

NOT BEATEN ENOUGH

Japanese Minister Describes Russia's Mood.

TOO EARLY TO TALK OF PEACE

Takahira Denies Peace Rumors Came From Japan—Expects No Move From Russia—Japan Ready for Another Year's War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Japan, through her Minister at Washington, Mr. Kogoro Takahira, has categorically and absolutely denied all rumors and reports that she was going for peace, or that any act of the Mikado's representative could be possibly so construed. The Minister added that the "peace talk of the last few days is not correct in Japan, but emanates from some other land." Japan, it was declared, has made all arrangements to continue the war for at least another year. The Japanese Minister had just returned from a trip to Old Point Comfort, when, in response to inquiries made by an Associated Press representative, he made these statements. The Minister had found a number of dispatches in many newspapers of the country. He went at once to the State Department and had a long talk with the Secretary of State. He also saw a number of dispatches in the quarters. Both the State Department and the diplomats learned that overtures for peace, or even "indirect proposals for peace," have not emanated and cannot be expected from Tokio.

A correspondent of the Associated Press called by appointment this afternoon at the Japanese Legation and had a conversation with the Minister lasting half an hour. The Minister spoke deliberately, but most emphatically. He said he found that the real state of affairs had not been correctly represented in many quarters, and finally he consented that portions of his conversation should be published, word for word.

No Truth in Peace Rumors.

"On matters of such great importance," the Minister began, "and of such delicacy, it is my opinion that as a rule it is not easy to obtain accurate information regarding the actual situation, and therefore it is not unusual that the public is misled more or less through misrepresentation and misstatements in the press. Moreover, it has been clearly understood from the outset that Japan has not been fighting for the sake of fighting, but that she was forced to war for the sake of principle, and the result has been thus far in favor of Japan. She has fortunately been the victor in every land on land and sea. This seemed to have led to the general impression that Japan can make overtures for peace without so much inconvenience as otherwise would be the case, and that it might be Japan's wish to end the war. Consequently, this impression appears to have created the rumor that Japan was expressing through me to a desire for peace.

Russia Not in Mood for Peace.

"You will readily understand whether Japan can make such overtures or not if you give a little consideration to the actual circumstances. While it is true that Japan has been honored with success of her arms so far, it is equally true that it has made no apparent effect on Russia. Through her representatives Russia has been constantly declaring that she will fight to the end or until she wins one or more decisive battles. We think it is not good for such a large country as Russia, a country with such enormous strength of men and such an extraordinary amount of resources, to think of a final success in the war with us. We have therefore taken all necessary measures as it is necessary, and it was only some weeks ago that the Imperial Diet voted for the war budget to run from April, 1905, until March, 1906, and all necessary measures are being taken in Japan to conduct the war at least for another year.

Wants Revenge for Defeats.

"Under the circumstances you can safely say that although Japan is ready for peace on such reasonable terms as would insure a lasting peace, which has been the case from the commencement of hostilities, she knows she cannot negotiate with a nation which is not of the same frame of mind, and it is unreasonable to expect us to make any such suggestion in that direction. It is out of the question for us to formulate the terms of peace, which are in a great measure to depend on the progress and result of the war.

MARCHED OVER THEIR DEAD

Japanese Captured Berseneff Hill at Enormous Sacrifice.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—General Sakharoff, General Kurapatkin's chief of staff, in a dispatch dated today, reports that when the Japanese attacked and captured Berseneff Hill, February 24, after severe fighting, they were in superior force, and advanced literally over the bodies of their own men. The Japanese loss was very heavy, the dead lying in heaps. The Russian losses have not yet been ascertained.

NOTHING COULD STOP THEM

Swarms of Japanese Overwhelmed Russians at Berseneff Hill.

TSINKHETCHEN, Feb. 25.—The Japanese attack on Berseneff Hill developed into an encounter of the most sanguinary nature. The Japanese, pressing forward a bayonet charge, were received with pyrotechnic hand grenades or blown up by buried mines, and the Japanese machine guns took positions to support the advance were silenced for a time and beaten back.

RUSSIAN RAIDERS SCATTERED

Routed by Japanese After Alarming Vicinity of Niuchwang.

NIU CHWANG, Feb. 24, via Tien Tsin, Feb. 25.—About 300 Russians were again reported at a small village north of Niuchwang, on the night of February 23, crossing the Liao River. This morning's forenoon raiders were warned not to venture on the west bank of the Liao River, owing to the activity of scouting parties on both sides. Russian agents clothed as Chinese are everywhere.

STRENGTHENS HOLD ON COREA

Japan Fortifies Naval Base Commanding Sea of Japan.

PER-UNA PROLONGS THE LIFE OF OLD PEOPLE.

Most Old People Suffer From Some Catarrhal Disease in Winter.



HALE and hearty old age means simply healthy organs and healthy functions retained beyond the usual time. As a rule, at the age of 60 or 70 years, the functions begin to wane and the various organs to lose their natural powers. This need not occur. At least not in all cases. Many a man and woman have retained their health and vigor much later in life.

We have on file several letters from octogenarians who have found Per-una priceless value to them as their declining years advanced. It protects them from climatic vicissitudes. It keeps the blood in healthy circulation. It invigorates all the functions of the body and thus puts off old age and delays the time when the weight of years puts a stop to the enjoyment and usefulness of life.

"I have, until within the last ten years, enjoyed very good health. My illness is something resembling the weakness of old age. I find Per-una of a great deal of use to me. It strengthens my stomach and digestion, and I have never found any medicine so valuable to me as Per-una."

"I believe that there is scarcely anything that Per-una is not good for. I have used it successfully for the cure of catarrh and also for an attack of la grippe."

"I take it now according to directions as a tonic. I keep it constantly in the house and shall continue to do so, for it is a whole medicine chest."

"This is the best medicine that I can recommend anyone to take for rheumatism."

It is a favorite among the old people. It is a tonic and an appetizer. A Man of 91 Years Finds Per-una Valuable. Mr. Ameriah Hendrickson, 85 East Gay street, Columbus, Ohio, writes: "I shall be ninety-one years old my next birthday. My eyesight is good and I have never worn glasses. I can read the Per-una Almanac as well as any young person."

Excels Reed and Henderson. But all this only demonstrates how powerful the Speaker is because he is able to hold his party in line, even when his members are willing to vote with the Democrats. Reed was not powerful enough to hold his party when the Spanish war was imminent, and there was a revolt strong enough to overturn the rules of the House and the Speaker in order to force the war. Henderson was not strong enough to secure Cuban reciprocity legislation in shape that it could become a law, until after Roosevelt became President and he forced the House to accept the Cuban reciprocity. So it appears that Cannon is the strongest power as Speaker that has been developed in many years.

LOOKS LIKE PAUL JONES' BODY Coffin Seems to Bear His Title, "Terror of the English."

PARIS, Feb. 25.—French curiosity has been excited by the excavations that are going on in the search for the body of John Paul Jones, and crowds daily surround the headquarters of dirt and debris taken from the subterranean chambers of the old St. Louis Cemetery. Ambassador Porter is personally directing the final operations, and makes frequent descents into the deep and muddy trenches, in which coffins are piled in double tiers.

ADAMS SUMS UP HIS CASE HANDWRITING EXPERTS ROUGHLY HANDLED BY HIM. Governor of Colorado, in Fact, Claims Office by Right, Even if All Disputed Votes Are Thrown Out.

DENVER, Feb. 25.—The gubernatorial contest committee today granted the attorney on both sides another day for the preparation of their briefs. It was arranged that these documents shall be handed to Chairman William H. Griffith tomorrow evening and printed copies will be distributed among the members of the committee Monday morning.

What Sulphur Does For the Human Body in Health and Disease. The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every Spring and Fall.

RAISE FUNDS FOR REFINERY Kansas Officials Proceed to Execute Law Against Standard Oil.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 25.—Governor Hoch, State Treasurer Kelly and Warden Jewett, at a conference today, decided to put the state oil refinery law in motion immediately. Attorney-General Coleman was asked to prepare blanks for the \$300,000 in bonds for the construction of the plant. The bonds will be printed at once and offered to the permanent school fund commissioners. It is understood that the commissioners will buy them.

Election Rascals Sent to Jail. DENVER, Feb. 25.—James Walsh, W. P. Condon and Fred M. Johnson, election

officers, were today found guilty of frauds committed at the city charter election last Spring and were sentenced to jail for six months.

NEGRO IS SPIRITED AWAY Governor Vardaman Adopts Strenuous Means to Prevent Lynching.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 25.—The city is quiet tonight after the exciting times of the past 24 hours. The whereabouts of the negro, Stewart Johnson, who was spirited away by the officers last night, are still unknown.

"A SLEAZE" One great secret of youth and beauty is the proper understanding of her womanly system and well-being. Every woman, young or old, should know herself and her physical make up. A good way to arrive at this knowledge is to get a good doctor book, such as, for instance, the "People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," by Dr. W. C. C. Pierce, which can readily be procured by sending twenty-one cents in one-cent stamps for paper-bound volume, or thirty-one cents for cloth-bound copy, addressing Dr. R. V. Pierce, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was the first exclusively woman's tonic on the market. It has sold more largely in the past thirty years than any other medicine for women. Do not let the druggist persuade you to try some compound that has not had the test of so many years' success.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be used with "Favorite Prescription" whenever a laxative is required.

POWER OF SPEAKER Greatly Enhanced Since Cannon Held Office.

HOUSE EXECUTES HIS WILL Action on Statehood Shows How He Dominates His Party—Committee Places and Recognition Secret of His Power.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Feb. 25.—Speaker Cannon has proven himself more of a power in the Speaker's chair than ever was Speaker Reed or Speaker Henderson. Reed ruled with an iron hand, but he could not absolutely control every Republican vote. Cannon has been able to do that, with the exception of one lone man from California. The vote on the statehood bill. No man ever was so absolutely dictator of the House as Cannon.

Power is in Patronage. Cannon's power is a good deal like the power of the President. Everybody is aware that the President exercises immense power in Congress through the patronage which he has to give. Cleveland forced the repeal of the silver purchase law by the use of patronage in 1883. McKinley was accused of disrupting the Democratic party by the use of patronage during the Spanish war. It being said that he procured the aid of many Democrats by peddling out appointments in the South. It is an absolute fact that he secured several votes for the ratification of the Paris Peace Treaty through appointments. Although President Roosevelt is in no sense a patronage broker, he has been President long enough to understand that patronage is a powerful lever in securing favorable consideration for measures that the Administration wants.

Sixteen Pounds of Gold. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25.—Rich placer discoveries were reported from Clearwater Creek, on the Stikine, 30 miles below Telegraph Creek. Three miners, Captain Canover, Wilson and Jackson, brought out 16 pounds of coarse gold, valued at \$250, taken in a short season. They anticipate a rush to the new diggings.

GREAT ICE-GORGE BREAKING It Will Sweep Away Much Property Along the Ohio River.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—The ice gorges began to give way during the night, in the Ohio River, in this vicinity, which were the heaviest known for many years, several breaks occurring at various points. Although the river rose several feet during the same time, the ice was so heavy that it soon caught again, forming new gorges. Property damage estimated at \$250,000 was caused by these early movements of the ice, but thus far there has been no loss of life.

Shelling and Skirmishes Continue. TOKYO, Feb. 25.—The Russians shelled Litaientun and Chenchiepso yesterday. On the same day they burned and abandoned Chinnunmupao, near Waitao Mountain. Collisions between scouts and reconnoitering parties continue.