

IS AGAIN GRAVE

Far Eastern Situation Is Puzzling.

JAPAN IS ALL EXPECTANCE

Startling Developments Are Hourly Looked For.

RUSSIA IS STILL DEBATING

Reply is Not Likely to Be Delivered Before End of Week—In Meantime Warning is Given Reserves.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent in the following cablegram:

The official Gazette publishes an imperial ordinance empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc., for military purposes. The situation is very grave and developments are hourly expected.

WARNED TO BE READY.

Russia is Bidding for Public Support of War Party.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that the first reserves there have been warned to hold themselves in readiness for service. This is possibly a step taken with the object of preparing the public for eventualities, the correspondent says, and for obtaining the support of public opinion, which the war party hitherto has lacked.

The Chief of consular of the Daily Mail cables that Viceroy Alexieff's illness is graver than had been supposed, and that his absence has caused a vast accumulation of matters which his subordinates are unable to handle.

Cabling from Tien Tsin, the correspondent of the Standard says 300 Chinese who had been enlisted by the Russians, deserted on being ordered to Port Arthur.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that he has learned it was the erroneous idea of M. Bezobrazoff, leader of the war party, and a Secretary of State, that Japan would rather withdraw her demands than fight, which led to divided councils in the Russian government, and when war seemed inevitable, M. Bezobrazoff still persisted that a short and sharp struggle would end the matter.

The War Minister then threatened to resign, according to the correspondent, and Count Lamsdorf and M. Witte, respectively Minister of Foreign Affairs and president of the committee of Ministers, protested against M. Bezobrazoff's ascendancy. Finally, Grand Duke Alexander, who had first brought M. Bezobrazoff into prominence, became convinced that war must be avoided, and he managed to get M. Bezobrazoff away.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times says the leading Japanese journals continue to be skeptical of Russia's pacific intentions, and agree that the patching up of a hollow peace would be a prelude to future rivalry in armaments which would cause a greater strain than a war, whereas a fight today would be a preface to many years of peace.

NOT THAT KIND OF POWER.

Corea Joining With Japan Would Not Drag France In.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The attitude of Corea in the event of war between Russia and Japan has been the subject of much comment among the diplomats here, as it is believed Corea's giving aid to Japan might constitute two powers attacking Russia, thus bringing in France, under the terms of the Franco-Russian agreement. One of the ambassadors, therefore, asked the Russian minister to disclose what the result would be if Corea joined Japan, and the answer is in substance that Corea is not considered to be that kind of an adversary independent power, whose assistance to Japan would bring about the contingency contemplated by the Franco-Russian agreement.

STILL PONDERING OVER REPLY.

Russia, However, Will Probably Be Able to Submit It This Week.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—The exchange of communications between the Foreign Office, the members of the committee of the Far East, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron De Rosen, the Russian Minister at Tokio, is still going on. There is no official indication of when a conclusion will be reached, but a diplomat, who is close to such negotiations, expresses the opinion that the Russian reply possibly will be ready this week.

An authoritative denial is given of the report that Russia ever contemplated requesting the United States to explain the attitude attributed to the United States.

The Korean Minister has received advice that his government will soon open the port of Wiju, on the Yalu River, at the request of the United States to the commerce of the world.

RUSSIA NOW FEARS COREA.

Rioting There Is Likely to Assume a Serious Phase.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says that while the Bourne there has been nervous, owing to the uncertainty of the situation, the progress of the negotiations inspires increasing confidence among those who are well informed, and in such quarters there is a confident belief in a favorable issue.

Church Feels Its Property Safe.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Rev. George Heber Jones, who has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Corea

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AMERICA NOT FRIGHTENED.

It Expects No Trouble Over Sending Consuls to Manchuria.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, had a long talk today with Mr. Loomis, Acting Secretary of State on the Far Eastern situation.

There is no anticipation on the part of this Government of any hitch in the reception of our Consuls in Manchuria.

NO FEELING TOWARD AMERICA

High Officials at Port Arthur Deny Rumors of Hostility.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 25.—The highest officials here repudiate the published accusations of Russian hostility to the United States because of its Manchurian Consuls under the new treaty with China.

The American Maru, it is believed, will receive cablegrams from Honolulu and also at Midway Island, giving information concerning the war outlook in the Far East.

Steamer Will Get War Advice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The Japanese steamer America Maru, Captain Philip Going, sailed today for Yokohama and Kobe, via Honolulu, with more than a score of passengers and a cargo of 10,000 tons, made up of 300 tons of freight and 700 tons of bunker coal.

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Corea Cabinet Friendly to Japan.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.—The first meeting of the recently created supreme military council took place at the palace today. Subsequently the Ministers had an audience with the Emperor, who exhorted them to co-operate in giving effect to the important financial programme which had been drawn up to deal with any contingency that might arise.

Russians Moving Toward Corea.

PEKIN, Jan. 25.—The American Government is arranging to dispatch the senior student interpreters here to Mukden, Port Dainy and Antung, to act as American Vice-Consuls.

Germany Sees Japan is in Earnest.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—As the German Government understands the present situation, the feeling is such at Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia answers her demands favorably.

Spies' Work Stir Japan.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.—Takashi, the Japanese Interpreter for the Russian attaché, was arrested on Saturday last on suspicion of acting as a spy in the Tokushima fortification. He has been taken to Yokohama for trial.

China is Urging Mediation.

PEKIN, Jan. 25.—The Chinese authorities have approached the Ministers here with proposals directed toward attempting mediation with Russia and Japan.

China to Occupy Strategic Points.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—A dispatch from Port Arthur says that according to

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Excerpts from New York Sun's Fashion Letter of January 10—or one week before this "Department Store" in question announced the arrival from New York of "Advance Spring Styles." Note the line: "The modes for the 'Winter' are definitely settled," etc.

"JANUARY LIKE AUGUST, IS A SILLY SEASON FROM A sartorial point of view, and policy is not for the few Spring materials that blossom hardly behind shop windows, the fashion chronicler would discover very few distinct novelties during this month."

The "New Spring Models" in NEW DIP ETON SUITS spoken of in the "Hollander" extract have been here since the latter part of November. In handsome new military effects, flat collars, beautifully and effectively trimmed with rich, pretty velvets and gilt buttons.

2d Week of That Slaughter Sale of Good Books

We've infringed upon the Millinery section for room in which to close out our book stock. Here placed upon tables are rows of books marked to sell now at a mere fraction of their worth.

- All the Latest \$1.50 Copyright Books... Look About Club, publisher's price \$1.75; sale price... Elsie Series, publisher's price 50c; sale price... The Defense of the Castle...

Culmination Clearance Bargains Among the Shoes

First Floor. MEN'S, WOMEN'S, YOUTHS' AND BOYS' FASHIONABLE FOOTWEAR AT PRICES THAT MAKE THE PURSE SMILE. You're not apt to hear such a bargain song again on such a pleasing topic as GOOD SHOES.

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Table-Linens—Culmination Sale First Floor—Linen Aisle. Weeks of effort culminate here this week in the most important sale of Table Linens, Towels and Pillow Cases we have ever held.

- 36x36 fine Damask, hemstitched, value \$2.50, now... \$1.78 45x45, same quality, value \$3.50, now... \$2.69 200 dozen plain hemmed Pillow Cases, heavy quality, each... 9c

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since 1888, is here on a furlough. He says the missions are dominated by the best spirit of friendliness and co-operation, with sectarian strife virtually banished. He believes the church property and missionaries will be respected by both sides in event of war.

that Russia and Japan will arrive at a peaceful arrangement of their difficulties. The Korean Minister, with an interpreter, called at the State Department today personally to confirm the contents of his communication on Saturday, when he advised this Government of Corea's declaration of neutrality.