

FEVER OF WORLD POWER VIA CHINA STIRS JAPANESE

TOKIO, Thursday, April 22 (by mail to Shanghai, May 6).—The world wide publication of the demands presented by Japan to China shortly after the defeat of the German garrison at Kiao Chow, and which are still being negotiated between the two governments, found elements of opposition to them in England, have greatly embarrassed the Japanese government.

Political associations in Japan are clamoring for drastic measures against China. Everybody is discussing the possibility of war, and speculating upon the nature and the extent of the military campaign Japan would have to undertake should China refuse to cede. All parties and factions in the country are united in favor of Japan establishing a predominant influence in China, which country is regarded as the natural

field for the needed Japanese expansion.

The semi-official press is urging the government to stand firm in spite of the criticism of foreign countries, and it is giving expression to the belief that the failure of the present negotiations would excite the profound disappointment and indignation of the Japanese people.

The statements given out today that Japan proposed to communicate to China the irrefutable minimum of her demands to be followed later by an ultimatum, should China prove to be intractable, have met with popular approval. Japanese officials are denying that there is any purpose of sending an ultimatum, but they are permitting it to be understood among the Japanese that the situation was reaching a crisis.

A dispatch received here from Sasebo, the naval base, saying that if negotiations with China were broken off, the second and third Japanese fleets would sail for the north of China.

The Japanese government has replied verbally to all points in the American note on the Chinese question. It is seeking to assure America that it has no intention of violating the Root agreement concerning the open door in China or prejudicing

the rights of Americans in China. The greatest fear exists today among the Japanese as to whether the United States is satisfied with Japan's explanation of its Chinese policy.

The departure from Japan on April 17, on a leave of absence, George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador, is interpreted here as indicating that Japan and the United States are in accord on this question.

ARDMORE, OK., HIT BY A TORNADO

KANSAS CITY, May 6.—Ardmore, Ok., was reported today to have been struck by a tornado. The Western Union reports all wire were down between Francis and Ardmore.

At Ringling, Ok., a church was reported blown down but no one seriously hurt. In the Petrolia oil fields, near Wichita Falls, Tex., 25 derricks were blown down and several houses damaged. The ward school here was partly unroofed and several children injured. A heavy rain accompanied the storm.

GARAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

F. L. Gotchet, recently with the Covey Motor Car company of Portland, is now connected with the repair department of the Crater Lake

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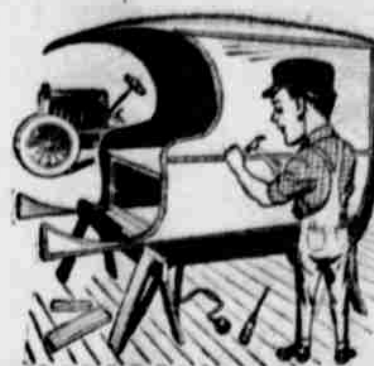
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