

Reds "Expose" German "Pact With Japan"

"Treaty" Said to Have Been Drawn Up While Max Was the Chancellor Was Bargain for Berlin

"Agreement" Intended to Force England to Make Peace and Menace U. S.

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BERLIN (Via Holland), Dec. 2.—The Bolsheviks are circulating an alleged "Treaty of Alliance between Germany and Japan," in an effort to expose the aggressive, imperialistic schemes of the pacifist government that included Scheidemann. The "treaty" is alleged to have been drawn up while Prince Max was Chancellor.

The "document" is couched in perfect diplomatic jargon and is impossibly made up with articles and a memorandum attached. The draft is cunning and yet, if an official forgery, it is clumsy in one essential point, for while it is easy to see that Germany would make an excellent bargain by it, the document seems to credit Japan not only with perfidy worthy of the Hohenzollerns, but a guillibility altogether unwarranted by her record.

The draft of the "treaty," it is stated, has been approved and initiated by representatives of both Germany and Japan and merely awaited ratification when the German revolution broke out.

The "treaty" presupposes Russia as the third contracting party that is to be cleansed of Bolshevism and restored as a great power under the leadership of Germany.

Some of the "clauses" of this bogus instrument are:

"Germany is to share the privileges and concessions secured by Japan from Russia in Central Asia and Persia, as well as the Japanese privileges and concessions in Southern China, to the exclusion of all other powers."

"Japan is to support indirectly German interests at the peace conference and is to promote a Russo-German military, political and economic 'reinsurance treaty'."

"In return, Germany is to conclude with Japan a secret military and naval convention against the aggressive intentions of America and England. Particulars are to be settled after conclusion of peace."

The memorandum attached to the treaty says it is the work of a former Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, who is alleged to be in Berlin now. It explains Germany's downfall as "due to her policy of a Western orientation, based upon a futile hope of a fair peace with England, whereas an Eastern orientation would have established a bridge across Russia to Japan, forced England to make peace, and constituted a grave menace to America."

Scheidemann has since unofficially denied the existence of this treaty.

U. S. and Japanese Leaders Unite to Call Treaty Fake

Reports of a Germany-Japan treaty were received with incredulity and denials in Washington and in New York. The State Department declared positively that the report was without foundation. Chairman Hitchcock of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was as emphatic in asserting that there was no truth in it. Tokichi Tanaka, counselor of the Japanese Embassy at Washington, denied the report with utter conviction. All three of the Washington sources of information scoffed at the idea.

"I am quite certain," said Lindsay Russell, president of the Japan Society, "that the rumor that Japan has signed a treaty with Germany recently is unfounded. It is quite possible that it is one of those canards which have emanated from German sources from time to time to create friction and ill will between the United States and Japan. It is on a parallel with the

Zimmermann note, which was designed to make trouble between Japan and the United States through Mexico.

"The relations between the United States and Japan have been most cordial in the last two years, more so than at any time within the last decade, and while we had hoped that there would be no further activities by those who might be interested in creating bad relations between the two countries it seems that they are continuing and probably will continue from time to time."

"One thing which characterizes the Japanese government above all others is its fidelity to its international obligations and its loyalty to its allies."

Commenting on the reported alliance Dr. Toyokichi Yemaga, director of the East and West News Bureau, a distinguished Japanese publicist, said:

"I am perfectly astounded at this report. It is absurd on its face. The signing of any treaty between Japan and Germany would virtually mean a separate peace and that would constitute a violation of Japan's solemn covenant."

"Such a rumor might have originated in the brain of schemers, who are already at work to arouse suspicion and sow the seed of discord between Japan and America. So far as I can see there cannot be and will not be any basis for the verity of such nonsense."

Chonosuke Yada, who recently assumed the post of Japanese Consul General at New York was not disturbed by the report.

"This surpasses in wildness the Zimmermann note," said Mr. Yada. "On Japan's part such a miserable arrangement would be suicidal. Putting aside all question of the treachery of such a treaty, would it not be absurd diplomacy for Japan, who has been staunchly pro-entente from the beginning of the conflict, to ally herself now with a beaten enemy? I attribute this rumor to German propaganda."

What Will Become Of Foe's Lands South of Equator?

Australia and New Zealand Are Much Interested—British Pacific Island Federation Is Now Proposed

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 8 (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Pronouncement by Arthur J. Balfour, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that Germany's colonies will not be returned to her after the war revives in Australia and New Zealand animated discussion of the future of all the islands in the Pacific south of the equator.

Whatever conclusion is reached by the Allies at the peace conference as to the disposition of German New Guinea and German Samoa, not to mention the Marshall, Caroline and Ladrones groups, it is generally admitted that an entire recasting of the various administrations of the British islands is needed to develop their great potential wealth, afford security for trade and insure adequate defence.

It is believed that a federation of all the British archipelago, under a central authority having its seat of government at the most convenient centre, will eventuate after the war.

Thus, in effect, a new state would be created, which might be called the British Pacific Federation and might be administered by a governor-general or high commissioner. Such a governor-general or high commissioner would not be concerned with the local governmental affairs of any particular group but with the federation as a whole. He might be assisted by a council composed of appointed officials, representatives elected by each island group, and trade commissioners representing Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Local legislatures would, under such a scheme as this, have as large a measure of self-government as compatible with the proportion of whites to South Sea Islanders and Asiatics, incapable at present of self-government.

It is pointed out here, however, that if the British islands are federated, means of communication between them must be provided in order that their administration and general welfare may obtain. Existing steamer services radiate from Sydney, in Australia, and Auckland, in New Zealand, but groups served by any one line have no connecting link with adjacent islands served by other lines, or with China and India, by way of Sydney.

Attention is called to the now well known fact that just prior to the war Germany was engaged in linking up her Pacific island possessions with the East, with a view to a monopoly of the copra trade, and it is argued from this that if there should be a comprehensive British steamship service with Singapore at one end and New Zealand at the other, insuring a continuous supply of Asiatic labor for the islands, it would greatly contribute to the material benefit of the proposed federation.

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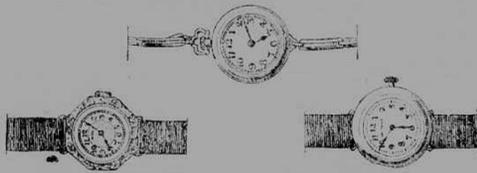
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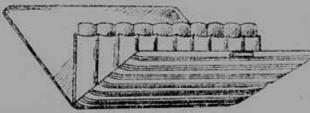
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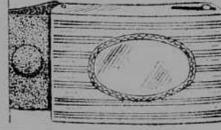
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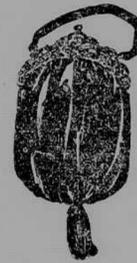
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