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## DARK ONCE MORE

Warclouds Are Not Yet  
Dissipated

Active Preparations  
Continue

China Warned to Pre-  
serve Order

From Tuesday's Daily,

Port Arthur, Jan. 12—It is reported that owing to threatening news received from Korea, the commanding officer of the seventh Russian brigade has gone to the Yolo river to select camps to effect the concentration of troops. The whole Russian fleet is in fighting trim.

London, Jan. 12—According to news received here, the Japanese cruisers Kasuga and Nishiu bought at Genoa from Argentina have gone in the direction of Gibraltar, followed closely by British war ships.

The Japanese ambassador this afternoon made the following statement: "Russia, in her last reply suggests neutralization of a part of Korea, while recognizing Japanese preponderance and rights in that country. Japan is unable to accept this and is now preparing a reply setting out suggestions. If Japan secures what she wants in Korea, negotiations regarding Manchuria will take a more friendly tone, and the crisis may be considered passed. At present it is impossible to say whether war will or will not result."

The Chinese minister at Tokio, at the request of the Japanese foreign officer, has telegraphed the following communication to Prince Ching Tao: "The Russian reply to the Japanese proposals has been received at Tokio. It is unfavorable and cannot be accepted by Japan, who will unless Russia recedes be compelled to promptly resort to arms. In view of such an eventuality Japan urges expects China to maintain strictest neutrality and to preserve order throughout the empire, guard foreigners resident in the interior with special care and preserve order in the provinces of Spantung and Yuna, lest foreign powers might seize the pretext of disorder to make aggressive movements therein."

The dispatch deeply impressed the Chinese who believe war is inevitable. Notes looking to ratification of a treaty between China and Japan were exchanged yesterday afternoon.

## WESTERN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Special to the Mail.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12—Magnates of the Western Baseball League who were to have met here some weeks ago but later decided upon a postponement finally got together today for the purpose of arranging business for the coming season. Circuit changes are to be made and the meeting will be one of unusual importance. In order to avoid conflict the magnates will probably be governed largely by the wishes of the major league officials. Foremost among the matters to receive attention is the division of territory, in which the franchises of Milwaukee, Kansas City and Omaha are concerned.

## NATIONAL LIVE STOCK CONVENTION

Special to the Mail.

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 12—Nearly every state of the Union is represented at the Seventh Annual Convention of the National Live Stock Association in session. The gathering was formally opened today and will continue in session through the remainder of the week. The large attendance and the importance of the subjects to be discussed combine to make the convention the most notable of its kind ever held in this country. The three matters to be given foremost attention are forest reserves, the combination of packers against stock growers, and transportation. Among the men of prominence who will address the convention are Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska, Col. W. E. Skinner, of Illinois, Hon. W. W. Colton, of Oregon, Col. John P. Irish of Calif., Hon. Paul McCormick, of Montana, Hon. R. W. Holt of Texas, Dr. J. E. Stubbs, of Nevada, Prof. W. L. Carlyle of Colorado.

Messenger Boy's Novel Errand.  
A messenger boy was recently instructed to meet a pet donkey at Charing Cross, lead it across London and dispatch it from Euston.

## SENATOR HANNA RE-ELECTED

Columbus, O., Jan. 12—Marcus A. Hanna was today re-elected United States Senator by the two houses of the Ohio state legislature in joint session. The joint ballot gave Senator Hanna a majority of 91. John H. Clarke of Cleveland received the united Democratic vote.

## MATTER OF FEW DAYS Japan Expected to Strike First Blow

## BRITISHER SAYS TRANS- SIBERIA ROAD IS WEAK

Japanese Leaving Port Arthur by the Hundred, Russian Troops Being Rushed in by the Trainload.

Special to the Mail.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13—The Japanese reply is expected at any moment. Some diplomats express a hope for a peaceful solution, but there is a general feeling that war is inevitable and that active hostilities are a matter of a few days only. It is felt that Japan will strike the first blow. The Czar shares this feeling.

Tokio, Jan. 13—The formal conference before the throne yesterday afternoon was of long duration and the result is unknown. It is said, however, that the response to Russia, which was drafted yesterday was approved and will soon be delivered, to Baron De Rosen, the Russian Minister. The answer of Japan is regarded as the last step in the negotiations. Public interest in the outcome is at fever heat and developments are anxiously awaited.

Liverpool, Jan. 13—An interesting statement in connection with the strategic value of the Trans-Siberian railroad was made today by Eulford Bush, member British merchant firm at New Chwang, addressing the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Bush, after covering the question

of the light construction of the railway and the probability of the line being blocked if subjected to heavy military traffic said that his own observation, coupled with trustworthy native information, convinced him that at least 3000 Japanese military engineers, disguised as Chinese Coolies, barbers, other menials had already been distributed at points along the railroad, and it would not be a fortnight after the declaration of war before the line would be blown up in a dozen places.

New York, Jan. 13—A special from Port Arthur, states that the Japanese are leaving. More than a hundred left during one day. The Russians regard the Japanese seizure of Mekhhe as probable with the object of making Russia fire the first shot.

Trains from Europe are crowded with troops.

Berlin, Jan. 13—Official intelligence has caused the government to believe the situation in the Orient to be extremely tense.

London, Jan. 13—A special from Tokio says a minister who attended the recent conference states that the Japan's attitude was extremely conciliatory.

## INAUGURATION OF GOV. WARFIELD

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Annapolis, Md., 13—Edwin Warfield (Democrat) was sworn in as Governor of Maryland at noon today, succeeding John Walter Smith. The occasion was one of enthusiasm for the thousands of Democrats who came from all parts of the state to participate in the ceremonies. The retiring Governor and his successor were escorted to the state capitol by a military parade composed of the militia companies of Annapolis, the Fifth Regiment Veteran Corps of Baltimore and the cadets of St. John's College. The addresses were delivered from the

front portico of the capitol. In his inaugural address Governor Warfield reaffirmed the anti-election pledges of his party and counseled economy in the appropriation of funds for educational and other institutions requiring state aid. Following the addresses there was an adjournment to the senate chamber where the oath of office was administered to the new executive by Chief Judge McShary of the Court of Appeals.

## Coming on Arcata

Special to the Mail.

San Francisco, Jan. 11—The Arcata sailed for Coos Bay at 10 a. m. Sunday with the following passengers: Mrs. M. Cooper and son, J. J. Sullivan, Geo. Wilson, Henry Vincent, E. W. Ferguson, John Finn, F. King, twelve steerage.

## NEUTRAL ZONE IN KOREA

The Point on Which  
War Depends  
Both Sides Make Some  
Concessions

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Tokio, Jan. 14—A high Japanese government official today made the statement that the belief in official circles was that war with Russia will be averted. He said concessions had been made on both sides. If Russia insists on neutral zone in Korea it will end negotiations. Japan has intimated to Russia that she is ready to recognize Russian trading concessions in Korea providing they are entirely without political significance.

Negotiations have reached a point where a peaceful or hostile settlement can be only a few days off. If Russia insists on neutral zone war is inevitable, but if she abandons it peace is practically assured. It is expected a conciliatory reply will be received from Russia.

London, Jan. 14—The Japanese reply to Russia's last note is modified upon minor points, according to Minister Hayashi, who received a copy of the text today. It insists, however, upon Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria and Japan's sphere of influence in Korea.

Practically the relation between Russia and Japan is unchanged. Hayashi believes that negotiations are liable to be prolonged.

Port Said, Egypt, Jan. 14—The Japanese cruiser Nishiu with cruiser Kossoga re-entered the Suez canal today. The Kossoga started through yesterday immediately preceded through canal by Russian warship Donskoi and seven torpedo boat destroyers. Other Russian war vessels are expected today.

This proves that Russian vessels have been ordered to keep a close surveillance on the Japanese cruisers.

## PRICES OF GLASSES RAISED

New York, Jan. 13—Persons who buy eyeglasses and spectacles this year will pay a great deal more for them than they would have done had they bought them in 1903. Two big advances have been made in all lines of optical goods within the last two months by concerns which control the entire manufacture of such goods in the United States.

It is the first time 20 years that manufacturers have increased the wholesale price on these articles. The advance, which was made this week, amounts to from 5 to 100 per cent, on all lines of optical goods and is in pursuance of a notice sent last fall to wholesalers and jobbers all over the country.

In the good old winter time you hold her little hand to keep it from freezing.

A load of coal is black, but is capable of shedding a roseate glow over a dark outlook.



NEW LINES, EXTENSIVE VARIETIES, CHOICE VALUES.  
.....Magnes & Matson.....