

CZAR FOR PEACE

Ready to Receive Proposal From Japan.

MAY TAKE THE INITIATIVE

When Port Arthur Falls, Opportunity Will Be Presented.

CLOSE UNION THEN PLANNED

Offensive and Defensive Alliance Will Be Formed, and Supremacy of Both Nations in the Far East Made Certain.

SPECIAL CABLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—A report which comes from an unimpeachable source has reached the Publishers' Press correspondent that Russia is not only ready to receive any peace proposals Japan may have to make, but that with the fall of Port Arthur she will be ready to sue for peace. That is the situation today, notwithstanding the swashbuckling attitude of those who profess to frame the Empire's policy, and will be the situation right now, even if this and subsequent statements to this effect were officially denied. Before the world at large Russia cannot afford just now to appear tired of the struggle and skeptical as to its outcome, but diplomatic circles are permitted to know the truth, and Russia's representatives all the civilized world over have received strong intimations that sincere and authoritative offers of mediation must not be treated lightly in the future.

It is therefore to be assumed that Russia considers that the conflict is entirely hopeless. There are sure to be some Russian victories in Manchuria, and the general belief is that they will come soon, owing to the fact that Field Marshal the Marquis Oyama has been compelled to part with large bodies of his men in order to hasten the fall of Port Arthur. But Russia has far Eastern interests of much greater importance than even the possession of Port Arthur, and as these interests have been attacked in the past by Great Britain and China alike, she is in dire need of an ally. That ally will be Japan, if the plans of today do not miscarry. The battles of today are to be followed by close ties of commercial and political union tomorrow.

Offensive and Defensive Alliance.

Naturally, Russia will not consider her friendship a sufficiently great gift to expect the Japanese to refrain from the occupation of Port Arthur, from special rights in Korea, and from other provinces which are set down in the Japanese peace programme today as indispensable. Diplomats here are confident the Mikado and his advisers will take the same view. The strength of the argument that armed peace between the two nations would be a constant menace to the prosperity of both, while an offensive and defensive alliance would assure both a great future is considered incontrovertible. The Czar's advisers know full well that Japan does not trust China and that Great Britain's friendship is believed by many leading Japanese to be the outgrowth of England's hatred of Russia, and not for love of the "little yellow men."

Details of the plan to be followed in the settlement are not obtainable as yet, but the programme is being worked out with great care, and according to the informant of the Publishers' Press correspondent, provides for all possibilities. It provides for peace by mediation on the part of a foreign power, for peace through a Japanese offer, and for peace by means of a Japanese proposal. The contingencies of Port Arthur's fall, as well as of the rescue of the fortress by the Baltic fleet, are provided for as minutely as are those of victories south of Mukden, but the final chapter of all the points to which all these lines converge, is an alliance of such ironbound ties that Russia and Japan will stand as one if any other power attempts one step in the Far East which does not equally please the Czar and Mikado.

Salem Residence Set on Fire. SALEM, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special)—An incendiary attempted to burn Jacob Schindler's residence shortly after midnight to-night, but the heroic work of the fire department and neighbors confined the damage to the destruction of the woodshed, in which the fire was started. About two months ago some one set fire to Schindler's dairy barn, causing a loss of \$800.

15,000 MEN LOST

Japanese Casualties for a Day at Port Arthur.

ATTACKS TO BE CONTINUED

December 10 is the Date When It is Expected the Capture of the Stronghold Will Be Completed.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The correspondent at Chefoo for the Daily Telegraph says the attack on 203-Meter Hill resulted in heavy losses to the first division of the Japanese stormers. Simultaneously with this assault, the correspondent says, men of the Ninth and Eleventh Divisions advanced and menaced the Rihling and Kekwan forts. It is said, the correspondent adds, that within the last 24 hours the Japanese casualties have totaled 15,000, and it is asserted the attacks have been continued until December 10, when it is hoped the capture of Port Arthur will be completed.

NEWS CHEERS THE JAPANESE

Thousands of Recruits Don Uniforms for First Time at Tokio.

TOKIO, Dec. 1.—General Nogai's telegram announcing the storming and capture of 203-Meter Hill was received with cheers by the Japanese people. It revived the hope of an early capture of Port Arthur proper. The people have never despaired of the success of the besiegers, but the fortune of the defenders and the prolongation of the siege, which exceeds by months the most liberal preliminary estimate of the time required to accomplish the reduction of this stronghold, have been a source of deep regret, combined with the loss of life and disappointments over the fact that the siege has occupied such a large force of men, decreasing Field Marshal Oyama's strength at a time when he needed every available man.

Today was the date set under the conscription act, when recruits could join the army. Cheered by the news from General Nogai, thousands of recruits throughout the empire marched to barracks and donned uniforms for the first time. Following an honored custom, the relatives of the recruits, carrying flags and banners, escorted the new soldiers to their barracks. In Tokio today there have been scores of little processions escorting detachments of popular conscripts. The number of men who have joined the colors today under the conscription act has not been made public.

Grand Prize for Borden.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Borden's Malted Milk received grand prize. Borden's Condensed Milk Co. also received grand prize on Eagle Brand Condensed Milk. Peerless Evaporated Cream, and gold medal on caramels.

Russian Warships at Tangier.

TANGIER, Dec. 1.—Several warships anchored in the bay last night. They are supposed to be a part of the Russian second Pacific squadron.

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- CAREFULLY NOTE THESE UNSURPASSED VALUES**
- \$3.50 Child's Set \$2.65**
 - \$8.65 Boas \$5.35**
 - White Angora Child Set, with collar, trimmed with Siberian lamb, and neat flat muff to match, with small purse attached. Grand holiday Sale Price.....\$2.65**
 - \$6.00 Boas \$3.85**
 - Regular \$6.00 Australian Marten Boas, in sable and Isabella colors, trimmed with six tails; very dressy. Holiday Sale price.....\$3.85**
 - \$10.00 Boas \$6.95**
 - Regular \$10.00 Sable Marten Long Boa, finished with six large tails, good quality marten and well made. Holiday Sale Price.....\$6.95**
 - \$25.00 Boas \$16.85**
 - Regular \$25.00 Sable and Isabella Fox Stoles and Long Boas, the season's most favored fashions, trimmed with natural tails, dressy and serviceable. Holiday Sale Price.....\$16.85**
 - \$75.00 Coats \$54.45**
 - Regular \$75.00 Neareal and Genuine Alaska Beaver Coats, cut on the new blouse style and trimmed with handsome gold-braided belt, lined with broadened silk. An unusual value. Grand Holiday Sale Price.....\$54.45**

SALE OF MILLINERY

The greatest millinery special we have ever offered. Our entire stock of Ready-to-Wear Hats, including all our trimmed velvet and fur Hats, Gainsboroughs, Envelope shapes, etc. Every hat in our stock, including all imported and Fur Hats, at—

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SUITABLE HOLIDAY GIFTS

Our stock of beautiful and useful articles for the holiday trade is both large and of special merit, as we make a point to keep styles and novelties in all lines that cannot be obtained elsewhere. See our Fourth-street window display of Ladies' Handkerchiefs, Fans, Fancy Combs, Hand Bags and Neckwear.

- Ladies \$25 Suits \$16.65**
- We are placing on sale a special line of Ladies' Suits, in blue, brown and black chevrons and mixtures, with fitted or loose backs, in the collar and collarless styles; suits we have been selling regularly for \$25.00—your choice during Holiday Sale...\$16.65
- \$7.50 and \$8.50 Silk Petticoats \$6.15**
- A handsome Silk Petticoat makes a most acceptable Xmas Gift. The line on sale is large and the assortment the best. All made of heavy, rustling taffeta, in black, blue, gray, brown and green. The regular price of these Petticoats is \$7.50 to \$8.50—on sale at.....\$6.15



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We bought these suits and coats at about half of what the manufacturers had been receiving for them all season for their duplicates, and if you come today you can have your unrestricted choice at the same saving. It's a clear case of tremendous sacrifice on the part of the makers, who were willing to take a loss in order to clear out overproductions with one sweep.



\$17.50 to \$20 Coats for \$9.98

These Coats are made of excellent kerseys in tan and castor—made in fancy stitched and strapped styles, 36 to 40-inch lengths; some of them have capes, while others are made without. All are lined with satin of excellent quality; \$17.50 to \$20.00 is a very conservative estimate of their value, yet our price is only **\$9.98**

\$20 to \$30 Suits for \$12.75

Tailor-made Suits—made of chevrets, broadcloths and fancy mixed men's wear materials; colors are brown, navy, blue and black, in vestee, coat and blouse styles; some are plain tailor-made, others are fancy effects. None in the lot less than a \$20 value, from that up to **\$30** choice of the line today at only **\$12.75**

Music Store Dolly Land

Sale of Standard Music. This edition is printed on the finest paper from new plates with beautifully colored title page. Publishers' price 50c and 60c.

A mighty busy place these days is "Dollyland"—a center of great absorbing interest for every little girl in town. Selling almost as many dolls these days too as we did last year at the height of the holiday rush. Good news spreads fast—we're selling the prettiest Dolls in town, and our prices are much the lowest. Examples:

- AT 75c**—Unbreakable Dolls, light and dark wigs, 15-inch; real shoes and stockings.
- AT 50c**—"Buster Brown" Dolls, including the famous dog "Tige."
- AT \$1.25**—Rag Dolls, light and dark. Can be dressed and undressed—15-inch.
- AT 89c**—Full joined sleeping bisque head Dolls; real stockings and shoes; 17-inch.
- AT \$1.13**—Very pretty celluloid-head Dolls—13-inch. Fully dressed; great value.
- AT 60c**—Fully dressed "Middy" Dolls—13-inch. Great value for the money.

In the Men's Store Today

The mercury is beginning to flirt with zero these days, therefore warmer underwear will certainly be in order—the proper kinds are here at the proper prices.



Underwear 95c Special at 95c

If we were to tell the exact truth about the value of this special it would seem like exaggeration—therefore we confine ourselves to a description: Men's natural merino Underwear of medium weight—shirts have ribbed skirts and silk fronts; drawers, self-bands, double gussets, suspender tapes and pearl buttons also; same in heavier weight.

Underwear \$1.23 Special at \$1.23

Men's natural wool and camelhair Underwear, made like the above, on sale today at the remarkably low price of **\$1.23**. Equal to the best elsewhere sorts at \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Handkerchiefs Are Welcome Gifts

At 25c each, or \$1.40 for the half dozen, men's pure Irish linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, unlaundered, have hand-embroidered initial; great value; also two great lines in laundered, all linen, hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with hand-embroidered initials, at 25c and 50c.

Neckwear Always Acceptable

Our assortments of men's Neckwear are now complete, styles are absolutely correct in every particular, and prices are lower than those asked by other stores—50c to \$2.50.

We call particular attention to our assortment of English Squares at **\$1.00** and **\$1.50**—the values are truly magnificent.

Children's Fitted Work Boxes

We are displaying in the Notion Store a large variety of Children's Work Boxes, made of leather, linen, pressed leatherette and wicker. We are the only store in the city that shows a collection of these pretty gifts.

- AT 40c**—Pretty linen boxes containing silk, in colors, scissors, needles, thimble and button box.
 - AT 50c**—Box containing four papers needles, colored cotton, colored spool silk, spool cotton, button box, glove mending cotton.
 - AT 25c**—Little boxes containing darning cotton, colored and black silk, cotton and thimble.
 - AT 35c**—Boxes containing scissors, needle, darning cotton and silk, thimble and bodkin.
- Also more elaborate Boxes at **75c, \$1.00, \$1.25** and up to **\$2.50**.
- PRETTY SATIN LINED BASKETS** in an elaborate assortment in different sizes, colors and shapes, varying in price from **25c to \$2.50**.

Neckwear 19c Instead 35c

Women's Fancy Stock Collars of Mousseline de Soie, embroidered silk and silk with applique; great variety and great bargains.

49c Instead 75c

Women's Silk Stock, with silver or gold bead embroidery, silk with faggoting and silk with applique.

Fancy Lace Jabots; special, **\$1.00, \$1.25** and **\$1.75** each. Fancy Embroidered Mull Turnovers, **35c**.

New Messaline Ombre and Plaid Ribbons 30c

We have on display new ombre and plaid Ribbons in all the latest colors and shades.

We offer at half price a large number of remnants of high-class Novelty Ribbons, suitable for making opera bags.

Arthur have taken 203-Meter Hill, but if it is officially confirmed, the War Office admits that it will be a desperate blow for the gallant defenders of the fortress. The position commands the harbor and, if the Japanese can mount the siege guns on its summit they can force the Russian squadron or destroy it at its anchorage.

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Does Not Expect Fall for Weeks.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 1.—Richard Barry, war correspondent for a San Francisco newspaper, arrived here today from Port Arthur on the Japan liner Iyo Maru en route to San Francisco. He expresses the opinion that it will be many weeks yet before the fortress at Port Arthur can be captured. He has been with General Nogai's army since August. He says the Japanese regard the arrival of the Baltic fleet with considerable apprehension, but are making tremendous preparations for its proper reception.

Japanese Generals Wounded.

TOKIO, Dec. 1.—Reports from the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur say that Lieutenant-General Thuchya is among the wounded, and that General Nakamura, the leader of the specially trained body of swordsmen which charged into the Russian forts November 26, was injured in both legs.

Decidedly Heavy Skirmish.

MUKDEN, Dec. 1.—There was another small skirmish on General Rennenkampf's front on November 30, but otherwise everything remains quiet here. The weather is warmer and more agreeable. Chinese report that in consequence of the inability of the Russian Red Cross Society to obtain supplies offered in the United States and

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Report From Kuropatkin.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 1.—General Kuropatkin reports under yesterday's date the continued pursuit of the Japanese who retreated from Teinketchen.

Arbitration Treaty Signed.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 1.—An arbitration treaty between Norway, Sweden and Belgium was signed yesterday.

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