

# JAPAN'S DOMINANCE IN SIBERIA PROVES STUMBLING BLOCK

## Unless Celestials' Program Is Thwarted Now American Markets Can Never Be Established

### DOORS CLOSED TO U. S. AID

### Nations Puzzled by Japan Sending 125,000 Troops to Siberia When Quota Was but 18,000.

By Jos. Timmons  
Tokio, Oct. 21.—(By Mail.)—Two propositions concerning the present situation in Siberia are indisputable, in spite of conflicting reports coming out of that unhappy land and governmental efforts to conceal movement of events there.

First—There is no present market in Siberia for American goods.

Second—Japan is almost certain to come out of the present tangle there with everything worth while in the way of concessions in the possession of her nationals; with control of the railroads and with a political and military dominance over all of Siberia east of the Lake Baikal line, including North Manchuria and outer Mongolia, at least equal to her present dominance in South Manchuria and Inner Mongolia.

**POWERS MUST INTERVENE**

"If this second proposition works out there never will be an American market in Siberia except via Japan. It most assuredly will work out unless the powers step in when world affairs have become somewhat more stabilized and thwart the Japanese program for exploitation of Siberia.

The unfortunate inhabitants of Siberia need almost everything considered necessities by civilized peoples. In pre-war days they were absolutely dependent upon Russian trade; all their manufactured goods came from Russia. But all Russian factories, even the few now

operating, are back of the Bolshevik lines. What the Siberians had left over has been almost entirely used up or destroyed. They have desperate need of shoes, clothing, tools, farming machinery, medicine, all foodstuffs except cereals. Much of their needs would have to be supplied either by charity or on credit; the Siberians could pay partly through exchange of hides, furs, cereals and lumber.

**GATES CLOSED TO AMERICA**

But the road is not open for American trade, nor even for American charity. Such American goods as have been sent out are either piled up at Vladivostok or have been commandeered for military use along the railroad route into the interior.

Even the American Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. have been unable to get much of their supplies through to the people who are in need of them. They have had to bring some of the sick and the starving back to Vladivostok in order to minister to their wants.

When the allies and the United States decided to go to the relief of the Czechoslovaks and enable them to hold the Siberian front against the German-controlled Bolsheviks, chiefly in order that Siberian grain stores might not become available to Germany, the agreement was that Japan was to send but 18,000 soldiers.

**HOLD MILITARY CONTROL**

But the Japanese war department continued to send men till they had a big army there. Viscount Uchida, the foreign minister, told me the number at its greatest was 75,000. An American intelligence section officer recently told me he was convinced the total was fully 125,000. Uchida says the total there now is 25,000. Within the last three weeks a new division was sent from Japan to Siberia, the claim being that it went to relieve a division that was being transferred to South Manchuria. The fact is that Japan has a considerable part of its army of approximately half a million men in Korea, Manchuria and Mongolia, within relatively easy reach of the Japanese front in Siberia if she needs them there.

The war minister, General Tanaka, supported by all the militarists, was able to handle this situation entirely without regard to the understanding Premier Hara, and Viscount Uchida had with the allied powers. Neither the minister of war nor the minister of the navy has any dependence upon the premier and his ministry. They are nominated by the general staffs, report only to the emperor—and their reports are in secret unknown to the rest of the ministry—and they often hold over through several ministries. That is why the militarists are able to shape events in Siberia, Mongolia, Manchuria and China without regard to the policies of the premier and his supporters.

# SOVIET OFFERS TO PROVE POSITION

## Lenin Writes Journal Correspondent a Review of Peace Terms It Approves.

By Isaac Don Levine  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.  
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Reval, Esthonia, Oct. 24.—(Via Copenhagen, Denmark, Nov. 5.—) The soviet government is willing to prove that it represents the majority

of the Russian people and is willing to guarantee absolute non-interference in the internal affairs of foreign countries. So declares Nikolai Lenin in a letter to The Journal and the Chicago Daily News. It is written in English, and answers five questions I put to him. A fac simile of this unique letter, the full text of which is in Lenin's own handwriting, is being forwarded by mail for reproduction in The Journal. It is dated October 5, and begins as follows:

"I beg to apologize for my bad English. I am glad to answer your five questions."

The questions asked and Lenin's replies follow:

**ACCEPTED BULLITT PLAN**

"What is the present peace policy of the soviet government?"

"Our peace policy is the former; that

is, we have accepted the peace proposition of William C. Bullitt."

"What is general terms are soviet Russia's peace conditions?"

"We have never changed our peace considerations which we formulated with Mr. Bullitt. We have many times officially proposed peace to the entente before the coming of Mr. Bullitt."

"Is the soviet government willing to guarantee absolute non-interference in the internal affairs of foreign countries?"

"We are willing to guarantee it."

"Would the soviet government be willing to prove that it represents a majority of the Russian people?"

"What is the soviet government's attitude toward an economic understanding with America?"

"We are decidedly for an economic

understanding with America—with all countries, but especially with America."

The word "especially" is underscored by Lenin. The concluding paragraph of the letter reads:

"If necessary, we can give you the full text of our peace conditions, as formulated by our government with Mr. Bullitt."

The letter is signed, "Wladimir Ileninof" (Nikolai Lenin).

**Reds Take Gatchina; Yudenitch Retreats**

London, Nov. 5.—(U. P.)—Bolshevik forces occupied Gatchina on Sunday, according to reports from Helsinki today. A Bolshevik wireless report claimed General Yudenitch was retreating along his entire battle front.

# Japan, Outgrowing Herself, Cannot Keep Pace With Business

By Ernest W. Clement  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.  
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Tokio, Japan, Nov. 5.—The Herald of Asia analyzing present conditions says that the nation is passing through an anomalous stage, having more business

than it can handle. The people are so busy that they are calling on the country to do more than it is able to perform. Railways, mails, telegraphs, telephones and all forms of public utilities are rushed day and night and cannot keep up with the pace. Stations and wharves are piled up with freight awaiting transportation. The postoffices are so flooded with mail that prompt delivery is impossible. The telegraph service is dilatory, telephonic communication is subject to vexatious delays, and trams and streetcars are overcrowded. Hence, the paper affirms, Japan is clearly outgrowing herself.



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