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. 26.-The Tokio corre spondent 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 rallways, 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. M.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Pally 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 mys, and for obtaining the support of public opinion, which the war party hitherto has lacked. Nothing approaching a war fever, however, is yet discernible.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that Vicercy Alexieff's lilness is graver than had been supposed, and that his absence has caused a vast accumulation of matters which his subordinates are unable to handle. Military preparations, the correspondent adds, are only half completed.

Cabling from Tien Tsin, the corre

spondent of the Standard says 2000 Chinese who had been enlisted by the Russlans, 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. Besobrasoff, leader of the war party, and a Secretary of State, that Japan would withdraw her demands than fight, which led to divided councils in the Rus Mable M. Bezobrazoff still persistes that a short and sharp struggle would and the matter. He even ventured to criticirc the plan of campaign of War Minister Kouropatkin and the War Office, and opoused a plan of his own.

War Minister then threatened to resign, according to the correspondent, and Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte, respectively Minister of Foreign Affairs and president of the committee of Ministers, protested against M. Bezebrazoff's as cendency. Finally, Grand Duke Alexan der, who had first brought M. Bezobrasoff into prominen aged to get M. Bezobrazoff away.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times says the leading Japanese journals con tinue to be skentical of Russia's pacific intentions, and argue 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. 35.-The attitude of Cores 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 agree ment. One of the ambassadors, there-fore, asked Foreign Minister Delcasse 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 a severeign independent power, whose assistance to Japan against Rus sia would bring about the contingency contemplated by the Franco-Russian agreement. Although the answer was con-fined to Corea, it is understood that a similar view prevails, thereby confirm previous reports on the same subject that China's joining Japan would no constitute two powers attacking Russia. A dispatch from Seoul January 23 announced that the Corean government had made a formal declaration of neutrality in the event of war between Russis and Jauan, and last night it was announced from Seoul that a cablegram had been received there from the Corean Minister, at St. Petersburg, saying that Russia disapproved of Corea's declaration of neutrality.

STILL PONDERS OVER REPLY.

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

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. E.-The exchange of communications between the Foreign Office, the members of the committee of the Far East, Viceroy Alexief and Baron De Rosen, the Russian Min-tster at Tokio, is still going on There is no official indication of when a con-clusion will be reached, but a diplomat, who is close to such negotiations, expresses the opinion that the Russian re-ply 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 Corean Miniser has received advices that his government will soon open the port of Will, on the Yalu River, at the request of the United States to the oe of the world.

RUSSIA NOW FEARS COREA. Rioting There is Likely to Assume

a Serious Phase. LONDON, Jan. M.-A dispatch to Reu-ter's Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says that while the Bourse there has been nervous, owing to the uncertainty of

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ions inspires increasing confidence among those who are well informed, and in such quarters there is a confident belief in a favorable lessue. The principal danger now, according to this dispatch, is said to be confined to the disorderly elements in Cores. The latest news received here epresents a great majority of the Coreans is sympathizing with Russia and hostile o Japan. Other dispatches say that the Japanese

Other dispatches say that the Japanese are embarking 18,000 laborers at Tien Tsin in order to hasten the completion of the Scoul-Fasin Rallroad. Some anxiety has been expressed in St. Petersburg regarding the military movements of China. A dispatch to the Duily Mail from Warsaw says, arrangements have been made to call out 88,000 reserves in the Kharkoff, Kieff and Odessa districts should it become necessary to do so. ome necessary to do so.

AMERICA NOT FRIGHTENED.

It Expects No Trouble Over Sending Consuls to Manchuria.

WASHINGTON, Jan. E.-Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, had a long talk today with Mr. Loomis, acting secretary of State on the Far Eastern situation. The Ambassador's advices gave some hope of peace, though the phase of the question which received most attention was the uncontradicted statements which have ap-peared in certain newspapers regarding the attitude of this Government. The Russian government, of course, could not pre-sume to question the previous assurances received from this country regarding its neutrality because of any newspaper pub-lication, but the recurrence of these state-ments has proved annoying.

There is no anticipation on the part of this Government of any hitch in the re-ception of our Consuls in Manchurfa. The

ception of our Consuls in Manchuria. The evidence of approval of the commercial treaty which Russia has given convinces the State Department that the Consuls will receive every courtery.

NO FEELING TOWARD AMERICA

High Officials at Port Arthur Deny Rumors of Hostility.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 25.-The highest officials here repudlate the published accusations of Russian hostility to the United States because of its Manchurian policy, and the appointment of American Consuls under the new treaty with China. It is officially asserted that no large re-inforcements of the Eastern forces is ex-pected at present. The military authori-ties, however, add that otherwise arrangements are making for a large su

ponies from the Province of Chi-Li for the Cossacks and mounted infantry. The demoralization of the passenger and freight truffic on the Manchurian Rallway ntinues in consequence of the military activity, and there is a great blockade of freight at Port Dainy.

Steamer Will Get War Advices. ese 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. Mail was carried for the Orient, and that for points beyond Kobe will be transferred at the Japanese

The America Maru, it is believed, will receive cablegrams at Honolulu and also at Midway Island, giving information concerning the war outlook in the Far East. Her sister ships, the Nippon Maru and the Hong Kong Maru, are now in Japan and will be held for service in the event of war against Russia.

Corean Cabinet Friendly to Japan.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.-The first meeting of TOKIO, Jan. 25.—The first meeting of the recently created supreme military council took place at the palace today. Subsequently the Ministers had an audi-ence 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 contin-gency that might arise. The new Corean Cabinet is friendly to Jane. Cabinet is friendly to Japan.

It is said officially that the recent press

reports of disturbances in the Chong Chung Province of Corea are exagger-ated, but it is not denied that that coun-try is far from tranquil.

Russians Moving Toward Corea.

PEKIN, Jan. E .- The American Government is arranging to despatch the senior student interpreters here to Mukden, Port Dalny and Antung, to act as American

A small detachment of Russian cavalry A small octachment of hussian cavairy has passed through Kaopangtru on its way to Ichou. This region was retro-ceded to China long ago. Advices received here from Port Ar-thur are to the effect that a battalion

of Russian troops are moving fron point toward the Corean frontier. Germany Sees Japan Is in Earnest. BERLIN, Jan. 25 .- As the German gov-BERLLIN, Jah. 20.—As the German gov-ernment understands the present situa-tion, the feeling is such at Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia an-swers her demands favorably. Hussia recognizes this, and accordingly intends to accept enough of Japan's points to make the Tokio Cabinet feel that a sufficient cause for war no longer exists, and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan, it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.

Spies' Work Stirs Japan.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.-Takasbims, the Japaness interpreter for the Russian attache, was arrested on Saturday last on suspiction of acting as a spy in the Yokusuja fortification. He has been taken to Yokohama for trial. It is alleged that conclusive evidence has been obtained regarding other suspects, which is causing a very strong feeling against such treachery, which is a capital offense in Japan.

China Is Urging Mediation.

PEKIN, Jan. 25.—The Chinese authorities have approached the Ministers here of several powers with proposals directed toward attempting mediation with Rossin and Japan. China is exceedingly anxious that war should be avoided.

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THE CLOSE OF CLEARANCE SALES POR 1904. Five days of 10 hours each for shopping brings us to the end of the greatest, most successful Clearance Sale in our more than quarter-century of mercantile life. It shall be a "Garrison finish"! Watch it out, take advantage of its mighty saving powers. Every advertised special (except such as announced as closed) of yesterday on sale again today. EVERY ARTICLE IN THE HOUSE REDUCED for 5 DAYS MORE, and fresh announcements follow-all of bargains. Each day will bring a new grist to the bargain mill. Get your share!



MAIL ORDERS

And will be filled this week at CULMINATION CLEARANCE SALE PRICES

THE NEW IN Women's Wear THIS STORE'S STYLES ARE "DIFFERENT" and almost a

season ahead of its confrere's showings. New styles are here, not shown elsewhere in all the Northwest. It is a relief to the particular shopper to drop into this GREAT SUIT STORE-THE LARGEST IN THIS SECTION-and find that which stands between the commonplace of the loud talking "Department Store," and the high-price women's tailors. The energy of a grand organization is devoted here to the designing of women's apparel. Each garment must be an achievement in itself. Special and exclusive styles are ever here for the woman who does not care to meet her own gown rounding every corner. THE NEWEST SUITS SHOWN IN PORTLAND AWAIT YOU HERE. The newest yet issued from fashion's centers, the exact counterpart, in styles, as a neighboring "Department Store" is telling of, in a typical manner, under the "alias" of "ADVANCE SPRING SUITS. Above mentioned store quotes B. Altman & Co., of New York,

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"Are showing advance Spring models in Ladies' Suits, both walk-ing and dress styles, suitable for Southern wear."

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In their DRESSMAKING-ROOMS, Third Floor, are prepared to take orders for

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Suitable for EARLY SPRING wear, and for use at the SOUTH-

Here is the actual reproduction of WHAT THEY DID SAY, taken from the New York Sun. The "word-twist" is merely made by the self-accommodating writer of these idle store fancies in a useless endeavor to further fool the public. This store stands a solid bulwark between such deceptions and its public. Not a word of being rec-

ERN WINTER RESORTS.

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 SAR-TORIAL POINT OF VIEW, and, were it not for the few Spring materials that blossom hardly behind shop windows, the fashion chronicler would discover very few distinct possible.

"The modes for the WINTER are definitely settled, and though new details are constantly being evolved, it is safe to generalize in regard to the lines of questumes." The Arierann woman is still dubious about the full skirt, Truses to take it seriously, insists upon

compromises."
"Going back to the vexed problem of the skirt, there is much uncertainty concerning the correct
length, and WHAT THE SPRING
DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE IS A
THEME FOR DEBATE AND
PROPHECY."

"IF YOU SEE IT IN THE SUN, IT'S SO."

The "New Spring Models" in NEW DIP ETON SUITS spoken of in the "Hollander" extract have en 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. We have carefully compared these suits with those heralded as "Advance Spring Styles" by a local "Department Store," and find them identically the same except for the usual fact of superiority of ours, due to better, more experienced selection from standard makers. Come up and see them. Examples on show in a Washington-street window. Portland people are too well posted to doubt as to who's first in approved showings-this time, it's in our favor by two monthsthanks to our constant touch with the fashion authorities and our permanent New York office. never announce the second, or "definitely settled Winter modes" as "Advance Spring Styles." A spade is always a spade here At this RELIABLE store you'll always find authorized styles weeks ahead of elsewhere

Culmination Clearance Bargains Among the Shoes

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You're not apt to hear such a bargain song again on such a pleasing topic as GOOD SHOES. It's in short metre, and the family man or woman who knows how hard dollars are to dig will be apt to advantage themselves here of such saving chances ere the week passes and the Annual Clearance Sales are over. Every pair of Shoes, Boots, Rubbers, Slippers -in short, everything reduced in the shoe store this week. Why wait



and pay more? WOMEN'S ULTRA FASHIONABLE BENCH-MADE PATTERN SHOES-the best made, leading style shoe made in America for stylish dress wear. Choice of Louis, extra high, French or medium military heels, in all the wanted leathers, including patent and French kid or patent leather, with medium or full, round toes. Regular prices are \$5 and \$6-you may choose for balance of week from our superb stock of these handsome pattern shoes at, the pair\$3.85

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Table-Linens---Culmination Sale



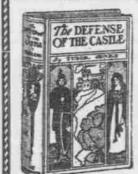
Pirst Ploor-Linen Aisle. Weeks of effort culminate here this week in the most important sale of Table Linens, Towels and Pillow Cases we have ever held. Our preparations for this event from inception to completion were marked, step by step, with a blend of good judgment and good luck, out of which emerged success. Sunday advertised Napkins and Cloths at half-priceall gone. Merely mention this as a warning for you not to let these additional exceptional bargains to pass today.

FEA CLOTHS .. 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, each9¢

PILLOW CASES What stopped over night from yesterday's sale of 150 dozen Hem-Pillow Cases, size 36x45, at 121/2¢ each.

New Spring line White Waistings at clearance prices. TOWELS-Odd lines greatly reduced.

Size 18x34, all linen Fancy scalloped Towels, size 20x39, now



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Sale price vol. 22c
Gilt EdgeLibrary, publisher's price Se; sale price, vol. 346
Pearl Library, nowspaper edition, publisher's price 60c, sale price, vol. 17c
Special lot of \$1.50 Copyrights; sale
price. 45c

CLASSICS. Elite Series, publisher's price 60c; sale Cambridge, publisher's price Mc; sale Pocket Classics, publisher's price Sc;

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Sec. sale price
Popular Library, publisher's price
Sec. Own Library, publisher's price nor Series, publisher's price \$1.00 mrs. Thubb's, publisher's price

BOOKS FOR LITTLE FOLKS. Pairy Tales, publisher's price \$1.00; sale Miss Josephine Pollard's Books, pub-Commence of the commence of th

alle price Schus, publisher's price 11.26; sale price 11.46; sale price McChildren's Favorite Library, publisher's price 50c; sale price 24c

FOETICAL BOOKS. Padded Poets, publisher's price \$1.25; Fiexible Back, publisher's price \$1.00;
sale price
sale price \$1.00;
webster's 20th Century Dictionary,
publisher's price \$2.00; sale price \$1.28
School Dictionary, publisher's price \$2.00 Century, publisher's price \$2.00 Century, publisher's price \$2.00 Century Atlas, publisher's price \$2.00 Century Atlas, publisher's price \$3.00 Exandary Atlas, publisher's price \$3.00 Exandary School Teachers' Bible, publisher's price \$2.5; sale price \$1.48
Holman's Teachers' Bible, publisher's price \$1.0; sale price \$1.40
New Testaments, publisher's price \$60;
sale price \$2.55

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For convenience we have used the manufacturer's numbers in lotting, you call for and choose as listed here:

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mere Pants, with French bands and in ankle lengths, usual \$1.75 values - tomorrow, and until No. O. S. Women's fine black wool

ribbed Tights, medium weight and they're49¢ ankle length, \$1.50 values-to morrow, and until sold 49¢ No. 430. Women's Jersey ribbed natural Worsted Vests, regular \$1 values-tomorrow, and while

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dium weight Union Suits, cream and silver tints, half-open fronts, No. P. Women's medium weight eream tinted lisle Vests and Pants, regular 75c values-tomorrow, and until sold, choose

from 75c to \$2.25 each. Sale opens tomorrow, lasts balance of week, or until lots are entirely sold out, as this sale includes values the equal of which were never offered before. We earnestly advise early choosing.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. E.-The car barns of the Indianapolis Traction & Terminal Company, at McLean Place, burned today. Less \$100.000.

partment has received a cablegram from Ambassador Tower, at Berlin, saying that an official circles there the belief is strong SEOUL, Jan. 25—The report of the

that Russia and Japan will arrive at a landing of a Japanese army at Masampho peaceful arrangement of their difficulties. Indianapolis Car-Barns Burn.

CURES COLDS IN BUSSIA

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 mission aries will be respected by both sides is event of war.

China to Occupy Strategic Points. NEW YORK, Jan. E.—Rev. George He-ber Jones, who has been a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Corea from Port Arthur says that according to

a Chinese native paper, General Ma, with 26 regiments of Chinese troops, has pro-ceeded from Shan Hai Kwan, Chi Li Province, in order to occupy strategic points on the border of that province.

In November General Ma was quoted as saying that in the event of war he would join his forces with those of Japan.

Japan Tella Them Look to America MANILA, Jan. 25 .- The Japanese mer-

chants in this city have received advices from the home government that in case of the outbreak of hostilities, they had better transfer their business over to the

Tower Says Peace Hope is Strong. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.-The State De

penceful arrangement of their difficulties.
The Corean Minister, with an interpreter, called at the State Department today personally to confirm the contents of his emmunication on Saturday, when he advised this Government of Corea's dec-