

JAPAN IS OPPOSED TO ALL SUBMARINES

Warfare Against Innocents Held Indefensible.

POISON GAS CONDEMNED

Japanese Writer Declares That Use of Horrible Instruments of Death Ought to End.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—This injection of the "octopus-link" (as we of the east say) of our French friends in the form of a shy violet of a demand for ten super-ships for their battle line resulted in putting on the lid tighter than ever as far as the members of the Japanese delegation are concerned. Here's teeth are as plentiful as dust compared to the French demands on the submarines as naval weapons.

But the position of Japan on the use of the poison gas and the other ultra-modern implements of wholesale murder does not need the authority of our official delegation. The people of Japan have spoken their wishes time and again on this point and in a manner of which the famous Japanese politeness was none of its adornments.

Last night I was talking with Mr. Soyeda, who served as the first president of the Industrial bank of Japan and was the president of the Imperial railways of Japan and a well-known figure in the financial Japan of today. Not being a member of the official delegation he had no muzzle on his rather frank vocabulary.

"It's the murder of the innocents which is so deadly, so unappealingly atrocious," said the doctor with emotion, "that's what the people of Japan object to. German people committed a complete moral suicide on the first day they covered the battle line with the fumes of their gas. No single human act at any period in history lost the sympathy of their fellow-men quite as completely as that single crime of theirs."

"But what the Germans did in the great war in that line would be more nursery rhyme compared to what the next war would develop. The very thought of it chills the blood."

He intimated that the most unpopular factor in Japan would be a Japanese edition of the poison gas works at Edgewood. He rather thought that such a thing could not exist in Japan for long.

Although I am permitted to quote any authorities at this particular time on the attitude of Japan toward the use of both the air bombardments and of the submarine attacks on merchant ships in war, there is a well-defined and deeply ingrained opposition on the part of Japanese people against one and all of these up-to-date messages of death. They are against them on the same ground as was pointed out by Dr. Soyeda.

Atrocities Are Discussed.
Anybody who has gone through the aerial attacks of London or of Paris by Zeppelins and bombing planes does not need any stimulants for their imagination to vision what the next war might bring in that particular form of atrocity. The bombs thrown from an airplane or bombers carry no steel riveted guarantee for the safety of noncombatants, especially when attacks are carried on as they almost always are at night. The wholesale murder of men who are there as cannon fodder is deadly and sinful enough. The added massacre of babes and mothers is a sin against the holiest of holies.

The submarines in the world war were sent against the helpless merchantmen infinitely oftener and with more deadly effect than against fighting craft. There will be quite a different tale and infinitely worse in the next war, according to the Japanese way of thinking. The Japanese feel this much deeper than most other peoples. Like England, their very food is dependent on a submarine-free sea lane.

Method Held Covetous.
They have an innate horror of all these weapons which lay those who are not there to fight and who would never fight a mortal thing. Another reason why they are so persistently opposed to this form of murder is that to their way of looking at things it strikes them as unutterably cowardly. The time was not so long ago that the use of a gun or anything beyond fists and swords was thought to be utterly unworthy of a fighting man. Our ancestors used to label a rifle in their unutterable contempt "that jumpy weapon."

For no other reason on earth than that the worst coward on earth and veritable weakling utterly unversed in the mystery of swordsmanship or

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Italy's purely defensive purpose, Italy's agreement to the American 175,000-ton ratio, conditioned only on acceptance of that ratio by France, followed.

SEVEN WAR NATIONS UNITE IN FEDERATION

Hanford MacNider Addresses Inter-Allied Veterans.

OREGON MAN IS SPEAKER

Invitation Extended on Behalf of American Legion to Hold Next World Meet in New Orleans.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—In a message to the Inter-Allied Veterans' Federation, which opened its second annual conference here today, Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, declared the federation "will be a stronger factor toward the prevention of future war than any limitation of armaments conference or any international agreement."

The federation is a union of veterans' societies which are made up of men who fought in the armies and navies of seven of the allied countries during the world war. Delegates are present from the United States, the British empire, including overseas dominions, France, Belgium, Italy, Roumania and Czechoslovakia. The American member of the federation is the American Legion.

Commander MacNider's message followed: "The American Legion tends you greetings with the earnest hope that this meeting and the year ahead may be filled with great achievements for the cause of all ex-service men, for the countries for which we fought and for the civilized world."

"Our union is sealed and the strength of our friendship and comradeship is a guarantee to the world of happier days and a future pregnant with opportunities to bind even closer the strongest ties men can have—those of serving side by side in battle against the foes of civilization."

Concerted Action Needed.
"It is our belief that the time is nearly ripe for concerted action toward the great ends to which we are pledged in spirit. The Inter-Allied Veterans' federation, composed of men who know what war means and who, with open eyes and vivid memories of those experiences which only can be gained upon the field of battle, will be a stronger factor toward the prevention of future war than any limitation of armaments conference or any international agreement."

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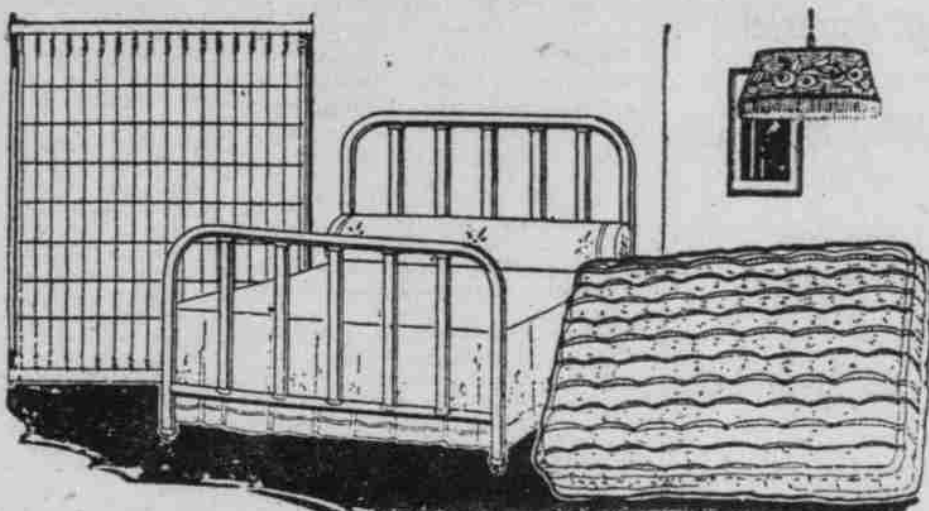
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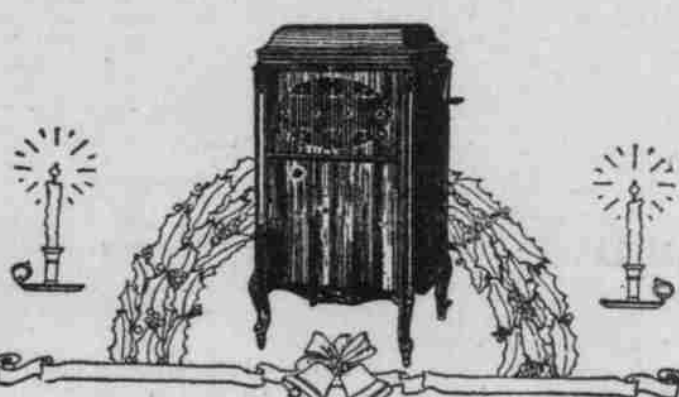


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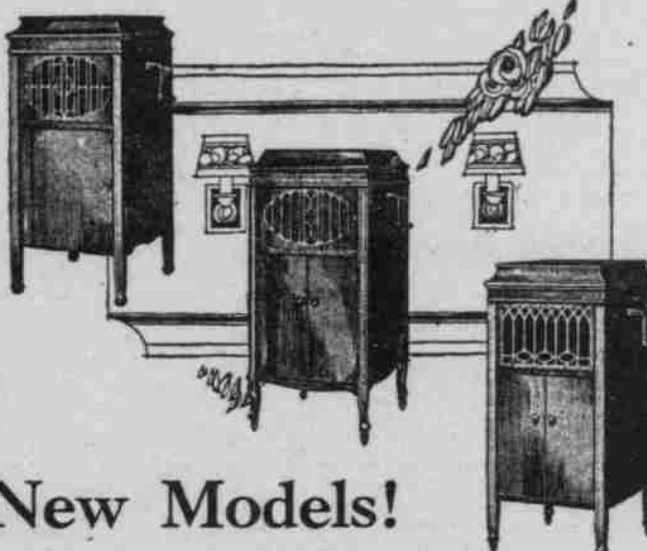
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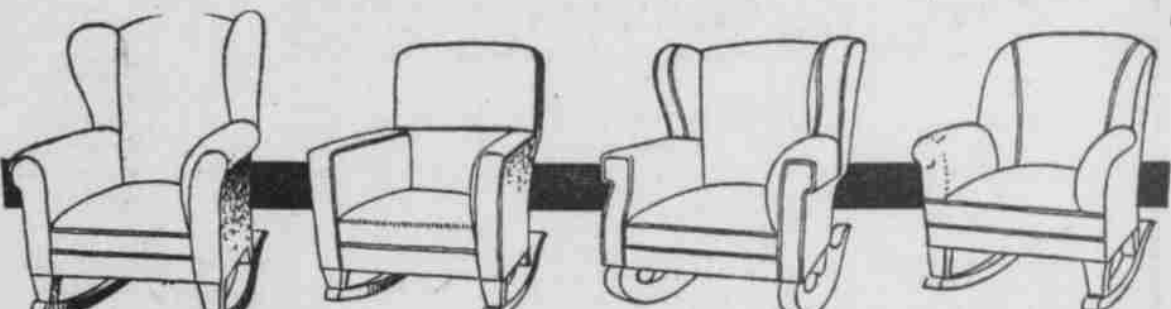
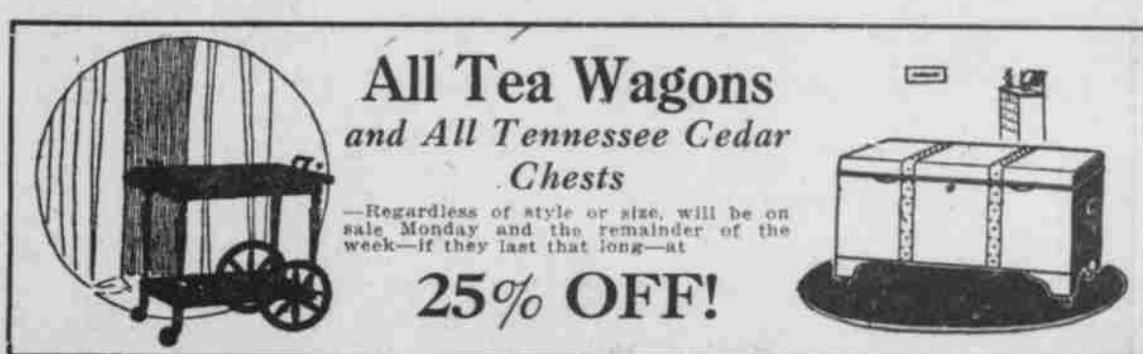
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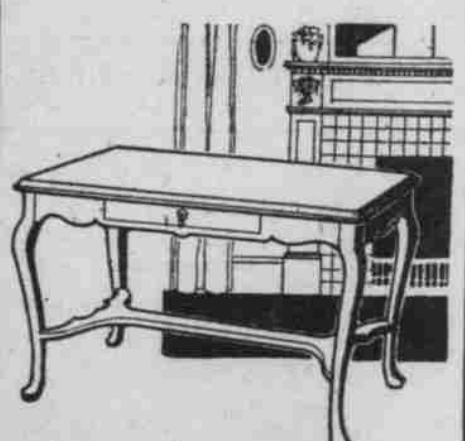
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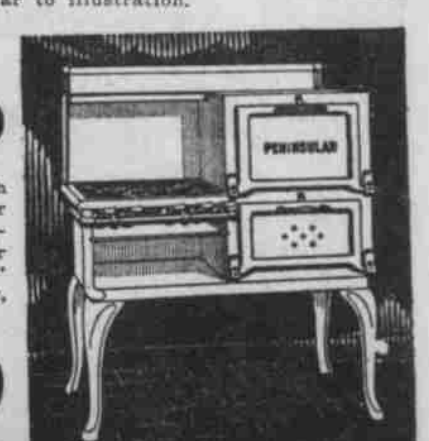
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