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Matter Up to The Russians

Japanese Minister Says War Will Depend Entirely on the Czar's Future Course.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, said yesterday to the Associated Press:

"You ask me if I think war is inevitable. I can only say that Japan is awaiting the arrival of the Russian reply to her last note. Japan will wait as long as the circumstances seem to justify, but no longer.

"We have been prompt in all of our preparations, our counter-preparations, and, in fact, in all the steps of our negotiations with Russia. In our last note we have stated the minimum proposition which we can submit to Russia. That country has the deciding vote as to whether there is to be war or peace in the far east. We have done all we could."

Takahira expressed hope that war may be yet averted, but he regards the outlook as gloomy.

FRENCH ARE HOPEFUL.

Believe War Between China and Japan May Be Averted.

London, Dec. 31.—Lord Lansdown's diplomatic reception yesterday centered on the far eastern crisis. The Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, was unable to give any information regarding the tenor of the Russian reply to Japan. The foreign secretary adopted a slightly more hopeful tone to other ambassadors than has prevailed for the last few days. The Associated Press learns that this is chiefly due to the persistent belief of the French Foreign minister, M. Delcasse, that he will be able to prevail on Russia to make such compromises as will

avert war.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, said he was aware the French foreign minister was making strenuous efforts for peace. So far as Baron Hayashi knew last night these had not been crowned with success, but the Japanese minister laid much stress on the dispatch from Paris announcing that the French government did not believe that war between Russia and Japan would break out.

Japan Buys Two Ships.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Tribuna says the contract for the sale to the Japanese government of the warships Moreno and Rivadavia, now building at Genoa for the Argentine Republic, was signed Sunday last.

Offers For Battleships.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 31.—The Chilean government has received offers from the Japanese government for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the Captain Pratt and the cruiser Chacabuco.

Get Pointers From 1905 Fair

Japan Commissioners Are Guided Over Site of Portland Exposition by Officers.

Accompanied by Director-General Goode, First Vice-President Fleisacker and Engineer Huber, of the Lewis and Clark fair corporation, Hajime Ota, Japanese commissioner to the St. Louis exposition, is being shown over the site of the 1905 fair this afternoon with other Japanese representatives.

Mr. Ota arrived from Puget sound yesterday morning, having reached Seattle from the orient last Monday, accompanied by three other Japanese officials. The entire party leaves to-

night for the east. They were entertained at luncheon at the Arlington Club by Director-General Goode.

The party consists of Hajime Ota, Imperial representative of Japan; Jubel Ando, Y. S. Mahri and Michia Hattari Consul Iba was with them all day.

Mr. Ota came to Portland to examine the site for the Lewis and Clark fair, and also to secure data upon which he can make an official report to his home government. This is his first trip to Portland, though he has previously traveled through the United States when returning from Germany, where he had been a student at Heidelberg. He has mastered English sufficiently to converse slowly, and can read and write easily. As one of the imperial commissioners, he will be in charge of all Japanese matters at St. Louis until the return of S. Tejima, who is the chief commissioner from Japan. When asked the object of his visit to Portland, he said:

"We came here to look into the 1905 fair and secure data upon which to file a report relative to Japan exhibiting. It is too early to say what the nature of that report will be. We will leave for St. Louis tonight and remain there until after the exposition closes. This is my first trip to Portland, but I have crossed the United States before. We have received word from St. Louis that work is going ahead there very nicely. Our plans regarding the building had to be changed, as it was found we would not have time enough to carry out the original idea."

When asked as to his opinion regarding possible war between Japan and Russia, Mr. Ota said he had been at sea so long that he was not informed, and consequently could not express an opinion.

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