

# JAPAN AGAIN PROTESTS

## Which May Involve Great Britain in the War.

### JAPAN AND FRANCE.

A despatch from Tokio says—It is stated that Japan has made a strong protest to France against the British fleet staying at Kamran Bay. It is strongly felt here that France is actively assisting the Russians within what is practically the zone of hostilities. The expected advent of the third Russian squadron into the China Sea in a week strengthens the opinion that the situation is one of exceeding gravity so far as French neutrality is concerned, and that it may force Japan to avail herself of her alliance with Great Britain, which provides in the event of Japan being attacked by any two powers Great Britain is bound to assist her. The elder statesmen and members of the Cabinet held a conference on Wednesday, which lasted five hours.

Subscriptions to the fifth domestic loan of \$50,000,000, which is part of the war fund provided for in the budget, will be opened on May 1. The terms will be generally the same as those of the fourth domestic loan.

### CONTRABAND ON BOARD.

A despatch from Port Louis, Mauritius, says—The authorities here refused to supply the German steamer Juliette with enough coal to enable her to get to Batavia, believing that she was carrying contraband. Half of the crew, who are British, the captain refused to continue the voyage despite the fact that they were offered double wages. They sent a despatch to inform the Government that they would rather go to prison for breaking their contract than to sail on the Juliette. The German Consul is bringing pressure on the Governor, Sir G. Cavendish Boyle, to induce him to compel the men to continue the voyage. The Governor is communicating with Mr. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject. There are indications that the Juliette is

### JUNKS BLOWN UP.

A despatch from Shanghai to The London Morning Post says—Two junks have been blown up by mines near Chusan. The appearance of mines south of Shanghai is causing great apprehension for the safety of European mail vessels.

### FIGHTING IN COREA.

A despatch from Tokio says—Headquarters reports the occupation of the town of Tungwa, near Chusan, by a Japanese force of 1,000, about fifty miles east of Ningpo.

It is learned from other sources that there has been some severe skirmishing at Kipu, in Northern Corea, where numerous Cossack detachments are scouring. Large Russian forces are stationed along the Northern Corean frontier.

### RETTREATING TO THE NORTH.

A despatch from Tokio says—An official report from Manchuria headquarters says—A Japanese force advanced toward Tungus, 50 miles east of Hsicheng, and occupied that town on April 15. The enemy retreated to the north.

### JAPAN RUSSIAN SUPPLIES.

A despatch from Yawon, via Tientsin, says—Ferries transports are now arriving at Newchwang. This contrast with the rush of traffic since the opening of the Liao River indicates that precautions are being taken against possible interference by the Russian Pacific squadron.

Vast accumulation of stores have already been made along the Japanese lines of communication, assuring full supplies to the armies in the field, even if the transport service is interrupted.

## DOMINION PARLIAMENT

### NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

#### FISHING LICENSEES.

Mr. Boyce called the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to a report in the press to the effect that Hon. Dr. Beaufine, Commissioner of Public Works for Ontario, had telegraphed to him in insisting upon equal rights for all parts of the province in the matter of fishing licenses and close seasons. It appeared that the former Commissioner, Hon. W. A. Charlton, had extended the fishing season for 20 days along the shore of Lake Erie in Norfolk County. Dr. Beaufine, in his telegram, had said that the time would have to be extended for the whole province or he would rescind all special licenses. The Dominion, it is explained, had the power to regulate the fishing seasons, although the provinces owned the fish and granted the leases.

Mr. Fontaine said that no such telegram had been received by his department.

#### THE SEAMEN'S ACT.

Mr. Fontaine introduced a bill to amend the Seamen's Act. The bill is to correct certain omissions in a Government measure which came down earlier in the session. Difficulties had been experienced in British Columbia ports in the shipping of seamen, and therefore it was decided to remove the limitation of the fee of fifty cents which the shipping master is authorized to pay. The present bill goes further than the one of early days of the session, in that the shipping master is authorized to appoint a boarding-house keeper or hotelkeeper as his agent, and to pay him whatever may be mutually agreed upon. The original bill was somewhat severely criticized by some of the members who took the view that it rather favored the legalization of crimping.

**USE OF INTERCOLONIAL CARS.** Mr. Foster was informed by Mr. Hyman that the amount received from foreign railways for use of intercolonial cars during the year ending June 30 last was \$77,809. The amount received from Canadian roads was \$132,322. The amount paid for cars to foreign roads by the Intercolonial was \$25,200. The amount paid to Canadian roads was \$170,322.

#### BILLS READ.

The following bills were read a third time: Respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada—Mr. Martin (Waddington) respecting the Hamilton, Galt and Guelph Railway Company—Mr. Guthrie. The following bills were read a second time and sent to committees: Respecting the Citizens' Bank of Canada—Mr. Barr respecting certain patents of William A. Parson—Mr. Campbell respecting the Western Alberta Railway Company—Mr. Callahan respecting the Montreal Bridge Company and to change its name to the Montreal Bridge and Terminal Company—Mr. Piche.

#### EPIDEMIC THREATENED.

Ottawa threatened with the Hull Disease. A despatch from London, Ont., says—The Medical Health Officer here says Ottawa is threatened with an outbreak of a peculiar dysentery similar to that which proved fatal in Hull. Numbers of cases have already occurred.

## THE WORLD'S MARKETS

### REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, April 25.—Wheat—No. 2 white and red are quoted at \$1.04 to \$1.05 outside. No. 2 white quoted at 85 to 86¢ east. Manitoba wheat steady, with No. 1 Northern quoted at 99¢, lake ports, at opening of navigation. No. 2 Northern at \$1.14, and No. 3 Northern at 89¢.

Oats—No. 2, white quoted outside at 41¢, and No. 1 at 42¢ to 43¢.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 46¢ to 47¢ middle freight; No. 3 extra at 45¢ No. 3 at 43¢ middle freight.

Pearls—The market is steady, with dealers quoting 68 to 69¢ at outside points.

Corn—Canadian yellow quoted at 47¢, and mixed at 47¢ west, guaranteed sound. American No. 3 yellow, 35 to 55¢; Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 54¢ to 55¢.

Rye—No. 2 nominal at 69 to 70¢ at outside points.

Buckwheat—No. 2 quoted outside at 59 to 60¢.

Flour—Wheat per cent, patents are quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.45 in flour mills, east or west; straight roller, \$1.30 to \$1.35; American No. 3 yellow, 35 to 55¢; Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 54¢ to 55¢.

Manitoba flour unchanged at \$1.04.

Patents—\$5.50 to \$5.60; No. 2 pats, \$5.30 to \$5.40; and strong bakers', \$5.40 to \$5.20 on track.

Milled—At outside points bran is quoted at \$1.7, and shorts at \$1.8 to \$1.9. Manitoba bran in sacks, \$1.9, and shorts at \$2.1.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Choice stock, \$2.50 per bushel, cooking apples, \$1 to \$1.30 per bushel.

Beans—Prime seed in small lots at \$1.60 to \$1.65; and hand-picked at \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bushel.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 32 to 35¢, according to quality.

Honey—The market is quiet at 75¢ to 80¢ per lb. Comb honey, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.

Hay—Car lots of No. 1 timothy are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track, and No. 2 at \$6.50 to \$7.

Straw—The market is unchanged, with car lots quoted at \$6 to \$6.50 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots of onions are quoted at 50 to 60¢ per bag on track according to quality, and lobbing lots at 65 to 70¢ for the best stock.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 12¢ to 13¢ per lb.; fowls, 10 to 11¢; ducks, 11 to 12¢ per lb.; geese, 10 to 12¢; turkeys, dry picked, 16¢ to 17¢ per lb.; do, scalded, 12 to 13¢ per lb.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Kings 1-lb. rolls are quoted at 21 to 22¢ per lb.; large rolls at 20 to 21¢; tubs, 19 to 20¢, and one grade, 16 to 18¢. Creamery prints, 25¢ per lb., and solids, 22¢ to 23¢.

Eggs—Case lots are quoted at 42 to 45¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheeses are selling at 11¢ to 12¢ per lb. and two lbs. at 12¢ per lb.

### FOOD PRODUCTS.

Car lots quoted at \$8.25 to \$8.50 on track. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices.

We quote—Lamb, 91¢ to 95¢ per lb. in cans; meat pork, 81¢ to 85¢ lots; meat bacon, 91¢ to 95¢.

Smoked Meats—Lamb, light to medium, 13 to 13½¢; heavy, 12½¢; rolls, 9½ to 10¢; shoulders, 9 to 9½; backs, 11½ to 13¢; breakfast bacon, 13¢.

Lard—Tieres, 9¢; luffs 9½¢; pails 9½¢.

### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 25.—There does not seem to be much change, and buyers could secure No. 2 oats at about 45¢ in store and No. 3 at 43¢ and Peterborough at 42¢ on track.

No. 2 peas are quoted at 76¢. May Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60; strong bakers', \$5.20 to \$5.30; winter wheat patents, \$5.60 to \$5.75; straight rollers, \$5.25 to \$5.35 in wood; bags, \$2.45 to \$2.50. Rolled oats—\$2.20 to \$2.22 per bag.

Feed—Ontario bran in bulk at \$18 to \$19.50; shorts, \$19 to \$20; Manitoba bran in bags, \$18 to \$19; shorts, \$20 to \$21. Beans—Choice peas, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bushel.

\$1.50 to \$1.60 in car lots. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$16.50 to \$17.50; light short cut, \$16.50 to \$17.50; American cut deer meat, 9½ to 10¢; shoulder, 9 to 9½; backs, 11½ to 13¢; breakfast bacon, 13¢.

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### RIOT OVER A GRAVE.

Police Charge Russian Mob With Sabres, Injuring Many.

A St. Petersburg despatch says—After a service on Tuesday at the grave of one of the victims of the crane accident at the Pitiful Iron Works on April 17, 300 Pitiful workers were集合 by a small band of incendiary red flags and shouting "Long live the tsar!" A Russian anarchist attempted to disrupt the procession, but were met with a fire from revolvers. When reinforcements had arrived the police charged the crowd with sabres, striking with the flats of their swords, and injuring several of the workmen. They soon overpowered the rioters, who defended themselves with sticks only. A large number of arrests were made.

### GONE TO CLAIM A FORTUNE.

Jack Regan's Hard Luck Has Taken a Turn for the Better.

A Vancouver, B.C., despatch says—John Regan, familiarly known as "Jack" to the frequenters of the Up Country Hotel, where he tended bar, left for Liverpool, England, to make good his claim to \$40,000. Regan lost his parents early in life. His English relatives sent him to Canada, and he was adopted by a member of the Ontario family. A few years ago he went west to Enderby, in the Okanagan. Eighteen months back a relative died in Liverpool, leaving \$40,000 to Regan, but the lawyer could find no trace of him. About a year ago there inserted an advertisement in an Ontario paper asking for information as to Regan's whereabouts. One of his back country friends has spent nearly a twelve-month looking him up and has just succeeded in finding him as a bartender.

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