

DEMAND ON CAAR

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MEDIATION IS NOT SOUGHT

Mikado Informs America and Britain That His Delay is in Line With Fixed Policy—Public Interest is at Fever-Heat.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Tokyo to Reuter's Telegram Company says that an answer from Russia will probably be asked at a fixed date. M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister at Seoul, has assured Mr. Hayashi, Japanese Minister, that the number of Russian Legion guards will not exceed 125.

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Answer of Japan Will Be Final Step in the Negotiations.

TOKYO, Jan. 12.—The final conference before the throne to decide upon the response to Russia began at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was attended by all members of the Cabinet, five of the elder statesmen, Admiral Ito and Itojin and General Kodama.

Japan's Reply Expected Soon.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—Japan's reply is expected in two or three days, according to reliable information received here, and there is good reason for believing that the reply will be so worded as to prevent an immediate rupture, leaving both governments in position to continue negotiations looking to a pacific settlement.

UNDERESTIMATE JAPAN'S ARMY

Minister Says if There is a War It Will Be a Prolonged One.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—Mr. Kurino, the Japanese Minister, in an interview today, declared if war should come, he believed it would be a prolonged one. It is said that he would have how it could be decided, he said, considered solely from a military point of view.

WILL GAIN POINTS BEFORE WAR

America and Japan Vigorously Pressing Manchurian Treaties.

PEKIN, Jan. 12.—The United States and Japan are strenuously endeavoring to establish their rights in Manchuria under the new commercial treaties before the war breaks out.

READY TO BLOW UP RAILROAD

Japanese Spies All Along the Siberian Line.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 12.—An interesting statement, in connection with the strategic value of the trans-Siberian Railway was made today by Fulford Bush, a member of a British mercantile firm at New Chwang.

CZAR IS LOSING HOPE.

He Realizes That Sooner or Later He Must Fight Japan.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Prince Louis Napoleon, who is in this city for the purpose of attending the final interment of the remains of Princess Mathilde, says the czar is doing everything in his power to maintain peace, but has begun anxiously to resign himself to the probability of war.

How there is nothing to be gained from shirking the present issue. The St. Petersburg government is now in the attitude of calmly waiting the Japanese declaration of war. One thing, however, will not be allowed—a continuation of Japanese expeditions to gain time for further preparations.

RUSSIA EXPLAINS HER STAND.

Assures United States She Will Not Hinder Treaties With China.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The following announcement has been posted at the State Department: "The Russian Ambassador called yesterday upon the Secretary of State and assured him the assurance of his government that the Russian authorities would place no obstacle in the way of the full enjoyment by the powers having treaties with China of all the rights and privileges guaranteed by such treaties in Manchuria."

BALFOUR ANGRERS RUSSIA.

His Statement About Trade Treaties is Deeply Resented.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Mr. Balfour's barefaced statement in his speech at Manchester last night, that Great Britain "would carry out its treaty obligations with regard to the allies," has made a deep impression. It is regarded as a confirmation of the reports that the Lord Lansdowne is taking a strong line in support of Japan's claims in the Far Eastern dispute, and has informed Russia that any serious disturbance of the balance of power in the Far East would be extremely disquieting to the British government.

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Danish Navy Department has decided to commission four of the largest battleships which will be used to protect Danish commercial interests in the event of war in the Far East. The officials made every effort to keep the matter secret. It is pointed out that as there is a possibility of Europe becoming involved, Denmark must be prepared.

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