

A Truce in Condemning Japan
Tine Japanese campsign in Manchuria was only practice
manseuvers for a trained army. Confronting it were the
astroops of General Mah Chan-Shan, presumably like assorted troops of General Mah Chan-Shan, presumably like
most Chinese armies, a collection of non-descripts who alter-
nate banditry with the military life. A few air bombers play-
ed havoc among the troops defending Tsitsihar, the Chinese ed havoc among the troops derend of the Mikado captured the
fled and the disciplined soldiers of trat
last eenter of Manchuria. The truce with China was the only
thing left when the watching powers refrained from applything left when the watching powers refrain
ing pressure to Japan.
The western world is disappointed in Japan which
seems to have seized the moment of China's demoralization
and Rusiavis impotence and the world's economic debacle to
 cross the Chinese. Eastern railway. The attitude of Japan is
disheartening to friends of peace. One is mystified at this
sudden reversal of conduct on the part of Japan which has
for years refrained from seizing Manchuria. The occasion
could have been found earlier. There has been little change for years refran
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in the situation in
several years. So we are inclined to think that the reversal of policy
on the part of Japan comes from a shift in its internal pot-
iticics. Evidently the peace party which had been in power
for some years lost its influence, while the militarists gained the ascendancy. So lacking have been remonstrances from
within Japan that one wonders if there has not been a cen-
sorship on the opposition, just as the signs are plain the old propaganda factories of war were setting up in business
for the diffusion of rumor and colored news. While Japan has defeated China, faced down the league,
buffed out the U. S. A., stablished practically a protector-
ate in Manchuria, the issues are not wholl decided yet. An
international commission is to investigate the whole series international commassion is to investigate the whole series
of events. Diplomacy will now suplant War, - hough the
soldiers of Japan still hold the centers of Manchuria. This eommission may find evidence to justify Japan, at least par-
tially. Or it may condemn Japan's course, in which case it
is not inconceivable that Japan would not withdraw her in the field and loss in the peace conference. At least this is true that China may not live forever on
the patience of other nations, with their nationals in con-
stant danger of being robbed and murdered. Only recently
Rev. John Walter Vinson, missionary in China since 1907 Rev. John Walter Vinson, missionary in China since 1907
was kidnaped, stabbed, and decapitated by Chinese bandits.
In a sense Japan is doing precisely what we have been doing
in the Carribean for decades. So, while it is dis In the Carribean for decades. So, while it is discouraging
to those who felt that Japan would live up to her treaty en-
gagements more faithfully, until the proposed commission completes its findings and Japan shows its final attitude, it What Portland Did

## IHAT ardent partisan, Editor Ingalls of the Corvallis Ga- zette-Times blames Portland treachery for delivering the house of representatives into the hands of the philistines, al-

 jas the democrats. Two votes now give the democrats the ap-parent control of the next house. Had the third district of
Oregon returned its republican congressman the now be a tie with one farmer-laborite to decide, and as in the
past the farmer-labor members have usually voted with the republicans on organization, it might have meant the contin
asice of a republican speaker. particularly the Miehigan district which lately bolted, are
as mach to blame as the Oregon third district, but the Ga-
zette-Times feels that the Portland republieans and especial Iy the Meier-Holman defection, deserve the castigation which



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