

JAPAN NOW THREATENING; PROBLEM OF THE FAR EAST IS GROWING VERY GRAVE

China Roused and Will Concede Nothing; Japanese Demands Mean the Maintenance of Manchu Rule and Right of Interference in Case of Political Troubles--Chinese Freedom Would be Retarded--No Concessions is the Cry.

TOKIO, MAY 4--MINISTER OF JUSTICE OSAKI IS QUOTED BY THE NEWSPAPERS AS HAVING ANNOUNCED THAT THE CABINET HAD DECIDED TO SEND AN ULTIMATUM TO CHINA URGING HER TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO MAKE NO FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO JAPAN.

THE PRESS CONSIDERS THE ULTIMATUM A PROPER STEP. THE TIMES BELIEVES THAT IF CHINA REFUSES TO YIELD, JAPAN SHOULD OCCUPY PROVINCES LIKE SHANTUNG "UNTIL CHINA COMES TO HER SENSES." THIS, THE PAPER SAYS, WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF CHINA'S INTEGRITY "SINCE ITS SOLE AIM WOULD BE TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE COUNTRY."

THE BELIEF IS EXPRESSED IN SOME CIRCLES THAT CHINA MAY SEND WORD AT THE LAST MINUTE THAT ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS ARE POSSIBLE, AND IN THIS WAY AVERT THE ULTIMATUM.

A BAD SITUATION. London, May 4--The question as to how Japan can reconcile some of her demands upon China with her professed intention of upholding the independence of that country is asked by The Manchester Guardian, in reviewing editorially the Japanese negotiations.

China does not agree, says the Guardian, "to the request that she shall not cede to a third power any harbors, bays or islands along her coasts--an undertaking against which nothing, can be said except that it apparently leaves Japan free to demand from China, just what China is forbidden to grant to a third party."

WILL SEND ULTIMATUM. TOKIO, May 3.--The Jiji Shimpo, a Japanese newspaper of good standing, issued an extra edition this afternoon, in which it made the statement that Japan would send an ultimatum to China, the Chinese reply to the latest Japanese communication being considered unsatisfactory.

REPORT TO WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, May 3.--The first official report of the torpedoing of the American tanker Gulfight reached the State Department to-day in an undated despatch from Consul Stevens at Plymouth, England, saying the attack was made Saturday, but the vessel was still afloat and that patrol boats were attempting to tow her to the Scilly Islands.

BRITISH, LOCKED BELOW, DROWN WITH THE SHIP. London, May 4.--Thirty-nine men of the crew of the British torpedo-boat destroyer Recruit, sunk in action in the North Sea on Saturday, are believed to have been drowned, according to an Admiralty list published to-night.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA ON VERGE OF FIGHT. Rome, May 4--Direct information from the German Embassy confirms the report that negotiations between Austria and Italy have been broken off. The excitement in the city is growing.

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ATTEMPTED HIS LIFE. San Antonio, Texas, May 4--An attempt to kill General Francisco Villa was made by Col. Olivias of his staff, according to news received here from Chihuahua dated May 4. It was said three shots were fired and Villa was wounded twice, but not dangerously. Olivias was killed by his brother officers. It was said the trouble followed reduction of Olivias to ranks for disobedience.

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BRANTFORD SOLDIERS ARE AMONG THE WOUNDED TO-DAY; CABLE FROM MAJOR 'MAC'

Word at Last From Brantford Officers--Much Anxiety Relieved by the News--Many Others Still to be Accounted For.



Who Cabled Yesterday.

MAJOR COLQUHOUN



With Major Colquhoun.

LIEUT. PERCY JONES



Wounded (confirmed at Ottawa).

Pte. C. Rowcliffe

With a sense of relief the many friends of Major M. A. Colquhoun and Lieut. Percy Jones heard the news that both were slightly wounded and that nothing worse had befallen them. It is with much anxiety that relatives and innumerable friends have watched the growing casualty lists and with gloomy foreboding, looked for bad tidings to come as soon as lists could be collected.

It is a tribute to both gallant officers that they perhaps will be unaware of the fact that a constant and ceaseless string of enquirers have called at the office or phoned and the members of a company who have been left behind have been fervent in their openly expressed hopes for "Capt." and his subs. Everyone joins in wishing them "good luck" on their road to health and strength again.

THE CABLEGRAM. Last evening Mrs. Colquhoun received the following cablegram from her husband: "I and Jones, with Miller, slightly wounded."

CAPT. M. A. COLQUHOUN. After investigation of the cable received by Mrs. Colquhoun, it may be read in two ways. Enquiries are on foot to clear the mystery--"I and Jones, with" Miller wounded slightly. "Mac." Some mistake has been made it is felt as the "with" may be read as "well" and in that case the Major may not be wounded, and Jones likewise.

PTE. C. ROWCLIFFE, 186 West Mill street, wounded (confirmed). Lieut. Scott, 42nd regiment, killed. Pte. F. Burkhard, 82 Grey street, died of wounds. Pte. J. White, 4 George street, wounded. Pte. W. Pawson, Scots Guards, wounded. Pte. M. Baxter, who resided at 37

Greenwich street, thought to be wounded. BROTHER KILLED. Mr. G. G. Scott of the Cocksbutt Plow Company, has received word that his brother, Lieut. Scott of the 42nd regiment has been killed at the front. He was for a time under Col. Howard.

PTE. F. BURKHARD. served previously in the 4th Cheshire regiment and was an Englishman. On coming to the city he joined the Dufferin Rifles and was a member for three years before the outbreak of the war. Burkhard was a conductor in the employ of Grand Valley Radial line and was 23 years of age. He married on his return to England with the contingent, and leaves to mourn his loss his young bride of only a few months. Another name is thus added to the Roll of Honor that will reflect to the prestige of the Dominion, the name of one who volunteered fought and died, that his reputation might endure among the nations of to-morrow.

PTE. W. PAWSON was a reservist of the 1st Scots Guards and a qualified gymnasium instructor. He left with the reservists and has his share of the desperate encounters in which the Guards Brigade received so severe handling. He was wounded some time ago, but his next of kin not residing in the city word was only received by mail at the Mohawk Institute where he had been employed before recall to the colors. He is in the hospital at present.

PTE. WHITE WOUNDED. Official notification of the wounding in the recent fighting at Ypres of Private John White was received from the auditor-general at Ottawa on Saturday.

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LONG DESPATCH FROM EYEWITNESS ON THE BRITISH BATTLE FRONT

Morale of Troops Improving, Equipment and Supplies Being Rushed--Battle Areas Differ Greatly, From Sand Dunes to Floods and Mud.

having telescopic sights. EVERY KNOWN HORROR. "They had ready, also, all the technical equipment, such as minenwerfer and various ballistic engines, throwing every kind of missile, etc., and other light projectors, rockets, flares, incendiary shells and pumps for spouting blazing oil or pitch, which were the outcome of careful and elaborate experiments made in peace time in anticipation of war, for which they have been for years making ready. Means of disseminating poisonous gases are apparently an after-thought, improvised since the commencement of hostilities.