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**The Facts in the Case**

The controversy of Japan and China over Shantung, which promises to cause much trouble before it is settled, is clearly set forth in the following article clipped from the Youth's Companion:

Twenty years and more ago two German missionaries were murdered in China. The Kaiser immediately sent a fleet under his brother, Prince Henry, to exact reparation and China helpless and overawed by German power and threats, made a treaty that gave Germany full control for ninety-nine years of Shantung, including the great ports of Kiaochow and Tsingtau, and extensive mining and railway concessions; but the treaty stipulated that without the consent of China Germany should not transfer to any other power the rights that the treaty conferred. That was in 1898. On August 23, 1914, Japan entered the war just ended. Having directed Germany to evacuate all its possessions in China, it attacked, and ten weeks later captured and occupied Tsingtau. With Tsingtau went the rest of the territory occupied by Germany.

The Entente Allies made a secret treaty with Japan in which they promised to uphold the right of Japan to succeed to the rights of Germany in China. It was the price paid for the support of Japan in the war. Japan nevertheless publicly announced that its purpose in expelling Germany from the peninsula was to restore the province to China. In May, 1915, it made an agreement with China by which it was to make the restoration, on terms that Japan itself had prepared and dictated; but the terms were expressed in language so vague that, interpreted as it will be by Japan alone, it can be made to leave Japan in almost if not quite as strong a position in Shantung as it would have had if it had not nominally restored the territory to China.

The settlement by the Peace Conference leaves the whole matter in the hands of Japan. In effect, the Allies who made the secret treaty stand by their bargain. President Wilson consented to the arrangement. Undoubtedly he was placed in a most difficult position. If he had opposed approving the treaty, he would have been in a hopeless minority, the Council for Great Britain, France and Italy were against him. If he could have persuaded the Allies to vote with him that Shantung should be restored unconditionally to China, Japan would not have signed the treaty. If he were really opposed to the demand of Japan, but yielded to the point in order to get his way in other matters, he took a course that it is easy to criticize, but that almost any man in his position would have taken. Any other course would have wrecked the Conference. A compromise of some sort was necessary.

But that does not make the decision just. Every right thinking man will hold that it is not just. We do not permit a man to take even a thief by the throat, dispossess him of his stolen goods and retain them for his own use, even though he offer to restore the loot to the owner on conditions. Shantung was wrested from China with our right of justice from the original highwayman, but it had no right to profit by German rapacity.

Now the United States is in the same position that the President occupied in Paris and must face the same problem. Shall we, too, consent to the compromise and agree to the wrongful provision in the treaty, or shall we refuse and wreck the measure, which contains good as well as evil? Stiff opponents of all compromise, and the more or less partisan opponents of the President at every point will say no; but a great many of us have learned that we cannot always have everything our own way.

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**A Pleasing Reception**

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Shipment of 80 bundles of shingles, roofing for a school house at Anton, Or., was completed yesterday afternoon by the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company by parcel post. This is perhaps the most unique shipment of shingles on record, declared John G. Odell, manager of The Dalles plant. The big shipment could not be made in one lot on account of the regulations which put the limit of 50 pounds on all packages within the first zone. In order to beat the law, it was necessary to ship shingles in 16 persons in Anton. This was arranged easily, since every one wanted a school house completed for the fall session of school. Each of the 16 was mailed five bunches of shingles. The school building at Anton is completed save for the shingling of the roof. School is to start soon. It was evident to the school board that immediate action must be taken if the building was to be ready for occupation. The Dalles being the nearest place where shingles could be procured the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company was asked to furnish them. It was feared that if the shingles were trusted to the uncertainty of freight transportation they would be come lost or delayed and the school building remain incomplete. Then some one thought of parcel post and the problem was solved.

Editor Review: A party who pretends to know the political situation pretty well reports that there is a strong rumor to the effect that State Representative D. C. Lewis is seriously thinking of making the race for the office of County Commissioner against A. A. Muck, the present incumbent. Mr. Lewis is reported to be very much opposed to the present management of county affairs. He thinks a public officer ought to be a real public servant and that county property should never be used for private purposes or private pleasure. He is reported to have said that the present expenses of the county government could be cut one-third and the efficiency of government materially increased. He says there are too many leak holes, all of which should be plugged and a real government established.—A Citizen.



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