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the Spanish war brought us Guam and CONGRESS TO SIT CONTINUOUSLY OWING TO

Bottom-General view of Tsing-Tau, the fortified port of Kiao Chau, which is controlled by the

at any hour, on the receipt of any

cable touching matters in the orient,

where the war of Japan and Germany

As a result of the president's re-

quest. Lewis tonight telegraphed all

absentees to report at once. Lewis

tion proposed, adjournment of congress

erans of the Russian war, and the re-

mainder who have not had experience

these Japanese are now without arms,

therefore they must remain idle sol-

commerce is threatened, and Califor-

nia, Oregon and Washington lie open

to San Francisco it is a four days'

journey at war speed for battle cruis-

nough to attract avarice.

waters.

by October 1 is now impossible.

may revolve around the Philippines.

the Philippines, Samoa. It is a naval station with the best harbor in this archipelago, Pagopago. Tutuila and the three islets known collectively as Manua; fell to the United States in 1900 after this country, Germany and Great Britain, had been brought near to war over the subject.

Germans.

Germany took Upolu by treaty terms, and Great Britain took Savali and promptly relinquished it to Germany for the consideration of complete rights in the kingdom of Tonga, and the withdrawal of German claims to the Solomon islands lying south of Bougainville

## Economic Value Is Wil.

Samoa has absolutely no economic value. The largest American island, Tutuila, is only 16 miles between east and west, and scarcely attains the breadth of five miles. Its population is scanty and lacks industry; it is only as a result of constant prodding on the part of the commandant of the station, who is also governor of American Samoa, that the islanders produce enough to pay their not onerous taxes. Its value is wholly military, aemost important post in naval strategy.

The possession of Pagopago harbor carries with it the control of all the amoan islands. In the German islands of the former kingdom of Samoa there are but three harbors. Apia is wholly indefensible, and its record of destruction in the gale of March, 1889, shows its danger for ships; the harbors of Saluafata and .Fangaloa afford poor said that because of the war legislashelter in this season of the trade winds, but in the summer of the southarn hemisphere, from November to March, they are a danger rather than

a protection to ships. Samoa lies three days by steam east of the British colonly of Fijl, in whose harbor of Suva is the central station and operating headquarters of the cruiser division of the Australian squadron in time of in the field, have already been drilled with the colors. It is understood that peace; in war it doubtless holds the same relation toward vessels of greater offence.

The economic and political situation of Hawail needs no statement in conthe garrison of regulars now at Hononection with the present moves of Pacific powers. Its strategic position is of the utmost importance, not only to America in the Pacific, but equally to the Isthmus to Puget sound. If in America in America. The census of possession of a hostile power the canal Hawail shows that the predominant element in the population is Japanese. for few families of this race are re- to a series of wearing attacks delivered corded between Hilo and Nihau, 11 from that convenient base. From Oahu



THE DELICATE SITUATION DUE TO GREAT WAR

Activities of Japan in Orient May Make Legislation Affecting Philippines Necessary at Any Time - No Adjournment Is Likely,

(United Press Leased Wire.) ocrats to meet Wednesday was also Washington, Aug. 29 .- That hurried called tonight.

"It may be necessary to provide a emergency legislation may be needed from congress affecting the Philip- new system of neutrality laws for this pines because of Japan's war upon government and to prescribe the same in order that citizens will know ex-Germany was frankly declared tonight in a formal statement by the demo- conflict with the foreign countries," actly what things can be done to avoid cratic "whip" of the senate, Senator was another significant statement Ly Lewis of Illinois. Lewis-the first intimation that new

Lewis declared President Wilson neutrality laws were under considerahas sent a letter to administration tion by the president. senators to hold the senate together Legislation to provide shipping, in

and to impress upon senators the view of the opposition by France, to necessity of their presence in order purchase of foreign ships will also be that certain emergency legislation considered. Lewis said. may be passed that may be required

The senate caucus will also decide whether the rivers and harbors bill will be passed and whether the Rayburn railroad securities measure of the administration anti-trust program shall be postponed until next winter. It is considered certain that the latter bill will be "shelved" temporarily. Because of the legislative emergency, Senator Lewis said, senators who had planned to campaign in Maine

A call for a caucus of senate Dem- would not leave Washington. is a matter of common note that the American Hawaii and American Guam. Japanese in Hawaii are largely vet-erans of the Russian war, and the re-drones across a narrow channel. Between American Guam and American

Philippines would be interjected another wedge in Japanese Carolines. Such a condition of alternation of spheres of influence would be singularly distasteful to a considerable elediers, and will easily be controlled by ment of the Americans. The occupation by Japanese of the German

possessions in New Guines, the Bis-Hawali is so situated that it bottles mark Archipelago, the Solomons and up the whole of the Pacific coast from Samoa would be equally distasteful to a very large element of the - British population of Australasia



ers. Allowing eight days for the advance to the point of attack and re-Bartender Is Forced at Point of Guns turn to base a hostile fleet could carry nough coal to allow a week or even to Turn Over \$25; Pair Both Young 10 days for operation in American Fellows.

Such attacks could be repeated in-definitely from this base until the in-vading fleet has been destroyed. A Two holdup men entered the Albina Ferry Exchange saloon at 18 Albina avenue last night shortly after 9 o'clock and at the point of guns forced naval base is in process of completion the barkeeper to turn over the contents The relation to these American outof the till, about \$25.

posts of the German possessions in the Pacific is somewhat intricate. The saloon is run by Everson & Backstrom, the latter being behind the They are the Marshall islands, the bar last night. The only other occu-Carolines, the Ladrones, the New Guinea colony, including the Bis-marck archipelago, and Buka and Boupant of the drinking place was Frank Hatcher employed on Irving dock. gainville, the most northerly of the Solomon islands, and in the south Ger-Backstrom raised his arms on request but Hatcher was a little too slow to suit the bandits and a pistol muzzle man Samoa. New Guines and Samoa to suit the bandits and a alone possess economic value; not was shoved in his ribs.

The robbers, who wore handker-chiefs over their faces, are described as

would establish an alternation of American and Japanese interests athwart the Pacific. Counting west-would be Japanese Marshalls between

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