

LINES TO DIVIDE

Hill and Harriman Will Mark Boundaries.

MEET IN NEW YORK TODAY

Situation in the Entire Northwest Will Be Gone Over.

HIGH OFFICIALS TO BE THERE

Sections the Roads Shall Enter Will Be Agreed Upon, and Then Both Work in Harmony to Develop Them.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Hill and Harriman interests will hold a conference in New York City tomorrow, which will probably result in an agreement between them covering the traffic of the entire Northwest. The meeting between the two interests has been arranged so quietly that no public mention has been made of the fact that Mr. Hill and Mr. Harriman were even considering the advisability of joining issues with reference to the great territory in which their lines are largely competitive.

The conference will be attended by the presidents of the Hill lines, the vice-presidents in charge of traffic and operation and by the corresponding officials of the Harriman lines. Darius Miller, vice-president of the Burlington, and the man in charge of the traffic for all Hill lines, Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, J. C. Stubbs, traffic director, and Ben Campbell, assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines, together with other officials, went to New York today in company on the Twentieth Century Limited. They admitted there was to be a conference between the two interests regarding the Northwest, but refused to go into details. One of the officials said:

"The Hill and Harriman lines have a great deal in common in the Northwest, and mutual interests demand that they work in harmony. In a general way desirable trackage arrangements will be discussed; the effect of the prospective war between Japan and Russia upon pending railway legislation in the Northwest will be considered; rates will be discussed, and general matters of mutual interest talked over."

From other sources it was learned that an agreement with regard to territory is probable, which will prevent either interest from constructing lines into territory already served by the Union Pacific and the Burlington roads. If there ever was a purpose to extend the latter to the Coast, it will undoubtedly be abandoned and the limits of the future extensions or both will probably be strictly defined.

Although there never has been open hostility the feeling between the Hill and Harriman interests has not been the most cordial since the battle for control of the Northern Pacific, which caused Mr. Harriman to saddle an additional debt upon the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. If the conference is successful hereafter the Hill and Harriman people will work together for the development of the Northwest and the increase of foreign and domestic traffic.

WAR IS BEGUN.

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Tian-tsin, a correspondent there of the Standard says a Russian force is reported at Kalgan, Pechili Province, 110 miles northwest of Peking, and near the great wall, and that preparations are making for the flight of the Chinese Court and the removal of the Imperial treasure, as it is feared that Russia will descend upon Peking.

JUSTIFIED ACTION OF JAPAN.

London Press Asserts Russia Well Exhausted Her Patience.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The editorial articles in the press this morning universally justify Japan in breaking off diplomatic relations with Russia, asserting that Russia had exhausted Japan's patience.

The Daily Chronicle, however, while admitting this, says it thinks it a pity Japan did not await actual receipt of the reply, because, in the not impossible event of a close war and the powers negotiating a settlement, some of them may be inclined to guide their decision by the fact that Japan took the initiative.

For the rest, the Japanese feeling is very strong in the British press, which dwells upon the great need of the utmost efforts to localize the conflict.

The Daily Telegraph concludes its editorial article with these words:

"Upon Great Britain and France rests the greatest responsibility of averting a universal dispute among mankind, and that is a common task which every incentive of friendship, reason and duty must move them to fulfill."

SITUATION MADE TOO GRAVE.

American Would Only Follow Precedent and Work for Common Good.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—State Department officials deny that any agreement has been made to the effect that the United States and Great Britain would interfere after Russia has crushed Japan, and insist that Manchuria remain part of China.

Ever since the Russo-Japanese war it has been customary for the great neutral powers to hold some sort of conference at the conclusion of a war in order to assure the vanquished nation in the struggle against undue exactions and punishments. This was naturally the course in the Turkish-Russian war, and attention is called to the fact that, although Japan was the victor in her last war with China, the neutral powers, especially Russia and England, brought pressure to bear upon Japan to prevent her from pursuing her advantage beyond reasonable limits.

Incidentally it was also pointed out that the two nations named profited themselves by the acquisition of most important strategic points, which has been the object of Japan's operations. Therefore, it is said to be within the probabilities that some sort of a conference will follow a

Russo-Japanese war. The United States has always held out from combinations in such cases, but in the case of the negotiations which terminated the Russo-Japanese war, the policy has been to work on parallel lines when such a cause is for the common good.

Roosevelt Asked to Intervene. VIENNA, Feb. 8.—The Austrian Peace Society has sent a cablegram to President Roosevelt requesting him to intervene in the Russo-Japanese conflict under the provisions of the international arbitration tribunal at The Hague.

British Foreign Office in Ignorance. LONDON, Feb. 8.—No such arrangement as suggested by the St. James Gazette, that a demand will be made that Russia must either grant Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria, or fight Great Britain and the United States, is known by the Foreign Office here, nor has the Foreign Office late tonight received news of the embarkation of Japanese troops. Finally, neither at the British Foreign Office nor in any other diplomatic quarter is any hope entertained that mediation could now be arranged.

PRACTICALLY DECLARED WAR

Kurino's Statement Probably All Japan Will Make.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—The following is the text of M. Kurino's statement of February 5 to the Foreign Office here:

"The independence and territorial integrity of the Korean Empire being regarded by the Japanese government as absolutely essential to their own security and repose, they cannot view with indifference any action tending to render the position of Korea insecure. The Russian government has by means of inadmissible amendments successively rejected Japan's proposals respecting Korea, the adoption of which the Japanese government regards as indispensable to assuring the independence and territorial integrity of the Korean Empire and to safeguarding Japan's preponderant interests in the peninsula. This attitude on the part of Russia, coupled with her successive refusals to enter into an agreement with respect to China's territorial integrity in Manchuria, which is seriously menaced by Russia's continued occupation of that province, notwithstanding her treaty engagements with China and her repeated assurances to the other powers having interests in the same region, has rendered it necessary for the Japanese government seriously to consider what measures of self-defense they are called upon to take in the presence of the delay on the part of the Russian government in connection with the pending negotiations, which has remained largely unexplained, and of their naval and military activity, which it is difficult to reconcile with an entirely pacific aim."

"In the pending negotiations the Japanese government has extended a degree of forbearance which they believe affords abundant proof of their loyal desire to remove from the relations between Japan and Russia every cause for future misunderstanding, but finding in their efforts no prospect of securing from the Russian government any admission either to Japan's moderate and unselfish proposals or to any other proposals likely to establish a firm and lasting policy in the Far East, the Japanese government has now no other alternative than to terminate the present futile negotiations. In adopting that course the Japanese government reserves to themselves the right to take such independent action as they may deem best to consolidate and defend Japan's menaced position, as well as to protect her right and legitimate interests."

"The Japanese government, having exhausted in vain every means of conciliation with the view of removing from the relations of the two countries every cause for future complication, and finding that their just representations and moderate and unselfish proposals made in the interest of permanent peace in the Far East, were not receiving from the Russian government the consideration which was due, have resolved to sever their diplomatic relations with the Russian government, which, for the reason named, has ceased to possess value."

At the Japanese Legation here this was regarded as tantamount to a declaration of war, and it is believed no other announcement will be made to the world.

JAPAN CUTS CABLE TO COREA.

Russia Can No Longer Be Informed of Her Movements.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The French Foreign Office was advised this afternoon that the Japanese have cut the cable connecting Japan and Korea. The object of this action is believed to be to prevent news of the operations of the Japanese reaching the Russians, which was possible, no matter how closely censored the dispatches sent through the cable. Following the breaking off of relations between Russia and Japan the cutting of the cable is regarded here as significant of the purpose of the Japanese to begin hostilities.

It is learned that among the troops sent by Russia to the vicinity of the Yalu River are 15,000 Cossacks, whose province it is to destroy the communications of any Japanese army landing along the coast or trying to strike the Port Arthur Railroad. The French military experts consider this a good tactical move, for the reason that the Japanese are not in a position to maintain a force, insufficient to cope with that of the Russians.

JAPANESE TROOPS POURING IN

Strategical Points in Korea and Manchuria Will Be Occupied.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, informed the Associated Press that military steps contemplated by Japan for the preservation of its interests in the Far East already have commenced.

The Minister was careful to point out, however, that this does not mean actual hostilities, but strategic action through pouring Japanese troops into Korea and Manchuria. This, he stated, is now in progress.

Baron Hayashi calculates that forces adequate to meet any emergency will have been fully disembarked within two or three days. He repeated the breaking off of negotiations tantamount to war, and does not look for any formal declaration. The Minister reiterates the statement that the Russian reply was not delivered, and declares his belief to be that it never was sent.

HELD READY TO INVADE CITY.

Japanese Troops Near Masampo

Anxiously Await Orders.

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 8.—The Japanese Consul at Chefoo has sent a telegram to a Japanese elder here urging the departure of all Japanese from Port Arthur and Port Dalry.

The greatest excitement prevails here. No steamers are available, and the Japanese are trying to charter sailing vessels. They are hastily selling off their property and winding up their business. Japan has been telegraphically cut off from this port for ten days.

A detachment of Japanese troops stationed on the island of Zushima, 40 miles from Masampo, Korea, has been ordered to be in readiness to land in Korea in the event of a rupture. The Japanese Commercial Agent at Vladivostok has been ordered to leave.

BRITAIN WILL NOT EXPLAIN.

Parliamentary Leaders Want to Know Meaning of Orders to Fleet.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Home Secretary, Mr. Akers-Douglas, replying to a question in the House of Commons today in behalf of the government, informed the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, that His Majesty's government had been officially informed of the rupture of relations between Japan and Russia, but it had no details

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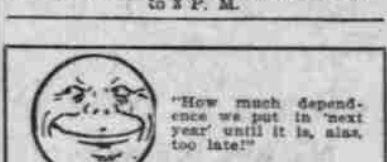
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further than appeared in the newspapers.

Mr. Akers-Douglas added that the question of a belligerency law had been fully considered, but he declined to answer a number of technical questions regarding instructions relative to coaling, repairs, etc., sent to the authorities at British ports without due notice of such questions.

The British Foreign Office does not regard the Japanese note presented February 5 to the Russian Foreign Office by M. Kurino as establishing a state of war, though it holds it would justify a hostile act without any further notification on the part of Japan, which the Foreign Office here also understands will not be given.

The course taken by the United States Embassy at St. Petersburg in undertaking to look after the interests of Japanese subjects in Russia was adopted because the British government regarded itself as being too intimately concerned in the dispute to accept such a responsibility.

GERMANY WILL BE NEUTRAL.

Political and Trade Conditions Largely Affect Her Policy.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The German government is prepared to issue a proclamation of severe neutrality, should hostilities begin. The popular German feeling is divided between a certain admiration for the little people of Japan and the necessary greater community of interests in international politics and trade with a big neighbor.

Germany's neutral attitude is due to vague territorial hopes in China, longstanding intolerance of Japan's ambition, dislike of Russia, and a desire to separate Russia from France by winning Russia's good will.

The Russian Embassy, in a statement given to the National Zeitung, says war probably cannot be averted, and that mediation by other powers is wholly out of the question.

FRANCE WILL NOT LAND TROOPS

Various Political Parties Decide Not to Embarrass Nation.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Ministry of Marine positively denies the report that preparations are being made for the sending of 400 troops to the Far East. The various political groups have decided not to take any course likely to embarrass the government during the present crisis. The Nationalist members of the Chamber of Deputies met and passed a formal resolution to this effect, which was communicated to the press, and M. Presence (Socialist) conveyed to Premier Combes the assurance that the Socialists would not create difficulties.

The Action, a governmental newspaper, says the entente cordiale with Great Britain, which is ridiculed by the Nationalist, is only capable of limiting the disaster to a single corner of the world. The Messageries Maritimes, the most important line running between Europe and the Far East, has prepared for the eventuality of the Japanese ports being closed. It is expected that the company will make Shanghai the terminus of the line if Japan shuts off foreign ships.

No information has been received here of any advance toward a settlement of the Russo-Japanese dispute.

Britain Will Send Consuls.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Earl Percy, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons today that Great Britain would send Consuls to Mukden and Antung, recently opened to the commerce of the world

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\$7.00 Values this week.....	\$ 5.60
\$7.50 Values this week.....	\$ 6.00
\$8.00 Values this week.....	\$ 6.50
\$8.50 Values this week.....	\$ 6.75
\$10.00 Values this week.....	\$ 8.00
\$12.00 Values this week.....	\$ 9.60
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AMERICA WILL SEND CONSULS

Manchuria Stations Will Be Filled, No Matter if There is War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The State Department is pushing preparations for the early dispatch to their posts in Manchuria of United States Consuls Cheshire, Davidson and Morgan, who are to be posted respectively at Mukden, Antung and Dainy. This is regardless of the impending outbreak of war, and it is said there is no reason to apprehend that actual hostilities will be allowed to prevent a Consul of a friendly nation from going to his post.

Mr. Fowler, who has been in this country on leave of absence, has departed in haste for Chefoo, which, in the event of hostilities, is expected to be a point of the greatest importance for the collection of news and rendezvous of merchant shipping, being the nearest great neutral port to the prospective seat of war.

The Navy Department will make no effort to place United States naval attaches on either the Russian or Japanese fleets. It is believed that consent could not be had from either party, and in refusing Russia and Japan would be simply following the example set by the United States in the Spanish War.

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The members of the reserve in this city, expecting recall orders hourly, and have made all preparations to leave in a moment's notice. They state that if orders are not received by the time actual hostilities break out they will go without them. There are a number of members of the reserve in Seattle, several of them of the highest noncommissioned rank in the Japanese army, and they are in a high pitch of excitement over the orders received by the two members. It is probable that several will sail for Japan by the next outgoing steamer, whether hostilities have broken out or not.

Japan Gets Two More Steamers.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 8.—The Canadian Pacific Railway steamers, Tartar and Athenae, have been purchased or chartered from the Canadian Pacific Railway by the Japanese government. The ships are used as freight and passenger carriers between British Columbia and the Orient.

Legation Somewhat in Doubt.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The rumor that some Russian merchant ships have been captured by Japanese warships has reached the Japanese Legation here. The report is discredited at the Legation and it lacks confirmation.

Moody Advised of Fleet's Going.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Lieutenant Marsh, the American naval attaché at Tokyo announcing the departure of a naval division from Japanese waters for Chemulpo, Korea.

Czar Still Clings to Peace Hopes.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—At an

Important Council Held at the Palace

under the presidency of the Czar, it was immediately decided to telegraph Viceroy Alexeev scrupulously to any step which might provoke hostilities.

New Cabinet Formed in Serbia.

BEGRAD, Feb. 8.—A new Cabinet has been formed. It includes M. Drayev, Premier, M. Paryes, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and General Putnik, Minister of War.