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WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY

GERMANY IS TO BE HARRIED ON THE PACIFIC

Japan Is Determined to Drive the Kaiser Out of China.

MAY ALSO SEIZE OTHER PACIFIC POSSESSIONS

United States Will Not Protest to Avoid Becoming Involved.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—To Japan the allies have entrusted the task of clearing the Pacific and far east of the Germans.

This important news has been received in diplomatic circles here and confirms the advices received two days ago by the State Department which were published exclusively in the Chicago Herald.

As a result of the agreement reached Japan will proceed to capture the German district of Kiaochow on the Shantung peninsula of China.

The German district of Kiaochow, Ladrone Islands, the principal of which, Guam, belongs to the United States.

The Caroline Islands, lying to the east of the Philippine archipelago. The Marshall Islands, numbering twenty-five in all, which lie in mid-Pacific.

The Samoan Islands of Savali and Upolu. Tutuila and Rose Islands of this group belong to the United States.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, the northern section of southeast New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, just off New Guinea.

The British, French and Russian ships in the Pacific will cooperate with the Japanese, but on the latter will fall the brunt of the work of eliminating the German from the far east.

Such German and Austrian men-of-war as have sought refuge at Kiaochow will be dismantled in order to defend that port.

Other German vessels that are cruising the Pacific will be sought by Japanese, British and French men-of-war and captured or destroyed.

Japan Has Full Sway.

Thus Japan has been given a free hand in the Pacific and the far east.

It is a matter of great importance to the United States and of possible grave consequences to China.

In operating against Kiaochow, Japan will be forced to violate the neutrality of China.

The Pegin government is doing such mobilization as it can. But President Yuan Shi-Kai realizes, according to the advices received here, that it would be fatal for China to oppose the Japanese.

Therefore, after a diplomatic protest, China will do nothing and will hope merely that by observing a supine attitude, her territory will not be permanently held by Japan.

U. S. Will Not Protest.

So far as the United States is concerned, the administration has determined not to make any protest in behalf of China. It would like to see her neutrality protected, but it does not propose to take a stand which might embroil the country in the

great war in progress.

The capture of Kiaochow and the destruction of the German ships cruising in the Pacific will be the most difficult task assigned to Japan.

There are no garrisons of any importance in any of the German possessions save Kiaochow.

Consequently it will be necessary only to send warships to the seats of government of the Ladrone, Caroline, Marshall and Samoa Islands and to Kaiser Wilhelm's Land and Bismarck Archipelago and formally hoist over them the Japanese flag.

Future Hold Puzzle.

What will be done with these possessions after the war is terminated remains to be seen. It is apparent that Japan will be invited to take part in the congress which certainly will be held and that her claims to consideration must be heard.

Hein will enter a fruitful source of discord, Russia will not like the idea of Japan commanding the capital of China from two points and her control of the Yellow Sea which this favored situation will insure.

It is not to the interest of the United States for Japan to spread all over the Pacific and particularly to command the routes to the Philippines and from the Panama Canal to the far east.

But to the belligerents at war sufficient to the day is the evil thereof.

Plot Germany's Defeat.

They want to hit Germany at every vulnerable point. They want to array against her and her ally, Austria, as formidable an aggregation as possible. In other words they are endeavoring to insure her complete defeat. The future can take care of itself. At present they have but one object in view and that the destruction of Germany and Austria.

The Japanese ambassador, Viscount Chinda, called at the State Department this afternoon and had a conference with Secretary Bryan.

When he left the ambassador declared he had nothing to confirm the rumors in circulation as to Japan's course of action. Secretary Bryan declined to discuss the ambassador's call.

Land Question Worries.

There is one feature of the relations of the United States and Japan which is arousing grave concern. The California land question has not been settled. Japan has been pressing for months the demand that the United States treat her subjects as the equal of the white race.

With Germany preoccupied at home and with the reduction of German possessions a comparatively easy matter, with Russia straining every nerve to defeat Germany and Austria, and with Great Britain likewise engaged, Japan can deal with the United States single handed. Great Britain cannot apply any pressure of importance upon Japan to compel that nation to refrain from going too far in representations to this government.

Great Britain does not want the United States and Japan to come to blows. Under the treaty of alliance which has caused Japan to come to the assistance of Great Britain, the Tokyo government would expect Great Britain to aid it against the United States.

NOT THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Editor Times:

Since the great conflict now waging in Europe has already involved so many nations and threatens others and the question is almost universal, "Is this the great battle of Armageddon?" a few remarks on the subject may not be out of place.

Although this great battle and the war that will precede it is pointed out in several places in the Bible, the word "Armageddon" is found in but one passage, Rev. 16:16: "This word is taken from "Meggedo," a valley in the great plain of Esdraelon in Syria, where opposing armies of old were many times arrayed in deadly combat. Here were fought many of the decisive battles of ancient Israel.

Verses 12-14 describe the gathering of the nations of earth "unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty" (American Revised Version). This gigantic war that will involve the nations of the whole world will no doubt consist of many battles but will culminate in a final, desperate struggle on the bloody plains of Meggedo, where will be fought the greatest battle of earth's history—Armageddon. The statement in verse 15, "Behold I come as a thief," indicates that when this occurs the coming of Christ would be imminent.

Bible students for a number of years have watched with interest the unfolding of events that are a direct fulfillment of important Bible prophecies.

Notwithstanding the fact that for years the spirit of unrest has been growing throughout the world, in every nation and among all classes, impelling the nations to make preparations for a war on a scale never before known in history, men everywhere at the same time have been predicting universal peace. The world was almost lulled to sleep by this peace cry and arrangements were being completed for a great international peace congress to be held in Vienna in September of this year when quick as a flash and for no just reason Europe is turned into

a veritable slaughter pen.

The misapplication of the prophecy of Isaiah 2:2-5 is responsible for much of this peace agitation. Little do they realize that their "peace movement" is a fulfillment of the prophecy itself. This prophecy tells what "many people" ("many nations," Micah 4) in the "last days" will be "saying," not doing. They will "say" the Lord "shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people" and "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." They will be "saying" "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." A prophecy found in Joel 3:9-14 tells what the nations will be not "saying" but doing at the same time or just before the harvest when the "day of the Lord is near." The proclamation goes to the nations to "prepare war," to "wake up the mighty men" and "let all the men of war draw near" to "beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears"; "let the weak say I am strong"; "let the heathen be awakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat" or Meggedo.

These two prophecies are being fulfilled in the world at the present time—one of the great false cry of peace that will be heard in the last days; the other of the vast preparations for war at the same time. "When they are saying peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them"—1 Thes. 5:3.

The present conflict is not the battle of Armageddon but a prelude to it, a forewarning of it, and a sure evidence of the soon coming of Christ. Peace may be declared again for a time but if so it cannot long endure, for the unfulfilling prophecies endure, for unfulfilling prophecies cited and others that declare that in the last days there would be "wars and rumors of wars," "distress of nations with perplexity," that "nation would rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom" and that "the nations were angry and thy wrath is come" must soon be fulfilled.

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