

### ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN JAPAN

#### The Term of the Present Pact Will Expire in July, 1921—Whether to Continue the Alliance is a Problem Challenging the Thought of Statesmen.

(Newspapers in Japan are actively discussing the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and the pressing question of its lapse or renewal. From the Japan Chronicle comes the following):

The term of the present Anglo-Japanese Alliance will expire in July, 1921. The original alliance was primarily a safeguard against Russia and Russia is no more. The Alliance (Art. 4) provides that should either of the High Contracting Parties conclude a treaty of general arbitration with a third Power, it is agreed that nothing in the Agreement shall impose upon such Contracting Power an obligation to go to war with the Power with whom such arbitration treaty is in force—a provision which is incompatible with the League of Nations Covenant. (Art. 2) which runs to the effect that the High Contracting Parties agree that whenever any dispute or difference arises between them which they recognize to be suitable for submission to arbitration, they will submit it to arbitration. How to reconclude the Alliance whether the Alliance is to be continued in force, even after its original term expires is apparently open, are problems which have already been discussed by various publicists, as duly reported in these columns at the time. But the matter has now been taken in the form by the Jiji, which through its intimate connection with the late Count Hasegawa, who acted on behalf of Japan when concluding the first and second Alliances, has always been an ardent supporter of the Alliance.

So much for the Jiji's own view. But not content with expressing its own views, the journal in new publications has the opinions of eminent statesmen on the same subject.

Viscount Kato, who signed the present Alliance in 1911, begins by reminding us that the present government declared in the last session of the Diet that there would be no conflict between the League of Nations and the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. In his opinion, however, while both treaties are the same in their object of insuring peace, they are different in form, that is, in respect of the means proposed for attaining that object, and it is indisputable that the Alliance cannot continue in its present shape and substance. On the other hand, he continues, the Alliance has certainly done a great service, both directly and indirectly, morally and materially, to the two powers concerned for the past 20 years or so, and it is extremely undesirable that this historic Alliance should be entirely broken up. The remnant of the pact, it will be far better than nothing even if the Alliance be continued in the shape of a League of Nations joint declaration, although nothing can be more desirable than that it should remain a more effective treaty. Even on the part of Britain, the viscount believes that it may be found not inconvenient to continue it if regard is to be had for the permanent interests of her foreign relations.

When one carefully reads the congratulatory telegram which King George, always a warm supporter of the Alliance, sent to the emperor on the signing of peace, one may realize the deep meaning between the lines and there are also not a few statements on the British side who desire to secure a moral renewal of the treaty. He thinks that now that the only hope of the League of Nations is going to be held before long it is most proper that the Japanese authorities should, without constraint and without means and a probable one or twice that amount in a year when the revenues have been the greatest in the history of the province, calls for the application of the League of Nations. From the government has not altogether lost contact to one man of the important affairs entrusted to them by the people.

### MANY CASES OF RHEUMATISM NOW

#### Says We Must Keep Feet Dry, Avoid Exposure and Eat Less Meat.

Stay off the damp ground, avoid exposure, keep feet dry, eat less meat, drink lots of water and above all take a spoonful of salts occasionally to keep down uric acid.

Rheumatism is caused by poisonous acids, called uric acid, which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine. In damp and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this uric acid, which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoon in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and is used with excellent results by thousands of folks who are subject to rheumatism. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which overcomes uric acid and is beneficial to your kidneys as well.

### Influenza Reported To Board of Health

#### Of 150 Cases up to Saturday They Were Confined to 65 Different Households—Request to Physicians to Report Cases, and Nurses to Register.

An analysis of the 150 cases of influenza reported to the Board of Health up to Saturday, shows that these cases were confined to 65 different households. About one-half of these households had only one case, so far as the records show. In the others, the number of cases range from 2 to 6.

The cases on record were reported by less than half the physicians practicing in the city, so that the health authorities are inclined to believe that all cases are not being reported. It is most important, therefore, that the Board of Health should have an early and complete record of all cases, for without such information it is impossible for them to have accurate knowledge of the local situation, and to take such steps as may be necessary for the future.

It is hoped, therefore, that all physicians will promptly report the cases to which they are called, and also secondary cases occurring in families where one had previously been reported.

Outing to the large amount of stockpiles of various kinds, there is a great demand for nurses at the present time. In view of the possible need for many more nurses in connection with the influenza outbreak it is hoped that any nurses not at present engaged in practicing their profession will put their names on the register, so that they may be available to the health authorities if the future situation makes a call for their services.

An appeal is also made to the public to, insofar as possible, themselves with the services of trained nurses in cases of a less serious nature, or where two nurses are now doing duty, to release one if possible.

While the present situation is not at all serious the health authorities wish to be prepared for any eventualities.

Chairman John Kelly, of the Board of Health, announced Saturday afternoon that the infectious hospital on St. James street is now ready for patients. Any patient who is unable to do so, J. Ellis, phone W. 75, or Thomas M. Burns, phone M. 1173.

### Asset or Liability?

(St. Croix Courier.)

Perhaps it pays to have a man with the inclinations to spend possessed by Hon. Mr. Veniot in charge of the great spending department of the government, and possibly it will be detrimental to the taxpayer if he is too pennywise to be continued, if any way can be found to effect a remedy before the next general election. An account of the expenditures of 1919, and a probable one or twice that amount in a year when the revenues have been the greatest in the history of the province, calls for the application of the League of Nations. From the government has not altogether lost contact to one man of the important affairs entrusted to them by the people.

quits Okuma believes that there is hardly any room for discussion as to the desirability of prolonging the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. In his opinion, Russia may easily become a centralized Power in spite of the cessation of the Finns and Poles and continue an important factor in international politics, and so it will be detrimental to the Allies to keep the danger from Russia out of their minds. Besides, the League of Nations has failed to secure an absolute abolition of armaments; and the conclusion of a triple alliance between Britain, France and America immediately after the signing of the Peace Treaty shows how the true relationship of the Powers under the League system is doubtful.

In these circumstances it would be dangerous for Japan to place implicit reliance in the League of Nations alone and run the risk of having to face single-handedly an untoward international event which may happen at any moment. For this reason, he cannot but support a continuation of the Alliance. At the same time he thinks that Japan is not so badly off as to have subjected to her for such a renewal. He does not believe that Britain will be influenced by a reasoning so contrary to common sense as to hold the Alliance useless because of the League. In short he concludes: there has been no change in the fundamentals of the Alliance—the political ideal of both nations for the peace of the far east and India and their territory and interests in those regions—and so there is no reason why the Alliance should not exist apart from the League. From a viewpoint of pure reason, it may be desirable to have America (who has evidently abandoned her Monroe Doctrine by interfering in the European problem first, and her meddling with the problem of China and Japan) join Britain and Japan in an Anglo-American-Japanese Alliance. But that is beside the question. With regard to the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, Japan can only act on a policy of continuing it longer for the reasons detailed above.

### EVERY COMMUNITY AND EVERY DISTRICT CAN CONSTRUCT MOST PROFITABLE HIGHWAYS

#### The people of a village or town can connect themselves with farmers of the residents of other communities by forming themselves into crews for highway building.

After the road is completed and in use, Good Roads Days can be set aside each year. On these days all the residents get out with the tools they have at hand and help with repairs and improvements. This plan is being followed in many places. The road drag, a device made of split logs which is drawn over the highway by a horse or a team, is a great help in maintaining the roads.

In opening new territory where it is not possible to bring in materials for the better kinds of roadway, earth roads supply the temporary need, but should be improved as soon as possible.

Much of the highway planning and building can be handled by farmers and others interested, without the assistance of skilled road builders, but the services of an engineer should be used in building bridges and culverts. Human safety as well as the durability of the structure itself is concerned here, and technical training can always be employed to advantage in its service. A safe, strong bridge or culvert Bridges and culverts are generally built of steel, concrete or timber.

Hillsboro

Hillsboro, N. B., Feb. 7.—The Village Club met last week at the home of Mrs. F. Fowles. Mrs. J. L. Peck read "What the Government would do for the citizens." Refreshments were served. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. J. L. Peck. Those present were: Mrs. King, Mrs. Berrie, Mrs. Cann, Mrs. W. H. Duffy, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. K. S. Duffy, Mrs. Osman, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Stabell, Mrs. C. A. Peck, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Langels, Mrs. B. H. McLatchey, Moncton, Mrs. Brundidge, Mrs. W. H. Edgett, Miss Kathleen Steeves.

Mrs. Albert McLaughlin is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patton, in St. John.

Miss Ada Crawford spent the week end in Moncton.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Irving died last Thursday. Service was conducted by Rev. A. Howard. Interment at Grey's Island.

Mrs. Robert Keith of St. John, is a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Dash.

Mrs. L. M. Stabell was at St. John last week.

Miss Robekah George of Parrabrook, on Wednesday afternoon the Village Club met at the home of Mrs. Kirby. Mrs. Osman read, which was very interesting after which Mrs. Kirby, by conducted a singing contest. Miss Ethel Blake sang a solo. Refreshments were then served. Mrs. Kirby was assisted by Mrs. J. H. Berrie and Miss Alice Kirby. Others present were Mrs. K. S. Duffy, Mrs. Cann, Mrs. Brundidge, Mrs. C. S. Steeves, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. G. P. Steeves, Miss F. B. Steeves, Miss Emma Wallace, Mrs. J. T. Steeves, Mrs. Osman, Mrs. W. F. Taylor, Mrs. Blight, Mrs. J. L. Peck, Mrs. W. H. Steeves, Mrs. Gavey, Miss Ella Beatty, Miss Kathleen Steeves, Mrs. Fowles, Miss Laura Smith, Mrs. Tilley.

Miss Jennie Lockhart of Hopewell Cape, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bliss Duffy.

Miss Leta Jonah of Moncton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Capton.

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### IN MEMORIAM

LEITCH—In loving memory of Winnie C. Leitch, who departed this life on February 16th, 1900, beloved wife of E. H. Fraser.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. George Woodburn Mottson, of Florenceville, N. B., will be at home to her friends afternoon and evening, February seventeenth.

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