

NO TIME FOR PEACE

Russians Grow Hot at Talk of Mediation.

MUST HEAL WOUNDED PRIDE

Japanese Will Not Make First Move, and Russians Look to Army and Fleet to Vindicate Their National Honor.

TOKYO, Jan. 4.—(Evening).—The weight of opinion in Japanese official circles seems to be against a belief in the early conclusion of peace...

One of several officials who discussed the question with the correspondent of the Associated Press today, voiced the sentiment of the majority when he said:

"We are confronting a situation which continues to be purely military. The present problem is created by General Kurapatkin's army and the Russian Second Pacific Squadron. We are desirous of attention to them."

"We anticipate that the Russians will renew more determinedly than ever their efforts to drive Field Marshal Oyama back, and that they will strive to gain supremacy at sea. We are preparing to defeat both these objects."

"The situation makes talk of peace futile."

SIGNAL FOR NEW EFFORTS.

Germans Think Fall of Port Arthur Will Not Advance Peace.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The highest diplomatic opinion here is that the surrender of Port Arthur makes it impossible for any government friendly to Russia to advise peace or to unite with any other government in offering international mediation.

The feeling at the Russian court is so absolutely for continuing the war that probably not one person who has access to the Emperor of Russia could be found who would even privately favor Russia accepting defeat.

German military opinion, while acknowledging the large moral effect of the fall of Port Arthur in inspiring the Japanese and depressing the Russians, regards it as only an incident and as having little relation to the immense field operations that will begin in the Spring.

The Japanese, being fully informed of Russia's preparations, are putting forth every resource to hasten the field operations of a magnitude not before seen in the war. It is believed, will begin in a few weeks.

NOT TO TALK OF PEACE.

Takahira and Hay Meet to Talk of Port Arthur's Fall.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, had a long talk with Secretary Hay today, and as this was the Minister's first visit since the news of the fall of Port Arthur, his arrival at the State Department gave rise to the rumor that he had come to ask Secretary Hay's assistance in making overtures to Russia for peace.

NO TIME FOR MEDIATION.

French Officials Say Russia Must Heal Wound to Pride First.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The official view here continues to regard mediation between Russia and Japan as impracticable. The Temps, semi-official, in a leading article, says:

NEW RUSSIAN WAR LOAN.

Berlin Bankers, Doubtful of Victory, Exact Hard Terms.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The prospectus of the new Russian loan of \$20,000,000 will be issued tomorrow or Friday. Subscription lists will be opened in Germany, Russia and Holland immediately. The price of the issue in Germany will be 95.

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NASASEAKI, Jan. 5 (noon).—The British steamer Nigretia has been condemned as a prize.

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BUDAPEST, Hungary, Jan. 4.—The King, Emperor Francis Joseph, formally dissolved the Diet today in a speech from the throne dealing with the Parliamentary situation. The speech said:

"The experiences of the recent past determined a large part of the Chamber of Deputies to place on the order of the day the question of a reform in the standing orders. The conflicts arising therefrom, however, created a situation of such a critical character that we cannot longer hope for the re-establishment of the working capability of the present Diet. In view of this fact we consider it our constitutional duty to afford the nation an opportunity for declaring its attitude. We do so with full confidence in the devotion of the nation in its constitutional institutions and its innate political wisdom."

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The Love of Eating.

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MENU FOR TODAY,
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Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Bouillon, Milk in Bottles, Salad, Hot Rolls, Sandwiches, Bread and Butter, Cakes.

27th Annual Clearance Sales
ARE NOW ON—ABSOLUTELY EVERY ARTICLE IN THE HOUSE DRABTICALLY REDUCED—CONTRACT GOODS ALONE EXCEPTED.
SHOP IN THE MORNING—KEEP TO THE RIGHT
THIS STORE STANDS AT THE HIGHEST PINNACLE OF A 27-YEAR OLIMB TODAY—Reports from department heads show us that the two last days' receipts are the largest of any two days combined, in more than quarter century existence of this surprising store. The throngs are tremendous; especially during the hours after 10 A. M. We believe we have the most perfected store system in all the West—that folk shop more comfortably here than elsewhere, and yet, with such unprecedented multitudes of buyers as fairly swarm through the wide, long aisles of this great store daily, we feel the pressing need of still more room—and, bear in mind, this is **PORTLAND'S LARGEST STORE**. But we could easily fill a store occupying a full city block and rearing its head ten stories toward the dome of heaven, with eager buyers this week, so great are values offered. In all good time our store is to expand again—the plans are formulated. Till then, let's all have patience; shop mornings if you can and keep to the right in passing as you would on a crowded walk. All the advertised bargains of the week are in force today—except where lots are closed—and more, too. Among others these:

Extra Special for Balance of Week

Theater Gowns and Opera Coats for Balance of Week

By special request of scores of women who in the grand rush of the past two days were unable to be properly waited on and fitted we shall continue on extra special sale for balance of week every Evening Gown and Costume in the house up from \$85.00, and every Opera Coat in the house up from \$40.00, at exactly HALF PRICE.

Two Sensational Suit Bargains

WOMEN'S \$38.50 TO \$62.50 SUITS FOR \$24.95

WOMEN'S \$65.00 TO \$85.00 SUITS FOR \$36.65

A last grand final and drastic clean-up of the high-grade Street Suits and fancy calling gowns. All wanted materials, embracing broadcloths, chevilles, Venetians and smart, fancy, mannish mixtures, in blouse, Eton and tight-fitting jacket effects. Every wanted and voguish color and popular mixture is included. Also every stylish trimming effect. For balance of week:

VALUES TO \$62.50 FOLLOWS \$24.95
VALUES TO \$85.00 FOLLOWS \$36.65

Great Coat and Suit Sales

A Great Sweeping Clean-Up of the Winter Coats—The stopover of a past season, most of them, but all good staple styles for Winter wear. Splendid cloths, tailored and made in best workmanship; long or short lengths, from the 27-inch jacket to the full-length Newmarket; values to \$35.00—Now look at the prices:—\$4.95 Wool Waists, nicely tailored, special for today; regular \$5.00 values in the clearance for \$2.45 Evening Waists, magnificent hand-made creations in crepes, chiffons, chiffon taffetas, pea de eynges and hand-made laces, \$15.00 to \$45.00 values; special today for clearance at HALF PRICE. Fancy Velvet Coats, in box, blouse and close-fitting styles, all the newest and smartest makes; \$12.50 to \$75.00 values, special for the week at HALF PRICE—Be early for best selections. Velvet Suits at Half Price—All week; both plain and crushed velvets in all wanted shades and colorings. All Walking Skirts reduced; all long skirts reduced; every suit reduced; every raincoat reduced; every coat in the house radically reduced.

Timely Bargains for Men

IN THE TOGGERY SHOP—First Floor, Sixth-Street Annex. Leather Suit Cases Worth \$8.00 for \$4.95—Handsome Leather Suit Cases, leather-lined, with shirt fold and inside straps, sizes 22, 24 and 26; our \$8.00 value, clearance sale price, each \$4.95 Mens Natural Wool Underwear—Our 75c value, special at the garment \$55c Men's Camelhair Underwear—an extra good quality; our \$1 value, special at, each \$69c Men's Derby Ribbed Fleece and Flat Fleece-lined Underwear—in pink, blue and natural; our 50c value, special at, each \$35c Unlaundered Shirts—Our celebrated O. K. brand unlaundered white shirts; spec. at \$42c, 63c, 85c Men's Sox—The three pairs for 50c kind, for 10c—Men's natural gray and black merino Sox; our three pairs for 50c value, special at, the pair \$10c Men's Wool Sweaters Worth \$2.50 for \$1.19—Men's Wool Sweaters, in homebound or diamond weave, in emerald and pink, black and scarlet, black and green and emerald and scarlet; a splendid \$2.50 value, special at, each \$1.19 Boys' Sweaters Worth \$1.25 for 68c—Boys' Browne Sweaters, in fancy and plain effects, some regular sweater style, others buttoned on shoulder, sizes 18 to 24; our \$1.25 value, clearance price, each 68c "Midget" Ties Worth 25c for 10c—The remainder of our line of silk Midget Ties, in fancy stripes and figures; our 25c values, special clearance price, each 10c Ties Worth 50c for 25c—A small line of Imperial 4-in-bands, our 50c value, special clearance price, each 25c

Business Building Values Make Busy Buying in the "Fair-Way" Footwear Stores

Sixth Street Annex—First Floor. Extraordinary inducements for Thursday Buying, First—Only Good Shoes—then the lowest prices in all the West on equal quality footwear. When the specialty Shoe stores will place prices like these, you'll admit them to the competitive class. This store buys and sells more good shoes than any other Portland shoe house. At all seasons we not only undersell the market, but our nearest competitor, by a quarter to a third. Any wonder then, when clearance time comes to America's factories, and to us, that these same factories turn to us as their largest Western buyers and make prices that would cause competitors to stand aghast with astonishment could they hear them—prices that enable us to furnish shoes for all the family at these unprecedented prices for equally worthy qualities. MEN'S \$2.00 SHOES \$2.00 Women's \$3.00 SHOES \$2.00 Women's Al Street shoes, 10 styles, heavy or light soles, this season's newest lasts, best kid uppers, patent tips; Military, Cuban or Opera heels—regular value \$3.00; special, pair \$2.00 Mother's Common Sense, Comfort, Congress or Lace Shoes, turn soles, good, broad toes and flat heels—regular value \$1.75; special, pair \$1.00 Boys' Good Winter Shoes, full round toes, double soles and box calf uppers, sizes 6 to 12. 11 to 13, value \$1.50—special, pair 96c 13 1/2 to 2, value \$1.75—special, pair \$1.00 2 1/2 to 5, value \$2.00—special, pair \$1.25 Women's \$2.50 and \$4.00 SHOES \$2.00. Women's Shoes, patent calf, patent kid, vici kid or box calf uppers; turn or well soles; Military or Cuban heels—See special table in Shoe store—regular values \$2.50 and \$4.00; special, pair \$2.00 Hundreds more equally remarkable values that go unprinted for lack of room.

BARGAINS IN Dress Goods and Silk Stores

Colored Dress Goods. LOT 1—Our regular 50c quality of Serge, Tweeds, Vests, Blouses and Heather Mixtures, a tremendous assortment of styles to select from; Annual Clearance Sale price, per yard... 24c LOT 2—Regular 50c and 1.00 French Voiles, Mixed Etonnes, Heather Tweeds and Voiles, Illuminated Scotch Suitings, over 40 pieces to select from; Annual Clearance Sale price, per yard... 40c LOT 3—Our regular \$1.25 quality of French Zibelines, Camishairs, Lace Etonnes, Hard-Twisted Mannish Worsteds Suitings, all wanted colors in the lot; Annual Clearance Sale price, per yard... 70c LOT 4—Our regular \$1.50 54-inch All-Wool Suitings, in neat mannish effects, just the things for shirtwaist and walking suits, Mousette Zibelines, etc., etc.; a grand money-saver; Annual Clearance Sale price, per yard... 74c LOT 5—Our regular \$1.75 Nubbed and Plain English Broadcloths, Suitings, the best value ever shown at the regular price; Annual Clearance Sale price, per yard... 80c LOT 6—Our regular \$1.00 and \$1.75 English Chevron Suitings, in plain and fancy patterns, a choice assortment of Illuminated Suitings; Annual Clearance Sale price... \$1.19 LOT 7—Our regular \$1.50 and \$2.15 Novelty Fine Suitings and a beautiful line of Matelasse Crepe effects; Annual Clearance Sale price... \$1.20

Black Dress Goods

FOUR MONSTER BARGAIN SPECIALS. LOT 1—Black Dress Fabrics, Figure-Mohair and Brilliantine, Canvas and Panama Cloth, Cashmere, Mistral Etonnes and Figured Abstruse, regular values up to \$1.50 per yard—Special Clearance Sale price... \$1.00 LOT 2—Black Dress Fabrics, Panama, Sungles and Panama Cloth, all pure wool, fast dyes and good-weaving, regular values up to \$1.75 per yard—Special Clearance Sale price... \$1.20 LOT 3—Black Dress Fabrics, Italian and Turkish Mohairs, Crepons, Zibelines and Lace Voile Etonnes, all new weaves, regular values up to \$3.00 per yard—Special Clearance Sale price at, per yard... \$1.49 LOT 4—Silk and Mohair, Silk and Wool Crepons, neat figured Turkish Mohairs, a grand assortment to select from of the newest black dress goods shown, regular values up to \$2.75 per yard—Special Clearance Sale price, yard... \$1.70

Black and Colored Silks

Every piece of Plain and Fancy Silk reduced, Colored Taffetas, Pea de Eynges, Chiffon Taffetas, Messaline

An Extra Special Bargain Feature

Of the Big 1905 "White Fair" Today Only—Undermain Annex Store, Second Floor. Ladies' Gowns of fine Nainsook, neck sleeves, low, round, slipover style, ebonk trimmed of fine embroidery insertion between hemstitching, embroidery edging with drawn ribbon, cuffs finished with the lawn ruffles, with 3 rows of hemstitching and embroidery edging with drawn ribbons; regular price, \$1.75. Special, today only... 96c

More Knitwear Reinforcements

Move on the Bargain Brigades Hosiery Helps, Too. FIRST FLOOR. No wonder that interest centers in the Underwear and Hosiery aisles these days. Thousands of women are buying for a year ahead—prudent money-savers. Opportunities never were and never will be better than now to buy women's and children's undergarments and hosiery at less than mill prices for case lots. Following specials are for Thursday buyers:

WOMEN'S \$2.50 SILK UNION SUITS \$7.50 Women's silk Union Suits, in white, Swiss-ribbed; regular value \$8.50, special at, suit... \$7.50 \$9.00 SILK UNION SUITS \$7.95 Women's \$9.00 silk Union Suits, in white, perfect fitting; regular value \$9.00, special, suit... \$7.95 WOMEN'S VESTS AND TIGHTS FOR \$3.75 EACH. 500 heavy silk Vests and Tights, flesh only. Clearance special, each... \$3.75 \$3.50 UNION SUITS, \$3.08 Women's silk and wool Union Suits, Swiss-ribbed, cream, pink and blue; regular value, \$3.50. Special, suit... \$3.08 WOMEN'S \$3.00 UNION SUITS, \$2.64 Women's Merode silk and wool Union Suits, medium weight, white only; regular value, \$3.00. Clearance Special, suit... \$2.64 \$1.48 FOR VESTS AND TIGHTS, WORTH \$1.75. Women's silk and wool Vests and Tights, in white, gray, pink and blue; regular value, \$1.75. Special, each... \$1.48 VESTS AT HALF PRICE. Special at... HALF PRICE CHILDREN'S HOSE, 2c. Children's "No Mend" cotton Hose, medium and heavy weight. Children's heavy ironclad black Hose. Children's fine hosiery; all sizes in each line mentioned. Special, pair... \$21c CHILDREN'S HOSE, 18c PAIR. Children's fine, double-ribbed black worsted Hose, seamless and finished foot, well reinforced knee, heel and toe; values up to 45c. Special, pair... \$18c WOMEN'S 17c HOSE, 10c. Women's black cotton Hose, double sole, spliced heels; regular value, 17c. Special, pair... \$10c WOMEN'S HOSE, 18c PAIR. Women's black worsted Hose, all sizes. Special at, pair... \$18c Women's fine ribbed black cashmere Hose; regular value, 50c. Special, pair... \$26c

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