

THE WAR CLOUD IN THE WEST

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American relations with Japan are reaching the tension point that existed before the World War, when the latter nation suddenly broke off diplomatic negotiations with Washington regarding the treatment of Japanese nationals in California.

At the International peace table Japan proposed as part of the League of Nations covenant, the "equality of nations and just treatment of the nationals." Eleven of the delegates present at the peace conference voted for the proposition—a majority—but it was ruled out by the president of the U.S. in the chair, as requiring "unanimous confirmation."

Russia, it is claimed by the authority on Eastern affairs, has been the evil genius responsible for much of the "straitened" relations that have existed between the U.S. and Japan since the latter slowly creeping down on China and Japanese rights on the mainland.

Japan's population is increasing by almost a million a year. The islands are overcrowded; the struggle to exist is becoming every year more intense. Japan must find an outlet, and if necessary she will be prepared when the time comes to fight for it as a plain matter of self-preservation.

When the American people entered protest and American politicians became frantic over the Shanghai provision of the major peace treaty, they did not know, possibly, that they were accentuating the critical situation existing between this country and Japan.

Does the Monroe Doctrine in its most liberal interpretations give the American government the right to bar Japanese immigrants from Mexico Central and South America? If the Japanese government played a part, yes, undoubtedly; if Japan insisted on purchasing land as a government proposition, leased, on long terms, strategic coast sites, we know already that Washington would not remain quiet.

Mr. A. M. Mittle, Sr., is busy with his sawing machine these days. Mrs. Sarah Wright of Alton and Mrs. M. J. Hallett and Mr. Leslie Hallett drove to Tweed on Tuesday. Prayer meeting was held this week at Mr. Jas. Holling's with a goodly number present.

for Japan and the latter nation under stress of circumstances, should become an industrial nation almost altogether and begin to flood the Western world with her cheap manufactures, drawing her raw material from Asiatic sources, would not that bring us to the door of economic revolution? Japan is imitative, fertile and industrious; her wage system and mode of living are Oriental. How long could we and the other nations on this continent survive the struggle? A tariff barrier? Yes, but there would result an equally high barrier at the other end of the Pacific against Western textile and other manufactures.

An American-British-Chinese-Japanese treaty is proposed by Mr. Reed to clear the situation and relieve the pressure and remove the threat of war and retaliation. This would take the place of the present Anglo-Japanese treaty that has had such tremendous influence in world affairs in the last fifteen years and more particularly in the last half dozen years.

There are two possible ways for Japan to follow, writes Mr. Blee. She must go into Asia or out over the seas, etc. The road into Asia must lead inevitably to economic control over Manchuria, eastern Mongolia and a mandatory over a buffer state between these territories and Russia.

Only co-operative commercial partnerships and business understandings will eliminate these danger spots with Japan and create a mutual respect for each other's viewpoint. Will the new Washington to be created on March 8, be able to look across the Pacific and advocate a different policy from that which has been pursued with reference to Japan? We shall see.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Buelah L.O.L. No. 435 was held on Monday evening, Dec. 13th with a good number present. The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:—Master, D. L. Hollinger; Deputy Master, Ernest Geen; Chaplain, Charlie Martin; Rec. Secretary, Samuel Twiddy; Fin. Secretary, William Wallace; Treasurer, Peter MacLurey; 1st Lecturer, Willie Dean; 2nd Lecturer, Charlie Beatty; Director of Ceremonies, Henry Wallace.

A number from here attended the revival service at Melville on Sunday evening. All report a splendid and impressive sermon preached by the evangelist, Rev. Mr. Barton, of Edmonton.

Mrs. Jno. Moseland drove to Thornburg on Wednesday. Mrs. Jas. Hollinger had the misfortune one day last week to be kicked by a cow, breaking two ribs. We all hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Bruce Coplan, of Trenton is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Roy Mitts.

Mrs. B. F. Mcumber and Mr. David Mcumber drove to Mrs. Cosmo Tutts, of Channah one day last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Geen spent Friday in Sibiring.

C.N.R. trains from the north are crowded with men coming out of the bush to spend Christmas at their homes.

WHAT SHALL I DO?

Answered by VIRGINIA PAGE.

MOTHER'S DAY.

Q.—Dear Miss Page: I know I am far from your subject with this question, but as I am always watchful for your column I hope to find an answer to this query there. Will you tell me what date was last Mother's Day?—Miss Reader.

A.—My readers have decided that our column shall deal with every subject under the sun, from what it means to wink an eye to what is the best method for retaining a job. No matter how trivial or how serious, we will talk it over here and try to work a way out of every difficulty within the narrow limits of our column, or by a personal correspondence, if need be.

Mother's Day is always the second Sunday in May. This date was set by President Wilson in a national proclamation issued in 1914. Consequently last Mother's Day must have been May 10, 1920.

FOR A BIRTHDAY GIFT.

Q.—Dear Miss Page: What would be a suitable birthday present for a girl friend.—A. New Subscriber.

A.—I judge from your handwriting that you are a girl, too, so you can give her anything at all that you think she likes or needs. You see, I can't give you any very definite suggestions because you didn't tell me your friend's age. If she is a young girl, there are a million and one suitable things—stationery, the latest fad of any kind, a dainty collar for her dress, a calfskin or bouclé cap, a party bag or something for her dressing table, and so on.

Of course, if I am mistaken and you are a boy, why then it's candy, flowers or books, chiefly you know—but every girl adores them all.

I MUST WRITE A BOOK!

Yellow Hair and Black Eyes—It would take all the space they let me have for this column for a week to answer all those questions! But I will be glad to do it if you will address an envelope to yourself, put a stamp on it and send it to me with a note explaining that it is for my reply to the questions Yellow Hair and Black Eyes asked.

All inquiries addressed to Miss Page in care of the "What Shall I Do?" department of The Daily Ontario, will be answered in these columns in their turn. This requires considerable time, however, owing to the great number received. So if a personal or quicker reply is desired a stamped and self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question.—The Editor.

Was Tortured for Nearly Two Years

THIRN MRS. McNEIL USED DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Neve Septon suffering from Rheumatism Tells of the Benefit She Got Through Using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Hillsborough, N.S., Dec. 27. (Special).—"For nearly two years I suffered the tortures of rheumatism and could get nothing to relieve me. At last I thought of Dodd's Kidney Pills and commenced to take them. "Before I had used two boxes I felt better. I have been using them for nearly six months and feel ever so much better. I will continue to use them until my rheumatism is gone." Mrs. James McNeil, who lives here, makes the above statement. She feels that she owes it to other sufferers from rheumatism to tell them how she found relief from her affliction. She is always ready to say a good word for Dodd's Kidney Pills. Other sufferers from rheumatism tell of pains relieved and health restored through the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They act directly on the kidneys. They strengthen the kidneys and put them in shape to strain the uric acid out of the blood. Uric acid crystallizing in the muscles causes the pains known as rheumatism. Ask your neighbors if Dodd's Kidney Pills do not heal and strengthen the kidneys.

Mother Graves' Worms Exterminator will drive worms from the system without injury to the child, because its action, while fully effective, is mild.

The Hotel Froquois, at Froquois Falls, will be enlarged to accommodate the increased business.

LACK OF SHIPPING FOR EMIGRANTS

Many Thousands of Ex-Soldiers Who Will Come Out on First Chance.

MANY TO ANZAC-LAND

Free Passage Applied for by Sixty Thousand—One Third Given It.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(By Mail Canadian Associated Press)—It is asserted that there are many thousands of soldier-emigrants whose departure has been delayed for weeks, and in some cases for months, owing to the shortage of shipping accommodation.

This applies principally to the services to Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. The applications lodged with the Overseas Settlement Committee of the Colonial office for the free transport of ex-Servicemen and women to the Dominions total over 50,000, together with an equal number of dependents, but not more than one-third of these have been able to secure passages up to date.

In this connection the Ministry of Shipping state that the reduced sailing from Great Britain to the Overseas Dominions, which was brought about in the first instance by the war, is a handicap on emigration, which now that normal conditions are returning, need not seem much longer. It is a difficulty (says the Ministry in an official minute) which could be remedied in the near future if the Dominions could guarantee the number of emigrants for whom they will require passages during the coming year.

No difficulty in that respect is anticipated as far as Canada is concerned, when the Canadian emigration season which is practically suspended during the winter, opens again in March next. It, however, the other two Dominions—Australia and New Zealand—provide the necessary guarantees for some extended period from January next, the Ministry of Shipping is assured that the steamship companies would, on their part, undertake to provide whatever passenger accommodation might be required.

MELVILLE

These are busy days at Melville, with weddings, pre-nuptial and post-nuptial, school-entertainments, Christmas programmes and participation in the great holiday; everyone is busy.

The church service on Sunday was essentially a Christmas service. With an enlarged choir and several new male voices, the Christmas music was beautiful and the sermon by the pastor, Rev. D. Mounter, from the text, "The day spring from on high hath visited us," was most impressive and inspiring and filled with the Christmas spirit.

The entertainment given by the school children at the school-house on Friday afternoon was well attended and much enjoyed. The school-room was attractive and inviting with bright Christmas decorations, and the programme, conducted by Mr. Ross Crulckhaek, was most interesting and entertaining.

Brief addresses were delivered by Mr. D. H. Young, Mr. Chas. Kinnear and Mrs. W. H. Anderson. There was a Christmas tree, too, from which Santa Claus distributed candy and pop-corn to the children. The singing of the national anthem brought in a delightful entertainment to a close.

Miss Vera Zuffelt, nurse-in-training at Kingston General Hospital, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zuffelt, North Lakeside.

The newly organized Sunday School of North Lakeside, held its Christmas entertainment on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davidson spent Saturday in Belleville, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ellisworth Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Carley, West-ern Ameliasburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carley on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Vance and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Palmer, spent Sunday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Spencer, Western Ameliasburg.

Miss Eliza Chase the bride-elect, had a miscellaneous shower on Wednesday evening. About seventy were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Palmer returned from their wedding trip on Monday last.

Mr. William V. Zuffelt is making extensive repairs to his dwelling. Miss Anna Chase, Toronto, and Miss Frances Osborne, Oshawa, came down on Tuesday to attend the Rogers Chase wedding.

Col. and Mrs. A. A. Ferguson spent a few days last week with friends in Pictou.

Mrs. James Lochlin spent last week with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Hendricks, York Road, who is ill.

Toronto and Mrs. E. Fox of Thornburg.

While operating a saw in the mill on Monday, Mr. Freeman French unfortunately sustained severe injuries to his left hand, which required the attention of a surgeon. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

A large crowd attended the Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening and were delighted with the programme. Much credit is due Rev. D. Mounter and all under his supervision, who performed their parts most creditably. Vocal duets by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Huff of Mount Pleasant, were received with hearty applause and insistent encores. A play entitled "The Emigrant Trader" with fifteen characters provoked much fun and laughter. Mr. Mounter, a few Gerald Ferguson, as an Irishman; Arthur Kinnear, as Dutchman and many others acting the part to perfection. Two pretty drills, one by the school children and another by the young ladies, came in for much merited applause. Financial proceeds were most satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. French are returning this week to Oshawa after several weeks' visit with friends here.

TEACHERS

Hon. Mr. Grant, Minister of Education for Ontario has been telling teachers' conventions at various points that he will not be satisfied until the minimum salary paid to teachers is \$2000. We believe that teachers should be well paid, particularly competent heads of schools. But it is quite manifest that the smaller municipalities cannot possibly pay the rates necessary to meet salaries of that minimum amount besides the amount required for the maintenance and heating of the schools. Think of \$18,000 per annum for salaries alone which Markham Village would levy. If Mr. Grant is to see his minimum of \$2,000 paid to the teachers of Ontario his government will have to quadruple the meagre amounts now given in grants to Trustee Boards on salary accounts annually. This year the taxes in Markham village, for schools maintenance alone were 15.4 mills and 1.3 mills to meet school debentures. This rate would have to be doubled to meet Mr. Grant's \$2,000 salary minimum.—Markham Economist and Sun.

Internal parasites in the shape of worms in the stomach and bowels of children sap their vitality and retard physical development. They keep the child in a constant state of unrest and, if not attended, are a danger to life. The child can be speedily relieved by using a reliable worm remedy, such as Miller's Worm Powders, which are sure death to worms.

KINGSTON BASKETBALL TEAM COMING TO BELLEVILLE

The Kingston Y.M.C.A. is sending a strong basketball team to Belleville on New Year's night to play the Belleville High School team here. The team will be composed of young men not over 18 years of age and will be in charge of Stirling Gibson, who promises to make a good showing in this game.

STRANGER HAS DISAPPEARED.

After making a search for the mysterious stranger who was reported last week to have taken up his abode in a house on a Wolford farm near Smith's Falls, D. Racine, M.P.P. of Casselman, who believed that the stranger might be his son, who has been missing for some time, found that the stranger had deserted the house and no trace of his whereabouts could be found. His identity is still shrouded in mystery, and the disappearance of young Racine is no near solution.

LIEUT.-GOV. OF B.C.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The appointment of Walter C. Nichol, proprietor of The Vancouver Province, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia is officially announced tonight from the Prime Minister's office.

TO VOTE ON FEB. 7.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The by-election in West Peterboro, the constituency left vacant by the resignation of J. H. Burnham shortly after the close of the last session, will be held on Monday, February 7.

CHRISTMAS TRADE WAS BETTER THAN 1919.

Trade in Christmas goods in Belleville was greater in volume this year than in the year 1919. Merchants state that this business began earlier this year and travellers visiting Belleville have stated that business in this city was unusually active. The purchasing was not confined to any one class in the community, but citizens of all walks and the farmers were generous spenders.

FIRST NAVAL "ACTION" IS DEFEAT FOR POET

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