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Japan Will Reject Reply of Russia.

SITUATION IS VERY GRAVE

Even the Conservative Press Urges the Mikado to Act.

ELDER STATESMEN CONFER

Czar Must Agree to the Far Eastern Demands Formulated in June, but May Be Given One More Chance to Reconsider.

TROOPS LIKELY TO GO TO COREA

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A cable dispatch from Tokyo says the dispatch of troops to Korea is imminent, and that the elder statesmen have been summoned to meet the Emperor on Friday.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent learns that at the conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, the decision has been given to the Government's determination not to recede from the demands on Russia concerning the Far East formulated on June 23, 1902. This indicates, says the correspondent, the rejection of Russia's reply.

This course, however, does not necessarily mean that the negotiations have reached a hopeless stage, according to the correspondent.

Another report says it is understood that although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory, the conference decided to make another and probably last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement. The situation is considered grave. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

In addition to the Marquis Ito, Field Marshal Yamagata, senior field marshal of the Japanese army, and ex-Premier Count Matsukata, one of the greatest financiers of modern Japan, and twice Premier of Japan; Count Inoue, former Japanese Ambassador to Korea and at one time a finance minister of Japan, and the Marquis Oyama, field marshal, who distinguished himself in the war between China and Japan, were among those who took part in the conference yesterday. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that according to local mandarin the Peking Government has again warned the provincial authorities to prepare for immediate hostilities, owing to offensive action taken in Russia and her allies regarding Far Eastern affairs.

WAR IS DEEMED INEVITABLE.

Japan, However, Wants Europe to Know She Has Been Lenient.

KOBE, Dec. 17.—The general belief here is that war between Japan and Russia is now inevitable. It is held Japan has been long and patient, and that the time has come when she cannot longer delay hostilities, if she intends retaining her position as a world power. Persons in a position to know, however, say the Japanese Ministry will probably make one final effort to compel Russia to make the concessions demanded in Manchuria and Korea, not with any reasonable hope that anything will come of it, but rather to force Europe to admit she has done everything possible to avert war.

It is believed as soon as Vladivostok harbor freezes and the Russian warships are rendered useless, Japan will assume the aggressive, and move against Admiral Alexieff's fleet. All the Japanese vessels are ready for hostilities, and little notice will be required by their commanders. As a result of orders issued during the last few days, every Japanese vessel carries all the coal that can be piled in her bunkers, and collars with reserve supplies accompany the several squadrons.

RUSSIA IS MORE RETICENT.

Feeling in Diplomatic Circles Is Not Quite So Optimistic.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The reticence of the Foreign Office here has increased since the dispatch of the reply of Russia to Japan, and the officials decline to confirm or deny reports of the character of the reply printed abroad. The feeling in diplomatic circles today is not quite so optimistic as it has been. It is believed the unfavorable impression apparently created on the Japanese Government by the reply is due to Russia's unwillingness to place the settlement of the Korean and Manchurian questions on the same footing. Russia desires to cover only the former with the treaty, leaving the latter on a sort of understanding, the exact character of which is not determined upon. Further negotiations will be necessary if Japan insists, with the alternative of their entire suspension. If the negotiations are broken off it will not necessarily mean eventualities.

Britain Remains Optimistic.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Associated Press is informed that an intimation has been received here in official circles from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable in its present form, and that further negotiations on important questions of principle will be necessary before a final settlement can be reached. Both the Japanese and British officials in London, however, maintain the views they expressed in these dispatches December 14, that a distinct step towards peace had been made, and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate specific settlement.

WILL SERVE ON TARIFF BOARD

Prominent Men Who Will Assist Chamberlain in His Campaign.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It was announced today that the following have already accepted membership in Joseph Chamberlain's commission, which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon, with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure: Charles Booth, of the firm of Alfred Booth & Co., Liverpool; Sir Vincent Kilduff, president of the London Agency of the National Bank of Egypt; Sir Arthur Keene, vice-president of the Institute of

Mechanical Engineers; Alfred Moseley; Sir William T. Lewis, president of the South Wales Institute of Engineers; Sir Andrew Noble, vice-chairman of Sir W. C. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd.; Charles Parsons, proprietor of the large electrical and engineering works at Newcastle on Tyne; Sir Walter Peace, Agent-General of Natal; C. A. Pearson, newspaper proprietor; Sir Charles Tennant, Chairman of the Union Bank of Scotland; Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. A number of members of Parliament also have accepted positions on the commission.

The secretary of the commission will be William E. Hewins, director of the London School of Economics and Science. It is indicated that the commission will meet twice a week, beginning about the middle of January.

Protest Against Commission.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In this morning's issue, the Standard enters a strong editorial protest against Mr. Chamberlain's commission, as involving a complete change of constitutional methods, and being able to defiance, alike of the authority of the Crown, the Cabinet and the Legislature. It declares the members of the commission are most wealthy protectionists, hardly one of whom would be entitled to sit on a really strong royal commission.

COMMAND CHOSEN FOR DREYFUS

Paris War Office Will Give Him the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Liberte confirms the report that the Council of the War Office has considered the details of Dreyfus' reinstatement in the Army, and the regiment he will command with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, has been chosen. It is added that a determination has been reached to deal rigorously with officers who express disapproval of Dreyfus' reinstatement.

Duke of Norfolk to Wed Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—It is authoritatively announced, says a Herald dispatch from London, that the Duke of Norfolk is engaged to be married to the Hon. Gwendolen Mary Maxwell, elder daughter of Lord Herries. As the Duke and Miss Maxwell are first cousins once removed, a dispensation from the Pope was necessary.

The Duke is premier peer of England and is 55 years of age. His first wife died in 1887 and his only son, the Earl of Arundel, died last year after a life of great affliction.

Russia to Make Great Exhibit.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—According to advices received at the World's Fair headquarters Russia will have the most extensive exhibit which that country has ever made at a foreign exposition. The exhibit space will cover more than 750,000 square feet, which will be occupied by more than 250 individual exhibitors.

New Victoria Parliament.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 17.—The new Parliament is constituted as follows: In the Senate there are six supporters of the Ministry, while the opposition has 13 members and the Labor party 17. In the House, the Ministry has 27 supporters, the opposition 28 and the Labor party 28.

Kaiser Off on Hunting Trip.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Emperor William, Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, Prince Henry of Prussia; the Russian Ambassador, Count von Ostenschen, and a great following of other notable persons left Berlin today for the forest of Goehrd, Province of Hanover, on a two days' hunt.

New President of Switzerland.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—M. Comtesse, a member of the Bundesrath from Neuchatel, and M. Ruech, a member from the Canton de Vaud, were today elected respectively President and Vice-President of Switzerland for 1904.

Life-Saving Station for Tillamook.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 17.—Senator Mitchell today introduced a bill to establish a life-saving station at the entrance to Tillamook Bay.

Senator Nelson's bill creating a separate lighthouse district to embrace the coast of Alaska was favorably reported today and subsequently passed by the Senate.

Favorable report was also made on the Perkins bill to establish a life-saving station at Nome, Alaska.

President Favors Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The President sent to Congress today a communication from Secretary Hay submitting to him the report of the Commission on International Exchange constituted under authority of Congress to make an effort to bring about a fixed relationship between the moneys of the gold-standard countries and the silver-using countries. The Secretary says to carry this policy to completion the conclusions of the foreign commission must be submitted to the Chinese government, to defray the expenses of which the Secretary says an appropriation of \$100,000 will be necessary. This recommendation the President approves.

Lives Up to Its Reputation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The "pity-sakes" class of the English Parliament North-western University is living up to its name and reputation. Today it was examined in English. The examination included the spelling of a list of comparatively easy names and this proved to be a stumbling block.

"House" was spelled "howse"; "first," "first"; "camel," "cammel," and "horse," "hoarse."

"Pity sakes," remarked Professor J. Pitty Clark, as he looked over the papers.

Bryan on Visit to Count Tolstol.

MOSCOW, Dec. 17.—William J. Bryan arrived today and went to visit Count Tolstol. Mr. Bryan will proceed to St. Petersburg on December 19.

Easy to Take
Easy to Operate

Hood's Pills

Because purely vegetable—yet thorough, prompt, healthful, satisfactory—

Tutt's Pills

Cure All Liver Ills.

Perfect Health.

Keep the system in perfect order by the occasional use of

Tutt's Liver Pills. They regulate the bowels and produce

A Vigorous Body.

For sick headache, malaria, biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases, an absolute cure

TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

THE "DIFFERENT STORE"

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS

THE HOME OF QUALITY AND WORTH

Today Occurs Our 35th Grand Friday "Economy" Sale—Last for this Year of 1903



It takes many a long year for a boy to get his full growth, but his parents are quite satisfied if he sizes up a few inches taller on each birthday—and, my! how this great, strong, robust boy—THE FRIDAY "ECONOMY SALE"—has grown, a lot taller, bigger and stronger on each succeeding anniversary. And now he's come to his first Christmas, we, as proud parents, are going to celebrate right royally. WE'VE LAID A FEAST OF 43 GRAND SPECIAL VALUE BARGAINS on this, the 35th birthday of the Friday "Economy Sale." A VERITABLE XMAS SPREAD OF MATCHLESS BARGAINS, and this is our invitation to the people of Portland and her visitors—Come and partake, open house all day, 8 A. M. till 6 P. M. You're welcome to this unparalleled opportunity to purchase Yuletide remembrances HERE AT GIFT PRICES. AND CHRISTMAS BUT SEVEN DAYS AWAY—ONE WEEK ONLY, NOW—SIX SHOPPING DAYS.

No Prudent Person in Portland Can Afford to Pass This Exceptional Buying Chance Up

Notice of Night Openings

BEGINNING SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 19TH, THIS STORE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS, FOR 5 NIGHTS ONLY.

Olds, Wortman & King

Important Notice of Today's 35th Grand Friday Economy Sale

On account of pressure of the Holiday Displays in the windows, work of arranging, etc., NO WINDOW DISPLAY IS MADE OF THE FRIDAY "ECONOMY SALE" this afternoon. The announcement is hereby given as usual. The biggest sale, with more specials ever yet offered by us or any other Portland house.

Olds, Wortman & King

In Woman's Realm of Dress

Second Floor.

This grand old store of Reliability and Fashion always has some delightful little surprise to spring on its feminine clientele. Especially in this fact demonstrated in its FRIDAY ECONOMY SALES. TODAY IT'S

Women's Fashionable Winter Coats

Real \$12.50 Values for

\$5.98

FOR TODAY—FRIDAY ONLY.

A neighbor got his types mixed yesterday. In one place he spoke of its being an open secret of being overstocked on certain novelties—in another of "huge purchases" at "wonderful (?) prices" of Women's Wear. The facts, perhaps (?) would warrant a change about of "leads." "Special concessions"—"prominent manufacturers" (?) Oh me! Oh my! but don't it seem nowadays that some "careless houses" perpetrate jokes that would put to blush the clowns of the old one-ring circus of our childhood's happy days?

But about the Coats of OURS. Not one is the product of the obscure East Side sweat-shops of New York. EVERY ONE IS THE CREATION OF AN ARTIST DESIGNER AND SKILLED MAKER OF NATIONAL REPUTE IN FASHION'S WORLD—one of NEW YORK'S most celebrated Coat-makers who confines his product here to

PORTLAND'S LARGEST AND BEST CLOAK STORE

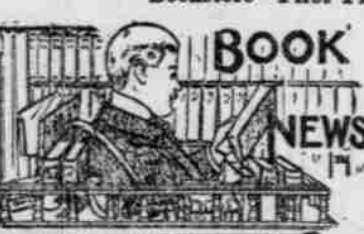
Who shuts his doors to "careless stores" that might do his reputation no good. Every coat is this season's make, of same cut and style as our higher-priced ones. Materials are heavy fashionable Zibelines, Coverts and handsome Kerseys, both box and blouse styles; 27-inch lengths; colors include castors, browns, oxfords, reds, gun-metals, tans, navys, royal blues and greens. Some have double capes, some velvet piped collars with turned military cuffs to match; some have the stole effects and handsomely trimmed in satin. Others are double-breasted, collars velvet piped, cuffs to match. All have the newest novelty metal buttons and pouch (or bishop) sleeves. A SUPERB COLLECTION OF THE BEST COATS SHOWN OUTSIDE THE "STYLE-STORE" IN PORTLAND TODAY AT LESS THAN \$15.00—THE GREAT-EST COAT SALE THIS CITY HAS EVER KNOWN. OUR SPECTACULAR \$12.50 COATS TODAY ONLY FOR \$5.98.

Ladies of Portland! Don't buy a coat anywhere today without COMPARING VALUES! Do yourself the justice of seeing all others, then see ours—or turn about, see ours first, then others. ON COMPARISON and your good judgment we'll do the coat business of Portland today as we do every business day of the coat-selling season.

75c Copyright Novels for 20c

A WONDERFUL FRIDAY BOOK SPECIAL.

Bookstore—First Floor Annex.



The National Library of American Authors, including an edition of popular copyright books by such famous writers of fiction as Mrs. Southworth, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Mrs. Ann S. Stephens and others.

All handsomely bound in cloth, trimmed with gold and colors, 12mo. size. The publisher's price on these favorite books, well known by all readers of healthy fiction, is 75c—our price, today only, will be, the volume,.... 20c

Men's \$3 Xmas Slippers, \$1.98

In the Holiday Shoe Store—First Floor.

Handsome and dressy—does he need a pair? Better look over those you bought him last Christmas and see if they're not houseworn; then come today and select from black or handsome brown vic kid or alligator stock, chamois lined, in either Columbia or Nullifier styles and comfortable foot shape lasts; regular \$2.50 and \$3 kinds, today only at a Christmas price to you of, \$1.98

BOYS' \$1.50 KID OPERA SLIPPERS 98c.

Best kid stock, soft, flexible soles, natural foot shapes and broad toes—the kind you wear; sizes 11 to 5½; today only, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values are bunched at a choice.... 98c



Special Friday Bargain Table on Third Floor

Some Things On It.

\$3.40 values in 5 o'clock Kettles and Stands for..... \$2.25
\$1.25 Decorated Lamps and Shades for..... 75c
\$2.50 Fruit Saucers, the doz..... \$1.75
\$3.25 Fruit Plates, the doz..... \$2.25
\$2.50 Fruit Plates, the doz..... \$1.75
And hundreds of other Xmas Bargains.



Children's 98c Angora Wool Tams, 69c

In Children's Millinery Salon—Second Floor.

A very timely special. These are the long-wool Tams, in prettily assorted colors, just the wanted thing for children's school wear at this season. Today only these splendid 98c values are priced at..... 69c

\$1.75 Dressing Sacques, \$1.19

In the Woman's Xmas Salon—Second Floor.

Wouldn't one of these be nice and gift for "her"? Pretty and warm, red, pink or blue Eiderdown Dressing Sacques; these are to the woman what a house coat is to the benedict, bachelor or widower. Grand values regularly sold at \$1.50 and \$1.75, for Xmas tokens, today, at..... \$1.19

Among Today's 3d Floor Xmas Shop Attractions

Choice lines Coleport, Doulton and Haviland China Cups and Saucers, guaranteed Carving Sets and Table Cutlery, Chafing Dishes and 5 o'clock Kettles and Stands. Fine Sterling Silver Fancy Pieces for the Table. Libbey's Cut Glass, Statuary and Bronzes—Make a choice line to select from. Special prices on Children's Tea Sets—15c to \$3.50 set.

\$4.00 Oregon-Made Navajo Indian Blankets

4th Floor, Xmas Home-Fitting Shop.

The beautiful Indian Blankets would surely be appreciated by every possessor of a home or a den. A gift sure of appreciation by the recipient, may be used for lounge or couch, the cozy corner or for draperies. Eastern friends would be delighted to receive one or more—a hint. Today the best and handsomest \$4 value for..... \$3.35

35c KEROCHIEF AND GLOVE BOXES 25c.

Novelty Aisle—First Floor.

Prettily fancy hand-painted, with decorated tops and silk sides; all the wanted colors; 35c values today only for..... 25c

50c KEROCHIEFS AND GLOVE BOXES 35c.

Novelty Counter—First Floor.

Large size, with hand-painted tops.

\$1.39 KEROCHIEF AND GLOVE BOXES 85c.

Novelty Counter—First Floor.

Of hand-painted satin with celluloid tops.

98c CELLULOID HANDKERCHIEF BOXES 65c.

Novelty Counter—First Floor.

In all colors.

CHILDREN'S 50c WORK BOXES 30c.

Novelty Counter—First Floor.

Large size, of fancy woods.

\$2.25 AND \$2.49 BURNED WOOD NUT BOWLS \$1.50.

Novelty Counter—First Floor.

Ladies' \$2.50 Silk Hose, \$1.69

Hosiery Shop—First Floor.

What's more acceptable or gift for the Holiday Season than Silk Hosiery? Here's a rare bargain chance today—Ladies' Black Pure Silk Hose, either plain or fine drop stitch top, with drop stitch crotch; our best \$2.50 grade; special at, pair, \$1.69



15c Hemstitched Pillow Cases, 11c

Domestic Aisle—First Floor.

100 dozen of fine quality muslin, nicely hemstitched; our 15c quality; special for Friday only, each..... 11c

50c Wash Silks, 37c yd

Xmas in the Dress Goods Annex—First Floor.

50 pieces of new Corded Wash Silks, Spring 1904 styles; in stripes and checks; in white, pinks, light blue, yellow, reds and black and white; nothing could be better for inexpensive Xmas gifts; our regular 50c a yard quality; special for today only at, the yard..... 37c



45c Indestructible Dolls, 29c

In the Art Shop—Second Floor—Thoroughfare Aisle.

A pretty, 13-inch Rag Doll, one that Baby or tot may throw "round to their little hearts" content, with no fear of breakage; prettily dressed in figured percales trimmed with dainty ribbons and laces; shoes and stockings, and some with bonnets to match their dolly dresses; most stores' 50c values; our regular price 45c; today only for..... 29c



\$1.50 Couch Cushions, \$1.19 60c Couch Cushions, 45c

In the Art Shop—Thoroughfare Aisle—Second Floor.

Best Eiderdown Cushions, cambric covered; 22 inches square; regular \$1.50 values..... \$1.19
Pink Silk Floss Cushions, muslin covered; 24 inches square; 60c values for..... 45c



\$2.00 Smyrna Rugs \$1.38

Fourth Floor—Xmas Home-Fitting Store.

Just 180 in the lot, handsome double-faced Smyrna Rugs, 30x60-inch size, and best \$2.00 values in Portland; today only for..... \$1.38



In the Men's Shop



MEN'S 75c MUFFLERS 57c.

Motley, the historian, once told Dr. Holmes that in moments of discouragement he had always been cheered and braced up by the following lines:

"Stick to your aim, the mongrel's hold will slip. But only cowards loose the bulldog's grip."

We're aiming to make the biggest record ever made in this department and we're doing it now—and sticking to it. This special today is only one of many wonderful values in "fixens" for the man. A look thro' will furnish many hints of what "he" might like in his Xmas stocking. Today's Special Mufflers are very handsome, latest patterns and rich dark colorings; best 75c value in Portland for today only..... 57c

Lace Collars Underpriced

Lace Store—First Floor.

Ladies' Round Collars and Stole End Collars in cream, ecru and white—
\$ 2.50 values for..... \$1.88
3.00 values for..... 2.25
3.50 values for..... 2.48
4.00 values for..... 2.63
4.50 values for..... 3.25
5.00 values for..... 3.75
12.00 values for..... 9.00

Metal Go-Carts

and Carriages

Half Price Today

Fourth Floor—Toy Shop.

\$1.35 values for..... 68c
1.50 values for..... 75c
1.85 values for..... 93c
2.25 values for..... \$1.13
2.90 values for..... 1.45



TABLE CROQUET SETS.

25c values for..... 19c
50c values for..... 38c
75c values for..... 55c
\$1.25 values for..... 89c

CHILD'S PIANO STOOLS.

25c values for..... 17c
60c values for..... 41c