

CANADA'S FLEET
TO THE PACIFIC?London News' Washington
Correspondent Attempts to
Explain Move.

WHAT ABOUT JAPAN?

Discussions of Naval Policy
Stirs French Paper—Mr.
Wilson's Opinion.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(By Canadian Press)—P. W. Wilson, former member of the British House of Commons and now United States correspondent of the London Daily News, claims to have information to the effect that the Canadian government has reached an agreement regarding oriental immigration with representatives of the Republican administration which will assume office in the United States on March 4. That Canada is considering building a small navy for Pacific waters and that the Dominion warships will co-operate with the United States Pacific fleet are statements which are also made by Mr. Wilson. In a cablegram, reviewing the United States Japanese situation, which he sent to this paper recently, this cablegram is printed by the New York World in connection with its campaign for disarmament. It says in part:

"About the month of March the Navy Department here undertook strategic reorganization. In the Pacific this is believed to be now complete. The bases on the Atlantic coast are said to be reduced roughly to one-quarter of the standard to be maintained on the Pacific, and the money so saved is being spent on the West coast. The eventuality of trouble with any European power appears to enter the plan only as a formality but the Atlantic Ocean receives subordinate attention as the field of a conceivable Asiatic naval raid by the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn.

Support for Japan?

"In memoranda submitted to the submitted there was doubtless submitted the inevitable question whether the British Empire in whole or in part, would ally with Japan in certain circumstances. The supposition was at once negatived. The safety of the Canadian seaboard was apparently discussed also, and when Senator Harding's victory became certain, Republican statesmanship, already powerful in the Senate, and especially in the Foreign Affairs Committee, entered, so its seems, into intimate but confidential and unofficial conversations with Dominion statesmanship, of which one indication was the declaration by Prime Minister Hughes that a White Australia welcomes every American battleship launched.

"Unless there be disarmament this is also the Canadian attitude. There is now perfect accord between the future Republican administration and the Dominions, described in the press quarters as a solid front on immigration.

"Some weeks ago Canada considered building a small navy for Pacific waters, which project was a part of conversations proceeding on unfilled command. Unexpectedly to Canada, the British Admiralty made a present to the Dominion of cruisers and destroyers. Any unfilled command must necessarily be under American supervision, and must be limited to the Pacific. It was perhaps a little complicated for the time being by the British Admiralty's gift, but in any case the use by Canada of new American bases on the Pacific may be taken for granted.

No Crisis in Pacific.

"The British Foreign Office naturally dislikes the Canadian proposal for a separate Minister at Washington, which is not abandoned and will be pressed again if the Anglo-Japanese treaty is renewed.

"If what I hear is correct, Republican statesmen do not anticipate any immediate crisis in the Pacific. Their attitude is preparedness, not alarm. Decisive issues have, however, arisen, notably Californian immigration. Japan's desire to Californian immigration, Japan's demand to take all Saghalin, her military forces in Formosa, her claim to the wireless island of Yap, her reluctance to encourage the consortium in China, and her knowledge that until recently the United States lacked recruits for the navy, on which a vigorous campaign is proceeding. The agreement now under negotiation to the Philippines, which is in the Philippines, which is islands President Wilson, in his message to Congress, would apparently execute, is not accepted as yet by

the Republican Senate, and in this form is unlikely to be.

"High finance is confident of tranquility, but in the vigorous isolation of Japanese militarists, her immense reported purchases of Chinese rice, thereby causing local famine, and apparent withdrawal of male nationals from United States, there is some ground for speculation, and Chinese residents in the United States, with Koreans, are stated to be disclaiming Japanese citizenship. Ignore the Dominions.

"The American financial year ends in July. Mr. Daniel's program, therefore, is financed until then already. If his latest estimates are cut or delayed by this during Congress it may only mean that the new Congress meeting on March 4 will wish to make its own estimates in ample time for a period of expenditure by the new Administration. Denials in London of a gentleman's understanding means nothing. For London is not always consulted. The Dominions are in a highly sensitive mood in respect of the view that the Pacific situation is to be determined in the North Sea. They wish their real attitude to be made clear, while responsible Americans are equally surprised by Mr. Archibald Hurd's article in the Fortnightly Review, which seems to ignore the Dominions. The sudden discouragement of the Irish campaign here a month ago was significant of much."

In another despatch to the News dealing with the Pacific situation Mr. Wilson stated he had learned that the Canadian Government had decided to send the British squadron which they had just received as a gift, through the Panama Canal and into the Pacific Ocean, where it would be stationed in harmony with the United States naval force.

French Opinion.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A Paris cable published in the New York World in connection with its disarmament campaign states that Le Temps has devoted considerable space to editorial discussion of P. W. Wilson's despatch in the London Daily News regarding the favor which the British dominions are reported to show toward the naval programme of the United States.

Le Temps, according to this cable, declares that the London News article "shows that the British Empire, in part, would ally with Japan in certain circumstances. The supposition was at once negatived. The safety of the Canadian seaboard was apparently discussed also, and when Senator Harding's victory became certain, Republican statesmanship, already powerful in the Senate, and especially in the Foreign Affairs Committee, entered, so its seems, into intimate but confidential and unofficial conversations with Dominion statesmanship, of which one indication was the declaration by Prime Minister Hughes that a White Australia welcomes every American battleship launched."

FOXBORO.

Mr. Robt. Coulson, of Deseronto, spent the holidays with relatives here.

The Misses Grace and Martha Pittman, returned home on Thursday after visiting relatives and friends in Stirling.

Miss Florence Cook, of Belleville, was the guest of Miss Mabel Snider for New Year's.

Mr. George Gossell and little son of Cornwall, spent the Xmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Susan Gossell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman, of Peterboro, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hagerman for the New Year's holidays.

Miss Hazel Blakely spent the week-end in Belleville visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Roy Blakely.

Miss Marie Gossell, of Belleville, spent New Year's holidays with her mother, Mrs. Susan Gossell.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis and family spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmet Rose, 6th line.

Mrs. S. C. Gay left on Monday for Madoc, to visit her sister, Mrs. Leslie Ashley.

Master Kenneth and Ronald Kemp spent the week-end visiting in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Prentice and baby of Hastings returned home after spending the holidays here.

Fire destroyed the home of Robt. Brady, who lives near "The Rapids," in Hungerford Township.

Building permits issued in Woodstock during 1920 amounted to \$290,928, which is the largest on record.

Fort Stewart post office in the northern part of Hastings County, was burglarized and stamps and money stolen.

Fifty men in a New Brunswick lumber camp asked for an increase in wages from \$60 to \$90 a month, and declined to work when refused. Mrs. Geo. Schwaib, a former resident of Lindsay, was seriously burned by the explosion of a gasoline heater at her home in Nutana, Sask. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Runnels, also, visited the former's parents at Hastings recently.

BORDEN FAVORS
NO ARMAMENTContinued Competition Will
Bring Nations Disinte-
grated Civilization

CANADA AND U.S.

Leaders of Thought in This
Country Give Opinions
on Big Issue

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Sir Robert Borden, replying to a request from The New York World for an expression of opinion on disarmament, says:

"I sympathize most deeply and earnestly with every reasonable proposal for the reduction of armaments.

"Untold sacrifices endured in the great war will have been wholly in vain if the nations are still to compete in a mad struggle for supremacy in the power of destruction.

Protest From Millions.

"The economic folly of such a policy is too manifest to be gainsaid. Is there not a sorrowful and bitter protest from millions on the verge of starvation in Europe and Asia, which must ring in the ears of every thoughtful man?

"Continued competition in armaments assuredly brings the nations to the path that leads to the ultimate disintegration of existing civilization, the foundations of which have already been rudely shaken.

"How can it be otherwise if, to those who ask for bread, civilization gives armaments?

Lesson by Canada and U. S.

"In the boundary between Canada and the United States, unfortified for more than a century, save by a common trust which has never been violated, and in the intimate friendship which that just confidence has maintained and strengthened, we have given to humanity a lesson which ought never to be forgotten in the determination of this supreme question."

Economic Reasons.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Letters from Lord, Shaughnessy and Sir Robert Falconer, President of the University of Toronto, appear in The New York World this morning in connection with the newspaper's campaign advocating international disarmament.

Lord Shaughnessy says: "I decidedly favor an agreement between the great powers regulating and restricting naval and military expenditures, not only for economic reasons, but as an assurance that the expressed determination of the allies to prevent future wars was seriously intended. Continued competitive armament construction would make the burden of taxation almost unbearable."

Sir Robert says: "Combined action should result in great economic relief. It should go far to remove suspicions of selfish aggrandizement, and it should greatly advance the preservation of peace by agreement and open discussion, because the leading nations of the world would show their unwillingness to appeal to force for the settlement of disputes."

TWEED

Mr. Jas. Rhodes, of Belleville, was a business visitor in town last week.

Mr. Fred Hoffman, of Napanee, spent the week-end with friends in town.

Miss Moran, of the public school staff, is off duty this week through illness.

Miss Anna Mather, nurse-in-training, is home from New York on her vacation.

Mr. A. H. Taft and daughter Madeline, left on Tuesday for Kingston where the latter will undergo an operation.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Maines and daughter, of Leader, Sask., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Maines.

Spent Christmas holidays with his brother, Arthur Varty, of Tweed.

Mr. H. Morion, of Moira, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sayers, and other friends in the vicinity.

Mr. W. E. Tummon, of Crookston, who holds a responsible position with Quinlan & Robertson, has been transferred to Thorold. His family will remain in Tweed for the winter.

SHOE FACTORY RE-OPENS.

Announcement that the Perth Co. Ltd., manufacturer of shoes, will reopen the factory in all its branches about Jan. 17, is regarded as an indication of a revival of confidence in the boot and shoe trade. The slump in the shoe business has been felt by this concern since early last fall.

TO LEGISLATE AGAINST
"CRIME WAVE."

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Legislators in this state have served notice that at the next session they intend introducing measures to provide greater punishment for highwaymen and burglars.

With daring robberies becoming every day occurrences, the courts here quickly decided to mete out maximum punishment wherever possible and raised bail to insure keeping criminals behind bars.

A study of existing laws in various states shows that in three burglaries is punishable by death and in four, robbery, should the maximum punishment be applied.

HENRY FORD FORMS

BIG NEW COMPANY.

Files Articles of Association
For Iron, Land and Lum-
ber Company.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 3.—Articles of association for the Michigan Iron, Land and Lumber Co., a \$2,000,000 corporation, have been filed with the County Clerk of Houghton county by Henry Ford, Edna Ford and Clara Ford. The company's capital stock is divided into 20,000 shares of \$100 par value each, of which one-half or \$1,000,000, were issued.

According to the articles the company is formed to take over the assets and property of the Michigan Iron & Land company, and to do a general manufacturing, lumbering and mercantile business. The manufacturing of automobile parts from lumber cut from the company's holding and worked up at the company's new Iron Mountain plant, while not specifically mentioned, is the main intention of the firm.

The property of the Michigan Land Company, comprising 56,800 acres, was purchased by the Ford interests for \$381,000. It contains big bodies of iron ore. While nothing is said in the articles filed today concerning mining activities, it is believed that ultimately Mr. Ford intends to go in for iron mining and steel production on his own hook.

GIVEN HANDSOME ASH TRAY

Mr. Brodie Thompson, Port Hope, received by mail a very handsome brass ash tray made from the base of a German shell. The gift was from the Gerrard family, Wavre, Belgium, with whom Brodie was billeted for several months after the signing of the armistice.

MADOC JOY.

Mrs. James Vivash, of Toronto has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, of Corbyville were among the holiday visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews entertained friends from Peterboro and Napanee during the holidays.

Miss Annie Stapley has returned from her school at Northport after spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitchett spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. French in Belleville.

Those who attended the surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wainmaker on Tuesday evening report a very pleasant evening.

Their friends will be sorry to hear they are leaving this neighborhood and wish them every success in their new home.

Mrs. Geo. Gay attended the funeral of her brother-in-law in Foxboro last week.

A number from here attended the Methodist and Presbyterian concerts in Stirling and report full houses and exceptionally good programmes, also the concert at West Huntingdon where "Aunt Susan" made many new friends and delighted everybody with her old-fashioned way.

HALLOWAY

Mr. J. McKee, of Ivanhoe, spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. J. Lowery.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Townsend are visiting friends in Peterborough.

Mrs. A. Townsend received a message on Sunday last, that her brother, Mr. T. Stout, had passed away at Ivanhoe.

Mrs. W. Kelly has returned home after spending a few days with friends in Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Denyes, of Campbellford, visited at the home of her uncle, Mr. H. Casey last week.

A Torry, London, who has been G. T. R. storekeeper since 1874, has retired and was presented with a purse of gold by the staff.

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IF CANNOT FIND WORK

Russian Bolshevism Persuades
Views of People in
Rhine-land

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—A bit of Russian Bolshevism has been proposed for the town of Wald in the Rhine-land, where Communists are in a majority in the Town Council. The Communist Aldermen have introduced an ordinance authorizing a loan of 5,000,000 marks, the proceeds of which are to be used to insure to every inhabitant with a family of two children a standard income of 18,000 marks. Those whose earnings fall below that standard will be given enough to make up the deficiency.

The principal obstacle is the income tax laws, which forbid the method by which the Communists proposed to finance the scheme—imposing a tax on income of 50,000 marks or over to meet the interest. So the authors will have to hunt up some other device for raising funds or have the loan on their hands.

Another instance of Bolshevism finance is reported from Saxony, where the Communists and Independent Socialists, upon whose support the present Coalition Government depends for existence, declared themselves very flatly opposed to granting any Crown property to the former Royal family.

Give Them Dole.

They declare that every adult male should earn a living, and if the King and Princesses are unable to find jobs they must apply for the unemployment dole like any other unemployed workman. Their attitude has tied up plans to arrange a settlement with the Royal claimants.

MADOC

Mr. Glasspool returned to Montreal on Saturday.

Miss Mary Watson spent New Year with Miss Vickie Robinson at Eldorado.

Miss Minnie O'Hara left on Monday to resume her studies at Toronto University.

Miss Edna Miller, of Toronto, spent New Year's at the home of Mrs. Jas. Whytock.

Mr. Tom Nickle has moved into the house owned by Miss Farrell, on Livingston Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Trotter, of Niagara Falls, spent the holidays at his home here.

Mr. K. Whytock returned on Monday to resume his studies at Queens University, Kingston.

Mrs. A. H. Watson paid an official visit to the Belleville Rebekahs last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Will Connor left on Monday for a visit to California.

Miss Thelma Payne, of Bancroft, is visiting Miss Norma Fair.

Mrs. Caldwell returned to Peterboro with her daughter for a prolonged visit.

Mr. Alex. Miller, of Peterboro, spent a few days last week renewing acquaintances.

Mr. Basil Crawford, of Belleville, spent New Year's with his grandmother, Mrs. Crawford.

Mrs. Vernon Reid left yesterday to spend a short time with Mr. Reid's people at Bonar Law.

Miss Louis Morris, of New York, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. A. E. Stringer, left last Thursday to spend New Year's in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Munroe and baby returned from Montreal after spending a very happy New Year with Mr. Munroe's people.

Miss Margaret McBeath returned to her school in Toronto, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McBeath.

SCHOOL REPORT

S. S. No. 2—Ameliasburg

Mr. IV.—Margaret Catney, Lisle Weese, Allen Weese, Lillian Russell, Jr. III.—Ethel McLeod, George Cretney, Edna Russell, Mary Rutter (absent).

Mr. II.—Marguerite McLeod, Mildred Rosborough, Geraldine Allison, Viola Allison.

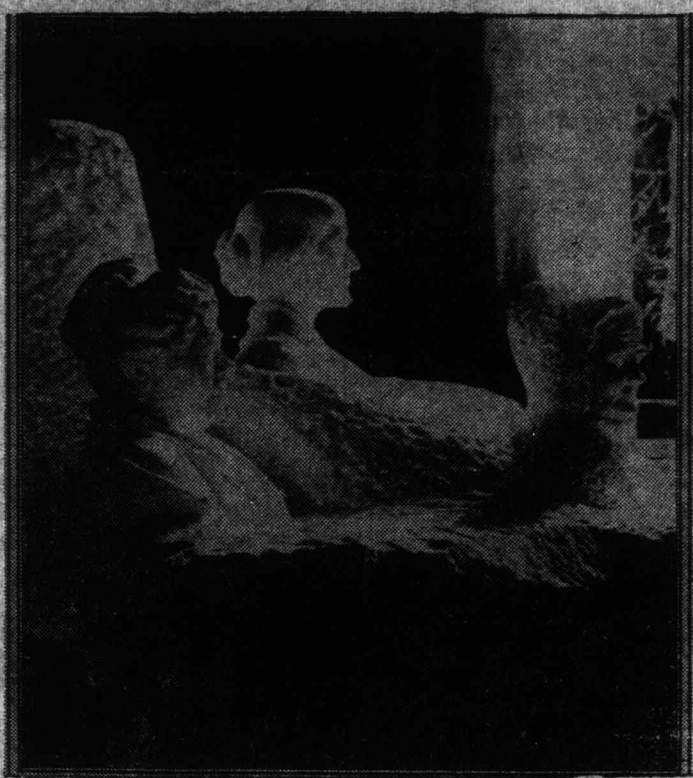
Mr. I.—Keith Onderdonk, Eunice Cretney, Richard Cretney.

Mr. Promotion from Primer—Earl Russell, Raymond McLeod.

Primer—Florence Dawson, John Phillips, Gordon Allison, Ralph Rutter, Cecil Kimberly, Sydney Cretney.

Orlando, Fla., Bricklayers' Union announced a voluntary cut in its wage scale from \$1.25 to \$1 an hour.

MEMORIAL TO SUFFRAGE PIONEERS



The photo shows the memorial statue to the three suffrage pioneers, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, which is to be placed in the Capitol at Washington on Feb. 15, as a gift to the National Woman's Party. The statue was photographed in one of the early stages of development from the block of marble in the studio of Adelaide Johnson at Carrara, Italy. This will be the first national memorial erected by women to honor women for their work for their sex.

BELLEVILLE CHURCHWOMEN
OBSERVE "DAY OF PRAYER"

The women's day of prayer was observed yesterday by the women of Belleville, a union prayer service being held in St. Thomas Parish Hall. A large number were present, representing the various congregations in the city.

Prayer for the "Thanksgiving for God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ; for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit," was offered by a John St. church representative.

A Christ church representative offered prayer "That the Kingdom of God may come among the nations and their rulers" and a prayer "for the church" was offered by a member of the Tabernacle church.

A member of the Baptist congregation offered prayer to "missions and missionaries. A member of the auxiliary of St. Thomas church offered prayer "for our community," while a member of Bridge St. church offered prayer "for the individual," a member of St. Andrew's congregation read a scripture lesson.

Mrs. Horne, a returned missionary from China, gave a very interesting talk on China and the great need of workers for service there. In China 30,000 daily go to a Christless grave without hope and without God.

Doctors and nurses are needed in China. A young missionary on his death-bed asked his friends to tell the people at home the need of workers and missionaries in China. There are so many that could go if they only would. Mrs. Horne said there she could find work for twenty young women and Mr. Horne could find work for twenty young men.

When we think that every fourth person in the world is Chinese, we should realize their need of our help," said Mrs. Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. Horne are hoping to leave for China in a few months. A collection was taken for the China famine fund.

During the service Mrs. Duff sang a solo very sweetly.

I. O. D. E. CHOICE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

It is interesting to note the successful candidates for the I.O.D.E. four post-graduate scholarships, which has just been awarded. Unlike the I.O.D.E. War Memorial scholarships for Canadian universities, the applicants were not to be limited to soldiers' children. But the understanding has been that applicants, beside those having high academic qualifications, were to be those who had served during the war or were soldiers' folk.

Hence, it may seem strange to some that the Province of Ontario, which sent most men to the war, should be represented by a man who was physically unfit and served at Kapuskasing.

Ontario's winner is Mr. Watson Kirkconnell, M. A., of Lindsay, Ont., a graduate of Queen's.

For Quebec the choice is Miss Alice Vilbert Douglas, Montreal, a graduate of McGill, a war worker overseas, and the winner of the highest possible honor of the university, the Anne Molson gold medal. She will take post-graduate work in science. She received the M. B. E. in 1918 and a brother wounded in France was the recipient of the M. C.

Representing the Province of Manitoba, Albert Colby Cooke, B. A. of Winnipeg, who served as a gunner overseas and since has been lecturer in the University of Manitoba, will take post-graduate work at Oxford, where he will specialize in colonial history.

The last of this year's quartette is Hugh MacDowell Clotie, B. A. Regina, who was too young for overseas service. A distinguished student of Saskatchewan University, Mr. Clotie was appointed fellow in government at Harvard University.

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The amount of building in Belleville during the year 1920 can scarce-ly be indicated by the permits issued. The city engineer's books show only twenty-nine permits issued for approximately fifty thousand dollars worth of building.

Many houses were erected for which there were no permits taken out.

The 1920 record is much below that of the preceding year, wherein the permits issued numbered seventy-five, totalling \$176,800.

Just what the coming year will bring forth in building operations remains to be seen. Builders have not many orders ahead. While there is a great need of houses, the people seem patiently waiting to see whether

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