

SHOWS WAR FEAR

America Changes Orders of Cableship.

WILL STEER CLEAR OF JAPAN

Burnside to Go From Seattle to Manila by Honolulu.

RUSSIAN AGENTS ON COAST

They Have Orders to Buy Immense Amounts of Forage and Supplies and Forward by Merchantmen to Port Arthur.

JAPAN'S ORDERS WARLIKE

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Japanese railways have been ordered to be prepared to transport 70,000 troops from the North to the South. The correspondent says there are now 40 warships in the Southern waters of Japan, the majority being fully armed and ready for any emergency.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special)—

That war is imminent between Russia and Japan, at least in the opinion of our Government, is evidenced by orders received today from Washington by United States Quartermaster Grant, directing that the cableship Burnside, when she sails January 1 for the Philippines, proceed by way of Honolulu, rather than via Nagasaki, Japan, which route was selected for her to take when the Quartermaster-General several weeks ago decided to dispatch the vessel to the islands.

The sudden change is regarded as significant, and the more so from the fact that Russia has secret agents in both San Francisco and Seattle under instructions to negotiate conditional contracts for large quantities of supplies and forage. Local millmen and grain dealers were approached relative to those contracts as long as three weeks ago. While naturally reticent, it is nevertheless no longer secret that the agents in question are seeking to contract for 300,000 tons of forage, and supplies for delivery at Port Arthur, the great seaport of Russian China, which Russia has been so industriously fortifying for the past decade.

Russia's plan appears to be to have the goods purchased on the Pacific and given transportation on American merchantmen, thus hoping to ally suspicion as long as possible.

Instructions of Russia.

When Russia dispatched her agents to the Pacific they had instructions to procure, if possible, at least 30,000 tons for shipment to Russian China from the port of San Francisco. It was after looking over that field and finding both high prices and a scarcity of forage products that they came north. Here a similar state of the market confronts them. Especially is there a shortage for hay. The local Quartermaster's office recently advertised for bids on 10,000 tons of timothy hay and oats for use in the Philippines. Confronted with almost prohibitive prices, a supplemental call was issued, giving notice that the Government would consider quotations on wheat or oat straw as a substitute for the timothy. Tenders pursuant to more calls were opened yesterday with a revelation of skyward quotations, \$24 to \$25 per ton for oats and \$24 to \$25 per ton for the best timothy hay.

LULL IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

London Diplomatic Circles Expect No Developments for Several Days.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Diplomatic circles in London look for several days of dull Russo-Japanese negotiations. The legation points out that Japan's counter proposals will possibly entail somewhat prolonged consideration. Meanwhile a London Times dispatch from Tokyo says: "The best-informed circles in Japan do not share the pessimism which appears to prevail in London, inasmuch as the resources of diplomacy are by no means exhausted."

This has created a more hopeful feeling, especially as the Times yesterday, both in its dispatches and editorials, took a warlike view of the situation. Ambassador Choate, who yesterday attended Lord Lansdowne's reception at the Foreign Office, is among those who can hardly conceive how it is possible that some way out of the difficulty cannot be found in order to avoid a war which "must be disastrous to both nations and the consequence of which upon other nations cannot be foreseen."

The reported naval and military preparations on the part of Russia and Japan are regarded here as ordinary precautions which would inevitably be taken by the belligerents in such a case, and which have but slight bearing upon the eventual issue of the negotiations.

On the supposition that Great Britain, as a last resort, might threaten to interfere, the United States Naval attaché, Captain Charles H. Stockton, pointed out to press representatives today that Great Britain's extraordinarily developed mobilization at the present moment is a great factor towards peace. "The Mediterranean fleet," said Captain Stockton, "hovering toward Japan, is powerful. It is around Suez, half way. The British fleet now in the Far East could quickly be reinforced by part or possibly even the whole of the Mediterranean fleet, whose duties would then be taken up by the channel squadron, leaving the home squadron in British waters. Great Britain never had so many ships in commission or men as she has today."

The United States Military attaché, John M. Bacon, similarly pointed out that if Great Britain insisted on peace she had "behind any such demand more men of

RESENTS ACTION OF BRITAIN.

Russian Press Displays Greater Animosity Toward It Than Japan.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Russian newspapers are displaying the liveliest irritation at the British press whose anti-Russian attitude in the present Russo-Japanese dispute has aroused even greater public animosity against Great Britain than existed against Japan.

The Japanese Minister, M. Kurino, has been indignant as the result of a chill, for some days, and has had no interview with Foreign Minister Lamond. Neither of the members of the Japanese legation nor the Japanese residents here are showing any signs of impending departure.

The hopefulness in official circles of a pacific settlement of the Russo-Japanese dispute was reflected today on the Bourse, which largely recovered from the nervousness which has prevailed for several days.

BELIEVES RUSSIA WILL YIELD

Japanese Legation at Berlin Has Advice From Secret Source.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—An intimation has reached the Japanese Legation here that Russia will concede Japan's requests, inquiries made by the Associated Press as to particulars of this intimation, whether it came from Tokyo or St. Petersburg, brought on nothing but the assertion that a peaceful settlement is now highly probable. The British government, it is understood from another source, has represented to the Czar that Great Britain deems Japan's demands just, and earnestly expects that Russia will grant them. This representation is supported by the utterances of the British Ambassador here, in Paris and in Vienna, who have informed the respective governments to which they are accredited that Japan, in the opinion of the British government will fight if Russia holds to the position taken in her recent note.

The Russian Ambassador here has for several days been inquiring freely what the opinions of the diplomatic corps are.

RUSSIA NEARLY BROUGHT WAR.

Only an Accident Prevented Russia From Sinking Japanese Fleet.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—A letter received from Yokohama by the steamer Olympia tells of an incident which the commencement of hostilities was narrowly averted. The advice contained state that when the dispatches were telegraphed abroad of Japan's sending troops to Korea, and afterward denied the use then adopted by Japan was not stated. It seems, if the correspondent's information is correct, that the Japanese squadron went to Masampo in October, transports accompanied the fleet and the expedition had all the appearance of landing troops at Masampo. There were few troops on the steamers, but rumors had been allowed to leak out that a landing in force would be made.

The use was adopted to test Russian intent, and it is said that only an accident then prevented the Russian vice-admiral sinking the transports and thus starting war between Russia and Japan.

AMERICAN INTERESTS SUFFER

Russia Is Establishing Commercial Enterprises in Manchuria.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—Russia has established a number of commercial enterprises in Manchuria, according to advice brought by the Olympia today. As a joint enterprise of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company and the Russo-Chinese Bank, a "board of commerce" has been established to assist Russia in effecting her economic policy in Manchuria to the detriment of the growing American business there. This board has commenced dealing in flour, petroleum, cotton, etc., and the United States Consul at Niu Chwang is quoted as saying that the Russian enterprise will be very detrimental to the interests of the United States, and he has reported to Washington.

The lowest tenders for the construction of a battleship ordered by Japan were: \$9,000,000, under a ministerial contract, both English firms. No contract has been awarded.

JAPANESE DIPLOMATS CONFER

Press Urges the Immediate Dispatch of Troops to Korea.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Tokyo says Premier Katsura and War Minister Terauchi visited Marquis Ito, president of the Privy Council, and Marquis Yamagata, chief of the Council of Field Marshals, at their villas, two hours distant by rail this morning. The meetings are believed to have been connected with important developments in the Russo-Japanese situation. The Ministers returned to Tokyo this morning.

The Japanese press is urging the immediate dispatch of troops to Korea, where, it is asserted, Japan's interests are menaced by the Russian military pressure in the North and Russian intrigues at Seoul.

The impression is growing in the best-informed circles that the adoption of such a policy is now inevitable.

Accedes to American Request.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—Advice from Tokyo by the steamer Olympia today that the Korean Emperor has acceded to the requests made by the United States Minister Allen and the British and Japanese Ministers on December 5 for the evacuation of Korean troops from the peninsula.

Two Russian warships arrived at Chemulpo the preceding day, in addition to the four already there, and strenuous objections were made against the opening of the port. Objections were also made by the Russian Minister to the building of the Seoul-Fusan Railway, a work to be undertaken by the Japanese, a loan of \$5,000,000, under a ministerial guarantee of 6 per cent interest, being floated for that purpose.

China Will Reorganize Army.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Yuan Shi Kai, the commander-in-chief of the Chinese Army and Navy, has taken steps for the rapid reorganization of the Chinese army. According to the Cologne Gazette's advice from St. Petersburg, Yuan Shi Kai proposes to create military schools, with special training courses for non-commissioned officers and a general staff school, and a military academy to be opened in 1905. The introduction of universal military service is also planned as well as an increase of the artillery.

Yuan Shi Kai is reported to have advised the court mandarins to wait three years until the reorganization of the army is complete before declaring war on Russia.

Warship Deal Gratifies Japan.

TOKYO, Dec. 24, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—The Japanese press is much gratified at the purchase of the two Chilean gunboats by England which Russia was proposing to buy. Appreciative articles acknowledge the friendliness of the act and using this as text to accentuate the genuine nature of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

Russia Gives Him More Power.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Government of Finland has been empowered to summarily remove administrative officials and schoolteachers, excepting university teachers, and to stop their salaries altogether or partly without wait-

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ing for the conclusion of an inquiry into their conduct.

Among the officials subject to the new powers are Mayors, Aldermen and others in the municipal and communal services. It is officially explained that the powers granted to the Governor-General in August proved inadequate, because of the continued agitation and obstruction of Russian measures by officials, and owing to the fact that an inquiry of this character often lasts six months.

British Troops Surprise Derivishes.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The War Office today received a dispatch from Major-General Sir Charles Egerton, dated Kerri, Somaliland, December 21, saying that 700 British and native troops had surprised 200 Derivishes at Jibbali, 35 miles east of Badweh. The engagement lasted three hours. The enemy's casualties were 30 killed and 100 wounded. The British loss was two men killed, four wounded and one missing.

Richest Man in Belgrade Slain.

BELGRADE, Servia, Dec. 24.—Ex-State Councillor Davidovics and his wife and daughter were murdered today by three men, who broke into his house with the intention of robbing it. M. Davidovics was the oldest and richest citizen of Belgrade. One of the murderers was captured.

American Ship to Corea.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—At the request of the State Department Secretary Moody today sent a cablegram to Rear-Admiral Sterling, commanding the Asiatic Squadron, to dispatch a warship to Chemulpo, Corea, to protect American interests there.

Tribesmen Pillage Town.

TANGIER, Dec. 24.—The town of Zet-tat, near Casablanca, has been attacked and pillaged and partly destroyed by surrounding tribes. The population included many Jews.

Panic Among Jewish Population.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Russian correspondent of the Times reports a panic among the population of Gomel, owing to the fresh police searches and arrests of Jews.

Business.

Memphis Commercial-Appel.

The announcement that Tammany, which means the New York democracy, will be for Cleveland will attract widespread attention.

rule the National Democratic Convention. Tammany found this out some years ago, when it was opposed to Cleveland and then Bourke Cockran, charmed but could not change the delegates by his eloquence. But Tammany means the electoral vote of New York, without which no Democratic candidate can be elected, and these are the facts that cannot prudently be ignored. Cleveland has the third-term sentiment against him, to be sure, but this is not a sentimental season. We are used to seeing the Democratic campaign of sentiment as accurately as they can for the next transit of Venus, because all things move in cycles, but no rule of mathematics and no reading of the stars can discover any sentiment in the next national campaign. It is going to be cold business.

Conservatism.

Minneapolis Times.

If the tone of the leading Southern newspapers is a criterion, the Southern states will go into the convention next year united for a return of conservative Democracy and the nomination of candidates in whose steadfast adherence to the time-honored principles of Democracy the people will have full confidence. Of one thing the party may be assured, and that is that it can not win on the principles most loudly championed in 1886 and 1890. The opposition of the Eastern Democracy to what is termed "Bryanism" has extended to the Central West, and reinforced by the South, the conservatives can compel a return to the old demand for tariff revision, economy in governmental expenditures and a sound financial policy. The party can come nearer uniting on a platform embracing these principles than on any other.

Mark Twain With His Family.

FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 24.—Samuel L. Clemens, who has been continuously writing, spent Christmas eve with his family. Mrs. Clemens, who has been ill for some time, is progressing satisfactorily, though slowly, and finds much enjoyment in the mild air.

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QUIT CITY FOR XMAS

London People Follow Example of King and Queen.

PLAN OLD-FASHIONED TIME

Country Homes Will Be the Scene of Gay Gatherings—Few Americans in Metropolis—Our Apples Used as Decorations.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Britain's metropolis presents the deserted appearance usual on the eve of Christmas. King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the members of the Court, have gone to the country. Emulating the royal example, the aristocratic families, as well as the week-end "trippers" and all sorts and conditions of people, have gone to the country homes, where Christmas will be celebrated in the old-fashioned English style.

There are not many prominent Americans in London tonight. Ambassador Choate and his family are at Brook Hall, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, where they will enjoy their Christmas dinner as the guests of Lord Mount Stephen. John R. Carter, second secretary of the United States Embassy, remains in London in charge of the Embassy. Captain Charles H. Stockton, United States Naval Attaché, and Major John H. Beacom, the Military Attaché, will spend their first Christmas in England at their London homes.

One of the interesting features of the present season is the enormous quantity of American and Canadian apples now in evidence. These apples are so plentiful that they are used as window decorations. Owing to the scarcity of the European crop, this American product has been imported in unprecedented quantities.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR MANY

Large Employers in Chicago Give More to Men Than Ever Before.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—"A merry Christmas from your employer." This was the message sent through many a great business house and factory here today. Loyalty and honest effort are being rewarded in many cases in greater measure than ever before. Most of the large wholesale establishments, factories, banks, mercantile establishments, stores and offices are remembering the workers. Many firms, in former years, have given nothing, are this year beginning by presenting their help with cash or tokens.

For thousands of toilers comes as well, a longer rest than usual. Banks close tomorrow not to reopen until Monday. The Board of Trade and Stock Exchange do likewise. City Hall and county offices, except necessary departments, will be closed.

In the sharing of business prosperity, however, is found perhaps the most significant feature of Chicago's Christmas. Here are some of the principal gifts from employer to employee: Crane Company, about \$250,000 in cash. Each employee will get 10 per cent of his regular salary. Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., \$10,000 in cash for office employees and salesmen. Harris, Gates & Co., about \$5000 among less than 100 employees. People's Gas, Light & Coke Co., 4000 turkeys to its employees. Montgomery, Ward & Co., 3500 turkeys. Marshall Field & Co. and Marshall Bros. make the adjustment of the salary list the Christmas gift to worthy employees.

ROME HAS A GAY TIME.

Whole Town Enjoys the Most Sumptuous of Fish Dinners.

ROME, Dec. 25.—Christmas eve in Rome was spent in the gayest manner. The whole town was given up to the most sumptuous of fish dinners, the fish consumed being 200,000 pounds. The Pope received 50 pounds of fish from Venice. A present from his former parishoners. At the Quirinal everybody was busy preparing the many presents which the King and Queen, the Queen's mother and the royal Princes sent to the little Princesses Yolande and Nafolda, the larger part of these presents consisting of dolls. After glorious weather during the past week, the midnight rain interfered with attendance at the midnight Christmas mass.

How Kaiser Will Spend Today.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Emperor William and his sons were present this evening at

a Christmas tree party for the benefit of the families of the infantry regiments. The Emperor will take his usual walk in the neighborhood of Potsdam tomorrow and will give new five-mark pieces to whoever he happens to meet. This is quite a feature of Christmas time when the Emperor is, but no one knows beforehand the route he will follow.

WHO STOLE BILL?

It is, as gained from talk in the sporting fraternity, that the price was much cheaper than was expected to be. The sum of \$2000 is mentioned as the approximate figure.

But gamblers of Portland were ready to spend more money than that. They had made up a fund by common contribution and their emissaries had borne it off to Salem bright and early Wednesday morning. The night before they had closed nary an eye, so intense was their purpose.

Where came the bill in the first place? Mr. Hutchinson declines to tell. The Municipal Association or the Ministerial Association is suspected of being the sponsor. Mr. Hutchinson says the bill came to him from a friend, that it looked like a worthy measure and that he therefore introduced it. Mr. Hutchinson is believed to have had the bill in view for some time before the session began. He said nothing about it until the right time came. He hinted significantly that he had a purpose in mind, but refused to divulge it.

When the measure popped into the House many members raised their eyebrows and wondered if "something might be doing." Mrs. Stout, who, like Miss Anthony, uses a professional caddy for her important matches, is not showing so strong a game as I have seen her play. There is, indeed, very little to choose among Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Manoe, Miss Curtis, Miss Osgood, Miss Anthony; and of these, perhaps, the present champion is the steadiest and most accurate; her always plays to the flag, even though her long game is not particularly strong.

Hunt for the Missing Bill.

Officers of the Senate hunted high and low for the missing bill. They thought that it could be found by 2 P. M. Wednesday, the hour set for the evening session. But no bill. President Brownell sought the high and low places, too. But no bill. The word went out through the train at the depot the crew fever and the lobby grew suspicious. The minutes sped by and still no bill. One by one the Senators departed for the special train at the depot. The hour of midnight approached. The Senators grew fewer and fewer until a bare quorum was left and then no quorum. The bill couldn't have come a law if it had come back; but it didn't come back.

NO CLEW TO MYSTERY.

No One Suspected of Theft and All Salem Denies Seeing It.

SALEM, Dec. 24.—(Special).—The anti-gambling bill, which passed the House yesterday, mysteriously disappeared some time between the Chief Clerk of the House and the Chief Clerk of the Senate. Chief Clerk Jennings, of the House, carried the bill to the bar of the Senate and gave it to a page to carry to the president of the Senate.

It is required by the constitution that bills shall be transmitted to the presiding officers, and it is the custom for the presiding officers to take the bills, break the seals of the envelopes, and hand the bills and accompanying messages to the clerk, for him to read aloud to the members. In this instance the anti-gambling bill did not reach Clerk Moorehead of the Senate.

What became of it, no one seems to know. Chief Clerk Jennings said today that he remembers distinctly carrying it to the Senate and delivering it to the page. He did not wait to see whether the page delivered it to President Brownell. As the bill did not get to the desk of the clerk of the Senate, it was not read in the branch of the Legislature. No one was sufficiently interested in the measure, apparently, to notice the delay in its arrival.

It has several times happened that bills have been lost without there being any explanation of their disappearance. There is no check or receipt system by which a record can be kept of the transmission of bills. When a bill is lost in transmission it is almost impossible to determine definitely who had the bill last.

Chief Clerk Moorehead said today that a system of receipts should be used, by the Senate and delivery of a receipt to the clerk when he gets a bill, and take a receipt from the presiding officer of the other House when he delivers it. Receipts are taken when bills are delivered to committees or to the Governor, but the letter of transmission is the record of the transmission of a bill from one House to the other.

If the bill be lost while still in the envelope, the letter is also lost. As a rule, the responsibility rests upon the chief clerk, though neither of them be at fault.

NO BLANK BILL CAME.

Chief Clerk Moorehead's Vigils Were Unrewarded.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special).—It was

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reported here today that when the anti-gambling bill reached the Senate from the House it was blank. Chief Clerk Moorehead says that neither the bill nor anything purporting to be the anti-gambling bill reached his desk, blank or otherwise. He says that because of the interest the bill had aroused in the House, he was watching for it, and if it had come he would have remembered it.

AT REQUEST OF A FRIEND.

Hutchinson Tells Why He Sought to Make Gambling a Felony.

Representative J. S. Hutchinson, whose bill making gambling a felony never saw the light of day after it was passed by the House, has but little to say about his bill. "The bill was handed to me in typewritten form," he said yesterday afternoon. "and I introduced it at the request of a friend."

"The Ministerial Association had nothing to do with the bill, so far as I know. The gentleman who asked me to introduce the bill had not been injured by gamblers, did not make an active fight to have it pass, and when I was jumped upon for introducing it, I merely said that the bill spoke for itself. If it had passed it would have been a great stroke, but the fact that the bill got lost in the Senate leaves me in a position where I get a cussing on both sides. The bill is dead now and there is little use to talk about it farther."

"I notice that the gamblers say that they helped to elect me. I wish to state that the bill got lost in the Senate before I was elected. I do with my election than any of the other men who voted for me. I have many good friends who are gamblers. I never gambled in my life and I had no axe to grind when I promised to father the measure. I am not a candidate for re-election and I don't think the gamblers who have declared war on me because of the bill can ever get a chance to injure me, as I understand they have threatened to do. I think the bill would have passed if the Senate had been reached. Friends of the gamblers who rushed to Salem to attempt to hold up the bill were late in arriving and it was passed before they got there. They might have tried to kill the bill in the Senate, but I don't think anything of the sort was attempted. I know that the bill reached the Senate, for the clerk of the House told me that he had a receipt for it. 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