

## ACTIVITIES USING ALARM IN WASHINGTON

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### MOTIVES IN QUESTION

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The activities of Japanese troops along the Chinese eastern railway and in the vicinity of Vladivostok, Khabarovsk and Nikolai, in eastern Siberia, are being watched from Washington with uneasy interest.

Clashes between Japanese troops and the Russians and between the Japanese and armed workers, among them being Czechs, along the line of communication by rail from the Russian coast to the sea of Japan are growing in seriousness and in frequency, while officials here admit neither the exact cause of the friction nor the precise aim of Japanese military operations, has been made clear.

The state department has been informed that two new Japanese divisions will be despatched to Asia almost immediately.

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## FRANCE TO KEEP WATCH ON RHINE

Will Enforce Treaty With Belgians' Aid, General Says.

PARIS, April 17.—France and Belgium are prepared to maintain a big army on the Rhine, even if both the British and American armies of occupation are withdrawn, it was announced today by Gen. Castelnau, president of the chamber of deputies army commission.

"If the United States congress fails to vote an appropriation to maintain an army on the Rhine, France will regret it very much, since the burden of placing an additional 15,000 men in Cologne will fall on our country," said Gen. Castelnau.

"But Germany knows very well that even if England should also retire, we would maintain an army at Cologne," he said. "France and Belgium are capable of amassing sufficient military forces on the Rhine to compel Germany to respect and obey the terms of the Versailles treaty."

COBLENZ, April 17.—An unconfirmed rumor that a new revolution has broken out in Berlin was refuted today by the British high commissioner of the Rhine-land commission.

The American military authorities believe the report is untrue, as they were in communication with Berlin last night and received no information that led them to credit the rumor.

Twenty thousand reichswehr reinforcements were reported to be moving toward the Ruhr district.

It is rumored in German circles that the reds have concentrated 35,000 armed men in the districts of Elberfeld and Harnen.

Germany Makes First Report to U. S. in DeMotte Case.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Papers addressed to Trotsky and Laschovsk, leaders in Soviet Russia, were found on the person of Paul R. DeMotte, American citizen of Paterson, N. J., who was shot by a soldier while attempting to escape from a German prison after he had been sentenced to death by a court-martial for participation in the Ruhr valley uprising.

This was stated in a report today to state department from the German government.

The German government has ordered further investigation of the case of DeMotte and will make another report to this government.

being considered are Herman Ribbick, Louis Carneck and Carney Sells.

Mr. Ribbick is known as a Shunk man, and while he is being considered as a possible candidate, many of the anti-Jewett republicans fear his association with Shunk would not be pleasing to some of the "radicals" of the city.

Mr. Carneck is a member of the city council.

He was elected on the "home rule" ticket headed by Mr. Shunk.

"ANTIS" NOMINATE COMPLETE SLATE.

The anti-organization republicans have nominated a complete slate of candidates for nomination to county offices.

The selection of a candidate for sheriff, however, has developed a situation that leaves some question as to just how strongly opposed to the organization the "antis" really are.

The organization has agreed that George Snider should be nominated for sheriff.

The "antis" brought Snider out, but with the withdrawal of Robert E. Fisher, the present sheriff, following the exposure in federal court of conditions at the county jail, the organization turned to Snider.

McKINLEY CLUB.

A meeting recently was held at the McKinley club in Irvington at which organization leaders endorsed Mr. Snider's candidacy.

Both sides of the Marion county republican split contend they are taking no part in the race for the republican nomination for governor.

This contention is being made despite the activities of Mr. Hendrickson as county chairman, Chris Adams, Marion county prosecutor, and the republican campaign in Marion county, and Charles Roemer, district chairman, to bring about the support of Fesler by members of the organization.

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