the most energetic manner, intimating, in fact, that it was really his opposition to the schemes in the far east which led to his downfall as finance minister. M. Angurieff says that in the first place M. Witte was not responsible for the Siberian railroad. Its conception and execution belonged to his predecessor as finance minister, M. Wychnegradski. M. Witte was opposed to the seizure of Port Arthur in 1898, but was overruled by the advice of Count Muravieff, the minister for foreign affairs, who submitted alleged proofs that Great Britain intended to seize the port if Russia did not do it.

Subsequently M. Witte opposed the retention of Manchuria. After the Boxer uprising M. Witte presented a memorandum to the emperor, pointing out, with the foresight of a statesman, Manchuria and Korea as territory for the extension of Japan's growing activity, her life or

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death, and adding that Russian occupation of that territory was bound to lead to a clash and eventually to war.

When he again was overruled, M. Witte advised the immediate construction of the circum-Baikal railroad for strategic purposes in preparation for the conflict which he saw ahead. Later, when the situation became acute, seeing that Russia was not prepared, M. Witte urged at least the temporary withdrawal of the Russian forces from Manchuria. He then wrote to the emperor as follows:

"Instead of making an enemy of Japan, we should win her friendship. I strongly advise a friendly solution. We need to populate our eastern provinces, and have vital interests to defend in the eventual war with the yellow race in order that the peasants of Russia may understand what they are fighting for."

All M. Witte's warnings were unheeded, and he was no longer consulted. The Korean timber concession was obtained without his knowledge.

Wait till those Japanese over at Lahaina find out that Sam Johnson is a Russian!

What with Sheriff H. Henry in command and Lieutenant Jimmy Dougherty of the Signal Corps to assist, there should be no difficulty whatever in handling a couple of thousand Japa-Japanese.

The rumor that Sheriff H. Henry has figured out that there are exactly 662 Japanese making the trouble on Maui has not yet been confirmed.

An American submarine crew having refused to go down with their boat, it is up to Uncle Sam to get some Russians.

With the Albanians threatening to massacre the Serbian population, and the Greeks and Turks killing each other on sight, our own Lahaina is peaceful in comparison to those Balkan states.

Lazy people are soon made industrious in Holland. When a pauper who is able to work refuses to go so, he is put in a cistern, to which a pump is attached. A stream of water is turned on, and it flows into the cistern just slowly enough to enable the lazy person, by lively pumping, to keep the water from rising over his head. It might do to introduce this system of curative treatment in Honolulu. There are a few round the town who might benefit.

According to a Hongkong paper, a curious course has been taken by those interested in some of the coal shipments for Vladivostok. The steamers carrying the coal are not insured against war risks, while the coal is fully insured; consequently those who have interests in the hulls and not in the cargoes have interposed to prevent

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A woman in San Francisco has a husband who does not support her, though abundantly able to do so, as she claims. Yet she can't get a divorce from him on the ground of non-support, as she wants to do, and has tried to do, because she has means of her own sufficient to support her in comfort—and the divorce laws of California, liberal as they are, won't give her a divorce under such circumstances, for that cause. The question naturally arises, against which husband should she have a grudge, the one who gives her cause for divorce, which she wants, or the one who left her money that stands in the way of divorce?

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