

WANT TO SEE SHIPS

Japanese Anxious for Evans' Fleet to Come.

LEADING MEN ARE CORDIAL

Heads of Government at Tokio Express High Regard for American Admiral and Country Which He Represents.

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—The following interviews have been granted exclusively to the Associated Press: "Japan will heartily welcome the American fleet of battleships to the Pacific and to the ports of this country if it be decided to extend the trip in this direction. The fact that the fleet is sailing toward the Pacific creates no excitement here, and as I have said before, it is the friendly attitude of the Japanese people that has won the confidence of the American people."

It is hoped that the fleet may have a successful and safe voyage and Americans everywhere may rest assured that should the fleet decide to visit the Far East, at no place will it receive a warmer welcome than in Japan."

Foreign Minister Hayashi, in giving the above statement this morning, evinced the sentiment of the whole Japanese people. The news of the actual sailing of the fleet only reached Japan yesterday and this morning it filtered through the vernacular and foreign press, accompanied by a description of the scenes of the ships.

The former Premier, Marquis Katsuma, one of the most prominent and active politicians in Japan, and who wields immense influence in the present Cabinet, said:

"The dispatch of the American fleet gives me no cause for surprise. Our whole people feel the same way, that the American fleet has been sent to the Pacific where American interests demand the presence of a navy sufficiently adequate for the protection of those interests."

Possibly the dispatch of the fleet is intended as a move toward naval extension, or it may have something to do with international politics. I certainly entertain no fear that it is directed against Japan, but rather for the purpose of strengthening the Republican party in the coming election."

Togo Expresses Friendship.

Admiral Count Togo said: "I am very glad the fleet has started for the Pacific. If I am correctly informed, it is due on this side in April or May next. If it should ultimately touch our shores we will greet them as friends and give them the warmest reception. We entertain nothing but the kindest feelings toward American sailors."

Prince Ito, Resident-General of Korea, said:

"America has always been a helpful friend to Japan, and the Japanese are true admirers of President Roosevelt. We have never had any other friendly feeling than that it was quite within the rights of America to dispatch a fleet where it was desired, and it will be especially welcomed should it come to Japan. We have always maintained that talk of war between Japan and America is unpeppery and unthinkable."

Okuma to Send Greetings.

Count Okuma, the leader of the Progressive party of Japan, said:

"I sincerely hope the American fleet will have a safe voyage. I will gladly send it my greetings when it arrives on the Pacific. The coming of an American fleet will tend to forward the civilization of the world and increase the friendliness of our two nations."

Privy Councillor Viscount Kaneko said:

"The dispatch of the fleet I regard only as the natural outcome in the course of things, such as exist in the United States. Early in 1902 when I saw ex-President Cleveland at Gray Gables I ventured to point out to him what is now occurring. I then said that the Atlantic side of the United States had realized such conditions of development, that left little further exploitation, while the Pacific was extending an immense field for commercial interest and that eventually American energy must be directed towards that goal. Let me call your attention to the fact that the Bulwer-Clayton treaty was drawn simply in consideration of American development on the Pacific side."

Saito Knows Evans.

The Minister of the Navy, Admiral Saito, said:

"I know Admiral Evans well. He is a delightful gentleman, and besides that, and I sincerely hope that he will bring his ships on this side and give us a chance to show our appreciation of his good qualities."

The leading newspapers, Hochi and Asahi, express much the same sentiments and join in the wish that the fleet will visit Japanese waters.

Baron Shibusawa, one of the most prominent business men in Japan, who is regarded as the Prince Ito of commerce, said:

"Judging by the personal character of President Roosevelt as a statesman who aims at the healthy development of his nation, having the courage to stand against an unwholesome aggregation of wealth; also judging by personal conversations with Secretary Taft, while here, I cannot imagine that the dispatch of the fleet has any aggressive design."

Farewell Dinner to Aoki.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A farewell reception was given by President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House to Ambassador and Viscount Aoki of Japan. Secretary and Mrs. Root also were guests.

WAGES MUST COME DOWN

SAYS WAGES MUST DECREASE

Underwood Quotes Law of Supply and Demand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Frederick R. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad, declared yesterday that Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, was reckoning without his head when he said, as quoted, that the wages of organized labor "would not have to come down along with the prices of raw materials in the present general business and financial depression."

"The inexorable law of supply and demand, which is the basis of political economy," said Mr. Underwood, "will make itself felt in the case of organized labor, as well as all other branches of business. Mr. Gompers notwithstanding, in case an attempt is made to hold up the present abnormally high price of labor, when the earnings of the railroads

and industrial corporations do not warrant it the alternative will be to shut down. "Labor has been at a premium for the last four years, and it has also been less efficient than ever before. Earnings are falling off and employers will receive a lower wage. This they should do without protest, as they have the precedent that when earnings were improved their wages were advanced."

Low-Grade Mines Forced to Close.

DENVER, Dec. 19.—Mining conditions, in so far as they relate to the low-grade properties from which are taken the base metals, are in a most unsatisfactory condition.

At the present prices of silver, copper, lead and zinc it is said the mines that have been operated on a slight margin of profit are losing money, and the managements have been compelled to close in Leadville, Cripple Creek, Aspen, Silverton and other camps. Nearly 2000 miners, it is said, have been thrown out of employment in this state.

New Miners' Secretary Elected.

DENVER, Dec. 19.—James R. Kirwan, who had been acting secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, tendered his resignation today, to take effect at once, and Ernest Mills, a member of the executive board from British Columbia, assumed the duties of that office. Mr. Kirwan retires on account of ill health.

Acting President C. E. Mahoney left Denver for Golden tonight, to personally look into the troubles there.

Railway Men Get Cash Pay.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 19.—A special from Missoula to the Miner says: Tomorrow will be the Northern Pacific pay day, and it was announced that the employees would be paid in cash instead of scrip, as was the case last month. The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen served notice on the management some time ago that no more scrip would be accepted.

FIRST MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES \$1,000,000.

Instructions Delegates to Washington on Desired Concessions on Tariff and Shipping Laws.

MANILA, Dec. 19.—The first bill passed the Philippine Assembly today. It appropriates \$1,000,000 for the construction of schools throughout the provinces. The bill was passed unanimously.

The Assembly has without a dissenting speech or vote instructed the delegates who are about to proceed to Washington on five principal heads. The instructions are practically all directed against the tariff laws and the coastwise shipping laws. They ask for the repeal of the shipping laws on the ground that they destroy the chances for increased transportation, even if tariff reform is adopted.

It is also asked that there be given free entry to the States 400,000 tons of sugar, 200,000 pounds of wrapper tobacco and 200,000 pounds of filler, an unlimited amount of manufactured tobacco, Philippine hats, woven goods and manufactured hemp. In return for this privilege, the Philippines will admit free of duty agricultural machinery and maintain other tariffs of the existing laws.

The power to conclude commercial treaties is dependent on the repeal of the Frye shipping law.

MORE ISLANDS THAN THOUGHT

Uncle Sam's Chart Shows 2600 in Philippine Archipelago.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Uncle Sam is richer by 1400 islands than he thought he was. When the United States purchased the Philippines, the charts showed 1200 islands in the archipelago. The charts used in making the treaty were known to be far from perfect, but it was thought they were sufficiently accurate for all purposes of the treaty.

Accurate maps were brought to San Francisco today from the islands, which show that in the group are 2600 islands. Many of them are small, but they are islands nevertheless.

CONVICTS FAIL DEFENSE

Refuse to Testify Against Youtsey in Powers Case.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Dec. 19.—The Powers trial took a decidedly sensational turn today, when the defense in an effort to break down the direct testimony of Henry Youtsey, an accomplice in the Goebel murder, who was brought from the state prison today to testify, introduced two fellow-convicts from the state prison named William Mullins and Fred Helton to contradict Youtsey and show that he had said to them in prison that Powers was innocent as an unborn babe, and that he himself had fired the shot that killed Goebel; that Powers and Howard had nothing to do with it, and that he was forced to testify against them to save his own life. When put on the stand both Mullins and Helton declined to answer questions asked them, and the Judge was powerless to compel them. Helton refused to open his lips, even when the Judge interrogated him.

Ell Collins, the recently released convict, took the stand and declared that Youtsey had asserted the innocence of Powers and Howard.

Grant L. Roberts, formerly postmaster at Frankfort, who at the time of the tragedy was clerk in the State Auditor's office, testified today that a rifle mysteriously disappeared from a vault where he had placed it before the shooting. Witness saw Youtsey with the weapon 15 minutes after the shooting, when the rifle was returned to the vault.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Seattle—G. A. Shannon, at the Imperial; B. R. Morrill, at the Gilsey; R. Hopkins, at the Wolcott.

From Newberg, Or.—W. T. Kelsy, at the Park Avenue.

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CELEBRATE NICHOLAS DAY

Russian Army to Resume Wearing Former Uniforms.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—The name day of Emperor Nicholas, which was celebrated with the usual ceremonies at Tsarskoe-Seio today, has been signalized by an order restoring to the Russian army the picturesque uniform worn in the reign of Alexander II. This order will transform 35 out of the 56 soberly-clad dragon regiments into Hussars and uhlans, whose brilliant and showy garb is expected to popularize the service in the eyes of recording to the phraseology of the order, because during a long period of peace the uniform must be brilliant and beautiful. All the Russian Grand Dukes returned from abroad for the celebration of the Emperor's name day. The Empress was unable to take part in the festivities on account of illness. The list at the named day honors fills 66 columns in the Official Gazette, but even so, it is barely half as long this year as it was in 1906. General Kadibars whose administration of Odessa has been much criticized, is given the Alexander Neveky order, set in diamonds.

Lead Pills for Holdup Men. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—The communication in a recent issue of The Oregonian, signed Geo. I. Brooks, and entitled "Advice to Mayor Lane" is common sense boiled down. Let good, trusty officers in plain clothes hand out lead when commanded hands up, and shoot three episodes of that nature will clean highwaymen out of Portland or any other city or village, for a considerable time. The hold-up man, burglar and common thief is a murderer when opportunity presents itself, and he should be hunted, trapped and exterminated without any squeamishness or compromise on the part of the public authorities. There have been numerous instances of localities in the East where tramps have terrorized a farming community until a dose of buckshot met some insolent "varmint" and it was afterward noticed that for two or three years professional tramps could not be found within 15 miles of the "accident." P. P.

Latin, Greek or Chinook?

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