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"I DESIRE AND INTEND TO DO ALL IN MY POWER TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN FAREAST"

Czar of All the Russias Speaks His Mind at New Year's Reception to Members of Diplomatic Corps.

Reply of Japan to Russia's Last Note is Complete Denial of All Proposals, and Contains Counter-Proposals That are Expected to be Turned Down—Little Change in the Situation Noticed at This Time.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—"I desire and intend to do all in my power to maintain peace in the far east." These are the words of the czar, spoken to the members of the diplomatic corps at a New Year's reception held in the winter palace at noon today. The czar made a leisurely round of the great hall, in which representatives of the various countries had assembled. His majesty chatted freely with everyone.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Japanese Minister Takahira today called on Secretary Hay and informed him the reply of the latest Russian note was delivered this morning. The reply amounts to a denial of all the important Russian proposals, and sets forth Japan's counter proposals, which, it is said, are of a nature that will likely make them unacceptable to Russia. Therefore the most pessimistic view of the future is taken at Tokio.

On the other hand advices come to the state department from Paris, St. Petersburg and Berlin, are all of a pacifying nature. The department is fully informed as to both communications. It is said that there has been no substantial change in the Japanese proposals or Russian counter proposals since they were sent out by the Associated Press in a semi-official dispatch last week.

BURGLARS BUSY IN TACOMA AS ELSEWHERE

That the industrious burglar is getting busy in Tacoma as well as elsewhere is shown by the following, taken from the Ledger:

Burglars waded industriously Saturday and Sunday nights. The McDonald Shoe company's store at 1501 Pacific avenue was entered and the cash drawer looted of about \$18. A Northern Pacific box car in the yards was broken open and a dozen pairs of fine shoes were stolen, along with a quantity of household goods.

The McDonald burglary was reported to the police Monday. The box car robbery was reported by the railroad people yesterday morning.

Burglars could not have found much trouble, however, getting into the place. In the basement beneath is a hall. This is used for religious meetings. It has a rear door. This rear door is well screened from observation on the part

of anyone who might be standing in the alley.

It was thought this door that the burglars entered the place. They had little trouble in springing the lock. Once in the basement, it was an easy matter for them to go upstairs and pry open the door leading into the store itself. To loot the cash drawer was then a matter of but a few moments.

The box car robbery was bolder. It was accomplished near the freight depot. The seal on the door was broken. The thieves took twelve pairs of shoes, whose total value is probably more than \$50, and a quantity of household goods of probably \$10 value.

With this plunder, whose bulk must have necessitated sacks to carry it, the thieves made their way to safety. His is the second box car robbery to have occurred in the yards during the past few weeks.

Early yesterday morning some sneak thief stole a kit of tools from Rudolph Knoble, a carpenter. The theft took place at the corner of Seventeenth and

K streets. It was reported to the police.

A row in front of the Albany saloon Sunday night gave rise to rumors of attempted burglary, but it developed, according to statements made last evening to a reporter by those who were in the vicinity at the time, that no theft was attempted. A broken window, punched out by the elbow of some drunken reveller, started the burglar story.

Family on Trial For Murder.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 14.—The four members of the Bechtel family—Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, her daughter Martha and her sons John and Charles—were today placed on trial, charged with being accessories after the fact to the murder of Mabel Bechtel. The district attorney desired to try all four indictments at once, but the defendants' counsel opposed the proposition, and the case of Mrs. Catherine Bechtel was first taken up. She pleaded not guilty.

Found Pierced By Spear.

London, Jan. 14.—A dispatch received today at the war department, from Major-General Egerton, commanding the Somaliland expeditionary

forces, announces that the body of the captain, the Hon. Thomas Lister, Lord Ribblesdale's son and heir, who was reported by General Egerton to be missing after the engagement recently between the British and the forces of Mad Mullah has been found pierced by a spear.

For McKinley Memorial.

Canton, O., Jan. 14.—The trustees of the McKinley Memorial Association have selected three artists and three architects as an advisory committee to examine designs which will be asked for. They will meet in New York January 20. The names of neither committee have been made public but it is said they are prominent men in art circles.

Loss By the Fire.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 14.—The fire at Havre early this morning and this afternoon that did damage to the business part of town, is estimated to be \$400,000, with about \$100,000 insurance. Private advices this evening were to the effect that the fire was under control. The Great Northern has extensive shops at Havre, but the latest reports indicate they were not damaged.

AMERICAN MILLMEN ARE KEPT FROM BRITISH SOIL

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 14.—Success is crowning the efforts of the British Columbia government in its attempt to keep American mill owners from obtaining the log supply from that side in retaliation for the American tariff on Canadian lumber. The British Columbia government placed a heavy stumpage charge on all timber cut in the province for export. This did not accomplish all that was required. Additional restrictions which make it impossible for American mill men to operate camps on the British Columbia side have been imposed and in future the American firms will be obliged to either dispose of their products to Canadian mill owners or retire from the field.

SUPPOSED COLOMBIAN ARMY HANDFUL OF DESPERADOES

Washington, Jan. 14.—Admiral Coghlan cabled the navy department today from Colon as follows: Report of the appearance of the Colombian forces between Colon and Chirique lagoon is due to men now in that vicinity who belonged to the Colombian forces who would not join the Panama men, but took to the mountains behind David and are now unorganized marauders. There were originally about 200 men. Some unarmed have been about Santa Fe and Coora river, committing depredations.

BILL TO PENSION OLD SOLDIERS OF CIVIL WAR

Washington, Jan. 14.—There will be introduced in congress tomorrow in the senate by Dolliver, of Iowa, and in the house by Calderhead, of Kansas, a service pension bill backed by the Grand Army of the Republic, which, if enacted into law, will give a pension of \$12 a month to every soldier who served 90 days in the Union army during the Civil war, and who was honorably discharged therefrom, and who has attained the age of 62 years. A like pension will be given to the widows of such soldiers.

Banquet Given to Burt.

Omaha, Jan. 14.—A banquet was given tonight to retiring President Horace G. Burt, of the Union Pacific by his friends. The affair was the occasion for a gathering of half a hundred prominent railroad officials and citizens of Omaha, who met to offer their good wishes for Burt.

Duties to be Increased.

Havana, Jan. 14.—The senate last night, after a long debate, approved the bill authorizing President Palma to increase duties in his judgment necessary not to exceed 30 per cent more than the present rates as adopted by the house yesterday. The bill now goes to President Palma.

REMARKABLE DOG FIGHT.

Collie That Fails to Beat Terrier Shoves Them Over Cliff.

Ithaca, Jan. 14.—A collie, owned by Prof. W. F. Durand of Cornell university, yesterday slew his enemy, a bull terrier belonging to Dr. Luzerne Coville, a leading local physician, in a manner worthy of a keen minded human murderer.

The dogs were among the most valuable in the city, both being canine aristocrats with long pedigrees. For years

they had been foes, fighting fiercely whenever they met. Usually the collie was defeated.

Today, as was his habit, the terrier was racing with a street car about Ithaca's noted "loop" when, at the bridge over Fall creek gorge, he came upon his foe. In an instant they were fighting desperately, while several university professors hurried from a distance to part them. But relief came too late.

Being on the point of defeat, the collie broke away and ran to the edge of the gorge, at that point 100 feet deep. No one dared to approach the dangerous point. The terrier, however, followed, whereupon the collie circled about him and then with a sudden rush pushed his antagonist over the edge, where he was dashed to death on the rocks below.

With one downward glance the collie trotted proudly away, head and tail aloft.

Dr. Coville had the dog's body rescued and buried.

Coal Deal Consummated.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 14.—The long expected deal for the Beech Creek Coal & Coke Company by the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, it is stated, is practically consummated. With the transfer goes all the coal tonnage of the Beech Creek railroad. The New York Central's support, thus goes to the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, while the Pennsylvania Railroad Company controls the Berwind White Coal Mining Company, the largest operating concern in the central Pennsylvania field. It is believed that in a short time there will be a general consolidation of the soft coal interests in the central Pennsylvania field.

Increase in Coke Trade.

Scottsdale, Pa., Jan. 14.—The coke trade seems to have started upward with a rush, after its long period of depression. During the week 4936 additional ovens have been fired, and the production increased 30,000 tons.

STOCKMEN INDORSE POLICY OF PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES REGARDING CANAL

Resolutions Adopted Amid Roar of Ayes and Deafening Applause, Not One Dissenting Voice Being Heard.

Today There Will Be an Election of Officers, the Only Change Slated Being That of President—Practically Settled That Denver Will Be the Place of the Next Meeting of the Annual Convention Next Year.

Portland, Jan. 14.—That the stockmen of the country are unanimous in their decision that the president of the United States is doing the right thing by the Panama canal, was made evident at the sessions of the National Livestock convention. Resolutions endorsing the president's policy were adopted with enthusiasm, and a copy at once wired to Washington. The rest of the time of the session was taken up with short addresses.

Portland, Jan. 14.—By a unanimous vote and a great show of enthusiasm the National Livestock convention during its morning session today, adopted resolutions heartily endorsing the policy of President Roosevelt with reference to building the Panama canal. The call for vote was the signal for a roar of "ayes" and a burst of deafening applause. Not a dissenting vote was raised. A copy of the resolution was immediately wired the president. Tomorrow the attention of the convention will be given to the election of officers and the selection of the place for the next convention. F. J. Hagenbarth of Idaho, is the only one talked of for president and his election is considered certain. The general impression is that there will be no change in the other officers.

There is little doubt but that Denver will be the next place for the meeting. It is understood that a compromise is to be made with El Paso whereby the next convention will go to Denver as permanent headquarters. Business sessions of the convention will come to a close with the selection of a place of meeting.

Today subjects of railroads and forest reserves were considered. Legislation remedying the exclusion of stockmen from forest reserves was the demand of every speaker on the public lands subject.

Addresses consumed the bulk of the time at both sessions, most of them being short talks. The principal address of the afternoon was that of Governor Heper M. Wells, of Utah, on the topic, "The Policy of the Government relative to Forest Reserves." He spoke in particular of the reserves in Utah and efforts to preserve them.

The election of the new executive committee took place just before adjournment of the convention. The following were elected: M. B. Gwinn, Boise, for Idaho; Richard Scott, Milwaukee, for Oregon; E. F. Benson, Tacoma, for Washington.

Tariff Commission Banquet.

London, Jan. 14.—Cyril Arthur Pearson, chairman and practical organizer of Joseph Chamberlain's tariff commission, gave an elaborate banquet at the Hyde Park hotel tonight to Chamberlain. Chamberlain responding to a toast to his health, said he regarded the formation of the commission as an historical event and he spoke of the practical

benefits which were likely to result from the labors of the committee for the country and empire.

Storm on Belgian Coast.

Brussels, Jan. 14.—A terrible storm is raging on the Belgian coast. Much havoc has been wrought both on land and sea.

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