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DISAGREEABLE NOTE IS SOUNDED BY A RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT IN INTERVIEW

Asserts That Russia Will Not, Under Present Regime, Allow Consuls at Ports Mukden and Antung.

United States, Says M. Plancon, Shows Unfriendly Spirit and Exhibits Lack of Diplomacy in Ratifying Treaty Under Present Regime Without Consent of His Government—Emphasizes Impossibility of Evacuation.

London, Jan. 20.—German newspapers this morning appear to be paying the way to explain the Russian retreat in negotiations with Japan, and in all the capitals of Europe opinion now inclines to a peaceful issue in the far east.

In a dispatch from Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says he learned that Kurino, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, has sent a confidential report in which he says at a secret meeting recently, War Minister Kuropatkin, and some of his colleagues, declared in favor of peace.

The Port Arthur correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that he has had an interview with Admiral Alexieff, who who spoke hopefully of the possibility of arranging modus vivendens with Japan. The viceroy then refer-

red the correspondent to his diplomatic agent, M. Plancon, who emphasized the impossibility of Russia's evacuation of Manchuria. M. Plancon declared the action of the United States, in making a commercial treaty with China without Russia's consent under existing circumstances, was unfriendly and undiplomatic. Russia, he said, would not open or allow consuls at Mukden, and Antung under the present regime.

If Japan wanted Corea, Russia, M. Plancon said, would not interfere, provided other powers allowed it. M. Plancon concluded by saying the United States and other powers were more interested in the situation than was Russia.

The correspondent adds that the United States had quite upset Viceroy Alexieff's calculations.

MINERS BURIED ALIVE BY CAVE IN OF EARTH MASS

Little, Jan. 19.—By a cave in of earth in the East Gray Rock mine, one of the amalgamated properties, tonight, four men were killed and two injured. The men were working in a slope from a 1400 feet level and were within three feet of the 1500 level when a hanging wall fell. The four bodies are under 14 feet of earth and it will be hours before they can be reached.

Machen's Trial Proceeds Rapidly.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The trial of August Machen and others proceeded rapidly today. The government put in as evidence a number of documents having direct bearing on the dealings of Groff Bros. with Machen's division in the postoffice department.

Millionaire and Widow Wed.

New York, Jan. 19.—Robert Graves

and Mrs. M. J. Plant, widow of Henry B. Plant, millionaire southern railroad steamship and land owner, have been married at the Plant residence in Fifth avenue. There were only about half a dozen witnesses, all relatives of the bride and bridegroom.

The groom is well known in society and club life here. He is immensely rich, having inherited the fortune of his father, a pioneer wallpaper manufacturer.

MacLaurin and Money Elected.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 19.—Senators MacLaurin and Money were elected today by the legislature to succeed themselves in the United States senate.

Walla Walla Fort Abandoned.

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 19.—News was communicated to the Commercial Club today from Washington, that the abandonment of Fort Walla Walla had been definitely decided on by the secretary of war as soon as the Boise

Barracks were sufficiently enlarged to supply accommodations. The news is received with bitter chagrin here.

Says Negro is Vicious.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 19.—In his inaugural address delivered today before a joint session of the Mississippi legislature, Governor James K. Vardaman declared that the growing tendency of the negro to commit criminal assault on white women is nothing more or less than the manifestations of the racial desire for social equality. In strong terms he declared that education is the curse of the negro race, and urged an amendment to the state constitution that will place the distribution of the common school funds entirely within the power of the legislature.

Alleged Mining Investor Arrested.

Winnemucca, Nev., Jan. 19.—Charles Wallace, claiming to be a mining investor from Joseph, Oregon, was arrested here today on a warrant, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses.

No Chinese Allowed.

Melbourne, Jan. 19.—Premier Alfred Deakin and the premier of New Zea-

land, R. J. Sedden, have cabled the authorities at Pretoria to the effect that Australia, after the experience of years, is convinced that the prohibition of Chinese labor is imperative in British communities expecting to enjoy the responsibilities of self government.

Attell and Forbes Sign Articles.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Abe Attell and Harry Forbes have signed articles of agreement for a 20 round fight to settle their recent draw at Indianapolis. According to the last agreement the men are to meet at 120 pounds at the ringside, with the understanding that the winner lay claim to the legitimate featherweight championship.

The time and place for holding the contest have not yet been decided upon.

Receiver Biallock Resigns.

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 19.—Yancey C. Biallock, receiver of the Walla Walla land office, resigned this morning. He assigns as a reason his desire for outdoor life and exercise. His successor will probably be A. J. Gillis.

Senate Passes Mooted Motion

After Prolonged Discussions Reso- lution to Investigate Post- office Up to Committee.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The senate required less than a minute today to dispose of the motion to refer to the committee on postoffices various resolutions looking to the investigation of the postoffice department. The question had been previously debated for hours at a time, but today no senator manifested any disposition to discuss it further, and it was adopted without a negative vote.

After passing half a dozen bills the senate returned to a consideration of the Panama question. Quarles spoke for almost two hours in support of the course of the administration and was followed by Patterson, who criticized the president. Patterson had not concluded when the senate adjourned.

Whittaker Wright in Court.

London, Jan. 19.—There was a considerable crush in court and a buzz of anticipation when Whittaker Wright, the company promoter, on trial on a charge of fraud, entered the witness-box today. The former financier was composed, and answered questions firmly. He first related the story of his life in America, and then told of the foundation of the London & Globe Corporation, which, he declared, was prosperous until the end of 1889, after the South African war had started, when matters became disastrous. The witness added that he assisted the company out of his private pocket, lending it between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000. Previous to this he had prepared a settlement of \$1,500,000 on his family, giving \$500,000 to each of his children, but one day in 1889 the company's accountant informed him that he must have \$1,500,000 or the company would be obliged to suspend. The witness said he supplied the money, and consequently the settlement on his family was never carried out.

Wright admitted that he held only 2500 shares of the London & Globe Corporation at the time of the crash, and said he tried to induce the late Lord Dufferin to resign his directorship because the newspapers attacked him over Lord Dufferin's shoulders. The witness had intimated to Lord Dufferin that the position of chairman of a speculative company was not dignified, but Lord Dufferin replied that he was well satisfied and that he wished to retain the position.

James L. Blair Buried.

St. Louis, Jan. 19.—The funeral of James L. Blair, former general counsel of the world's fair, who died last Saturday in Florida, was held today. None but relatives and close friends of the family attended the services. The pallbearers were old friends of Mr. Blair, six of whom were associated with him in the St. Louis Bar Association.

Before the casket was brought from the house there was a threat that the funeral would not move unless a carriage belonging to a proscribed livery firm and driven by a man not approved by the union drivers of the other carriages was taken out of line. A negro driver of one of the other carriages made the threat directly to the gentleman who had engaged the carriage. Assurance was given that the carriage would not be kept in line, and the matter ended.

Smoot Denies Taylor's Assertions.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Senator Smoot has filed with the committee on privileges and elections, his second reply to the presentation made by Attorney Taylor. Reply follows the lines of argument made by the attorneys for Smoot in the hearing before the committee Saturday, and places on record a detailed denial of the assertions made by Taylor.

Armstrong Will Doubtless Hang

Last Appeal to Be Made to United States Supreme Court but Time Is Limited.

Portland, Jan. 19.—The United States district court today declined to intervene in the case of Pleasant Armstrong. Appeal will be taken to the United States circuit court, a member of which is expected to arrive tomorrow. In case he refuses to interfere the appeal will be carried to the United States supreme court. Armstrong is under sentence to be executed Friday, Jan. 22. It is very unlikely the United States circuit court will intervene in face of the adverse decisions both of the state's supreme court and the United States district court. As the time is so limited it would be almost impossible to get the matter before the United States supreme court before the execution occurs.

Train Wrecker Gets Life.

Denver, Jan. 19.—A special to the Republican from Lajunta, Colo., says: John Devin was today convicted in the district court of wrecking the Santa Fe passenger train near Fowler last summer, at which time Engineer John Walker was fatally injured. Devin was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Choynski Out At First.

Boston, Jan. 19.—Kid Carter of Brooklyn knocked out Joe Choynski of Chicago in the first round tonight.

KING PETER OF SERVIA ACCORDING TO REPORT WILL ABDICATE THRONE

Denunciations and Criticisms Come so Thick and Fast That the New Ruler Cannot Stand the Pressure.

Russia Steps In and Demands of Prince of Montenegro That He Clear the Situation—Successor to Retiring King Is to Take Crown on Condition That Slayers of Late Mon- archs Are Brought to Justice.

Vienna, Jan. 19.—King Peter of Serbia, according to a report from Cetinje, Montenegro, published by the Neue Wiener Journal, is prepared to voluntarily renounce the throne and allow the powers to nominate his successor.

The prince of Montenegro is said to have received a mandate from Russia to clear up the precarious situation in Serbia and King Peter is alleged to have recognized the untenability of his position and to be willing to abdicate. His successor, it is added, will only

be permitted to ascend the throne conditionally, on his agreeing to punish the leaders of the conspiracy which resulted in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, removing all those who were directly or indirectly concerned in the regicide.

The statement published by the Neue Wiener Journal is not confirmed, but all reports indicate that affairs in Serbia are steadily growing worse and causing great anxiety to Austria and Russia. The roads are infested with brigands.

MINISTER IS CHARGED WITH INCITING A MOB

Dover, Del., Jan. 19.—The New Castle presbytery decided today to try Rev. R. A. Elmwood, of Wilmington, for preaching a sermon last June, entitled "Should the Murderer of Helen Bishop be Lynched?"

The complaint against Elmwood is that the sermon so worked up the people the next night, that a mob gathered, stormed the workhouse, took out George White, negro, and burned him to death at the stake.

National Board of Trade Meets.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The national board of trade began its session here today. The principal matter of interest was the report of the committee on crop statistics, which discussed the standing recommendation of the government that reports be collected either by the census bureau or the department of agriculture alone. Opin-

ion seems to prevail that the bureau of statistics of the agricultural department is better prepared to do the work

All Records Broken.

Fonda, N. Y., Jan. 19.—All records for cold weather have been broken in the Mohawk Valley, the official thermometer registering 35 degrees below zero here tonight. Trains on the New York Central were from two to three hours late. Telegraph and telephone companies were badly crippled.

General Primary Held.

New Orleans, Jan. 19.—A general primary to nominate a democratic state ticket, to be voted for in April, was held in Louisiana today. It is the first test ever made in the state on the primary method of direct nomination.

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—The call for a national prohibition convention, to be held in this city beginning January 25, has been issued by the national chairman, Oliver W. Start.

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