

WAR DAY FLAME UP SOON ORIENT

Austro-German Force Reported
by Semenoff to Be Oper-
ating in Siberia.

ACTION BY JAPAN EXPECTED

Official Washington Views Develop-
ments as Likely to Cause Long
Smouldering Situation to
Reach Stage of Hostilities.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Long-
talked-of military action by Japan and
China may be precipitated by the
movement of Russian Bolshevik troops
into the Siberian province of Trans-
Baikalia, in pursuit of the Cossack
leader, General Semenoff.

If Semenoff retreats into Mongolia,
as observers here think he must, the
crisis will be at hand, particularly as
the pursuing Russians are said to be
accompanied by a large force of Aus-
trians and Germans, former prisoners
of war.

The crossing of the Onon River by
the Bolsheviks in connection with the
officials here as part of a campaign to
exclude Semenoff from any use of the
northern, or Amur River, branch, of
the Siberian Railroad.

General Semenoff's movements have
been closely followed, and it has been
realized that his campaign must sud-
denly assume great importance were
the entente allies brought into har-
mony in a plan to lend him material
support.

Karnaska Objective Point.
The Cossack leader has been working
along the southern border of Trans-
Baikalia from his base at Monogolia
Station, on the southern branch of the
Siberian Railroad.

His objective was the important
junction named Karnaska, where the
Siberian Railroad, coming eastward, di-
vides into two branches, one making
an almost direct line eastward across
Manchuria, to Vladivostok, on the Pa-
cific, and the other reaching the same
ocean by an extensive detour to the
northward.

Some time ago it became known that
the entente allies had approved a plan
by which Japan and China were to
take offensive action when it was con-
sidered necessary for the preservation
of peace for the Far East.

Tensions Close to Japan.
The Austro-German division proba-
bly formed of former prisoners of war
in Siberia, now operating as closely to
Japanese territory may bring the long-
smouldering situation to the point of
action.

HARBIN, Manchuria, June 2.—(By
the Associated Press.)—General Semen-
off, leader of the anti-Bolshevik
forces in Siberia, reports that Bolsh-
evik troops today crossed the Onon
River in Trans-Baikalia and strongly
pressed a number of attacks, which
were checked.

An Austro-German force composed
of a cavalry brigade and four com-
panies of infantry is threatening Gen-
eral Semenoff's communications.

SHANGHAI, June 7.—General Semen-
off, leader of the anti-Bolshevik Si-
berian forces, has left the Trans-Bai-
kalia front, according to an Eastern
News Agency dispatch from Harbin.

Army May Be Disbanded.
His departure is attributed to dis-
sentiments among his forces. It is re-
ported, the advisers say, that he will
disband his army and flee into Mon-
golia.

TOKIO, June 7.—(By the Associated
Press.)—An official statement issued
by the Japanese government emphati-
cally denies the recently published re-
port that the Chinese-Japanese military
agreement gave to Japan control of
the Chinese military forces, finances,
railways and mines.

CHICAGO, June 7.—How Government
agents prevented the carrying out of an
L. W. W. plot to burn buildings and
crops and poison livestock by the
thousands in South Dakota last Sum-
mer was disclosed in testimony heard
today at the trial of 130 members of
the organization before Federal Judge
Landis.

Phosphorus was to be used in de-
stroying property by fire and cyanide
of potassium was the poison chosen
with which to kill cattle. Government
officials intercepted packages of the
chemicals in the mail at Mill Bank, S.
D., and arrested Stanley Brown, secre-
tary of the L. W. W. branch at Aber-
deen, and Martin Gunterson, another
member of the organization, who later
was convicted on a conspiracy charge
and sentenced to a term in a Federal
prison.

CAUCASUS STRUGGLE BITTER
Strong Resistance to Turks Report-
ed Being Made.

LONDON, June 7.—A bitter struggle
is being waged by the Caucasus be-
tween the new Caucasian government
and the Turks, says an Exchange Tele-
graph dispatch from Moscow. The
Turks are reported to have massacred
more than 10,000 Armenians within a
fortnight.

The Caucasian government has or-
dered the mobilization of all men be-
tween the ages of 19 and 42, and newly
formed Caucasian detachments are con-
centrating in the Tiflis district.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—A force of
Turks estimated at 5000 in Northwest
Persia has been ordered to move north
of Lake Urmiah and the village
of Saubulagh, south of Lake Urmiah,
said advices reaching Washington to-
day.

The road from Tabriz to Urmiah has
been closed. Missionaries and native
Christians in Tabriz are getting out of
the city as fast as they can. Ameri-

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Mothers who value their own comfort and
the welfare of their children, should never
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Powders for Children, for throughout the
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FINLAND TO BE MONARCHY

Secret Treaty With Germany Said to
Have Been Made.
LONDON, June 7.—That a secret
treaty has been negotiated between
Germany and Finland for the estab-
lishment of a monarchy in Finland,
placing the Finnish army under Ger-
man officers and preventing the ces-
sation of the Åland Islands to Sweden,
is denied by the Lokal Anzeiger, of
Berlin, according to the Stockholm cor-
respondent of the Daily Times.
The correspondent says that Colonel
von Redern, of the German army, who
has been appointed chief of staff in
Finland, has arrived at Helsinki and
has begun the organization of the Fin-
nish army along German lines with
German instructors.

General Mannerheim, who has been
in command of the Finnish white
guard, has been retired on pension.
The treatment accorded him has creat-
ed ill feeling.

Many who do not oppose the estab-
lishment of a monarchy in principle
dread subjection by Germany. They
say: "If we are to have a King, let
him be General Mannerheim and not a
German Junker."

RINTELEN SAID TO BE DUKE

(Continued From First Page.)
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gerous mission to the United States.
Von Rintelen is thoroughly familiar
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OREGON CITY MAN HONORED

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George L. Caswell, Iowa; E. E. Brodie,
Oregon City, Or.; Frank M. Henderson,
Arkansas, and J. C. Brumblen, Man-
sachusetts.

A programme of entertainment is
set for tomorrow, at the conclusion of
which the convention will adjourn.

BOARD MAY CUT REQUEST

State Lime Board Expected to Ask
Appropriation of \$5000.

SALEM, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—
is expected that the State Lime
Board will ask the Emergency Board
for a deficiency appropriation of \$500
instead of \$10,000 at its next meeting
here. The lime board met today and
discussed problems facing that indus-
try.

The board was advised by Assistant
Attorney General Van Winkle that, in-
asmuch as it has a prospect of return
on its investment, it may legally be-
come indebted dependent upon the re-
turns to be received.

Turpentine Makers May Lose Help.

NEW ORLEANS, June 7.—Operators
have been advised that the manufac-
ture of turpentine and rosin is regarded
as non essential and unless they can
show that it is necessary their labor
must be released to other industries.

French Senate Approves Loan.

PARIS, June 7.—(Havas Agency.)—
The bill providing for the increase by
three billion francs of the amount of
money which the Bank of France may
loan the Government, which was passed
by the Chamber of Deputies, was
passed today by the Senate.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

As an assembly of all that is most beautiful in woodwork, in
decoration, in lighting, and in furnishing, it is doubtful if there
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