

A Crisis Is Rapidly Approaching



REAR ADMIRAL GILES B. HARBER



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Map showing the location of the Japanese naval base at Hong Kong and their relative positions to the Philippines. Diagram shows the relative strength of the American and Japanese navies. Below, the two men who would face each other in battle should an American-Japanese conflict be forced.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—When Hobson raised his cry of "Japanese war," when more recently Leslie M. Shaw voiced his idea that sooner or later America and Japan would meet in battle, the world at large designated this as of no unusual significance, but merely the opinions of individuals. When, however, last week Jacob S. Schiff made his stirring announcement, which has gone around the world, that England was blocking the open door to

American financial investments in Manchuria, the situation assumed a more serious aspect. Jacob Schiff is recognized as the foremost authority on Japanese finance and when he says that Japan is perfectly able to finance a war against the United States at the present time it is a certainty that such is the case.

It is now an acknowledged fact that Japanese cunning has entirely outwitted American diplomacy in many ways, for the situation today shows clearly that Japan has just as completely isolated the United States from European nations in regard to Manchuria as she did Russia in 1904. America today stands in the judgment of European nations, with the possible exception of Germany, as their chief and most objectionable competitor for trade in the Orient.

The situation, should a war take place, has been gone over minutely, but it is well to note the comparative naval strength of the two nations.

With the United States navy divided into the Atlantic and Pacific squadrons, much could be done before a junction of the two or a part of the two could be accomplished, so that really the United States' naval strength would be but little more than the Pacific squadron for the first part of such a conflict.

One of the most significant features is the fact that according to report Japan is rushing with all speed preparations for a great naval base on the island of Formosa, only a short distance from the Philippines. To this island it has transferred an army corps and all the equipment necessary for an offensive and defensive campaign.

any railroad which was directly and substantially competitive with that of such first named corporation. My amendments add water carriers to the inhibition. In other words, no railroad can hereafter acquire any interest in the capital stock of any water carriers' corporation, or purchase or lease any water line, which is directly and substantially competitive with a railroad.

"The amendments go still further and provide that no water carrier shall acquire, directly or indirectly, any interest in a competing railroad corporation.

"Due in no small measure to the sentiment aroused by the National Rivers and Harbors congress, whose various conventions I have attended as a delegate, the government is entering upon a policy of expending annually between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000 for the development of the waterways of the country. If we would insure to the people the competition in rates which it is expected such vast governmental expenditures will be instrumental in bringing about, it is of tremendous importance that we enact laws to meet the situation.

"For instance, with the completion of the Panama canal the people of my state (California) and other Pacific coast states should be privileged to enjoy the facilities which that great waterway will afford, but if we allow the railroads to purchase, control or lease competing water lines but little benefit will accrue to the shipper. Similar conditions are confronting other localities. My amendments, I feel satisfied, will meet the requirements."

Are Approved.

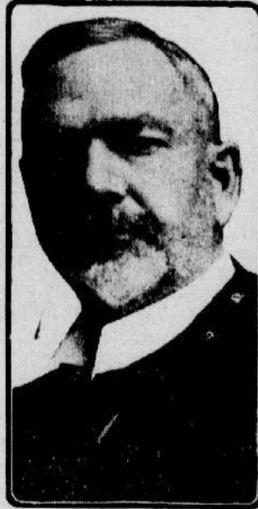
Honorable Judson C. Clements, acting chairman of the interstate commerce commission in the absence of Chairman Knapp, said, that the commission had given the amendments outlined above, their unqualified approval, the very necessities of the situation making their enactment into law imperative.

"It has been demonstrated, that water lines have been closed completely or controlled by railroads and no longer in competition in the matter of rates. This condition of affairs should not be permitted to exist.

"The policy of the law, from the beginning has been to leave water transportation free from control by the government but with the completion of the Panama canal a new condition confronts us and in order to encourage the building up of transcontinental commerce it has been deemed

essential to amend, what has come to be called the "administration bill" by prohibiting railroads from owning or controlling water lines to the end that rates may not be interfered with."

CHIEF JUSTICE



JUDGE ROBERT M. MONTGOMERY.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—The new court established under the Taft regime—that of the court of customs appeals—will be the last resort in all disputes concerning customs and duties. Judge Robert M. Montgomery of Lansing, Mich., chief justice of the supreme court of his state, has been nominated by President Taft as chief justice of the new court in Washington. The other members of the committee are Marion De Vries of California, James Smith, former governor general of the Philippines and Judge Hunt of Montana.

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Mrs. Fred Bennett, wife of the commissioner of the land office, is attracting much attention by her very elaborate luncheons, especially a recent one in honor of Mrs. Coe Crawford, wife of Senator Crawford of South Dakota.

Mrs. Frank E. Guernsey, wife of United States Representative Guernsey of Maine, is one of the congressional social favorites.

WATERWAYS NEED PROTECTION

ELIMINATION OF DOMINATION BY THE RAILWAYS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

Washington, March 26.—(Special.)—Now that the house of representatives has adopted the policy of an annual river and harbor bill and the senate committee on commerce has expressed itself in like manner, the necessity for protecting the waterways from the domination of the railroads has become a subject for serious concern, not only on the part of the interstate commerce commission but with congress as well. As a result of the discussion which has been going on for some time the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce has adopted certain amendments to the administration rate bill now pending before it which it is believed will strengthen the measure materially, by prohibiting railroads from having any interest in any water line and vice versa.

Representative Charles E. Townsend of Michigan, who has the administration rate bill in charge, speaking of the action of the committee on the amendment in question, said: "Under existing law the interstate commerce commission is given authority to establish a through route where none exists, but if one such route should exist the commission has no power to establish another however desirable such other might be.

"In the bill shortly to be reported out of the interstate and foreign commerce committee of the house it is proposed to prevent the ownership of a road or stock in a road which competes with another road or with a water line. But we go further in the one by providing that the commission may establish, after hearing on motion or complaint, any number of through routes by rail or water and we prohibit a rail line from owning an interest in a competing water line, or vice versa.

Made Necessary.

"These provisions are made necessary by the Panama canal situation. We didn't want the railroads to buy up the boat lines which we hope will be established to compete for transcontinental commerce.

"The time may come when we will have to fix a minimum rate for the railroads in order to prevent such disastrous competition as will destroy an existing boat line and discourage those who would establish lines when our rivers and others waterways are better developed. But the committee, at this time, did not feel like saying to any common carrier that it could not reduce its rates as low as it desired."

Representative J. E. Knowland of California, a member of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, who has been an enthusiastic friend of waterway and vitally interested in their protection against railway influences, in so far as they may affect rates, has introduced several amendments to the measure now under consideration by the commerce committee of the house and has seen them adopted unanimously.

Adds Others.

"Section 12 of the bill as originally introduced," said Mr. Knowland, "provided that no railroad corporation which was a common carrier should hereafter acquire any interest of whatsoever kind in the capital stock of any railroad or purchase or lease

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