

FOR OPEN DOOR

Russia's Attitude in Manchurian Affair.

HER INTERESTS ARE FIRST

Desires Development of Foreign Commerce Therein.

NOT HOSTILE TO AMERICA

Dictation of No Power Will Be Tol-erated as to the Protection of Vast Interests Acquired in Chinese Territory.

HEAVY WITHOUT A STRUGGLE. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10.—Referring to the interest of the United States in the situation, the Novoye Vremya says: "Undoubtedly the United States, above all other powers, can confidently expect that its trade will not suffer by Russian possession of Manchuria, and it would be a mistake on America's part to demand now what she could gain peacefully when everything quiet down."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—By an authority conversant with Russia's position in the Far East and her attitude toward American interests there, the Associated Press today was given this statement: "In view of the wide circulation given reports without basis in fact charging Russia with hostility to American interests in the Far East, it seems that the attitude of Russia should be again defined."

Russia has repeatedly expressed her intention of assisting the development of commercial interests in Manchuria, knowing that the Chinese policy of the United States Government is guided merely by an aim to develop trade and not by political ambition. Russia has shown her good faith by refraining from any action which would endanger the conclusion of the American-Chinese commercial treaty signed on October 3. That treaty has been ratified by the throne at Peking, and thus through the medium of the United States the important ports of Manchuria and Antung in Manchuria are opened to the commerce of the world.

This is the "open door" which has been a part of American and Russian policy since the Boxer outrages which necessitated the intervention of the powers and which materially changed conditions in Manchuria.

Russia will not be dictated to. "Russia will certainly not submit to dictation at the hands of any power as to the protection of her legitimate interests in Manchuria. Negotiations are progressing between St. Petersburg and Peking in the effort to reach an agreement and adequately protecting the special or predominant influence exercised by Russia in Manchuria and which has been recognized by all the powers signatory to the peace protocol, verbally or in writing.

At the time of the signing of that convention, it was Russia's hope that she could withdraw her forces from Manchuria last October, and leave the protection of her interests to China. In the meantime, however, it was clearly demonstrated that the guarantee offered by China were wholly insufficient, and it became necessary for the Russian government to seek for additional guarantees.

Until these have been arranged for, the Russian government cannot be expected to withdraw from Manchuria and thus menace the many Russian lives and forfeit the \$250,000,000 which has been spent there in the civilization and development of that province.

Russian interests are first. "Russia is ready and anxious to stimulate the development of foreign commerce in Manchuria. The growth of trade means the success of the Siberian Railway. Russia believes, however, that this commercial development is possible without the establishment of spheres of political influence in the open ports, Russia's political influence in this territory which lies on her borders is and must be considered predominant, and its effectiveness would be impaired by the creation of any form of foreign political influence in the shape of extra-territorial government or municipal control and regulation of certain districts with these open ports, similar to conditions such as, for example, exist at Shanghai.

That no trouble is anticipated on this score, as the American-Chinese commercial treaty provides for the setting aside of certain districts in Mukden and Antung as places of international residence and trade, and the provision for their regulation is not considered as tending toward surrounding foreign interests at Shanghai.

Russia does not propose to discuss the negotiations now in progress. But it should be realized she is availing herself of every reasonable means to reach an agreement by diplomacy.

It will be an interesting bit of information to the Russian government to know the primary object of the Tokio negotiations so far as Japan is concerned is the protection of American and English interests in the Far East. Russia had supposed that Japan was influenced by less unselfish motives."

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY NIASIN

Electrical Appliances of Cruiser Had Been Tampered With. ROME, Jan. 10.—The Italia says that Russian warships sighted between Genoa and Spezia yesterday are believed to be spying on and following the Japanese cruisers Niasin and Kasaga, which left Genoa yesterday.

It became known only today that some unknown persons had attempted to set the Niasin on fire by tampering with the

Electrical appliances. The police authorities have begun an inquiry into the matter. PARIS, Jan. 11.—Dispatches to the Figaro from Rome and Genoa announce the discovery at the moment of the sailing of the Japanese cruisers Niasin and Kasaga of an arrangement intended to fire the powder magazines of the vessels. The dispatches added that the authorities are investigating the affair.

NAPLES, Jan. 10.—The Japanese cruisers Niasin and Kasaga arrived today and embarked heavy artillery and four torpedo-tubes. The warships then sailed for an unknown destination.

STORMS ON MEDITERRANEAN. Russian Fleet Compelled to Seek Ports for Safety. LONDON, Jan. 11.—The reassuring news that the Russian warships which recently left Vladivostok have returned there is confirmed in a Vladivostok dispatch received at St. Petersburg. The dispatch asserts, however, that only the armored cruiser Grozovoy went to sea for a couple of days' practice, the other ships of the fleet having remained at Vladivostok.

Special dispatches from Tokyo, printed in this morning's newspapers are very warlike, but add little or nothing to the knowledge of the situation. They state that Japan has no idea of sending an ultimatum to Russia.

Anxiety is apparently felt in Tokyo for the safety of the cruisers Niasin and Kasaga, which left Genoa Saturday and in connection with the departure of which the Genoa correspondent of the Daily Mail this morning gives a curious story to the effect that an iron star was found inside the ammunition hold of the Niasin, placed in such a position that it short-circuited the electrical apparatus with it. It is suggested, the object of destroying the vessel, although there is no evidence to show that its being there was not accidental. No serious damage was done.

Special dispatches report the arrival of additional Russian and Italian marines there.

The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent asserts that the negotiations between Russia and Japan have passed beyond diplomatic bounds and states that several American officials have appealed to the American Legation at Seoul for protection but that Minister Allen upbraided them for thinking of their personal safety at such a juncture.

A severe gale in the Mediterranean is greatly inconveniencing the Russian warships. The cruisers Nicholas I and Nicholas II are seeking ports for safety, and the Russian battleships and seven torpedo-boat destroyers have been detained at Suda Bay since Friday unable to proceed to the East on account of the weather.

Lord Ronaldsley, who returned to England recently from Manchuria and Japan, confirms reports that Russian troops are posted every five versts along the line of the Manchuria Railway. The Russians, however, recognize that the chief danger is in a break-down of the railway under the pressure of the enormous military traffic, owing to its slight construction.

CHINESE HEAR WAR RUMORS.

Expect Repetition of Horrors of the Year 1900. PEKING, Jan. 10.—Predictions in the native press that a war is inevitable and immediate and that China will certainly be involved are causing great uneasiness. Many Chinese fear a repetition of the horrors of the Boxer and murder which made the year 1900 memorable.

Numbers of employees on the railroad between Nin Chwang and Shan Hai Kwan have deserted their posts, thinking that the country traversed by the railroad will surely be the scene of the fighting.

Reports from Manchuria are to the effect that there is great military activity there. The railroads are bringing troops from Russia, and the women and children at Port Arthur and Niu Chwang are preparing to leave.

The Japanese censorship of military news gives opportunity for all kinds of rumors here, one of which is that Japanese troops have been landed at Fusan, Korea. As cable communication with Korea is through Japan it is impossible to obtain reliable news.

DRIEBUND WILL BE NEUTRAL

Announcement Will Soon Be Made From Berlin. LONDON, Jan. 10.—It is learned by the Associated Press on the highest authority that it has been decided in the event of war between Russia and Japan, that Germany will maintain a strict neutrality and that other members of the Dreibund will observe a similar attitude.

The importance of this decision, which the Associated Press understands will almost immediately be announced in some official manner in Berlin, cannot be easily overestimated. It will in a measure insure that hostilities will be confined to the two powers concerned and it will be certain to give a great stimulus to the efforts which France and Great Britain are making in St. Petersburg and Tokio respectively in favor of peace.

TROOPS AT VLADIVOSTOK.

Russian Forces Massed on the Northern Border of Korea. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10.—The most reliable news received here is that the mass of Russian troops in the Far East are concentrated at Vladivostok, or on the northern frontier of Korea.

A traveler who has lately returned from the Far East estimates that between 100,000 and 200,000 soldiers were in the vicinity of Vladivostok. He surmises that the Russians will occupy Northern Korea, but thought that the possible collision was not imminent for a month or more, when taking into consideration distances and the difficulties of marching.

ALL EUROPE VS. ALL ASIA.

Russian Paper Advocates Alliance of Whites Against Yellow Men. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10.—The Novikr urges the necessity of opposing a pan-European alliance to the pan-Asiatic alliance of the yellow race against the white race, which it is at the point of ripening under a Japanese hegemony.

A telegram from Port Arthur says that the United States and Japan are urging the immediate ratification of their respective treaties with China. In view of the probability that Russia will not consent to the opening of certain ports in Manchuria, the Chinese Foreign Office is placed in a difficult position.

May Fly Under Foreign Flags.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10.—Commenting on the possibility of Japanese vessels employing the British flag, the Novoye Vremya contends that the custom of civilized states requires that warships shall sail under their own national flags, and adds: "One can run away but not fight under a foreign flag. According to international law, the British flag has not the privilege of protecting all its cowards who might hoist it."

London Legation Has No News.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—At the Japanese Legation tonight it was said that the Far Eastern situation remained unchanged. No news had been received by the legation, and it was believed that some days might elapse before any developments oc-

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Boasting is not to our taste. We lean to the conservative in our statements—IT WEARS LONGEST with the great public. Extravagant claims are cheap and stupid. Many boastful stores' printed statements have gotten to be trite, inane and dull—some are even worse. We seek to avoid the common error of exaggeration or overstatement of truths. We submit today bare descriptions and prices, and urge the Portland folk and welcome visitors within our city gates to MAKE STRICT COMPARISON with other stores' advertised values. The year 1903 broke every selling record of this great, honest store—we take that record merely as a starting point for 1904. The quotations of this Great Annual Sale stand for surprising economies. The acme of bargain-giving is reached and culminates here. A few mentions only today—others follow each succeeding day during this, Portland's matchless bargain fete—of surpassing special values.

DIGEST OF YESTERDAY'S STORE NEWS

Wonderful Bargains in Sample Lace Curtains—Fourth Floor. Unparalleled Bargains in Dinner Sets, Clocks and Kitchen Furnishings—Third Floor. Matchless Sale of Women's Suits, Coats, etc.—Second Floor. Astounding Bargains in Embroideries, Laces and Ribbons—First Floor. Surpassing Values in Linens, Flannels and Domestic—First Floor. Unrivaled Underwear and Hosiery Bargains—First Floor.

More Bargains in Domestic Aisle FIRST FLOOR

10c and 12 1/2c Outing Flannels, yd., 8c Over 3000 yards in the lot. Light, medium and dark colorings, also plain colors in pink, blue and tan. All our mercerized and silk finish Waistings, that were formerly \$2.55, \$2.70 and \$3.00; Extra Clearance Special at \$1.45 per waist length. All handsome colorings and combinations. 50c all-wool fancy Suitings in the much wanted shades, extra special, yard..... 34c Fancy silk Moreens, values to \$1.25 yard, an ideal fabric for Spring Skirtings, extra special at, yard..... 75c

Unheard-of Bargains in Misses' and Women's Coats SECOND FLOOR

Go to the bargain racks today. They'll not hang there long at these prices—Two Wonderful Specials! Misses' and Women's tight-fitting short Coats, 19 to 22-inch lengths, covert and kersey materials, choice of tans, reds, castors, greens, blues and blacks; the lot includes handsome coats and values to \$25, at a choice for... \$3.98 Lot 2—Are 27-inch, half-fitting Coats of handsome kersey cloth, colors are blacks, tans and castors; values included up to \$30. All go at one price while they last—this week—choice for..... \$6.95

Special Clearance 'Kerchiefs' FIRST FLOOR

This morning we send to the bargain counter 125 dozen of Richardson's all pure linen Handkerchiefs for women. They have the standard 1/2 and 3/4-inch hems; the lot embraces 12 1/2 and 150 values—you may choose today for..... 6c

LACK OF SPACE FORBIDS LENGTHY MENTION OF A SURPASSING SALE OF SHOES AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS THAT OPENS HERE THIS MORNING. EXTRAORDINARY SPECIALS IN BOTH OF THESE SECTIONS ALL THIS WEEK—DETAILS WILL BE PRINTED TOMORROW.

Handkerchief SPECIALS

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL

Jean Leon Gerome, Artist. PARIS, Jan. 10.—Jean Leon Gerome, the painter and sculptor, died here today, aged 80 years. M. Gerome was present last night at the dinner of the members of the institute. He conversed gayly, but his friends noticed that his features were drawn, and advised him to retire early. At 9 o'clock this morning his valet entered his bedroom and, finding him apparently asleep,

Sensational Silk Selling ANNEX—FIRST FLOOR

The greatest sale of Silks ever held or heralded by this splendid Silk Store is in progress here now. New and greater than ever values have been added for this week's selling, and we sincerely advise those who need or anticipate buying Silks during the ensuing year to BUY NOW and make savings never before offered and impossible to offer later under normal conditions. We've divided bargain lots as follows: Lot 1—Embraces novelty and plain Silks and Satins, regular value up to 85c; special Clearance Price..... 39c Lot 2—Embraces novelty and plain Silks and Satins, regular values up to \$1.25; Special Clearance Price..... 55c Lot 3—Embraces new novelty lace stripes, canvas weaves, novelty plaids, and all the new Bouquet tafetas, very desirable for fancy waists and shirtwaist suits, regular values up to \$1.75; Special Clearance Price..... 72c Lot 4—Embraces neat novelty checks, dotted and two-toned Bengalines, embroidered brocades, canvas weaves, all new, dressy silks, pretty and durable and splendid values at the regular price of \$1.50 a yard; Special Clearance Price..... 94c Lot 5—Embraces high-art novelty French Silks in Dolly Varden and Persian effects; also a beautiful line of Broche Crepe, 42 inches wide, very desirable for opera and party capes and house gowns; regular \$4.00 a yard! values; Special Clearance Price..... \$1.59

EXTRA CLEARANCE BLACK GOODS

Lot 1—Embraces fancy figured jacquard Mohairs and Brilliantines, nub and rice-faked Etamines, Henriettes, etc.; values up to \$1.00 per yard; Clearance Sale Price..... 49c Lot 2—Embraces lace striped Etamines, lattice Etamines, bourette Etamines, Sackings and Canvas Cloths; regular values up to \$1.50 per yard; Special Clearance Price..... 79c Lot 3—Embraces Twine Cloths, Crepe Serges, Satin Berbers, striped Melrose and Turkish Mohairs; regular values up to \$2.25; Special Clearance Sale Price..... \$1.19 Lot 4—Embraces Cravenettes, Cheviots, Zibelines, unfinished Worsteds and rainproof Sicilian; regular values up to \$2.50 per yard; Special Clearance Sale Price..... \$1.69

COLORED DRESS GOODS SPECIAL

Lot No. 1—Embraces Canvas Cloths, all-wool Challies, Novelty Plaids and fancy black fabrics; splendid values up to 85c; Special Clearance Sale Price..... 27c Lot No. 2—Embraces plain and novelty Zibelines, Plaids, Etamines, Canvas Cloth and Waistings, 50c to \$1.25 values; Special Clearance Sale Price..... 36c Lot No. 3—Embraces French Melanges, Henriettes, novelty Zibelines, Albatross, Canvas Cloth and Plaids, 85c to \$1.50 values; Special Clearance Sale Price..... 49c Lot No. 4—Embraces silk and wool Gloria Sublimes, all-wool Crepe de Chine, Granite and Novelty Suitings, \$1.00 to \$2.00 values; Special Clearance Sale Price..... 63c Lot No. 5—Embraces novelty embroidered Zibelines, camel-hair Suitings, Plaids and English Serges; values \$1.25 to \$2.25; Special Clearance Price..... 73c Lot No. 6—Embraces French novelty Zibelines, Priestley's Cravenettes, novelty Etamines, Scotch and English mixed Suitings, Plaid Zibelines, \$1.50 to \$3.50 values; Special Clearance Sale Price..... 89c Lot No. 7—Embraces novelty curl Tweeds, novelty nub Backet Cloths, Bontonne, Zibeline, self-colored nubbed Panama, illuminated nub and plain Donegal Tweeds, our regular values up to \$2.00; Special Clearance Price..... \$1.31 Lot No. 8—Embraces 52 and 54-inch Zibelines, in all wanted colorings and effects, our regular \$2.50 and \$2.75 a yard values; Special Clearance Price..... \$1.65

THE BIGGEST AND BEST SALE OF WOMEN'S MUSLIN UNDERWEAR THAT PORTLAND FOLK EVER KNEW

is in progress in Annex—Second Floor. Also a special sale of Corsets and Children's Cloaks.

Special Corset Value

ROYAL WOBBERSTER straight-front Corsets, medium length, material of black-attine, sizes 20 and 21 only, regular price \$1; Clearance Special at... 29c

A Word of Our Undermuslins

The sovereign imprint of good taste marks every garment that is a constituent element of the sale. Designers who have won universal recognition by their genius and cleverness fashioned them: They have exercised their creative talent to an exhaustive degree. Fine laces, embroideries and ribbons lend their richness to the elaboration of the garments. Under normal conditions the prices would be one-fourth greater than now. Detailed bargain specials will be printed tomorrow. Every special value of the past week is continued and new ones have been added. Watch tomorrow's papers for detailed account, or better still—don't wait, come down today—the bargains are on the counters ready for selling this morning.

Women's \$2 Kid Gloves \$1.19

We offer an extraordinary Glove special this morning at the Glove counter. Our 3 pearl clasp "Madonna" Kid Glove, made with fancy piping around wrist, over seam sewn, Paris point embroidered, gusseted between fingers, a very smart dress glove, perfect fitting and one of the very best \$2.00 Gloves ever sold in America. Colors include the popular shades of Oxford, violet, reds, tans and blacks—to clear the stock we offer choice at..... \$1.19

Clearance Sale Savings in Toilet Soap, Leather Goods and Jewelry

AISLE—FIRST FLOOR Purest quality Spanish Castile Soap, white, value 10c cake, special, cake..... 5c 2-lb. bar; special Castile Soap, 25c bar; special at, bar..... 14c Long bar hard water Castile Soap, special, bar..... 5c Sunshine Shoe Polish, value 25c box; special, box..... 19c Celluloid handle Whisk-Brooms, value 30c; special, each..... 19c Shelf Paper, all colors, lace edge, 5 yards to piece; special, piece..... 2c Torrey's Swing Razor Straps, value 30c, special, each..... 25c Value 50c, special, each..... 35c Cut steel head Chatelaine Bag, chamois-lined—Value 76c, special..... 45c Value 95c, special..... 55c Value \$1.75, special..... 95c Value \$2.00, special..... \$1.15 Large black bead Lorgnette Chains, value 50c; special..... 25c Assorted colors bead Lorgnette Chains, values 65c and 75c; special, each..... 35c

nounced of Mme. Antoinette Sterling (Mrs. J. Mackinglay), the contralto ballad singer.

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