

## P ACTIVITIES CAUSING ALARM IN WASHINGTON

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Along Chinese Railway  
Grow Serious.

### MOTIVES IN QUESTION

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The activities of Japanese troops along the Chinese eastern railway and in the vicinity of Vladivostok, Khabarovsk and Nikolsk, in eastern Siberia, are being watched from Washington with uneasiness 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 Balkan road to the Sea of Japan, are becoming serious and in frequency, while officials here admit neither the exact cause of the friction nor the precise aim of Japan's military operations, has been made clear.

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**ANTIS DECLARE  
THEY WILL WIN**

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**SENATOR BORAH BROUGHT OUT THE FACT THAT IT WAS COUNT ISHII, THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, WHO URGED THE "SPECIAL INTEREST" INCLUDED IN THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1917, AND THAT THERE WAS ROOM FOR DIALOGUE.**

At the Japanese embassy here it was explained that the fighting around Vladivostok at Nikolaiskav and Khabarovsk was due to the aggressive attitude of the Russians, necessitating their disarmament.

**SHERIFF AND SIX OTHERS INDICTED**

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Judge of the Marion Criminal Court—Pursuant to the instructions of your honor, the grand jury of Marion county has visited the Marion county jail and despatched the following report of conditions as found there:

"Certain parts of the jail seemed to be clean and well kept. The woman's section and that part of the jail known as 'Federal row,' on the third floor, especially seemed to be well cared for, and what is known as 'S. C. row' on the second floor was reasonably clean. The cells on the first floor, however, and those on the second floor assigned to colored prisoners, were exceedingly dirty, in a very unsanitary condition generally and quite overrun with vermin and insects. The general sanitary condition of the jail is very bad, the plumbing system and the plumbing fixtures are in very bad repair; that the toilets for the most part have ceased to function and it is necessary to flush them by pouring water into the bowl. In the colored men's section the toilets are in a very bad condition, the toilet is rotated to such an extent that it would be possible for a man to crawl through some of the holes. Furthermore, there is no toilet paper for use in the entire jail so far as we were able to ascertain. Steps should be taken by the county commissioners immediately to have the entire plumbing system overhauled and repaired, and the plumbing fixtures replaced. Without this being done it will be impossible for any one to keep the jail in a proper sanitary condition.

"The beds and bunks are in very bad condition. Some of the beds have the springs entirely torn off and in many other cases the springs are so badly damaged that they are entirely unserviceable and unfit for any human being to sleep upon. The mattresses and straw ticks are in very bad condition. Not only are they soiled to the point of being filthy, as are the blankets also, but the straw has been so compressed that it has become unfit for its purpose, both from the standpoint of sanitation and comfort to the prisoners. We recommend that straw ticks should be used throughout the jail, the straw being changed at least every 30 days and the straw should be cut fine so that it can be easily cleaned.

"We also recommend that all straw ticks now in use at the jail which have been in use for more than three (3) months should be discarded and destroyed, and that new ticks should be provided for the prisoners throughout the jail, and that these ticks when provided should be held in a box and refilled with straw each time (30 days).

"We further recommend that individual or sanitary drinking cups should be provided for the prisoners; that the Marlon county commissioners make a sufficient appropriation immediately in order to make proper improvements and repairs at the Marion county jail, especially to put in an entire new plumbing system, unless the present one can be satisfactorily overhauled and repaired; to replace all defective plumbing fixtures.

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