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## In The Churches

### RUSSELL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Thos. McNaught, B.D., Minister

Sunday, January 23rd, 1938

11.00 a.m.—Ways and Means of Killing the Church.  
7.30 p.m.—Public Worship.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.

A Christian Welcome to All.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Russell, Ont.

Rev. J. H. Turley, B.A., Rector

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 23rd, 1938

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

7.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

### SAINT JAMES' CHURCH

Edwards, Ontario

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 23rd, 1938

11 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m.—Sunday School.

## PANA

Miss Ruby James spent last week with friends in Ottawa.

Mrs. A. Chambers of Manotick spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Morrow.

Mrs. D. Mather of Ottawa spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ernest Hamilton.

Mrs. Harry Beckstead spent the week-end with friends in Cornwall.

Mrs. Kenneth Graham spent last week with her mother, Mrs. J. Griffith.

Mrs. Herbert James spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Richard Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford McKeown visited with friends in Vars on Thursday.

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## In and Back of The Headlines

BY GAR

The newspapers carry headline after headline regarding the Spanish war and the Japanese-Chinese war and one of the headlines of last week said that Britain was going to stage one of the largest naval demonstrations in history from Jan. 31st to Feb. 5th at Singapore.

Another headline attributed to the Japanese Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, present minister of the interior and likely to be Japan's next premier, wherein he voiced unprecedented threat that "the yoke of the white races over the yellow must disappear. The mercantile interests of whites must vanish in the sun of Japan's mission."

Now here is the story that has leaked out and clearly shows the ideas that are back of Japan's conquest of China, the British naval demonstration and the Japanese admiral's threat. Take your map of the world and follow the line from Japan down through the East China Sea, South China Sea, through the Straits of Malacca into the Bay of Bengal into the Arabian Sea. As you pass down the coast of China, and enter the Straits of Malacca you pass between Singapore and the Island of Sumatra. As every one knows, the British naval base at Singapore is equipped with new 18-inch guns, the heaviest and most powerful artillery in the world today and on Feb. 11th, the new giant dock there will also be opened. This Singapore naval dock is the second largest dock in the world and is 1,000 feet long by 130 feet wide, and can accommodate the largest capital warship afloat. This naval base will then enable Britain to place a formidable battle fleet in the far East. She has never been able to do so because modern battleships must go into drydock twice a year. Britain is also rushing construction of air bases at every strategic point in the chain of line of Empire in the East, from Port Said to Australia.

Now just go back to Singapore which you see guards the entrance to the Strait of Malacca, which is the water gateway to India, just as the Khyber pass through the Himalayas is the land gateway to India, and one can but hazard a guess just why Japan protests that Britain's activities at Singapore are violations of the Treaty of Washington.

But why will England play war games backed by France and The Netherlands, and why will the Japanese admiral make threats? The reason is just because Japan is building a canal—but what a canal.

Look at the map and you will notice a long neck of land stretching down from Siam, the Malay Straits with Singapore on the tip. Now Japan is driving a canal through this neck of land, or rather through Siam, said isthmus being known as the Isthmus of Kra. This proposed canal will be known as the Canal of Siam, and will be dug just a few hundred miles north of the huge Singapore

base and consequently out of range of the huge guns at Singapore. This would enable the Japanese navy and mercantile marine to calmly pass from the China Sea into the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean, thus destroying the strategic importance of Singapore. There is little doubt but that the canal is aimed directly at Singapore and it is the proposed canal which is back of all the political moves in Siam, maneuvered by Japan—the enforced abdication of King Prajadhipok, educated in England's Eton; the succession to the throne of his 11-year-old nephew, Prince Ananda and the dictatorship of Colonel Phya Boal, who is absolute authority over Siam and is pro-Japanese. This canal then, which will run through the Isthmus of Kra, will save the Japanese a distance of 1200 miles as a commercial route and will be of inestimable value from the military-naval point of view—and don't forget it leads to the Suez Canal.

It is claimed that because of the natural water inlets in Siam's Isthmus of Kra, and the river-like indentations of the Bay of Bengal running nearly 100 miles north and across, there remains but 33 miles of canal digging and through a sector that is not much more than 25 feet above ocean level and when completed will rival the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal in strategic importance, both from the naval and commercial point of view. At present, all trade and naval routes of the Far East, whether from Japan and the Dutch East Indies, or from New Zealand and Australia, lead through the South China Sea, below the tip of Siam's Isthmus of Kra, through the narrow stretch of water between Singapore and the Island of Sumatra—and England holds the key position, Singapore, whether it be for peaceful ships' or wartime vessels.

That is the story of Britain's maddening her navy, Japan's threat by her admiral, the machine-gunning of British soldiers and the sinking of the American gun boat, because it is only a question whether the Japanese militarists, intoxicated with their success, will go too far, and presume to attempt to attack one of the great white powers which she has so insulted and which she believes she has ruined in the eyes of the people of Asia.

Failure of any of the powers to intervene in the Sino-Japanese war, passive acceptance of the grossest insults and injuries, and the Brussels Conference, along with many other things, have convinced the Japanese that the white race is about done. The Japs openly say that their objective is nothing more or less than to drive the whites out of Asia, after having made China an instrument of this policy and they now consider Britain to be their greatest enemy.

This is because Great Britain has larger interests in the Far East than any other nation; secondly, because she was more imperialistic in the Far East than any other nation; thirdly, because with India she rules over more colored people than any other power, having under the Great White Raj no fewer than 400,000,000 dark

## Local and Personal

Mr. W. Rainey spent the week-end the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Madden.

Mr. Dalton Lake, of Hull, Que., is spending a few holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lake.

Miss Aida Adams, of Ottawa, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams.

Mr. Romeo Ducharme, of Detroit, Mich., is spending a few holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duford.

Miss Florence Park, of the staff of the Bank of Montreal, Iroquois, spent the week of the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eccles McCaffrey.

Miss Evonne Ducharme, Heinz Co., demonstrator is spending a few holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duford.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Vachon and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Evaire, of Ottawa, spent the week-end the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Armstrong, of Ottawa, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hall this week.

Personals are short this week because the weather and roads were so bad that most people decided to stay at home.

Miss Muriel Hamilton has returned home after spending a few holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Durant, Chesterville.

Mrs. Ford, mother of Mrs. James Hamilton, had the misfortune to fall and suffered a fracture of the leg. To date Mrs. Ford is progressing nicely to a complete recovery.

The local curling club held a meeting in the club rooms and considerable business pertaining to the activities of the club were discussed. We understand that some few difficulties of a more or less misunderstood nature were smoothed out. People are prone to misjudge a situation that they do not understand or care to understand, when a simple explanation would clear the air. The explanation and some new motions will go into effect at once.

skinned peoples, whom Japan thinks should belong to her, and fourth, because Japan thinks that of all the nations Britain is today more securely anchored at home by dangers—namely, Italy and Germany. Perhaps Japan is going too far as witness the dispatch which failed to play the following story for what it was worth. In the fighting around Shanghai, the Japanese notified the British that they were going to use that part of Soochow Creek and the British brass-hat Telfer-Smollet, said "No." The Japs said, "Yes," and it was very close to open hostilities. Swift as radio, instructions came

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from Whitehall that the Japs could use the creek because the waterways were Chinese. And the story back of the whole story of insults to the whites, and particularly to Britain, is that Britain is not ready for war and she is proving herself the real master of diplomacy.

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