

CHINA MUST BE CRUSHED, JAPAN MAKES UP MIND

Nippon Will Cripple Foe for Good, Set Up New Empire, Is Belief.

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Washington, Jan. 4.—Far eastern advices received here indicate that only a near miracle can prevent an early war in Asia on a scale comparable with, if not surpassing, the Russo-Japanese conflict in 1905.

Having made virtually certain that neither the League of Nations, the Kellogg pact nor the nine-power treaty powers will do anything beyond protesting, Japan is pictured as determined to settle things with China.

Japan is said to aim at nothing less than the creation of a new "empire" in North China, including Peiping, Tientsin, Jehol, Manchuria, inner Mongolia and perhaps even the maritime province of Siberia, belonging to Russia, with the puppet "boy emperor" Henry Pu Yi on the throne.

Japan Must Go Ahead

From unquestioned sources on the scene, the writer has learned that Japan faces the alternative of getting out of Manchuria, else smashing China so completely that she will stay smashed.

At Peiping are the foreign legations, protected by armed guards behind crenellated walls. At Tientsin, the Shanghai of the north, are rich foreign concessions. An offensive in this area would be juggling with dynamite.

Nevertheless, the writer is informed, the Japanese general staff faces that very necessity. It is either that or give up the fruits of the last sixteen months of conquest. Admittedly that is unthinkable, so far as the Japanese are concerned, for retreat now would entail loss of face at home and abroad. Their bridges burned behind them, they must push on.

U. S. to Stay Put

Failure to "mop up" China, the Japanese learn, means perpetual guerrilla warfare costly in human lives and financially ruinous. Nippon's budget now is the biggest in her history. Her taxes are at a maximum. She is off gold. The yen is falling. Military expenses are mounting and bankruptcy is ahead unless something is done to head it off.

She must administer to China decisive defeat, either militarily or politically, else prepare for ultimate defeat herself.

Washington, therefore, is again on the anxious seat. Its policy, however, remains unchanged. It has refused, and will continue to refuse, to recognize Japan's conquests, but unless and until the other great powers can agree on some sane plan of co-operation to save the peace of Asia, Uncle Sam has no intention to crawl any farther out on the limb than he is at present.

The League of Nations, controlled largely by Britain and France, appears paralyzed. France and Britain appear strangely sympathetic with Japan, and the United States patently has no thought of policing the far east alone. Apparently grim Nippon is in the saddle with a clear field ahead.

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Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

R. A. Wall, Harrison hotel; Oldsmobile sedan, 505 (33), from Capitol avenue and Meridian.

Moore Gibson, 320 West Twenty-eighth street. Buick, coach, from 909 North Senate.

Bradford Chevrolet Company, 3209 East Washington street. Ford coupe, M-65, from Frank J. Doherty, 1205 North Meridian.

Frederick C. Gottlieb, 419 North Bradley avenue. Oldsmobile coach, 66-016, from Martin Doherty, 1205 North Meridian.

John Birt, 240 North Tacoma avenue, De Soto, 1205, from garage in rear of 240 North Meridian.

Ivey L. Prestwood, 1333 Oliver avenue. Oldsmobile sedan, 66-130, from 1032 Shelly street.

Leather Works, 616 Arbor avenue, Chevrolet, 55-350, from White river bridge and Morris street.

Mrs. Robert J. Smith, 3536 North Meridian street. Buick, 55-462 (33), from 3536 North Meridian street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Luther Gregg, 2633 South Pennsylvania street. Chryslar coach found in river bottoms near Harding street.

F. W. Nealey, 1280 Leeward street, Indianapolis.

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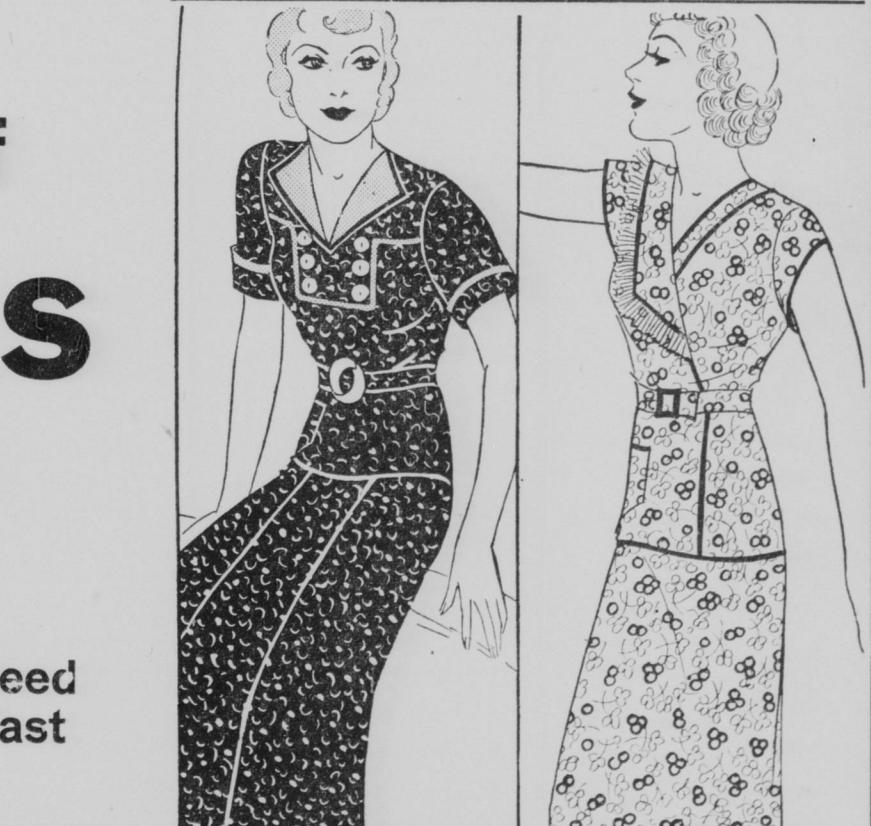
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