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(Russo-Japanese War - Seriocomic Map) An Originan Atlas of Asia and Europe | 新案萬國地圖 治遠俄ヤシロニ

Stock#: 99437
Map Maker: Anonymous
Date: 1904 (July 5)
Place: Tokyo
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 16 inches (including text at left)
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Russian Bear Attacks China

Rare separately published satirical map of Europe, published during the Russo-Japanese War.

The map is a continuation of the tradition of serio-comic style maps, which dates back to the 1870s, reducing European politics to a series of caricatures of the nations of Europe (and occasionally parts of Asia and Africa), highlighting primary antagonist, allies, enemies and neutrals in an array of characters, anthropomorphs and in this case primarily militaristic characters.

The map would seem to be related to [Kisaburō Ohara's famous and much more common serio-comic map](#). However, we cannot determine if this is the case.

Translation

We attempted a translation, which appears below:

Along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea lies the Suez Canal, a pivotal maritime route connecting Europe to the East. It stands as a golden gateway for commerce and navigation.

Ruyudo, known for its political prowess in archery, is referred to as Rusaiju or Rusxi, a vast expanse stretching thousands of miles, its full extent shrouded in the mists of history.



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The Mediterranean coast, ever a witness to the ebb and flow of history, continues to observe the comings and goings of people. Here, the old mingle with the new, and the dreams of the past meet the realities of the present.

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Detailed Condition: