

JAP FOOD PRICES ARE HIGH JUMPERS

Capt. G. A. Starakov Says They Eclipse American Advances.

New York, Feb. 18.—Those housewives who receive their grocery bills every day and frown over the totals should take heart. In Japan the bill, representing the same articles, would total two and one-half times as much. Food, fuel and clothing there according to Capt. George A. Starakov, formerly an officer in the Russian navy, whose home is in Kobe, Japan, who was at the Hotel Astor yesterday, declared that the people of the United States should consider themselves fortunate that prices have remained so low as they have.

The prices of clothing and food in Japan," he said, "have advanced to five times what they were three years ago. Here they have only about doubled. There is no real need for war in Japan, but the master of living conditions is almost unbelievable."

He said all factories and industrial plants were running in good order and therefore, with the exports to other countries, the Japanese were receiving good wages and the manufacturers were prospering. But as soon as the other nations of the world begin to produce their normal quantities," he added, "the Japanese will feel the sting of prices."

Capt. Starakov said the custom of Japanese women wearing daintily colored kimonos and hand painted headpieces and footgear had been abandoned for the present, and that everywhere there was a spirit of conservatism and thrift. "They are conscious," he said, "that there will come a reaction, and with prices at their present level in Japan there would be much want and need unless preventive measures were taken now."

INFLUENZA CASES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Carleton, Queens, Charlotte and Albert Counties Report More Cases.

Fredricton, Feb. 20.—There are twenty-nine new flu cases in New Brunswick today. Seven more cases were reported to the Public Health Department overnight, six of them being from Carleton County, and one from Queens County. Of these cases in Carleton County five are at Carleton and one at Woodstock, while the case reported from Queens County is at Pleasant Valley.

A telegram at noon from Secretary Mowery, of the Charlotte County Board of Health reported twenty-one additional cases in that district, there being eight cases in Campbellton, which had not hitherto been infested, and two additional cases at St. George, and eleven at Back Bay. A case at Mount Canada, Albert County, is also reported.

AWAY WITH THOSE ACHES AND PAINS

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Sloan's Liniment Keep it handy

DRESS WARM AND KEEP FEET DRY

Tells Rheumatism Sufferers to Take Salts and Get Rid of Uric Acid.

Rheumatism is no respecter of age, sex, color or rank. If not the most dangerous of human afflictions it is one of the most painful. Those subject to rheumatism should eat less meat, dress as warmly as possible, avoid any undue exposure and, above all, drink lots of pure water.

Rheumatism is caused by 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. The pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. 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 tablespoonful 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.

TARDIEU BARES TREATY SECRET

France Balked at Giving Up Rhine's Left Bank for Anglo-U. S. Alliance.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Additional light is being shed here on the Peace Conference negotiations which led up to the Franco-American-British pact, providing for the defence of France in case of future German aggression, and which caused France to abandon her claim to occupation and the independence of the left bank of the Rhine in return for this alliance.

An interesting revelation concerning this phase of the conference negotiation has just come to white notice through an article by Andre Tardieu, which appeared in L'Illustration. Capt. Tardieu, who is generally credited with being one of the men who drafted the peace treaty, is regarded as perhaps being in a most excellent position to describe the inside workings of the Peace Conference in this connection. Needless to say, his article has attracted very wide attention.

"Great Britain proud of her traditional isolation, and the United States anxious to fight," and separated from the rest of the world by the spirit of Washington and his advice against entangling alliances and by the Monroe Doctrine, proposed to France on March 14 of last year a pact or alliance giving an immediate military guarantee against unprovoked aggression by Germany," he says in his article.

Proposal Promises Solidarity. "This was an unprecedented and a weighty proposal which would maintain for France in times of peace that same solidarity by which the war was won."

Premier Clemenceau, who had asked for nothing, as he recalled with pride some time later in the Senate, at one time intimated that he attached very high value to the offer. However, he asked for time for reflection at the three meetings held on March 15 and 16, 1919 various aspects of the problem were discussed verbally and three successive notes were exchanged.

Two important conclusions, seemingly contradictory, were drawn from these conversations. They were: "1. That it would be criminal for the French Government to renounce an offer made under such conditions. "2. That it would be equally criminal to be content with the bare offer."

The apparent contradiction was emphasized when President Wilson made it clear that they preferred military guarantees in exchange for occupation and the independence of the left bank of the Rhine. They wished France to renounce this claim, and thought that such an alliance would be a just equivalent. They wanted the left bank of the Rhine to remain German and to be occupied neither by an international force nor a French force. In return Great Britain and the United States would pledge military support in case of danger."

Mr. Tardieu then proceeds to show the development of the long negotiations day by day; how France refused to accept this proposed alliance and its substitution of one guarantee for another unless accompanied by immediate military occupation.

STRONG DEMAND FOR PRODUCTS OF THE STEEL PLANTS

Dominion Steel Corporation Swamped With Orders from European Concerns.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 20.—That the demand for Dominion Steel products in the European market is far in excess of the supply available at present, and notwithstanding adverse exchange conditions, European buyers are actually swamping the Dominion Steel Corporation with orders, were two statements made by J. H. McNaughton, sales agent for the Dominion Steel Corporation.

"The foreign trade, in so far as steel products are concerned, is exceptional," said Mr. McNaughton, "and the trouble is not in getting the orders; it is in filling them. We cannot get enough steel to satisfy customers. The demand for our products has been steadily increasing during the last few months, and, despite the conditions on the exchange market, we have been kept busy supplying the orders that have come to us from Europe. While the exchange rate has, in some cases, affected us, there is another factor of untold value, namely, coal." While Mr. McNaughton was very optimistic regarding the foreign trade, he also let it be known that the Dominion Steel products are finding a ready market at home, and declared that Canadian trade was remarkably good.

CONSTIPATION AND HEADACHES

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SHOCKED CARDINAL

Paris, Monday, Feb. 15.—Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, continues to denounce modern dances, which he says make him sad.

"The new dances," he declared to an interviewer, "are to be blamed, because of the attitudes assumed by their devotees, and the new fashions

SONG WRITER'S JUBILEE

The English barrister, who forty years ago wrote the song "Nancy Lee" and the later day "Hoses of Picardy," has just celebrated his jubilee as a song writer at the age of seventy-one.

He is Mr. Frederick E. Weatherley, who published his first song in 1848, and has been writing successes ever since. During this time he has as nearly as he can count published upwards of 1,500 songs, and says he has forty new ones all ready for the composers. Among his more recent songs that everybody knows are: "Holy City," "They All Love Jack," "The Deathless Army," "Up From Somers," "When You Come Home" and "Dear Old Pal of Mine."

The late Stephen Adams set some eighty songs of Mr. Weatherley's to music. J. L. Molloy, Lancel Dennis, Herman Lehr and many other musicians have been moved by the writer's stirring ditties to compose settings that have made them favorites over the English-speaking world. Mr. Weatherley through all these years has been a practicing barrister of eminence.

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Heighen their pervacity. There is hardly a drawing room in Paris where the Tango, the Fox Trot and the Jazz are not danced. It is a deplorable fact that the aristocracy are the worst offenders, and at the dancing schools the most fervent pupils are young girls of good family."

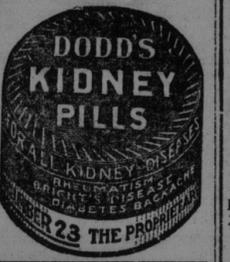
The interviewer observed that it was Cardinal Masarin, one of Cardinal Amette's predecessors, who granted letters patent to a corporation of dancing masters, which was given to the Archbishop, but in those days there were no jazz bands, and the worst Parisiennes did was to dance the "Catal Capor" the "Cargole Danco," and the "Lale-Flac" to the accompaniment of a fiddle.

AFTER INFLUENZA

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City and Country. (Edmonton Journal). Dr. Clark, M. P. for Red Deer, may be taking his political life in his hands in making the statement that "before the war the farmers' lot was often a hard one, but now they are better off than most of the city people." But as Dr. Clark is himself a farmer and also, through his parliamentary duties is brought into touch with city people, his statement must carry much weight.



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