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Looks Like a World War.

LONDON, Feb. 19, 4:30 p. m.—Lloyd's this afternoon are asking a premium of 30 per cent against an outbreak of an Anglo-French war within the next three months. This high rate is based on the fact that France has not given a formal declaration of neutrality, beyond a vague statement by Delcasse. Also, that France allowed Russia to use Jubutill, in the French colony at the head of the Red Sea, as a base for the rendezvous of the Russian fleet. This is decidedly contrary to the usage of other neutral powers, and the British foreign office is very uneasy regarding the outlook, while the admiralty is preparing for a quick mobilization in case of eventualities.

In view of all this Great Britain has practically secured an option for the purchase of five Chilean War vessels and is in other ways active in putting herself on a great war basis.

**RUSSIA REFUSES TO RECEIVE AMERICAN CONSUL IN MANCHURIA.**

Count Cassini the Russian Ambassador at Washington, has informed Secretary Hay that Edwin V. Morgan who is on his way to Dalmay, Manchuria, will not be granted an exequatur by the Russian government. It seems that the decision has been anticipated by Secretary Hay and the President and now comes up the problem who exercises sovereign power over Manchuria, Russia or China? The United States has a treaty with China by which Dalmay Mukden and Antung are opened to American trade and Consular Service. The Russians now deny the right of China to make the treaty but no objection was raised by Russia at the time the treaty was made. It seems that the transports awaiting orders at San Francisco and the squadron of warships recently sent to Chinese waters has in view the enforcement of this government's treaty rights in Manchuria and Russia must now back down and out from the occupation of Manchuria or fight the United States, for it is now clearly apparent that Hay's policy in the Far East and especially the recent note addressed to all the European powers is to be considered that the contention of the United States will be that Manchuria is Chinese territory, that China had perfect right and liberty to make a trade treaty with the United States and that treaty the United States will stand by and enforce, and in the enforcement of that treaty Russia will be forced back into her own possessions in Siberia.

**Japan's Trust in Two Nations.**

The steamer Lyra, of the Boston Steamship Company, arrived Saturday morning from Yokohama after the roughest passage ever made by her across the Pacific. The steamship battled with fierce hurricanes all the way. The Lyra brings the most valuable cargo ever shipped from Japan to America, consisting of articles for the "Japanese" exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, including contributions from the Mikado's own private collection.

The Lyra left just before the outbreak of war, but the feeling then was intense. Immense crowds besieged the military and naval offices, demanding enrollment. A grand parade of the Imperial Cavalry took place on the military grounds at Tokyo just before the steamer left and was witnessed by hundreds of thousands of people wild with enthusiasm.

An intense feeling against Russia prevails in every class from the nobles to the coolies, but the police actively suppress any hostile demonstrations against Russia or Russians. On the other hand, British and Americans are looked upon as friends of the nation.

While the utmost secrecy was maintained as to the disposition or movement of troops or naval vessels, it could be seen that not a moment was being lost in the preparations. Big guns were to be seen in transport by rail every day. No one seemed to doubt for a moment that the country would be at the Russians from the first. For many weeks previous to the sailing of the Lyra, the Japanese naval vessels had been at target practice.

It is now claimed that Russia has 500,000 troops in Manchuria.

Secretary Hay is disposed to request an explanation from Russia if the fact is determined that Russia is detaining American vessels in Chinese ports and preventing Consul Miller from protecting Japanese interests in Niu Chwang. He is much dissatisfied with the indications of irritation felt by the Russian government at the attitude of the United States and the preparations being made for retaliation. No instructions have been sent Admiral Evans, the intention being to await the report on his inquiry now under way. If it is proven that American ships are being prevented from leaving Manchurian ports, Secretary Hay will carry out his intention of addressing some pointed inquiries to the St. Petersburg government.

In answer to a communication from William C. Dodge, inquiring into the reported existence of slavery in the Jolo Islands and enclosing newspaper clippings alleging that Americans were the slave dealers, Secretary Taft has written the following letter: "The statement with respect to slavery in the Philippines is an outrageous lie. There are no Americans engaged in the slave trade at all. There has been in the past some kidnaping by the Moros of the hill tribes, but has been suppressed, and there is little of it now."

For the past five days Viceroy Alexieff has been lost, strayed or stolen from Port Arthur. He has been missing ever since he shot down the young lieutenant in cold blood because the Japanese destroyed the Russian fleet. Such scenes as these give Americans a fair opportunity to judge of the true Russian spirit.

From all reports obtainable it appears that Port Arthur is to be vacated by the Russian forces. This will place the Japs at a disadvantage as all the fighting would have to be done on land, and the Russians would retreat to catch the Japs in a trap and overwhelm them with numbers.

Lieutenant Macrae and six privates of the constabulary have been killed by a Bolu rush of 500 fanatics, while patrolling the east coast of the Island of Samar. Private Salomon, of the Fourteenth Cavalry, stationed at Jolo has also been killed by bolomen.

A telegram from Port Arthur announces that the Japanese have captured Kamschatka steamers Kolk and Bobrik. No particulars are given as to where the capture occurred, but it is stated that they carried valuable cargo.

And now it is reported that the gunners from the Spanish ships sunk in Manila Bay are behind the Russian guns. Such a report is not hard to believe when the marksmanship of the gunners is taken into consideration.

The Portland woolen mills at Selwood burned to the ground on Thursday afternoon. Loss \$150,000, insurance \$100,000. One hundred and fifty employees are out of employment it is feared permanent.

J. P. Morgan was summoned as a juror in New York. He did not attend except by his lawyer and was fined five dollars for contempt of court.

The reverend gentlemen who recently turned a church into a bun hole are hard at work trying to explain away language and actions of the cess pool cult.

"When the cat's away the mice can play." There is a first class uprising brewing in the Balkan States of Europe.

The Portland Telegram editorially announces that the White House is "in a sad state of repair." Wonder who butchered the job?

Japan will be able to exhibit at St. Louis in the space vacated by Russia models of the victorious and vanquished fleets.

General Reyes is now in Paris trying to stir up a fuss on the closed Panama incident.

**Drama at Winston.**

The drama "Rio Grande" will be played at Winston's hall, Winston, March 5, 1904.

The cast of characters includes the following: Forest Fray, Pete McNabb, W. C. Winston, Sherman McBe, Earl Ace, Clarence Leonard, Mrs. R. Green, Mrs. Gertrude Hampton, Misses Mattie and Ruth Winston. The play will be followed by a Chinese cake walk which will close the evening's entertainment. Every one is cordially invited to come. Admission 25 cents.

**Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.**

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grimsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him perfect relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

**BOTH KICK THE UNDER DOG.**

As an instance of the unanimity of great minds in many channels of thought it is a notable fact that the editor of the Oregonian and the king of Korea pursue the same policy in regard to taking sides in a quarrel.

In the Jap-Russ quarrel both of these men strongly favored the boastful Russ, who certainly made a bigger showing on paper than did the Japs, who had no time to boast, being otherwise engaged. Now we have them both, rather cautiously it is true (Russia may win some battles yet), favoring Japan, and agreeing that they were not so small as they looked nor so yellow as they were painted. Both king and newspaper are equally well prepared to hedge at the slightest indication of defeat overtaking the Japs, and both would loudly declare to the world that they "knew it all the time."

To extol the upper and freely kick the under dog in the fight is an old custom of the Oregonian. The kaleidoscopic suddenness with which it has changed its opinion of politicians and other people is calculated to make the ordinary person gasp for breath and wonder, when he compares yesterday's Oregonian with today's, if it "really isn't some dreadful mistake."

It is a curious spectacle, and not an edifying one, to see the mental gymnastics and gyrations which are the outcome of a total lack of courage and principle. Inconsistency is quite compatible with principle, but the inconsistency which sees good in a man only when he is successful, and hastens to "expose his corrupt methods" only when he is crushed, has nothing whatever to do with principle.—Portland Journal.

Brother Jackson forgets that the pro-Russian slush fund has played out and also that Brother Scott is a hot foot candidate for Panama Canal Commissionership honors.

**More Tar and Feathers.**

Two Free Methodist preachers at Mulino were ordered to shut up the revival meeting or tar and feathers would be administered. They shook off the dust of their shoes as with hurried steps they left the town. When tar and feathers are used on preachers of any faith or religion, be it good or bad, like Lynch law, nobody knows where it will end.

**Big Land Slide.**

A big land slide came in on the Southern Pacific track Saturday afternoon.

The team was victorious in but one of the three games played, but made a showing, however, of which the Roseburg High school may be justly proud. The first game was at Lebanon, where a very fast and clean game was played in the armory at that place, resulting in a score of 7 to 4 in favor of the Roseburg girls. After the game a banquet was tendered the members of the team, at the I. O. O. F. hall. From there the team proceeded to Monmouth, where the local team was greatly outclassed by the "magnitude" of the players of the Normal school at that place and met their defeat to the tune of 13 to 1. Undaunted, the team next proceeded to Salem, where they played the Willamette university girls the closest game that they have ever played this year, the score being 4 to 3 in favor of the Salem maidens. After the game, a reception was given the team at the W. U. dormitory, where pit, flinch and other games were played until a late hour, when all dispersed.

The local team are loud in their praises of the Lebanon and Salem teams and cannot say enough about the hospitality and kind treatment accorded them by these teams, and should occasion offer, the R. H. S. girls hope to be able to meet either team again in our own city and do what they can toward reciprocating their kindness.

The following account of the game at Salem is from the Statesman:

In a fast, clean and exciting game of basket ball the Willamette University girls last night defeated the girls from the Roseburg High School by a score of 3 to 2. The game was remarkably clean throughout and was easily the "nicest girls' game" ever played in Salem. The Roseburg girls are a charming lot of young ladies and have completely won the hearts of the 'Varsity' girls. It is needless to say what happened to the boys.

There were no particular stars in either team, but each one played her position well and was in the game from start to finish. Both teams were a little weak at throwing fouls; Roseburg scoring one out of a possible six, and Willamette made four futile attempts.

After the game the visitors were given a reception by Miss McDonald, dean of the ladies' hall, and a very enjoyable social time was indulged in for a couple of hours, which passed only too rapidly.

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**Ambassadors Leave London.**

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Count Benckendorf, the Russian Ambassador, left London today for St. Petersburg. The afternoon papers made a sensation out of his departure, connecting it with rumors that the Czar was displeased with his Ambassador at Washington and London and with his Minister at Tokio, owing to the recent turn of events, and out of baseless rumors of threatening European trouble.

The Russian Embassy said positively that Count Benckendorf had gone to St. Petersburg for three days to bid farewell to his son, who is going to the Far East with his regiment. The Embassy added the Ambassador's journey was in no way connected with his position as Ambassador. The Foreign Office confirms this.

The French Ambassador, M. Cambon, left London today for a week-end visit to Paris, as he frequently does. The German Ambassador, Count von Metternich, is also absent on a week-end visit. No significance is attached to the absence of these Ambassadors from London.

The above dispatch is very significant, as it clearly indicates that Russia, Germany and France have a secret understanding and that the Ambassadors have been summoned by their respective home governments to consult on vital matters which the various governments were afraid to transmit by writing, secret courier or by telegraph. From all appearances, the three greatest powers of Europe hope to form a combination to crush England and Japan, and with England crushed the Monroe doctrine would be only as strong as the United States navy is strong. It is a well-known theory in Europe that the closer the Anglo-Saxon races speak the English language are drawn together, the closer must the mongrel nations of Europe draw together to offset a possible Anglo-American alliance.

**ELKS ENTERTAIN TONIGHT.**

Preparations for Occasion of Much Joy in Honor of Ladies.

The annual Elks Ladies' Social of Roseburg Lodge No. 326, will be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall tonight. Extensive preparations have been made and the Elks will no doubt sustain their reputation of giving the most charming entertainments in the city. The program follows:

Exposition March.....Orchestra  
Welcome.....Exalted Ruler F. B. Waite  
Brian Born.....Orchestra  
"O Tell us, Merry Birds".....Audrey Bridges, Wm Van Lunen  
"Pretty as a Picture".....Orchestra  
"Thou Art an Angel".....Al Vestch  
"Southern Melodies".....Orchestra  
Soprano Solo.....Mrs. A. T. Steiner

**SOCIAL SESSION**

The company will then repair to the lower story where the farce comedy, "Dearest Mamma," will be presented on the opera house stage by local talent. The cast includes: Mary Konecior Brooks, Kathryn Fullerton, Gertrude Rust, Nelson Omsandson, Earl C. Gaddis, L. A. Sanctuary, Warren McWilliams.

The banquet will follow the stage production. During the courses the following toast will be given:

"Our Order".....Geo. M. Brown  
"Our Guests, the Ladies".....Judge J. W. Hamilton  
Response.....Mrs. A. C. Marsters  
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