

DELAY FOR PEACE

Russia's Answer to Japan Not Yet Ready.

IS NOT FINALLY DRAFTED

Evident Effort to Placate the Island Government.

EXPECTED EARLY THIS WEEK

That the Empress of Russia Has to Undergo an Operation May Have to Do With Speed With Which Matter Will Be Dispatched.

REPLY THIS WEEK.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Information received at the State Department is to the effect that the Russian reply to Japan's last note on the Far Eastern question will be made the early part of the present week. The tenor of the prospective communication is not known here.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—Another delay has occurred in framing and forwarding the Russian answer to the latest Japanese note, and this will result in further averting the culmination of the crisis until the middle or the latter part of this week.

The official advice received here from St. Petersburg today, although somewhat negative, gave definite details of the status of the note and the programme it was intended to follow. Count Lamdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, had expected that the exchanges going on would have permitted the final drafting of the answer so that it could have been presented to the Czar yesterday for his approval, but the expectation was not realized, and, as a matter of fact, the answer has not yet been finally drafted.

Effort to Avoid War. It was therefore determined to defer its submission to the Czar until next Tuesday or Wednesday. Efforts are still being made to shape this answer as to prevent further delay.

This new delay is interpreted as slightly improving the situation, as it indicates that Russia is making extreme efforts to bring the answer within the limits acceptable to Japan. It was therefore determined to defer its submission to the Czar until next Tuesday or Wednesday.

France Has a Watchful Eye. Throughout the past week the authorities here have been kept fully advised of the general tendencies of Russia, but they have not known whether or not these tendencies would be incorporated in the answer by which Russia would irrevocably abide.

It is understood the Empress of Russia has an affection of the ear which may necessitate an operation. This fact is considered as having some bearing upon the time when the answer will be submitted to the Czar for approval.

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Conclusion Drawn by Japanese Minister to Great Britain.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain, informed the Associated Press last night that his government did not know what Russia's answer would be, and it was, therefore, impossible to say whether war was probable or not. The fact that the Russian reply had not yet been dispatched showed, according to Baron Hayashi, that Russia's decision had not yet been taken, as it was hardly probable, if a decision had been reached, that the note should be delayed.

A semi-official denial has been issued at St. Petersburg to the reports that the Czar presided at a council at which the Russian reply was decided on, and it is explained that no conference, except at which Grand Duke Alexis presided, has been held in connection with the Russo-Japanese affairs. A dispatch received here from Tien Tsin says Russia is purchasing large quantities of Kai Ping coal for immediate delivery at Port Arthur, where the stocks of coal are believed to be running low.

Japanese Reserves Mobilized.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo cables he has learned that the Japanese naval reserves were mobilized last week, and that the first army reserve was partly mobilized with great secrecy, the troops arriving at their destinations disguised as coolies. Over 100 transports have been requisitioned, the correspondent continues, and 25 transports and 25 warships are lying at Saesoo (25 miles north by west of Nagasaki). Forty transports, filled with the Kumamoto division, are lying at Takes Hiki harbor, in Two Salma, ready for invasion. The destination of these latter vessels is believed to be Chung Yu, whence the invasion of Korea could be easily effected.

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On January 30, the Daily Mail published a dispatch from its Chinese correspondent saying a foreigner had reported that the Russian steamer Argon, upon which

he was a passenger from Nagasaki to Port Dalry, had been fired at by a Japanese cruiser outside of Chemulpo harbor. The correspondent of the Morning Post at Chefoo cables that a British vessel and some others, engaged in a regular service to Port Arthur, had been stopped when about to enter that port.

Commissariat Will Break Down. Competent judges, the Post's correspondent goes on, predict the total failure of the Russian commissariat in the event of prolonged hostilities.

Under date of January 28, a correspondent of the Daily Express at Kobe sends, via Shanghai, a statement that the Japan fleet sailed from Suifu, on Saturday, January 23, for Manampo, Corea, and says that his dispatch was refused transmission over the customary route by the censor.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says officials there have received news that Russian troops are occupying Kivehous, north of the Gulf of Lao Tung.

BRIDGE WAS BLOWN UP.

Mistaken Order Resulted in Several Deaths in Russian Maneuvers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 31.—Further investigation of the story published in the United States under a Berlin date to the effect that during recent maneuvers of Russian troops a bridge was blown up by order of the Grand Duke Serge, Governor-General of Moscow, resulting in the killing or wounding of 50 officers and 1000 men, proves that to be absolutely false. The report is evidently a revamp of an accident which occurred during the maneuvers of the Summer of 1902.

Grand Duke Serge was then defending



Moscow against General Kuropatkin. Owing to a mistaken order, which was not given by the Grand Duke, a few men were killed at the blowing up of a bridge.

Discs to Identify Dead Soldiers. LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Kobe correspondent of the London Daily Express declares that it is generally believed that Russia will decline in her reply to recognize the sovereignty of China over Manchuria.

Owing to the feeling that a final effort toward reconciliation was being made, the tone of official sentiment on the matter was somewhat improved today.

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ROOT'S LAST CABLE

Good Wishes to Incoming Governor of Philippines.

WRIGHT GIVEN HIGH PRAISE

Former Services in the Island Are Referred to With Warm Commendation by Outgoing Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Just before his retirement from office, Secretary Root addressed the following cablegram to Governor Luke Wright:

"Washington, Jan. 31, 1904.—Wright, Manila: Heartily congratulate and good wishes on your assuming office of Civil Governor. There can be no better wish than for the same fidelity, ability and success which have always characterized your public service in the Philippine Islands. ROOT, Secretary."

CHURCH PARTY BITTER.

Governor Cavite Makes Annual Report to the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Captain D. C. Shank, Governor of the Province of

lack of an organ to disseminate such an opinion, if it existed. Retain the present public school system, said Bishop McPaul, but do not bar Catholics out of their rights as citizens. The Federation has taken an admirable stand on this question. Its platform is: That there shall be no public moneys paid out for religious instruction in any school. But the state examine our schools, and if on examination it is found that we are giving the children an education which comes up to the requirements of the state, then let the state pay for it. The board decided that a special organization fund of \$5000 should be raised.

PRESIDENT NEEDS MORE SALARY

Private Fortune Is Being Trenched Upon for White House Functions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—It is believed that President Roosevelt, through the agency of good friends in Congress, will try to obtain an increase of the Presidential salary. He has caused it to become known that elaborate entertaining in the White House is compelling him to make deep inroads upon his private fortune. The \$20,000 he receives as salary from the Government is far too small to stand the strain of constant receptions, dinners, luncheons, musicals and teas. Few of his predecessors in office saved anything, and President Roosevelt has surpassed all of them in brilliancy of functions, which have made the White House the real center of Washington, social galaxy.

President Roosevelt is not an exceedingly wealthy man. When he was elected Governor of New York his fortune was estimated at \$25,000. He also derived considerable revenue from royalties on sale of his books, and his elevation to the Presidency has since increased their popularity.

The President has a large family, and he is fond of entertaining his friends. Scarcely a day passes that he does not have several prominent men from various parts of the country at luncheon. The formal dinners at the White House have always been generous, but last year and this year they have been given with unprecedented lavishness.

Last Thursday the President gave a dinner for the Judiciary, to which were bidden 75 guests. This was followed by a dinner at which 24 persons were present, and later in the evening there was a musicale for which more than 200 invitations had been issued. The President also gave a dinner last night.

FIGHT ON PLATT.

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made no effort to produce results. All they cared for was to control the selection of delegates. As a result at the present time the old city of New York (Manhattan Borough) has not a single Republican Congressman, despite the fact that the last election was held under a reapportionment, whereby Manhattan was regarded as certain to give three Republican Congressmen out of 12 with a fighting chance in two other districts.

Two years ago Odell was re-elected Governor by a plurality of less than 8000, despite the fact that his Democratic opponent received the largest majority that any Democrat ever had below the Harlem River, which practically means Greater New York and Long Island.

Once Saved by County Vote.

Odell was saved by an unparalleled vote in the up-state districts. To quote an eminent politician, it was a time when an immense body of Democrats met an irresistible force of Republicans, and the laws of nature were overturned.

Odell expects to accomplish this again. He is building up his fences in the county districts, and will favor for Governor the strongest man that the country districts can name. Odell regards New York as hopelessly lost. It is the enemy's country, and he looks for but little result there.

The postoffice scandals have had a bad effect on the party all over the state. In New York City Postmaster Van Cott, one of Platt's leading local lieutenants, has been called upon to explain the existence of a promotion, bonus, and why he resigned in order to be appointed to office. From there the trail of the mail-bag extends all over the state, clear up to the northern regions, where Supreme Court Justice Hooker is involved in some apparently shady transaction regarding postoffice stores.

Squabbles in New York Towns.

In Brooklyn the party is in a bad way because independent Republicans resent the arbitrary dictation of ex-Lieutenant Governor Woodruff. There is the bitterest kind of a faction fight on in Buffalo. The Republicans of both Albany and Troy lost majority elections last year because of factional differences, and the gloom scandals involving Congressman Littauer, the President's friend, are bound to hurt the ticket, especially now that Littauer has been renominated.

Summed up briefly, the situation in New York State may be described as follows: Governor Odell will name the state ticket, and in case of a Republican Legislature force Chauncey M. Depew to retire from the United States Senate. His successor will be Odell or some one very close to him.

The delegates to the National Convention will be for Roosevelt except two, who are controlled by former United States Marshal Lou Payn, a bitter personal enemy. None of the delegates will be enthusiastic for Roosevelt, but they will all vote for him. There is nothing else for them to do.

Odd Against the Republicans.

The Republicans will have the fight of their lives to carry the state for Roosevelt, with the odds very much against them. In fact, the selection of an anti-Bryan man, in the opinion of most unprejudiced politicians, will put the state in the Democratic column.

The Republicans are praying that the Democrats will make some fatal error. Otherwise they believe in their hearts that they will lose New York's 23 electoral votes, a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and all the state patronage, which they have controlled without a break since 1883, and a United States Senator.

The tide is set against us and running strong," declared one of Platt's shrewdest lieutenants the other day. "But even if the old man does go down he will retire while the state is Republican and leave the legacy of defeat to his ungrateful successor, Governor Odell."

Democratic errors are what the Republican leaders are praying for. And the more errors the opposition commits the better the Republicans will like it. But the present indications are that President Roosevelt will have the mortification of seeing his state cast its votes against him in the electoral college.

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PORTIERES ARE DOWN

Table listing various portieres and their prices, such as \$2.50 Portieres now, pair for \$1.75, \$7.00 Portieres now, pair for \$4.75, etc.

SHOE PRICES PARED

Table listing various shoes and their prices, such as Women's \$3 Princess Street Shoes \$2.23, Women's \$5 and \$6 Pattern Shoes \$3.23, etc.

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WAIT FOR RESPONSE

Democratic Senators Want to Hear From the President. WILL NOT DELAY PANAMA VOTE

Promise Republican Leaders to Cease Talking at End of Legitimate Debate—Votes From Opposite Side of Chamber.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Senate this week will continue to discuss the Panama question. Speeches will be made tomorrow or Tuesday by Senator Fairbanks (Rep., Ind.) and Senators Clark (Dem., Ark.) and Clay (Dem., Ga.), all in support of the treaty.

The Democrats, however, have given assurance to the Republican leaders that they will not seek delay merely for the purpose of postponing a vote on the treaty, which they will permit as soon as legitimate debate shall be exhausted.

The present plan is to continue the discussion in open session, but if it becomes apparent that more can be accomplished by closing the doors, legislative sessions will be ordered.

It is now certain the solid vote of the Republican side of the chamber in favor of the treaty will be augmented by many Democratic votes. The suggestion was made in the Democratic caucus Saturday that the entire Democratic vote should be pledged in case assurance is given of concessions to Colombia, but it was not acted on.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill will be reported during the week and will be taken up in the Senate. The Panama question shall be sidetracked to meet the request of the Democrats for delay to digest the new information they hope to receive on the revolt. The canal question will be kept to the front as much as possible, even to the exclusion of appropriation bills.

Minority Report on Ship Subsidy. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Representative Lacking, of Michigan, will tomorrow file in the House the minority report of the Committee on Merchant Marine against the Gardner resolution creating a joint committee of House and Senate to investigate the ship subsidy matter, and report on the first day of next session. The report says that the bill should be defeated, because its real aim and object is to promote the ship subsidy scheme, which has been the menace of the country since 1897.

"Its author, promoters and supporters," says the report, "nearly all advocate the subsidy plan. Its pretense of an investigation is but a cloak. The subject has been investigated and reported on for over 30 years. The real objects are two: First, to educate the country and prepare its mind for a subsidy; second, to carry the question over the election. The sub-

sidy advocates do not care to make it an issue before the people. "The subsidy, or bounty plan, is wrong in principle and ineffective in practice. It is without virtue as a remedy and demoralizing to the political conscience of the country. The great majority of American people look upon the subsidy as a selfish scheme pure and simple, and the lower House should have the scheme stopped at the outset."

The report cites the fact that Speaker Cannon, as member of the 4th Congress, reported adversely on the ship subsidy measure, saying: "It is a proposition in effect to give a bonus to assist certain persons to make a sale of steamships at a price greater than their value. Its passage would be encouragement to the lobby."

The report suggests that the only effective way to aid the merchant marine is to adopt the policy of discriminating duties.

Diplomatic and Consular Bill in House. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The House this week will pass the diplomatic and consular bill, which was reported from the committee on foreign affairs last week. Hit, chairman of the committee, will call it up at the first favorable opportunity. District of Columbia business is the special order for tomorrow, private claims bills for Tuesday and pension legislation for Friday.

Consideration of the diplomatic bill will afford opportunity for a further wide range of discussion of such topics as members may desire to introduce. The bill providing for the ratification of a treaty with the Shoc tribe of Indians on the Rosebud reservation, which is pending, and its consideration is a special continuing order so long as it does not interfere with appropriation bills or private calendar business.

BRIGHT EYES ARE DISTRACTING Chicago University Professor Reports Against Co-education of Sexes. CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—According to a report submitted by Dean George E. Vincent to President Harper, of the University of Chicago, the experiment of segregating the sexes in the junior college work during the past year has been a success. Dean Vincent in his report says: "Unofficially various instructors who have taught the classes exclusively for

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WEDDING AND VISITING CARD ENGRAVERS

Gave Life in Defense of Property. JOPLIN, Mo., Jan. 31.—William H. Broadstreet, station agent of the Frisco System at Granby, near here, gave up his life tonight in defense of the company's property, shot by one of two masked men who ordered him to throw up his hands. A fierce fusillade was exchanged, when Broadstreet finally fell with a bullet in the head. Bloodhounds have been sent to the scene to take up the trail of the robbers.

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