

### GERMANY AND JAPAN IN ALLEGED TREATY

#### Text of Document, Said to Be Bolshevist Forgery, Is Made Public

#### DEFINED POLICY AFTER WAR

Washington, July 11.—The text of the alleged secret treaty between Germany and Japan covering their joint policy with respect to Russia and China was made public here yesterday by G. Charles Hodges, assistant director of the Far East bureau of New York.

The existence of this alleged treaty caused Senator Lodge to offer a Senate resolution requesting the Department of State to send it to the Senate. The Japanese embassy has issued a formal statement denying the existence of such an alliance between Japan and Germany.

The State Department has made no official declaration on the subject of the alleged treaty, officials declining to comment for quotation until the question has been disposed of in the Senate. It has been clearly intimated by administration officials, however, that the government does not believe in the genuineness of the alleged pact, although it has not been made plain whether the document is a Bolshevist or a German forgery.

Jeremiah W. Jenks, formerly financial adviser to the Chinese Government, is head of the Far Eastern bureau. Mr. Hodges, a former member of the Senate, was known to have enjoyed exceptional contacts of an official character, and he is also lecturer at the School of Commerce, New York University, on the economic aspects of the far eastern problem.

The source of the document is given by the assistant director of the Far Eastern bureau as follows:

"The text of this alleged German-Japanese alliance was secured by the representatives of the Soviet republic in Berlin following the German revolution and the signing of the Brest-Litovsk treaty. The Bolshevist ambassador telegraphed it to Russia, where it appeared in the official organ of the All-Russian central executive committee of the soviets, the Izvestia."

Two months later the document was discovered among the Bolshevist archives at Perm, Siberia, following the capture of the city by anti-Bolshevist forces on February 2, 1919. The first public knowledge of the existence of the alleged pact, however, is understood to have been given by the Chinese Government, which is reported to have cabled it to the Peace Conference.

Japan is stated to have been represented at the Peace Conference by an alleged to have been held at Stockholm, Germany by Lutzins, and the final draft is reported to have been written in Berlin. Philip Scheidemann is declared to have supported the move, Matthias Erzberger to have opposed it.

The text as made public by Mr. Hodges follows:

"Paragraph 1. Both high contracting parties bind themselves as soon as the world political situation permits, to help the third party, Russia, to obtain under their direction the settlement of her internal affairs and the position of a world power."

"Paragraph 2. One of the high contracting parties, Japan, binds herself to allow the other high contracting party, Germany, the enjoyment of the prerogatives growing out of her treaties with the third party, Russia, as far as they concern Central Asia and Persia and assist in the conclusion of a most favored nation treaty, with mutual reciprocal guarantees between this third power and the two contracting powers."

"Paragraph 3. One of the high contracting parties, Japan, binds herself to allow the other contracting party, Germany, the enjoyment of the rights of the most favored nation given to her by the treaties in southern China and of certain privileges growing out of this treaty as yet to be defined in a special treaty, and in this connection both contracting parties bind themselves not to allow the passing of further concessions in regions yet to be definitely defined, into the hands of foreign powers, America and England."

"Paragraph 4. One of the high contracting parties, Japan, binds herself indirectly to protect the interests of the other high contracting party, Germany, in the coming peace conference, in a manner agreeable to that party in order that she might suffer as little as possible from the terms of peace in respect to territorial and financial losses."

"Paragraph 5. One of the two high contracting parties, Japan, binds herself on the basis of a treaty to be concluded with the third power after her restoration to secure for the other contracting party, Germany, the conclusion of a treaty of mutual reciprocal guarantees, military, political and economic, and to lend her services to the other party, Germany, in this direction."

"Paragraph 6. In return for this the other high contracting party, Germany,

binds herself to conclude a secret military convention on land and sea, with the aim of an alliance of mutual reciprocal guarantees and mutual protection against the aggressive intentions of America and England, the details to be worked out immediately after the conclusion of peace by specially empowered delegates of both high contracting parties."

"Paragraph 7. The secret treaty resulting herefrom will define the basic lines of foreign policy of the three high contracting parties and may in its full extent and in all its individual paragraphs be worked out immediately after the re-establishment of the third high contracting party, Russia."

"Paragraph 8. The present treaty is concluded for a period of five years, counting from the moment of the restoration of the third party, with the exception of paragraph four, which goes into effect immediately upon receipt of ratification. In case one of the high contracting parties announces six months before the end of the five-year period the intention of discontinuing the action of the treaty, it automatically remains in force for a further five-year period, until one or another of the contracting parties signifies its intention of discontinuing it."

"Paragraph 9. The present treaty should be ratified as soon as possible and certificates of ratification should be prepared in duplicate in French and German, the German text being the authentic one for Germany and the French text for Japan."

#### JOE CANNON NO WISER

##### President's Speech on Peace All Greek to Him

Washington, July 11.—"Ezra Joe" Cannon, former speaker of the House, listened to the address of President Wilson in the Senate yesterday. Commenting on the address, he said: "I listened to the president, receiving his instructions for the spread of truth and righteousness throughout the world, noted that he left the explanation of the treaty or alliance with France for another occasion, and I am no wiser now than I was an hour ago when I entered the Senate chamber."

#### GOOD DRY RESULTS SEEN

##### Minister Says Business Men Are Delighted With Prohibition

Increase in the number of industrial accidents and a falling off in the number of arrests since wartime prohibition became effective are causing business interests to feel the law is of great benefit to the country.

Such was the declaration of the Rev. Dr. F. Swift, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Antisaloon League. Reports received by him, he said, show improvement of industrial, social and criminal condition throughout the state.

The daily coal output in the mining districts is said to be increasing since hard liquor was put under the ban. Fewer hours are lost by miners and workers in industrial plants. Grocers and butchers report larger sales. Money is more plentiful for needs of families.

### SENATORS PRAISE WILSON'S ENGLISH

#### Republicans Say His Failure to Answer Objections Made Foes for League

#### DEMOCRATS ENTHUSIASTIC

Washington, July 11.—Republicans and Democratic senators agree that President Wilson's address to the Senate yesterday was couched in faultless English. The Republicans, however, say that his failure to answer objections to the league covenant has stiffened opposition to the treaty in the Senate.

Democratic senators praised the speech as a "wonderful exposition of the necessity for the league." Their attitude is best summed up in the following statement by Senator Hitchcock, ranking member of the foreign relations committee:

"The President's address was a fine, comprehensive presentation of the case to the Senate and to the American people. It was a dispassionate and convincing statement of the reasons which led the representatives of thousands of millions of people to agree to a reorganization of the whole world."

While Senators Lodge, the Republican leader of the Senate and chairman of the foreign relations committee, and Knox, the leading opponents of the league, declined to comment on the address, Republican senators who have been regarded as "thoughtful" in the fight against the league declared that the President by his speech convinced them of the necessity for amending and making reservations to the league covenant.

Among these senators were Capper, of Kansas; Spooner, of Missouri; and Norris, of Nebraska. Other Republican senators were sarcastic in their comment, and only one Republican senator, McCumber, of North Dakota, praised the President's arguments.

#### Comment of Republicans

Senator McCumber: "The address very clearly and concisely explains the difficulties that had to be overcome by the peace delegates arriving at a treaty that would be acceptable to all. It clearly expressed the hopes and prayers of the war-wounded nations of Europe for the support of this government in a program that should relieve the world from another such conflict. Of course, no one could have fairly expected a detailed discussion of the very many important and far-reaching provisions of the treaty proper and the league of nations. A treaty so extensive as to require six months of arduous labor in its completion could hardly be explained in detail in an address of less than an hour. The

address was, therefore, necessarily general. We shall hope to receive from the secretary of state the special reasons which actuated the peace delegates in formulating the articles of the long and comprehensive treaty."

#### Senator New:

"I have attended national Republican conventions for a great many years. I have seen the galleries participate in twenty-minute demonstrations of applause, while the delegates sat calmly and unmoved on the floor waiting until the applause had exhausted itself. Then the delegates have gone quietly about the business for which they were selected. The Senate will act in the same way regarding the treaty."

Senator Smoot: "It was another Wilsonian essay, but not up to the standard."

Senator Harding: "The President's address was the appeal of the 'internationalists.' It was utterly lacking in ringing Americanism."

Senator Moses: "The President set forth in a clear fashion that the league of nations, so-called, is the most perfect machinery yet devised for working an international treaty."

Senator Borah: "As I listened to the message I felt that the entire argument made by the President to the effect that the league of nations as a league for peace, was answered by the single paragraph, that while he was absent he made a definite alliance for war."

Senator Frelinghuysen: "The President pleads for his league of nations plan as the most important part of the treaty. Of the treaty he said very little. Undoubtedly he will inform the committee on foreign relations explicitly in regard to it. The league, if considered without delay, until we have an opportunity to examine into the responsibilities it places upon the United States."

Senator Edge: "Now that the President has spoken, I hope the Senate will get down to action. I believe, and I always have believed, that a majority of the senators are entirely willing for the United States to enter a league of nations, but will insist on reservations in the covenant which will leave without question the right and authority of the United States to regulate its own domestic affairs."

Comment of Democrats

Senator Pomeroy: "The President's message shows very clearly the necessity for linking up with the treaty of peace the covenant for the league of nations. To those who had doubts in their minds as to the wisdom of this course, it ought to be clear now that the political and social conditions of Europe are such, and the difficulty of the enforcement of the peace terms so great, an association or league of the Allies and ourselves is a real necessity."

"The overwhelming majority of the American people are for the league of nations. There is more opposition to it here in Washington than in any other place in the United States, and those who are opposing its ratification now will disappear if they succeed in defeating it. But the treaty will not fail."

The public demands it and right reason approves it. It is a great responsibility senators will assume who vote against the ratification of this treaty."

#### Avoid Alliances Penrose Urges

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"I was prevented from being present at Washington on the occasion of the President's speech on account of engagements with Governor Sproul at Harrisburg. I had intended going from Harrisburg to Washington yesterday and had I done so I would have been better able to estimate the effect of the speech after talking to some of those who heard it. I learn, however, that after the delivery of the President's speech the Senate adjourned over until Monday next and consequently I return to Philadelphia. Therefore, I only know the impression received from reading the speech."

Critiques Wilson's Speech

"It would of course be impossible to discuss all of the phases of the many great questions involved in the brief space of a passing comment. I can only say that the speech does not, in my opinion, meet the real issues involved. We all admit that what the President says about the past and present political complications in Europe. There is nothing new about them because they are as old as civilization. The situation does not present an argument as to why the United States should become involved in them hereafter, or should surrender any part of our national independence, or permit any infringement of the Monroe Doctrine, or of our right to pass immigration laws. The trouble is, now-a-days, that high sounding phrases seem to have completely supplanted terms of common sense."

"The President's address was magnificent, able, eloquent and inspiring. The reasons presented for the ratification of the treaty, including the league of nations, were strong and cogent. Of course it was not expected, nor was it possible in an address of this kind, to discuss in detail the treaty or the league, but the basic reasons presented for the ratification of the treaty and the covenant."

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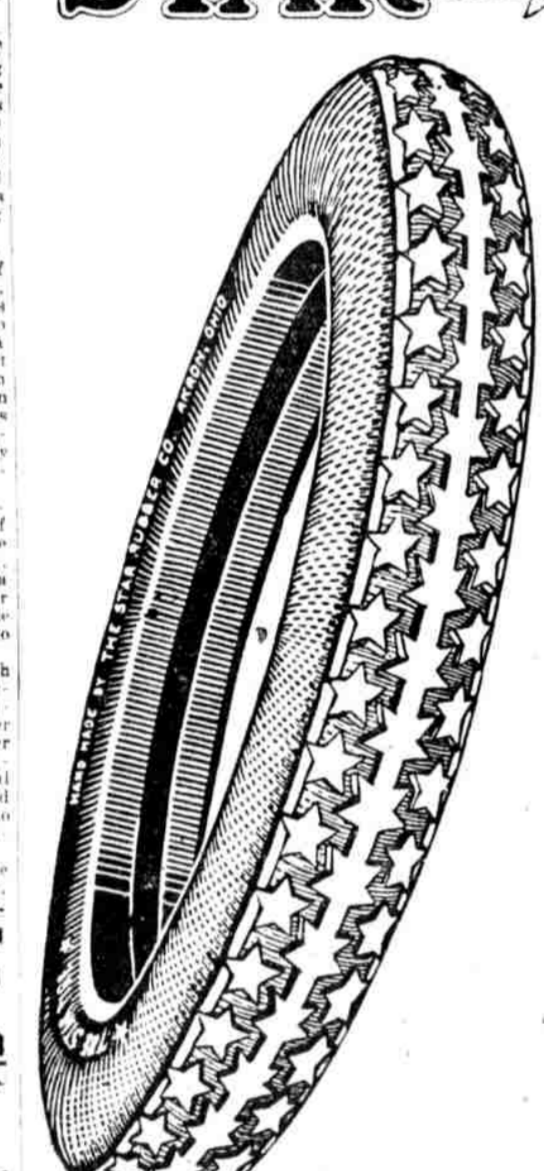
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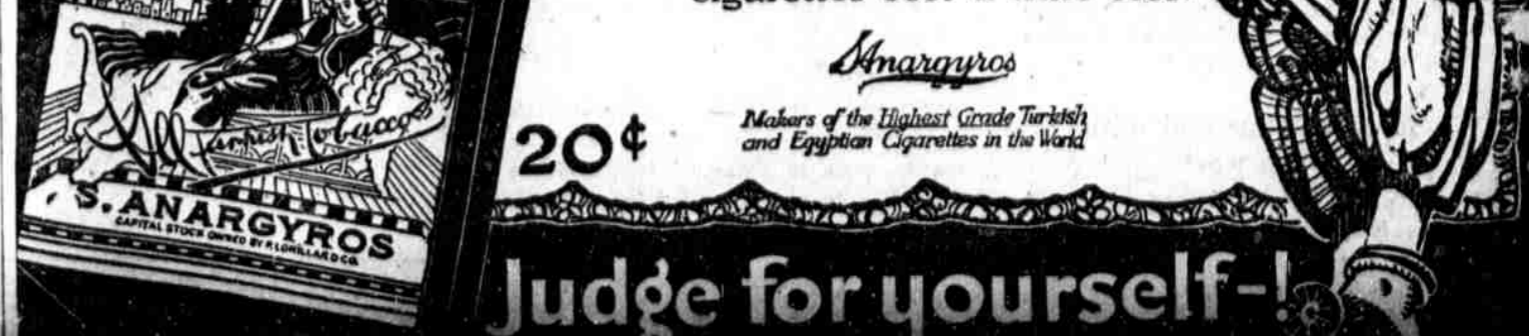


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