

## JAP HIGH HAND IN MANCHURIA

They Are No Longer Restrained by Allies, Says Chinese Newspaper.

### CALLS IT "REIGN OF TERROR"

Semenoff Troops Assisting the Japanese Terrorize Inhabitants of Khabarovsk—Seem Bent on Brewing Trouble, Says Paper.

Peking, China.—Reports reaching here indicate that the Japanese are carrying things with a high hand in Manchuria now that the other troops of the allies are virtually out of the country. The Peking and Tientsin Times has received from its correspondents reports which it presents under the heading "Reign of Terror in Manchuria." It says that at Impano two Russian workmen, who made some disparaging remarks about the Japanese emperor in talking to a Japanese soldier in the Russian railway hospital, were seized by Japanese soldiers and "summarily shot on the spot."

At Harbin, the newspaper says, Japanese sentries stationed on a bridge threw one Russian out of the bridge, breaking his collar bone, and stabbed another in the face a bayonet when the Russians insisted upon crossing the bridge.

The Japanese are reported by the newspaper to have taken full possession of Khabarovsk and arrested there 11 Russian workers and handed them over to the representative of General Semenov and the Times adds that by this time "no doubt they have been shot by Baron Unger Steinberg."

Local Population Terrorized.—The Japanese are declared to have brought to Khabarovsk and armed 500 Semenov troops, who are reported to be actively assisting the Japanese and helping to terrorize the local population. The Times predicts that similar incidents are likely to increase as the Japanese hold on the Russian far east becomes more intense, and states that the Japanese garrison at Harbin is to be increased by 1,000 more men. This re-enforcement is declared by the paper to be absolutely unnecessary "as the Chinese troops stationed there are sufficient to maintain order."

The situation along the Chinese Eastern railway was characterized by the Times correspondent as very critical. He stated that the Japanese military authorities had decided to place their own guards and sentries along the whole stretch of the railway, which crosses Upper Manchuria, because they were about to send troop trains and military supplies along that railway and were afraid the Russian railway workers, who were opposed to Japanese intervention, might try to stop the Japanese from carrying out their plans.

"The Japanese seem bent upon brewing trouble among the Russian population residing inside the railway area by giving them a series of principles so as to bring about open strife which will give them an excuse to take determined action even to the seizing and working of the Chinese Eastern," wrote the correspondent.

The correspondent admitted that the Japanese had the right to send troops over the railway to protect the frontiers against invasion, but that this did not confer the right to occupy settlements along the line, or interfere with the rights of local populations. He declared that the purpose of the Japanese is to seize control of the railway called for an immediate protest on the part of the allies.

Forced to Work at Bayonet Point.—In Nikolai, he reported, the railway workers having gone on strike, Japanese soldiers were rounding them up and forcing them at the point of the bayonet to do the work of laborers.

Since the foregoing situation was described, information has been made public in Moscow that Chinese and Russian military commissioners in conference at Verkhne-Udinsk, Trans-Baikalia, have reached an agreement under which "inherent rights of the Russian soviet government in the Eastern Manchurian railway were recognized and the Chinese guaranteed to withdraw their troops from along the railway lines." It was pointed out that China's agreement that the Russians should retain possession of its road deprived the Japanese of one of their best excuses for keeping troops on it.

New Experience for Somebody.—Franklin, O.—If some queer tasting whiskey gets on the local market people will know where it comes from. When revenue officers raided a farm three miles from here they found part of a still containing of raisins and mash. They couldn't find anybody to arrest, but they put kerosene and soap on the raisins and in the mash, and if any of it is used it will develop a new kind of "kick."

Down in the Coal Mines.—Fairmount, W. Va.—Bloodhounds got the best of Cupid when Miss Grace McDougal, aged 16, eloped with George Male, 18 years old. Parents of the girl learned of the elopement and dog took the trail. The couple led the hounds a circuitous route through a number of coal mines, but were finally overhauled.

## SHORTHORNS OUTNUMBER ALL OTHERS

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Holsteins Lead All In Milk Breeds—Duroc Hogs Lead

The relative standings of the various livestock breeds, as given below, has been determined by a canvass recently completed by the United States department of agriculture. The information was secured through replies of the 14,000 special livestock reports of the department to its request for information on the following:

"Letting 100 represent the total number in your locality, what proportion of the total belongs to the breeds named? Grades and scrubs should be included in the breed in which the type predominates."

From the percentages thus obtained the figures representing the number of each breed have been determined from the January 1 estimates of live stock on farms. The numbers and percentages for the United States are as follows: For cattle, Shorthorn (Durham), the number is 15,429,000, or 22.6 per cent of the whole number of cattle; Herefords, 14,302,000, or 21 per cent; Holstein, 11,069,000, or 16.2 per cent; Jersey, 9,554,000, or 14 per cent; Aberdeen Angus, 2,479,000, or 3.6 per cent; Guernsey, 1,993,000, or 2.9 per cent; Red Polled, 1,722,000, or 2.6 per cent; Polled

Durham, 1,083,000, or 1.5 per cent; Galloway 534,000, or 0.8 per cent; Ayrshire, 412,000, or 0.6 per cent; Brown Swiss, 170,000, or 0.3 per cent; Devons, 176,000, or 0.3 per cent; Dutch Belted, 157,000, or 0.2 per cent; others, 1,107,000, or 3.1 per cent; non-descript (unclassified), 7,044,000, or 10.3 per cent; total, 68,232,000, or 100 per cent.

Beef Breeds Predominate.—It will be observed that the beef breeds preponderate over the milk breeds. Holsteins are most numerous of the milk breeds; in the Northern States they are two or three times as numerous as the Jerseys; in the southern states, however, the Jersey is three to five times as numerous as the Holstein; in other words, the Holstein decreases in relative numbers from north to south, and the Jersey increases relatively in going from north to south.

Durocs Lead In Swine Class.—The relative rank of swine breeds is as follows: Duroc-Jerseys, 24,914,000, or 34.2 per cent of all swine; Poland China, 20,308,000, or 27.9 per cent; Chester White, 7,788,000.

### Government Owned Railroads Studied

WASHINGTON.—Wall street has been wondering what is the "confidential mission" which President Wilson has assigned to Director General Hines in sending him to Europe to investigate certain matters, says the Financial World. The guesses have taken a wide range, from investigating government ownership in its broad aspects, to gathering statistics as to cost of equipment, labor's relation to the problem, etc. My guess is that Mr. Hines' mission is no less than to report to President Wilson the most minute details of the operation of the government ownership scheme and to help decide, after all, whether government ownership isn't the final solution of the American railroad problem. I believe sincerely that the president has been disappointed in the operation of the railroads since they were restored to private operation, and has been finally impressed with the government ownership

ship arguments which the railroad brotherhoods and the Plumb Plan League have been pressing upon him with great persistence in the last three months.

## STATE WOOL MEN HAVE ORGANIZED

Fargo, N. D., July 7.—Plans for the organization of a North Dakota Wool Growers' association have been practically completed with the adjournment here of a meeting of representative wool growers from all parts of the state. A constitution and by-laws will be adopted at a meeting to be called in the near future. Better marketing methods and improved methods of wool production will be the objective of the association.

J. W. Haw, assistant county agent of Grand Forks, Charles Curabmik, president of the Mouse River Wool Growers association and W. W. Keltner, secretary of the Williams County Wool Growers association, are among those prominent in the new organization.

Ramsey county wool growers, tho in small numbers at the present time, are expected to align themselves with the new movement during the next few months.

### Minnesota Water Power Problem Up

RED LAKE FALLS, Minn.—Members of the Red Lake drainage and conservancy district board accompanied by the drainage engineer, George W. Walker, Thief River Falls, are making a trip up the Clearwater and the Red Lake rivers where extensive drainage improvements are contemplated. The trip is being made with autos up to Red Lake where the outlet into Red River will be viewed. Petitions have been approved by the drainage board for deepening, widening and straightening both Red Lake and Clearwater rivers.



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