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NEW YORK, FRIDAY,

GERMANS IN JAPAN'S EYES

NOT REGARDED AS ENEMIES, SAYS DR. TAKATA OF WASEDA.

University President, Guest of Japan Society, Declares that His Countrymen Have Learned Much from the German Empire — The Doctrines That Count Okuma Accepts.

Japan's feeling of friendliness toward the German people was expressed by Dr. S. Takata, president of Waseda University, at a luncheon given to-day in his honor at the Hotel Astor by the Japan Society. Dr. Takata, who left Japan last April for a world tour, was in Switzerland when war was declared.

"While we were in Switzerland," he said, "we were overtaken by the terrible maelstrom of war still raging in Europe, which has already spread to the Far East, and has unfortunately involved my own country. As a lover of peace and a member of the Japan Peace Society, I cannot but deeply regret the present situation. It is indeed peculiar. We have no enmity whatever toward the German people. On the contrary, we entertain the strongest admiration for them, and for the contributions they have made in every domain of life to culture and civilization. Especially in science, medicine, military art, Japan is most gratefully indebted to German models and German instruction.

"My admiration for Germany was, further strengthened by my observation on the spot of the working of the German system. Superb as is the organization, however, I could not help thinking, after close inspection, that there must be a flaw at some point in that system that has swept over all Germany and plunged Europe into the most horrible cataclysm the world has ever seen. In this respect I heartily agree with ex-Presidents Eliot and Jordan, whose views I read some days ago. As to the reason why Japan went to war, it has been clearly stated by its present Premier, and needs no reiteration, especially on such an occasion as this.

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