

JAP STATESMAN PREDICTS WAR

Gen. Viscount Torio Declares Clash With America Is Inevitable.

New York, Nov. 20.—"War between Japan and the United States is inevitable," is the startling declaration made by Gen. Viscount Torio, Japanese elder statesman and one of the closest counsellors to the Mikado.

Not only is it inevitable but, on the same prophetic authority, it will last not three, nor 20, but perhaps 100 years, and will be the greatest war in the history of mankind.

Gen. Torio makes this bold prophecy in an interview secured by Richard Barry, the war correspondent. It is a remarkable utterance coming, as it does, from a man of such great prominence.

Perhaps Hundred Years.

Gen. Torio is the first authoritative voice of Japan to predict war with America. As to the length of the predicted conflict, the seer of Atami, as the article entitled him, said: "Come and see me when you return from the first stage of it. Your hair will be as grey as mine."

"What! A 20 years' war?"

"Perhaps a hundred," he answered. "You have a great nation, and we have well—we have a nation, too."

"But it is possible for nations to fight so continuously in these modern days?"

"In the life of a nation like Japan a century is but a day. We have existed since the growing of the first anemone; we will continue to exist after the reaping of the last sunflower. And we have existed so long for one thing—to preserve our national unity."

Asiatics All One Family.

"As a nation we are only one member of a family. That family covers the whole continent of Asia and all the islands that lie nearby. It has many members, from the old grandfather, China, to the little baby in the Philippines. It is a big family, a wonderful family, and we revere it. Behind the family we remember—nothing; beyond that family we see—nothing. There is nothing but the family."

"All our ideas of life are based upon the family; thereto our civilization is built. We are born, we live, we die for the family; the family gives us our colossal strength, our perpetuity. And it also gives us that easy reliance in ourselves which lets us drift, some times for centuries, secure always in the faith that if some members of the family may be weak or foolish there will always be a strong member to fight to maintain, to shield."

"Over 2,000 years ago your boy, Alexander, strayed into our backyard. He was a brave and venturesome expert with both swords, and we sent him against one who at that time was our elder brother, the good Xerxes. Our elder brother fell and your younger brother pushed on; for how long? For a breath, a laugh, a shy, exciting shout; then he slipped, he fell, he died, and his people scattered, and his nation perished, and we lived on, the family triumphant!"

"We opened, we absorbed them, we passed them out and did not know that they had come. And therein we always win. If overwhelmed, if startled, if outwitted, we yield, we gracefully submit for a time—and then the family gathers its loyal members together, loosely, enfolds its entwining and terrible arms, hospitably about our triumphant victor."

"You have a family, just as we have one, your family of the Occident, and four times in the last 2,000 years has some member of your family strayed over to impose upon the rights of our family."

TAMPERED WITH DANGER

FINALLY HAD TO GIVE UP TEA AND COFFEE DRINKING.

Because the poisonous drug in tea and coffee does not "kill right out," many persons do not think there is any poison there.

But there is. Caffeine, the drug in tea and coffee, causes the action of the heart which results in palpitation and weakness. These often cause chronic heart trouble which may shorten life.

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While yet an infant on my mother's knee," writes a Penna. lady, "she gave me sips of coffee. As I grew older, my appetite for coffee was indulged until I did not enjoy a meal without it."

"By the time I grew to womanhood, I began to suffer the consequences. My stomach had become disordered, and often at night I could not sleep for hours on account of palpitation of the heart."

"I was induced to stop coffee, but as soon as I was better, I would again tamper with danger by going back to it. After several such experiences, I tried Postum."

"At first I did not like it. But I soon found by following directions on packages that it was easy to make good Postum and I now sit down to my meals with a cup of rich golden brown Postum by my plate and it makes the meal a feast fit for a king."

"Best of all, while I enjoy my feast, my health improves steadily." My sister, who used to have spells of acute indigestion from coffee, now enjoys real comfort from Postum, which we all have three times a day. "There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in packages.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

THE YOUNG FOLKS OF STRATHROY

Census Taken in Interest of the Sunday School Work—Boy's Long Journey.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, Nov. 20.—A youthful traveler, Master Harry Charl, aged 1 year, left London, Eng., two weeks ago, all alone, for Strathroy. He sailed on the Allan Line steamship Corinthian, and came Thursday from Quebec on the G. T. R., arriving here a few days ago.

His grandmother, Mrs. Martha Jenner, living in the 10th concession, Carleton Place, was on hand to greet the little traveler, who was hale and hearty, and none the worse for his long and lonesome journey.

"Chicken thieves have been doing some hold work in this town recently," Mr. H. McDonald, on English street, had some valuable thoroughbred Rhode Island Red fowl stolen from his coop; also Mr. W. Redmond a few nights ago had some good specimen of Buff Plymouth Rocks and Brown Leghorns taken from the perch.

Miss I. Haldane was married Tuesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Haldane, at Cairnmore, to Mr. A. W. Thorn, of Toronto. The interesting ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Pearson, pastor of the Front Street Methodist Church, Strathroy. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ruby Haldane, the groom by Mr. B. Haldane. Quite a number of invited guests were present. After an excellent wedding dinner, the happy couple left for the afternoon train for their new home in Toronto.

It is the intention of the Women's Auxiliary of St. John's Church to start a junior branch of the society.

Mr. T. Yellowwees, the secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association, was here recently, and arranged with the officers of several of the local churches to secure a census of those in towns over 18 years of age, and also those over 4 and under 18, who attend church. The work was carried out in a very satisfactory manner, as near as could be ascertained. The following figures are only for the town and hence do not represent the full strength of the various congregations:

	18 years and over	4 and under 18	Total
Methodist	930	213	1,143
Presbyterian	645	482	1,127
Baptist	623	413	1,036
Anglican	536	385	921
Roman Catholics	109	89	198
Salvation Army	40	25	65
Other denominations	13	8	21
No preference	18	17	35

BRANTFORD CEMENT CO. MAKES A RICH FIND

Strikes Best Material To Be Had in the Dominion.

St. Marys, Nov. 20.—The Brantford Cement Company, who took an option on 50 acres of the John Legge farm, there being 20 acres rock and 30 acres of cement clay, have completed their purchase, and have found the rock in this vicinity to be the best quality for making hard cement that is to be found in the Dominion of Canada. It is the intention of the company to build a mill and install a large cement plant in the coming spring.

The ladies of St. James' Church held a very successful bazaar on Saturday at the residence of Mr. John T. Leslie, Church street.

J. O. Mitchell, furniture dealer, and William Coupland, painter, went hunting on Tuesday and succeeded in shooting a fine red fox in Blanshard district.

Mr. Thomas Epplert, of Water street, north, who had attended the Methodist Church anniversary tea meeting on Monday evening, slipped and fell, his head striking with such force as to render him unconscious for some time. He was taken to his home and medical aid summoned.

The following Muskoka hunting party from this district returned home from South River, Muskoka, on Wednesday afternoon. Frank Brown, Phil Simpson, and Wal. Sinkins, of East Nisour; Archie and James Smith, of West Nisour; and Robert Dawson, of Thames, Blanshard. They brought back twelve deer, three of them being bucks.

The directors of the Horse Shoe Quarry Company will meet on Monday night to consider offers for the stone quarry. Two offers have been already received, one being a Canadian, and the other being an American offer.

A young man living in the west ward, who was arrested for beating his mother, was tried before Police Magistrate Stanley this week, and was committed to Stratford jail for 30 days.

Mr. John Robinson, of the downline of West Nisour, has sold his home to Mrs. George Holden, of the same township.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. Taylor met with a painful accident on Saturday afternoon. While going to the residence of Mr. John T. Leslie, where a church bazaar was being held, she fell, striking her head on the cement walk with such force as to render her insensible, and she remained in that condition till Sunday before regaining consciousness.

Messrs. Weir and Weir shipped on Monday last two loads of export cattle of their own feeding, comprising 2 and 3 year olds, the value being \$90 per head. The shipment was made direct to the British markets.

W. H. Judd, painter, left on Tuesday for Hamilton, where he has taken a contract.

The local promoters of the so-called St. Marys and Western Ontario Railway are erecting sheds at the rear of P. Bradshaw's blacksmith shop on Water street, on the Carter Company spur line, to receive freight coming in on the C. P. R.

Drunkennes, as measured by the apprehensions and convictions for the various forms of the offence recorded in the returns of the police court, has been increasing in Edinburgh, Scotland.

WEEKLY REVIEW BY BRADSTREETS

Commercial Conditions in All Chief Centres of the Dominion.

London reports to Bradstreet's say general business is now moving fairly briskly, although the ordering is not as heavy as might be expected. Local retail trade is fair and collections from all points continue to improve. Cost of raw materials and business there is steady in tone. There has been a fair distribution of orders for general lines and prospects are bright for future business. The lumber trade is still light. Produce is offering freely and prices are generally showing firm tendencies.

Active Out West.

Winnipeg reports says: The one unpleasant feature of the situation is the shortage of cars in which to move the grain. General business is active, and the outlook for future trade is most encouraging. The grain moving faster than ever before, inspections at Winnipeg running to five hundred cars a day. Values hold steady to firm. Ordering of drygoods for spring is better than had been expected. Retail trade is in the season. Retailers generally have light stocks of winter lines and they expect a good retail business. Other lines report a better demand for staples.

Vancouver and Victoria reports say: Business all along the coast holds a steady tone. Retail trade is moving, and volume and wholesalers are looking forward to excellent future business. Collections are fair to good. The lumbering and mining trade are fairly busy and this ear's salmon catch has been considerable larger than that of last season. Railroad extensions in the province are going forward rapidly and the shipping trade is busy with a good export business in grain and other products.

Holiday Trade.

Hamilton reports to Bradstreet's say business continues fairly active. Stocks of wholesale lines are moving more freely and indications point to continued activity until well up to the holiday season. Retailers report a fair trade. Collections are generally satisfactory and produce is coming forward freely with prices holding up. The demand for holiday lines has been fairly good.

Improvement at Montreal.

Montreal trade reports to Bradstreet's say: General business conditions have shown little change during the past week. Weather has been hardly as favorable for the retail trade but the volume of the wholesale business keeps up fairly well, and in some lines shows improvement. A canvass of the wholesale trade generally hear reveals a wide-spread feeling of confidence regarding future trade conditions. At the moment orders are fair and collections are coming forward satisfactory. It is understood also that retailers are generally carrying light stocks and that they will be compelled to increase them as the holiday trade comes nearer. Drygoods men report much better collections, and a fairly brisk demand for seasonal lines. Values are generally about steady. There has been some improvement in the ready-to-wear clothing trade and business for fur promises well. Business in groceries is fairly brisk in Christmas lines and the movement of staples is about normal. General hardware is fairly active with values for all lines about steady. The lumber trade is still quiet. Country business is moderate. Real estate is still badly needed, the few showings which fell having been too light to have done any pronounced good. Produce comes forward fairly well and prices are steady.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's say: There is a steady tone to trade here with some further improvement noted in both wholesale and retail lines. Money is coming forward more freely and the outlook for trade is bright. Spring business in drygoods is already good and some sorting orders are coming in. Retail trade in tailors purchases were not so heavy and stocks should require re-inforcing early in the season. Grocers report a fair amount of orders for holiday goods. Seasonable hardware lines move well, a good business having been done in sporting goods. Metals are steady and in fair demand. Boot and shoe men report an improved inquiry for winter footwear. The leather trade is quiet, with prices steady to firm. There is little demand for hides and prices are unchanged. Country trade shows a fair volume and collections are generally satisfactory. Produce prices are steady to firm, with fair lots coming forward here.

The 5,544 national and 11,852 state, private and savings banks and trust companies of Massachusetts have an aggregate capital and surplus of \$3,000,000,000 and deposits of \$13,000,000,000. Ninety-three insurance companies have admitted assets of over \$3,000,000,000, and insurance in force amounting to \$14,000,000,000.

Our referendum among the leading persons of this country on the question, "What is your opinion of the great men of Europe and America?" has resulted as follows: Washington and Napoleon are the greatest favorites, after whom come Hannibal, Caesar and Charles XII. of Sweden. Among the most disliked are Brutus, Cromwell and Darwin.—Nihonjyu (Tokio).

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DR. FALCONER ON "CANADA"

Inspiring Address by Principal of the University of Toronto.

Under the auspices of the Women Teachers' Guild of this city, Principal Falconer, of the University of Toronto, delivered an address in St. Andrew's Hall last night, choosing as his subject, "Some Qualities of Our Canadian Inheritance."

Dr. Falconer pointed out the necessity of viewing nationhood in its proper perspective. Canadians have been prone to compare themselves with such nations as the United States, and in many ways Canada must suffer in the comparison. Canada is only 41 years of age in its national life, and is only beginning to take self-conscious shape. The Anglo-Saxon element of Canada is only beginning to realize the historical continuity which alone gives Canadians the right to recognize themselves as a nation. The history of the United States goes back 300 years. Its early settlers were for the most part men of culture, bringing with them from the old land definite ideals and principles, along with many of the richest traditions of the mother country.

Conditions in Canada.

In English Canada there have not been the same conditions of experience. The farther reach of Canadian history, as a self-conscious organism, dates back barely a hundred years. Canadian people are gifted with a sense of high moral order, and a high intellectual potentiality, but they have not had the high social and political advantages that stand behind the United States. Nor can they compare themselves with them, without doing themselves a grave injustice.

The life that has developed in Canada has certain definite characteristics, the inheritance of a glorious ancestry, and Canadians do well to consider the forces, those near at hand, and those that come as far echoes of the distant past, that mold and fashion their national life.

A nation to be a nation should have a fine physical basis. The variety, the vastness and the grandeur of the inheritance of Canadians, leave their mark on the national life, in an inspiring imagination and a stimulated national sentiment.

But a physical basis is only one of the minor qualities. There were the great Semitic nations, Babylon and Egypt, that flamed into a blaze of glory and, despite the pomp and majesty of their power, and out of them only the Hebrew people, a small people in a narrow environment, live on down through the ages a great vital force, because their national life had behind it a crowning mission that taught an unerring word the meaning of righteousness, and forced its ideals upon a world's history.

In Greece.

Among the hills of Greece there was another small people, who live in all civilization to this day, and who are only perfectly understood as our civilization advances more and more towards perfection. It is the extent of a country that gives it lasting pre-eminence, but it is the ideals and principles of its people which will ultimately decide its permanency.

What lessons have our sister races to teach us? Bradstreet's say: The French litterateur, has this to say of his countrymen, that in them there is found a sense of catholicity, a breadth of viewpoint, a desire to share with others, the endeavor to act out his ideals, without the effort to force them upon others. If this is so, then in that French nation that is yet part of us we have a great factor to broaden and uplift our national ideals.

British Liberty.

What is it, that as a branch of the great Anglo-Saxon nation, we most prize? It is liberty, the birthright of the Anglo-Saxons, won by years and centuries of slow and powerful struggle.

The history of England, of Scotland, and Ireland all tell the same story of the long passionate struggle for liberty. This is one of the elements of our civilization, one of the most essential parts of our inheritance.

If freedom is admitted, will it not turn to license? Is the question often asked. Can you trust men with freedom? It is a cogent question. How has it been met?

In the annals of Britain, lying side by side with the great principle of freedom, there has always been the moral ideal of duty. Its ultimate source is shrouded in oblivion, but it can be historically traced from the time of Alfred.

The rise of education, the hands of all the people, and all consciously, its teachings and ideals have become part of our national character, and our moral standards are adjudged thereby. Duty is a sense of obligation, to do the thing that is right. Therefore, Britain has taken upon the white man's burden to carry civilization to the outskirts of the world. They have endured hardships and dangers, and the silent agony of separation from the joys of home, because every cry of oppression spoke to them of the duty their owed to give every man his chance.

Basis of Nationhood.

This is the highest basis of nationhood, liberty coupled with the duty to do what is right, and to transmit their heritage.

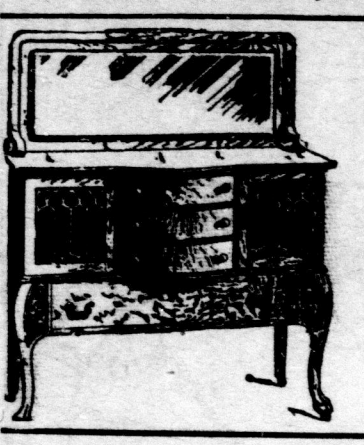
In the oldest civilization, a select few enjoyed the liberty; the rest were slaves. In Canada it is not so, and we as a people must fight against it, and we can best do that by education, for education is the school of liberty.

How are we to conquer the future? By force? The nations of the Orient could meet our force with force a thousand times more great. Force has no enduring power. Egypt and Babylon, and Nineveh and Rome, were the greatest powers the world has known, yet their story is shrouded in the mists of years, and they are almost forgotten.

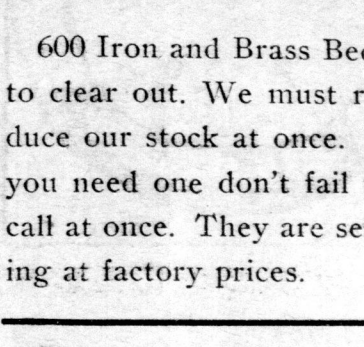
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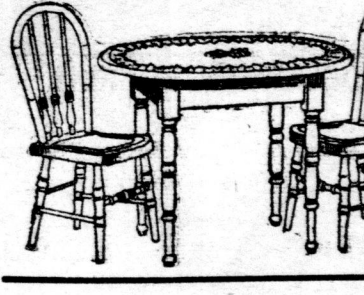
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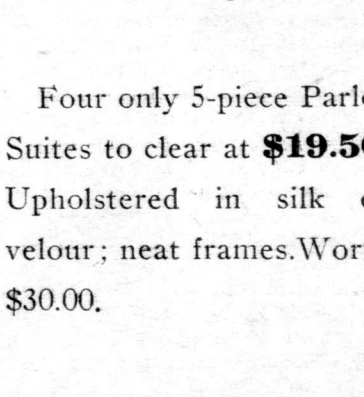
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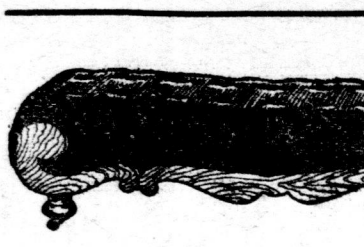
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Provost James, of the Western University, occupied the chair, and at the conclusion of the lecture conveyed to Dr. Falconer the very hearty appreciation of the audience of the great ideals of nationhood he had placed before.

FEEL PANICKY OVER HINDUSTAN

Native Hatred Intense—Drastic Powers for Suppression of Outrage.

London, Nov. 20.—The daily records of violence and seditious acts in India have long shown that the unrest there is increasing rather than abating. The opinion is becoming general here that the situation is more serious than is officially admitted.

One of the latest indications that the trouble is growing is the sudden determination of the viceroy, the Earl of Minto, to cut short a tour that he is making in the provinces. He has resolved to return to Calcutta ten days earlier than he intended.

Some of the newspapers here are calling for sterner methods in repressing sedition, which, in one opinion, signifies a revival of race hatred such as has not been known since the mutiny. The Standard says it learns that the apparent failure of the appeal to the natives in King Edward's recent message is causing anxiety. It adds that as a consequence of this and other marked indications of increasing unrest, there is reason to believe that greater powers are about to be given to the Indian authorities to deal with the situation. Among the measures contemplated is believed to be the establishment of special courts to deal summarily with perpetrators of outrages.

The Daily Mail publishes conspicuously an article by an anonymous Anglo-Indian official of wide experience, who, it declares, is incapable of entertaining panic views. He takes a serious view of the situation, the gravity of which, he says, is not realized in Great Britain. The truth, however, is that race hatred has reached high-water mark of danger. It is indubitable that the native states are leavened with treason, and their chiefs watch wonderingly the manifestations of British weakness. He declares it is time that the viceroy bestirred himself.

German will lay down her battle-ships of the 1909 programme as early as Britain lays down her 1908 vessels. In 1911 Germany will have fourteen Dreadnoughts to Britain's twelve.



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