URGED TO SLAY

Corean Press Is Trying to Incite People.

FOREIGNERS ARE IN DANGER

American Women and Children Told to Stay Indoors.

MINISTER TO PROTECT THEM

He Has Gunboat and Marines at His Command, and It Is Believed Other Nations Will Assist in Putting Down a Riot.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Seoul correspondent of the Daily Mail says the native press is advocating the slaughter of all foreigners.

United States Minister Allen has ordered all American women and children to remain indoors, and he predicts that rioting by the military is imminent.

M. Collin de Plancey, French Minister, has vainly advised the Emperor to take refuge in the French Legation.

The American marines on guard at the legation, the railway station and the electric light plant have been urged to be especially vigilant, as the feeling against the Americans is growing in intensity.

Emperor Yi Heui has taken radical action to do away with many of the reforms instituted at the request of Japan after the Chinese-Japanese War, with the result that all authority is now practically in his hands. By an imperial edict issued today he abolished nine of the departments of government. His action has encouraged the natives and a condition of anarchy may be precipitated at almost any time.

America Relies on Gunboat.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The State Department today received a cable dispatch from United States Minister Allen at Seoul, Corea, stating that Corean newspapers are trying to incite the people against foreigners, and especially against American interests.

The department feels that these interests can be cared for properly by the United States gunboat Vicksburg and the United States marine guard now in Seoul. European nations also have considerable guards, which undoubtedly could be relied upon to assist in suppressing disorder that might threaten any special foreign interests.

GIVES ITS REPLY.

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ly, as is his custom, with the nature of the Russian note, so that the department is fully informed, but as both these communications have been made in confidence, the officials do not feel they should make them public.

It is said that there has been no substantial change in the Japanese proposals or the Russian counter proposals since they were sent out by the Associated Press in a semi-official dispatch last week.

German Version of the Answer.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—Japan's main points in her last note are understood here officially to be that Japan consents to eliminate Manchuria from the controversy, owing to the signature of the commercial treaty between China and Japan, and Russia's assurances that China's commercial conventions will be respected.

Japan, therefore, restricting her claims to Corea, asks for a definite written guarantee that Russia will abstain from interference in the politics of that country, thus leaving Corea exclusively to Japanese influence. Japan, rejecting the proposed neutral zone, as delimited by Russia, proposes a neutral zone, if Russia still thinks one desirable, which shall consist of equal territories of Corea and Manchuria, including the Yalu River, with all Russia's fortifications thereon. Finally, Japan fixes no limit of time, but earnestly expresses the hope that Russia will not delay a definite and favorable reply to Japan's reasonable requests. Japan alludes to her privilege of discontinuing the negotiations should it appear that Russia is unwilling to accept these minimum proposals.

The note, not altogether precluding further negotiations, has a certain finality in its tone implying that the correspondence is closed on the side of Japan. It is not believed that Russia will consider the proposed neutral zone suggested by Japan. No authoritative opinion is obtainable as to Russia's probable reply, and that the situation is likely to be prolonged for a good many days, and possibly for weeks.

PRACTICALLY RENEWS DEMANDS

Japan's Only Modification is Upon a Minor Point.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Minister Hayashi received today the text of the Japanese reply to Russia's last note. It does not contain an ultimatum, but reiterates Japan's original demands, with what Baron Hayashi terms, "a modification upon a minor point." The questions of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria and Japan's sphere of influence in Corea are reinsisted upon.

Minister Hayashi said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"So far as I can see the relations of the two powers regarding the dispute practically are unchanged. I have no indication of the reception this note is likely to meet at the hands of the Russian government, but I expect the negotiations will continue for several weeks."

Reply Handed to Minister.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—Mr. Kurino, the Japanese Minister, informs the Associated Press that the Japanese reply has been handed to Baron DeRosen, the Russian Minister at Tokio, and that he (Mr. Kurino) would present to Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, a duplicate copy. The Minister said he was not authorized to state the terms of the reply, but that it insured the continuance of negotiations concerning the Far East, so far as Japan was concerned.

VERY CORDIAL TO AMERICA.

Czar Assures Diplomats He Will Do Everything for Peace.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—"I desire and intend to do all in my power to maintain peace in the Far East."

These words the Czar spoke to the members of the diplomatic corps at the New Year's reception held in the Winter Palace at noon today.

The Czar made a leisurely round of the great white hall with its beautiful colonnades, in which the representatives of the various countries had assembled. His Majesty chatted freely with every one.

Keen curiosity was exhibited all over the room when His Majesty approached Mr. Kurino, the Japanese Minister to Russia. The conversation between the Czar and the Minister was cordial and extended. His Majesty emphasized the high value which he placed upon the good and neighborly relations between Japan and Russia, not only now but in the future, and expressed his unshaken hope that a mutually satisfactory settlement of the difficulties between the two countries would be arranged.

It having become known that Count Cassini had been instructed to assure the United States Russia would not interpose objections to the commercial treaty between China and the United States, or impede American rights or interests in Manchuria, the Czar referred to these instructions in a long conversation with Ambassador McCormick, and laid much stress on his desire that Russia and the United States should live on the terms of intimate and cordial friendship which had existed for so many years, and which he especially wished to maintain. He emphatically disclaimed the slightest inclination to hinder the development of American commerce.

Ambassador McCormick inquired concerning the Czarina, and learned her recovery was proceeding, and no concern was felt regarding her condition.

TIME FOR MEDIATION AT HAND

Powers Are Now Considering Definite Steps.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—The intention on the part of certain European powers to find means to prevent the Russo-Japanese controversy drifting into actual war, as intimated in these dispatches yesterday, has begun to assume definite proportions, though until today these means were confined to exchange of views between the Cabinets as to what course was desirable, and it can be asserted positively that no tender of good offices has yet been made to Japan or Russia. It is the accepted view that a grave moment which would warrant representations from the outside has not been reached. On the contrary, the official view here continues to expect a peaceful solution without outside pressure. This expectation is borne out by the latest official advices.

One of the dispatches sent from Tokio last night alleged that Japan's answer had not been forwarded up to that time, which leads the officials to question the pessimistic reports based on the statements that Japan's answer had already been delivered, and further defers any steps which may be taken toward advising the two parties to terminate the controversy.

In the meantime, the Cabinets of London and Paris have arrived at a quite clear understanding as to what will be done if the eventuality of war becomes imminent. This will not be by a tender of mediation, as this is considered to be too extreme a step in diplomatic procedure, when two of the foremost powers are the principal disputatnts. The form of representations will be that known in diplomatic usage as a tender of good offices. This consists mainly in giving friendly advice for the maintenance of peace. In the present case it is likely to include rather different suggestions that the outside powers consider the main question causing the present differences are entirely susceptible to pacific adjustment. How far the other Cabinets of Europe and the United States will give moral or actual support to the friendly representations, is an open question, as the exchanges of views have thus far been confined mainly to London and Paris, but throughout the exchanges there has been a strong sentiment that the united influences of Europe and the United States should give at least moral support to the efforts to avert a conflict.

This has been one of the chief factors in the strong belief in official quarters during the last few days that the Russo-Japanese issue could not result in war. The opinion today continues to be that the parties themselves will succeed in averting a conflict, and that until it becomes manifest that they are unable to do so no action will be taken from the outside.

RUSSIAN PAPER OPPOSES WAR

It Contends Problem Would in No Wise Be Solved.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—The Russian press, generally speaking, is preserving silence regarding the Chinese-American treaty, and efforts to elicit an official view have proved unsuccessful. The Novoe Vremya, referring to the Far Eastern situation, declares Russia will not accept Japan's challenge until all peaceable expedients are exhausted, adding:

"If war comes, our people should understand that it will mark the beginning of a great struggle between Christians and heathen, the result of which will be felt in all the corners of the earth."

The Russ has begun an open polemic against war, declaring war would not afford a solution of the problem, and that a continuance of Russia's present policy means the creation of an Eastern strategic frontier requiring the same constant protection as the Western frontier. The Russ advocates the sale to China of the railway from Harbin to Port Arthur. The paper has treated this suggestion with great consideration, without hitherto taking a positive stand. It is no exaggeration to say that the extreme view finds approval among the large majority of the educated public of Russia.

JAPAN WILL BE WELL READY.

Troops and Ships Can Be Rushed to Corea Next Month.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—A private dispatch from Tokio says that in spite of all reports to the contrary, the Japanese troops will not be thoroughly prepared to start for Corea on the scale desired in the event of such a step being considered necessary, before the first week in February. This is considered significant in conjunction with Baron Hayashi's estimate that the negotiations are likely to extend for three weeks longer, and as supplying an additional reason for Japan answering in pacific terms. It is also pointed out that in three weeks' time Japan's new cruisers will be practically out of all danger.

Several of the diplomats here do not share the British Foreign Office complete pessimism, believing Russia will give in at the last moment.

At the German Embassy it is presumed that Berlin's depression yesterday was due to some communication from St. Petersburg, intimating that Russia would go to war rather than concede particular points to Japan.

RUSSIA WILL ADDRESS POWERS

Cannot Promise Freedom of Trade in Manchuria Until It Is Quiet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—An important personage, a privy councilor, gives the assurance, cables the Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent, that the news received from the Far East is of such a favorable nature that any immediate danger of war is averted. This means that the anticipation of the Russian Foreign Office that the reply given would enable Japan to continue negotiations has been realized. The future will depend upon Japan's demands, because only parts of the Russian reply are acceptable. Meanwhile, the Foreign Office will issue a statement to the powers, drawing attention to her inability to give the promised freedom of trade in Manchuria until the country has been brought into proper condition, safety and order. Optimism reigns, and general congratulation is the order of the day.

WU TING FANG CALLED TO AID

China Puts Him in a Position to Direct What Is Best for It.

PEKIN, Jan. 14.—The Gazette today contains an edict appointing Wu Ting Fang, the ex-Chinese Minister at Washington, Junior Vice-President of the Foreign Office.

The appointment of Wu Ting Fang was the result of an audience to which the Dowager Empress today summoned Wu Ting Fang. They discussed foreign affairs, and particularly the prospects of war. The Dowager asked for Wu Ting Fang's views on China's best policy. The appointment will please most of the legations, as it enables them to deal with a diplomat trained in foreign methods, speaking English, and able to grasp the questions presented to him.

Wu Ting Fang, who has held an exceedingly gloomy view of the government's weakness since his return to Pekin, now has a position in which he can exert influence for reform, although rank and age generally outweigh ability in the Chinese government councils.

Brigadier-General H. T. Allen, United States Army, chief of the Philippine constabulary, has arrived from Manila. He formerly was military attache at St. Petersburg, and will join the Russian Army as observer in the event of war.

WAR IS EXPECTED BY ALL.

Russian Officer Now in France Expects to Be Called Home.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Prince Louis Napoleon has informed a friend that he expects to be called to Russia immediately, adding that war is expected by all.

"In case of mobilization," said the Prince, "my regiment would be one of the first to start. The whole of the Russian army is ready. The army does not desire war, but believes that it is inevitable. It is due to the Czar alone that hostilities have not already broken out."

Prince Louis Napoleon is a Major-General in the Russian military service and commands the cavalry division of the Caucasus at Tiflis.

WAR FEARS INCREASE.

Diplomatic Circles at Pekin Are Decidedly Pessimistic.

PEKIN, Jan. 14.—The expectation of war is greatly increased in diplomatic circles here. The German Minister now regards war as a probability, although not despairing of a settlement at the eleventh hour. Heretofore, he had regarded war as only a possibility.

One legation has received a dispatch from Tokio saying that Foreign Minister Komura, on January 11, represented to the diplomats that he expected peace to be maintained.

Japanese Ship Leaves for Suez.

SUEZ, Jan. 14.—Great interest is manifested here in the movement of the Russian and Japanese warships in the canal. The Russian warship Dmitri Donskoi has arrived at Suez and is coaling near the British armored cruiser King Alfred, which also is bound for the Far East. The Japanese armored cruiser Kasaga left Port Said for Suez today, and was shortly afterwards followed by her sister ship, the Nissin. At about the same time, the Russian battleship Oslobaya arrived at Port Said.

Japan Orders Battleship.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says the Japanese government, as a part of its programme of naval extension, has placed a contract in England for a 16,000-ton battleship.

The Daily Mail's Brussels correspondent says that King Leopold is one of the principal promoters of a strong Belgian syndicate, with a capital of $25,000,000, formed to establish an arms factory in Japan.

Increasing Niu Chwang Garrison.

TIEN TSIN, Jan. 14.—A telegram to the railway administration here, received yesterday from Niu Chwang says that Russia is increasing the garrison there. In the next few days 2000 more troops are expected to arrive.

Russian Troop-Ships en Route.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 14.—Two large vessels belonging to the Russian volunteer fleet, carying troops, passed through the Bosphorus today, bound for the Far East.

Japan Gives Rush Order for Coal.

DETROIT, Jan. 14.—A Detroit firm owning coal lands near Norfolk, Va., has received a rush order for 40,000 tons of Pocahontas coal for the Japanese government.

CATTLEMAN IS ASSASSINATED.

Shots Came Through Window and His Body Completely Riddled.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—A special to the Republican from Dallas, Tex., says: Word has been received from Roby, Tex., that Colonel Millsop, one of the most prominent cattlemen of Western Texas, was assassinated tonight by some unknown man, who fired through the window of the Lacy Hotel and riddled his body with buckshot. The assassin escaped

NEGRO LYNCHED BY NEGROES

Mob Is Angered by His Trial and Acquittal for Murder.

PETERSBURG, Va., Jan. 14.—Information has been received of the alleged lynching in Sussex County, Virginia, of Elmore Moseley, a negro, by a mob of negroes. Mosely was tried and acquitted this week for killing another negro in the public highway in the presence of the victim's wife and child.

Lynched for Assaulting Girl.

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Jan. 14.—"Jumbo" Clark, a negro, was lynched at High Springs today. Clark had criminally assaulted a white girl about 14 years old, while she was on her way to school.

Negro Taken From Jail and Lynched.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Jan. 14.—News was received today that Buch Riley, a negro, who is said to have killed C. C. McMillan near Tallulah, Tuesday night, was arrested and placed in jail at Tallulah, but a mob last night lynched Riley.

GREAT COLORADO GOLD STRIKE

One of the Most Important Ever Made at Cripple Creek.

DENVER, Jan. 14.—A special to the Republican from Cripple Creek, Colo., says the most important gold strike ever made in the district become known today. It was made on Beacon Hill. A six-foot vein averaging $200 per ton was uncovered, through which streaks run which assay as high as $150,000 per ton.

INDIANS KILL AND EAT WOMAN

Terrible Destitution Among a Tribe in Ontario.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from Port Arthur, Ont., says: An Indian has arrived in town and told a terrible tale of the suffering among the members of his tribe, north of Lake Nepigon. He told of where one family was so destitute that they murdered a young squaw 25 years of age, and the rest of the family ate her.

At first his tale was not believed, but it was corroborated by three white traders who arrived later. A. W. Patterson, a Hudson Bay factor, arrived, and he also told the same tale.

A train was at once started for the scene with food, but it will take four days at top speed to reach the Indians. Two constables also left to look into the murder case.

CLUBS ARE TRUMPS

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HELD UP IN OWN YARD.

Man Who Goes Out to Save His Cat Runs Into Burglars.

In attempting to save his favorite cat from two feline fighters that had attacked the pet on the backyard fence, M. Gleigh, 305 Couch street, was frightened almost out of his wits, robbed of $2.75 and finally lost his night's sleep in pursuit of the robbers. He has a good description of the men that held him up in his own yard, but was unable to locate them last night.

Mr. Gleigh was greatly excited when he rushed into the police station last night to tell his story. He had often feared that he would be held up on his way home in the evening, but he did not look for such an occurrence in the early hours of the morning and within his own yard.

He had retired early last night in the hopes of getting a good night's sleep. About 1 o'clock he was awakened by a mournful wail. He listened. Again the noise smote his ears and he recognized it as the voice of Tobie in distress. Peeking cautiously out of the window he espied the cause of the trouble. Three dark-looking forms were rolling over and over fighting and scratching near the back fence.

"Scat," he yelled in tones that should have frightened all of the burglars out of any neighborhood, but even the cats did not heed him. Poor Tobie. He could not stand it any longer to see him assailed by the two cowardly fighters. Slipping on his shoes without any hose, and pulling his trousers on over his nightshirt, he assailed to the back yard to rescue poor Tobie.

"Wow, Wow," cried Tobie, as he turned the corner of the house, and it was evident that he was getting much the worst of the fight.

"Poor kitty," he mused, but just then another thought entered his mind.

"Hands up," came a stern command, and looking toward the direction from which the order came, he espied two black eyes staring through a red handkerchief, while a glistening steel barrel pointed threateningly in his direction.

At the risk of entirely losing his trousers, which had only been slipped on hastily, he let them go to comply with the orders of the highwayman. A second man, who is described as being smaller in stature, grabbed hold of the trousers before they had fallen off and commenced a systematic search. Two dollars and seventy-five cents in cash was obtained, and the highwaymen went their way, while Tobie still moaned in the backyard.

"Stand where you are and do not move," they commanded, as they passed out of the gate. One turned down Couch street toward Fourth, while the other went up in the direction of Sixth. As soon as they had passed from sight Gleigh rushed down the street until he met Officers Burke and Harte. After getting a description of the men the officers took up the search and sent the victim to the police station to tell his story to the captain.

No arrests were made last night.

SHIP REPORTED LOST.

Vancouver Island Coast Given as the Scene.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 14.—There are rumors here of the wreck of the ship Simla on Vancouver Island coast. The wires are down to Carmanah, Clayoquot and Alberni offices are closed. No word came over the wires from the West coast in the day time.

GIANT TIMBERS ARRIVE.

Washington Material for '04 Fair Building Ready to Be Set Up.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—The giant timbers for the Washington State building reached the World's Fair grounds today and are now sidetracked on the plateau of states. There are four timbers, two feet by two feet by 100 feet, the other two feet by two feet by 110 feet. They are to be set on end in the Washington Pavilion in the form of a pyramid, so that they will meet in an apex some 90 feet from the ground.

The building is to be six stories high, carried entirely on these giant timbers, which rest on concrete footings sunk some distance into the ground. Two sides of these timbers are to be planed and polished, while the others are to be left rough.

DIPLOMATS GIVEN DINNER.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Give a Reception at White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The annual dinner to the Diplomatic Corps was given at the White House by President and Mrs. Roosevelt tonight. There was a large attendance, those present, in addition to the guests of honor, including Senators and Representatives, who are members of the foreign affairs committees of their respective houses, and a number of out-of-town guests.

The President escorted Mme. De Azpiroz, wife of the Mexican Ambassador, to the table, while Mrs. Roosevelt was escorted by the Russian Ambassador.

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