

JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY

Written for The Ontario by Thas. M. Bice, Lawyer, De... .

In this excellent article Mr. Bice gives us a real insight into the foreign policy of Japan and reassures us that our western neighbors have no sinister designs upon the world's freedom.

Much speculation has been indulged in respecting Japan's real attitude and purposes since the great war. The trend has generally been in these speculations to the effect that Japan is going to take all that is in sight and give up nothing that she has captured.

But the fact is Japan is in perfect accord with the western allied powers in the effort to obtain an enduring peace, and her hearty co-operation will be given in achieving this end. She disclaims any territorial ambitions in either Siberia or China, and seeks only the establishment of friendly relations on the basis of mutual interests and good will.

This is the gist of the message presented to the Japanese diet recently by her Minister of Foreign Affairs.

His words concerning Russia and China were most reassuring, and all that could be desired. Immediate withdrawal of all military forces from Siberia he considers unwise, until conditions assume a greater stability, but reduction will be made in the number of troops engaged in policing that region. In the meantime he asserts emphatically that Japan has "no intention whatever of interfering in the internal politics of Russia."

Furthermore, he declares, "still less would our policy be shaped by any tendency to take advantage of domestic troubles in Russia to promote any selfish aims of territory or economic aggression."

Japan sympathizes deeply with the Russian people, he says, and looks forward confidently to their rehabilitation as one of the great powers contributing to the progress and civilization of the world.

Vigorous denial is given to the insinuation that Japan has territorial ambitions in China. A solemn pledge to respect her independence, territorial integrity and the "open door" is reiterated, and the promise is given that "upon the acquisition of Germany of the leased territories at 'Kiaochau' they will be restored to China "in accordance with the terms of the notes complementary to the treaty of May 25, 1915, regarding Shantung province."

It is encouraging to hear this note sounded from the island empire of the Orient at the moment when her representatives are meeting on equal footing with the great democracies of Europe and America. An interesting fact in connection with the present Japanese government, which has received scant attention in the U.S., is that the ministry holds itself responsible to the diet by agreement to resign at any time when it fails to obtain majority support for its policies. This is an extra-constitutional concession to the spirit of democracy.

The Japanese government is modeled on the fashion of the late and unlamented German government; the Ministry, under the constitution, is responsible only to the Emperor.

The world would welcome a change in the constitution that would bring Japan into line with popular governments of the world, and the voluntary attitude of the existing ministry is a hopeful sign that such a change may impend.

It seems but a few years ago that Japan was regarded as a barbarous, heathen nation, backward in everything tending to civilization.

The ancient history of Japan, as recorded by the native annals, is so completely enshrouded in mythological legend as to be absolutely untrustworthy. In these legends numerous deities play a conspicuous part, the country itself being styled the "land of the gods," and the pedigree of the sovereign traced back to Tensho Daijin, the "Sun goddess."

seen at the Hague could afford information. The Portuguese via Macao, and later the Dutch traders allowed to occupy a factory at Nagasaki in Japan in the 17th and 18th centuries, were in the habit of shipping a few articles for Europe, or utilitarian rather than ornamental character. These consisted chiefly of dinner services of porcelain made to order after European models—known as "Old Japan"—with heavy gliding and starting colors, as unlike any native work as can well be imagined.

When the London exhibition, therefore, made its display in the "Japanese Court," followed as this was by a great exhibition in Paris in 1867, and in Vienna in 1875, the Japanese contributions to which were carefully selected on a large scale by the Japanese Government itself, the rich treasures of art work came upon Europe as a new revelation in decorative and industrial arts, and have continued since to exercise a strong and abiding influence on all industrial art work. Today, but few if any nations can excel the Japs for proficiency in all lines of art and industry.

JERUSALEM OF TO-DAY

My impressions of Jerusalem are of a "live" town, full of newly awakened interests and special problems which will be watched absorbingly by the whole world, says a writer in a London newspaper.

Jerusalem is giddy with prosperity. The ancient city, hoary with age, sitting in its jewels and its rags, amidst the baked and barren hills of Judea, feels new life in its veins.

The British "Tommy" is here, and a Pachaian stream of piastres floods the shops, bazaars, the very gutters. None so meek, so dull, so unenterprising but can divert some of this torrent; the Turk, Jew and Gentile, the shopman, curio-sellers, restaurateurs, artisans, hucksters, barbers, shoeblacks and beggars are enjoying an affluence they have never known or dreamt of since King Solomon's day.

Jerusalem in war time has become very much like one of the numerous feeble, army-infested towns of Northern France, and in her streets a thousand allurement, from cheap Jewellery to pink ice cream, appeal irresistibly to the passing thousands of dust-covered soldiers.

Poor "Tommy"! You can't help having a little extra compassion for him in Jerusalem. He looks so bewildered. This isn't at all the Jerusalem of his boyhood fancy. It isn't within a thousand miles of it.

As I write a band is discoursing lively waltz music in the principal garden of the Jaffa Road, which has now been converted into a sort of open canteen. Occasionally the music is drowned by the rumbling of heavy lorries or prolonged shriek of motor horns, or punctuated by the shouts of vendors of cakes and lemonade who stand at the doors of their shops and accost the soldiers in execrable new-found English. One fellow, whose eye now and then is lifted to mine, has the impudence to bawl, "Hullo, hullo English! Good stuff. Come in."

Within Jerusalem is a seething cauldron of speculation. What is going to happen? What is to be its political, social, economic, industrial, and architectural future?

The inhabitants are dimly aware that conferences are going on, in General Allenby, the military governor, the chief administrator of occupied enemy territory, the English bishop, and perhaps others are taking part.

Amongst the more ignorant, strange rumors are afloat. It is difficult to say who are the most exercised—the Jews, who number more than half the population, the Moslems or the Syrian and Armenian Christians. But there is little doubt that the Jews, ever since Mr. Balfour's pronouncement concerning Palestine, have the most confidence in their destiny. It is astonishing the effect which the Balfourian declaration has produced. You hear the name of the English statesman on the lips of Jewry as if he were one of the ancient prophets and the deliverer of the race.

"The Walling Place is deserted. No one comes there now. For the first time in centuries the spectacle of the crouching Hebrew lifting up his voice in lamentations at the total glories of Israel has wholly ceased. There is nothing to lament about. The sun shines on Zion. Of course there is another side of the picture.

It is not an exaggeration to say that the Moslems and Syrians and Armenian Christians are nervous. For them the future of Eli Khuds and of Palestine under Jewish domination is not at all rosy. Many of them will tell you frankly that they will be obliged to emigrate. Already the manner in which the special trading privileges accorded to the Jews have been exercised indicates what their policy will be when they are given the full power they expect.

"The Jew is clannish—exclusive; he has been kept down so long. Reaction will make him intolerant. We see clearly what is in store for us." Meanwhile the Moslem is lying low; as low as Brer Rabbit or the Dead Sea.

The Muffi views the infidel's invasion philosophically, and he, like the Sheikh of the Mosque of Omar, finds comfort in the present tide of prosperity. Also do they find comfort in the assurance given them by the British authorities that in the town-planning scheme now afoot the ancient city, with the walls is to be untouched.

One measure of Turkish official taste is the breach in the wall made close to the Jaffa Gate on the occasion of the Kaiser's famous visit in 1898, and the erection of that eyesore, the Kaiser's Clock Tower. This latter, at all events, one is rejoiced to hear, is to come down; the breach is to be filled up and the Jaffa Gate restored. The plans for the new city have been drawn by Mr. McLean, the chief engineer of Alexandria, who was responsible for the Khartoum improvements.

The Holy City is hereafter to preserve her architectural soul secure from outside violation, and with this security may become one of the most beautiful, as it is the holiest, the most ancient, and the most interesting, city in the world.

Thurlow's Finances

Editor Ontario, Please allow me space in your valuable paper to answer Mr. Brenton's letter re Thurlow's Finances.

I am sorry Mr. Brenton thinks I am casting an imprecation on his honesty. I can assure him that was not the intention as I consider him beyond doubt one of the most just and upright men in the county. I was simply seeking or asking for information which he claims I may have got at the nomination. The information I did get at the nomination did not prove correct, as I was told that Thurlow Township did not owe a dollar and now they admit that they did owe hundreds of dollars to the collector and claim that this was simply on account of his being away from home. This might be a fact for 1918, but how about 1917, was he absent from home that year also, as there is nothing to show that he ever got his pay for 1917 or 1918. Mr. Brenton states that I am wrong in saying the financial year ends on Dec. 16th. Read your statement again, which reads from Jan. 1st to Dec. 16th, 1918.

I was not aware that the statement given out at nomination was a record of what had occurred and what would occur for the balance of the year. Nomination is held on the last Monday in each year. The rate papers are given the statement on that day. So if Dec. 31st, as Mr. Brenton claims is the last day of the financial year, then statement is printed and in the hands of the ratepayers a few days before the end of the year. Mr. Brenton claims that the Reeve and he have power to borrow cash from the bank, also to pay it back. I agree with him on this, but why does Mr. Brenton hand out a statement of the Finances of Thurlow, which shows that they borrowed thousands more than they paid back. Take 1917 statement, it shows they that year borrowed \$9844, but only shows that they paid back \$5463, which would show any ratepayer that should read it, that they still owed the bank the difference as between \$9844 and \$5463, namely \$4381. As 1917 or 1918 statement does not show that it was ever paid back to the bank. Mr. Brenton claims that they pay out large sums of cash during the last part of the year. I see that is a fact, for Mr. Brenton claims that they close up the statement on Dec. 31st and start again on Jan. 1st, which is only 24 hours time and I find that the cash on hand on Dec. 31st 1917 was \$7647 and he starts Jan. 1st with only a balance of cash on hand of \$918. So this shows that the deficit between \$7647 and \$918 was paid out in that 24 hours and not a word or figure to show what it was paid out for. I also find that the cash on hand on Jan. 1st, 1918 was

given out as being \$36,371—when it should be \$36,562, as that is the difference between the total receipts and expenditures for 1918. It makes a ratepayer feel like seeking information as to the Township system of financing.

D. Pouchier

REDNERSVILLE AND ALBURY

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Parliament have returned to their home, after spending a few weeks with their son, Nelson Parliament of Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and Harold of Mountain View, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robinson of Massawassa, took dinner and tea at C. Rose's on Sunday.

Miss Olive and Lorna Reid of Belleville spent Saturday and Sunday at C. Russells.

Miss Lorna Peck of Belleville school, spent Sunday under the parental roof.

The Evangelist Service was well attended on Sunday evening.

Mr. Willie Smith of Belleville spent Sunday evening with Miss Florence Belnap.

Mrs. J. W. Brickman and niece Grace, took dinner at L. G. Thompsons on Sunday last.

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To Test Government on a School Issue

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are likely to be in the same position with substitutes as grocers. Fewer Arrests Made Last Year

Chief of Police Nesbitt, of Kingston, in his annual report to the Police Commissioners, reports that a total of 209 arrests were made by the police during the year 1918, a decrease of 72 over 1917.

Building Permits Decrease

Kingston, Feb. 4.—Building permits for the month of January showed a decrease for the permits for same month in 1918. In January, 1918, building permits issued totaled \$5,195, while in the month of January of this year, the permits issued totaled only \$2,267.

Bertram c y Tendered Banquet

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er's dam ready to imitate Capt. Pierre of Ringlings' circus in his high dive, and in the words of the ladies of the vicinity "he was like the mighty warships of the North sea—stripped for action"—every afternoon in July and August from two to five. Even at this time our guest showed that sense of humor which has characterized his after life to have been in an advanced embryonic stage. For was it not he who tied the dead mudcat in Harry Zebode's pant leg while Harry was taking his annual dip, and thereby caused a near riot in Irishtown? Our friend Eddie Lee claims to this day that it was Bert McCoy, of old gray mare fame, who destroyed in the summer holidays of 1896 the niftiest pink shirt he ever owned, at Allen's dock, while practising his favorite pastime of "chaw raw beer". At this time Mr. McCoy first showed his strong tendency toward speculation, for Trotter Draycott, the lone fisherman of the Moira states that Bertram always met his agents on their return from the day's work of selling red-fn suckers, and offered to take a gambler's chance on "heads I win, tails you lose" for the proceeds.

These days passed as they always do, all too quickly, and some years hence, we again find Bert standing on the old cricket field watching the workmen build what was to be known to the world as the Belleville Rolling Mills, and with upstretched hands exclaiming to the morning sun "let them build her boys, I'll own her yet." Little did the astonished workmen or the anxious taxpayer, who was at that time in the bonusing business, expect that this frail lad in his first pair of long pants, was to write history in this very building, and in the iron industry, but, sirs, has he not always been successful in handling tough propositions—has he not always been at home in the "steal game."

And tonight we say farewell—in parting, might we be permitted to offer some advice. We know that in the future, as in the past you will always be a booster for "The Beautiful City of the Bay" but we would admonish you not to attempt any Cook's tours in Vancouver from 12 to 2 a.m. as back-ally workers are often mistaken for second storey guys in the larger cities, and the guardians of the peace are not all Naphthins and Deshanes on the West Coast.

For the benefit of those present who are not acquainted with these Cook-McCoy tours, I would say that Christopher Columbus was a mere mill pond mariner compared to "our Bert" in exploring the back yards and alley-ways of Front and Pinnacle streets in his twelve, cylinder super-saxon. His courage and dexterity at the wheel could only be compared to the nonchalance of Mr. James Babcock, with whom, by the way, business is always picking up, as he shovels his way up our main thoroughfare, comporting himself with the grace of a princess, dodging the exhaust of McLaughlins, Fords and Clydesdales, with the esprit de corps of an Alpine Chasseur.

The blackness of the night, the stalwart forms of the city police, nor the hysterical pleadings of the members of the fair sex in the tonneau could deter this sturdy pilot "our Bert" as with mighty muscle, and skilful eye he plied wheel, clutch, and brake, gliding gently—sometimes—through the Kyle House ward to Pinnacle St. thence back via the Crystal Hotel court to Front street, and down Gene Fairbaird's gangway to ascertain if the Moira was still blowing south. Undaunted by the linking perils of the Anglo American yards he explores the rear premises of the Salvation Army barracks, Stroud's and Mosey Doyle's with absolute blasé. Then to show his broad religious tolerance he stops and honks his honker vigorously at the home of two different ecclesiastics and finally drives his bumper up against the door of the police station at 2.10 a.m. to ask Sergeant Naphth's advice as to whether he should mount the Quinte steps with all on board, in high, or start to back from the Ar-

WALLBRIDGE

The quarterly service was fairly well attended on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Phillips of the Stone Church took dinner at Mr. and Mrs. John Hinchcliffe, on Sunday.

Mr. Will Ketcheson of Sask., son of E. Ketcheson of the 5th Line, is visiting friends and relations. He will miss the vacant chair occupied by his mother.

The auction sale of J. Farney, of the 6th Line was well attended. G. L. Ketcheson bought one of the pure bred Durham cows at \$255, another calf sold for \$400.

Mrs. John and Mrs. Will Hinchcliffe visited at the home of Mrs. G. Nicholson on Tuesday last week.

Mr. G. Westover, Mr. F. Grills, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hinchliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Hubble, all of the 3rd Line, attended service on Sunday, also Mrs. W. Phillips and daughter Maud, of the stone church.

Mr. Will Hinchliffe of Strassburg, Sask., is visiting friends and relations at Gilmour and Gunter, his birth place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hinchliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hinchliffe of Strassburg, Sask., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Gordon Ketcheson, son of G. A. Ketcheson, is the organist in the Wallbridge Methodist Sunday School, John Herman, is superintendent.

Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hinchliffe, who has been overseas for two and a half years, and been wounded twice, is about to return home.

Mrs. Geo. Benedict of Frankford visited Mrs. John Hinchliffe last week.

Miss Mable Hinchliffe, Trenton, visited over the week end under the parental roof.

ST. OLA

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reid are wearing a bright smile now days, its a girl. Congratulations.

Miss Lily Wilson was the guest of Mrs. T. A. Ham this Saturday evening.

Mrs. George Rosebush of Trenton, has been nursing her relatives, who had the flu for the past week.

Mrs. Hiram Reid is helping her sister, Miss Christina Welch, while her mother is ill with the flu.

Miss Mildred Sargent visited her cousin, Miss Christina Welch one day last week.

Gladi to say that Master Archie Steenburg is up out of his bed, after having a hard trial of the flu.

Miss Eleda P. Ham is some better now, after being very ill with the flu.

Mr. Howard Weller has gone to the O.B.C. in Belleville.

To Men Who Live Inactive Lives.—Exercise in the open air is the best tonic for the stomach and system generally; but there are those who are compelled to follow sedentary occupations and the inactivity tends to restore the healthy action of the digestive organs and sickness follows. Farnelle's Vegetable Pills regulate the stomach and liver and restore healthy action. It is wise to have a packet of the pills always on hand.

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