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## [Japanese Serio-Comic Map] Asia Europe Zanshin Kokkei Chizu (Asia Europe Novelty Funny Map)

**Stock#:** 49708jc  
**Map Maker:** Tomosumi  
**Date:** 1905 circa  
**Place:** n.p.  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG-  
**Size:** 19.5 x 13.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Rare Japanese Serio-Comic map, decrying the Imperialist actions of Russia.

A fascinating and richly illustrated Serio-Comic map, providing a Japanese-centric view of Russian political and military aggression at the beginning of the 20th Century.

The principal imagery shows tiny Japan firing a bullet directly into the forehead of the massive, militaristic Russian Octopus, whose 8 tentacles emanate from its beard, crushing to death a number of Baltic and Eastern European nations and ominously threatening China, Tibet and other Asian nations.

The very descriptive Kanji text panel translates approximately as follows:

*(whom did Japan think of itself?)*

*Russia outlaws devours the weaker countries. With more than 2500 years of arrogance, they do not know remorse. Our country punishes Russia and is playing an active part to help a neighboring country.*

*If here we explain Russia and the relations of all the countries of the world as a funny map, Finland, Poland, Montenegro, Serbia, Bulgaria, Rumanian six countries were coiled around Russian mustache, and lifeblood has been sucked, already became skeleton.*

*The wealthy do not fight, the United Kingdom on the sidelines.*



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*France has become the Bank of Russia.*

*Germany is disgusted with tyranny of Russia. He watching whereabouts of the Russo-Japanese War with folded arms.*

*Spain and Portugal are indifferent to Russia, and they take a nap.*

*Italy has no time for it with Roma.*

*Arabic is also just looking drooling.*

*Let sleeping dogs lie.*

*Ms Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Swiss wisdom.*

*Denmark brag of being an independent country small.*

*Hungary was about to fight against each other saying "I do not like behavior of Russia", and has been restrained by Austria.*

*Turkey has been bitten in Greece in an attempt to avoid the mustache.*

*Persia also wrapped in the mustache of Russia, stifling.*

*Tibet's right hand is caught by the mustache.*

*Burma, Siam, Annam cannot but say grace towards Japan.*

*China and Korea which was nearly saved from the Russian mustache, depend on Japan.*

*So, fired bullets to red beard of Russia that has been stretched to Japan.*

*The ridiculousness of Russia upset.*

Handwritten Kanji text on the verso describes the original acquisition of the map, etc. as follows:

Cavalry division cavalry messenger of the second D.H.Q. Tacjobana.  
January 24, 1905 mailing



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I send it from the battle front. Arrival of February 5  
Souvenir to Eiken

**Detailed Condition:**

Folding map, with a number of wormholes, as issued.