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## PEACEFUL SENTIMENT IN RUSSIA BUT IN JAPAN IS UNCERTAINTY

**Powers Appealed to by Czar's Government to Avert Impending War--Diplomacy Demands Peace.**

**Should War Result, Russia's Aspirations in the Far East Will Receive Set Back That Will Be Difficult to Overcome--European Government May Yet Hesitate to Grant Any Pronounced Concession to Japan.**

London, Jan. 21.—All the special dispatches from St. Petersburg this morning reflect a more peaceful feeling which prevails there. Little change, however, is to be observed in dispatches from Tokio, which represent the situation as unchanged.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he learns that the dispatches from the Russian viceroy, Alexieff now incline toward efforts for a diplomatic settlement, on the ground that war would check the natural course of events, which must promote Russian aspirations in the far east.

the powers to avert war. This is regarded here as a proof of Russia's unreadiness to make satisfactory concessions.

Cabling from Tokio, the correspondent of the Standard says the privy council has an urgent ordinance empowering the commanders of the admiralty stations to prevent foreign warships, by force if necessary, from entering certain ports in time of emergency.

The Tokio correspondent of the daily Telegraph declares the privy council at a meeting today discussed the proposal to issue an order, in event of war, enacting a state of siege in certain places outside of Japan.

London, Jan. 20.—The Tokio correspondent of Reuter's Telegraph Company cables that the privy council met today and received a lengthy report from Foreign Minister Komura on the negotiations with Russia. No statement of the proceedings will be given out at present. Japanese newspapers publish a report from continental sources that Russia has decided to appeal to

Arms For Corea Police.  
Seoul, Jan. 21.—The emperor of Corea has ordered that 700 revolvers and clubs be distributed to the "peddlars," who are nominally the secret police, and a dangerous element. Many Coreans are leaving Seoul fearing trouble.

## LITTLE HOPE FOR RELIEF

**Armstrong's Attorneys Engaged in Last Legal Battle.**

Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—Attorneys for Pleasant Armstrong today argued their case before the supreme court on its merits, and an opinion will doubtless be handed down tomorrow. Inasmuch as the court refused to grant a stay of execution when application was made last week, there is little hope for from that tribunal.

Armstrong's attorneys were unable to perfect an appeal to the circuit court of appeals from the decision of the United States district court refusing

a writ of habeas corpus, but declare they will do so tomorrow

Navigation is Suspended.  
Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—Because of the continued cold weather and forming of ice floes, navigation of the Delaware river, navigation of the Delaware river is suspended today.

Platt on Panama Canal.  
Washington, Jan. 20.—Patterson today completed and Platt, of Connecticut, began a speech on the Panama canal question.

Patterson declared the president was largely responsible for the revolt in Panama and announced his decided preference for the Nicaraguan route.

Platt took this pronouncement for Nicaragua as the text for his remarks

saying it explained the mystery, otherwise unexplainable, of the opposition on the part of the democratic senators to the Panama treaty.

**Russian Fleet Enters Suez.**  
Port Said, Jan. 20.—The Russian battleship Aurora, the transport Orek, the collier Saratoff, and nine torpedo boats bound for the far east, have entered the Suez canal.

**Wants American Exhibits.**

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—O. M. Goldaracena, local consul for Spain, is in receipt of a communication from Carlos Carbonel, president of the Chamber of commerce and industry, of Cordova, wherein American manufacturers of agricultural machinery are urged to make exhibits at the fair to be held in that city next May. Last year an exhibition of agricultural and industrial products was held, and the results were so gratifying that this year it has been decided to have additional southern provinces participate.

At the exhibition in 1903 a number of manufacturers from the United States had displays there, and succeeded in

selling a large amount of machinery, one house alone disposing of more than 200 machines, principally mowers. President Carbonel states that America is looked to for the best agricultural machinery, and it is desired to open up the market there for them, inasmuch as Spain is eagerly seeking for the most modern implements and appliances the world has to offer. While no premiums will be offered at the fair the opportunities for business that will be afforded are assured to be so good as to justify any ambitious house to undergo the expense of making an exhibit.

"Spain is joining in the march of progress of the world," said Mr. Goldaracena yesterday.

**Drifting Snow Stops Traffic.**

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Heavy drifting snow has paralyzed all the railroads except the main line of the New York Central. The worst blockade in recent years prevails on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg road. The road between Watertown and Syracuse is completely closed.

## Bill Popular With All Classes

**Counsel for Brewers' Association and Representatives of W. C. T. U. Ask Its Passage.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—The house committee on judiciary today granted a hearing on the Hepburn-Dolliver bill to give the state police power over "original packages" of the liquor shipped into the state for use. Robert Crall, of Baltimore, general counsel for the United States Brewers' Association, said the bill was the most important measure presented to congress since the Civil war and asked ample time for its consideration. Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, representing the American Anti-Saloon League, said the legislation was necessary.

Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, legislative superintendent of the National W. C. T. U., pleaded for the passage of the bill in behalf of the mothers of the country.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The house passed the Hepburn pure food bill today on a rising vote of 291 to 68, its opponents being unable to secure roll call. The amendment of inserting the word "willful" with reference to persons who sell adulterated or misbranded goods, and which would have compelled the government to prove the intent to violate the law, was stricken out. Several attempts were made to amend the bill but no material changes are made.

## FIRE TEST SUCCEEDS WITH POSTAL CLERKS

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Following an alarm of fire in the temporary main postoffice on the lake front nearly 100 tons of mail matter and 22 stamp cancelling machines, weighing half a ton each, have been carried out of the building in four minutes. The army of clerks learned the alarm was a false one, sent in to test the efficacy of the fire drill. Two hundred persons were buying stamps or posting letters when Custodian Nagi sent in the fire alarm. In less than three minutes after the sounding of the gong, seven lines of hose had been attached and streams of water were being directed along the floor much to the discomfiture of the spectators.

**After the Fifty Thousand.**

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 20.—The answer of W. J. Bryan to the appeal from the probate court brought by heirs of the late Philo S. Bennett, was filed in the superior court today. In his answer Bryan figures both as the executor of the Bennett will and as trustee. In effect the answer declares that the sealed letter referred to in the will, makes it the duty of the executor to pay \$50,000 to Mrs. Bennett to be turned over to W. J. Bryan, and that the section of the will mentioning the sealed letter is valid.

**Call For Meetings.**

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20.—The republican state committee will meet in this city February 27. Call for the meeting was mailed by Chairman Morrison today.

## New Ordinance May Be Revised

**Special Council Committee and Theater Managers Will Try to Effect Changes.**

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Probably the city council Monday night will again consider and revise the new theater ordinance. A meeting between theater managers and a special committee of aldermen will be held later in the week at which the managers will announce what is physically impossible for them to accomplish in making their theaters safe, and at the same time open for the balance of the theatrical season.

## PIONEER FARMER DRINKS FATAL WOOD ALCOHOL

Snohomish, Jan. 20.—Moses Shenor, a pioneer farmer who has resided for many years on a ranch three miles from Snohomish, on the Marysville road, is lying dead from the effects of drinking wood alcohol.

Shenor had been drinking Saturday, and, presumably, running out of less dangerous liquors, that evening began operating upon a large supply of wood alcohol, which he took with sugar and water. This he kept up until Sunday afternoon, when his condition alarmed friends, who sent for Dr. Durrent. When the doctor got out there Shenor was beyond hope. He died early this morning without ever regaining his senses, the stupor lasting about 18 hours.

Coroner Brakeman went out to view the remains this morning, but held no inquest.

**Purser Tells His Story.**

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20.—Captain Charles C. Manter, master of one of the rescue tugs, and Frank Treer, purser of the lost vessel, were the principal witnesses in the Clallam disaster investigation today. Captain Manter outlined clearly the part he and his vessel had played in the rescue of passengers and crew of the Clallam immediately after the steamer foundered. Treer calmly described the scene prior to the sinking of the vessel, from the time he began issuing life preservers up to until a few minutes before the Clallam went down. His was one of the narrowest escapes. With Captain Roberts and others he was rescued from a raft and taken aboard the tug Holyoke, which was towing the Clallam.

**Secretary May Goes South.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—Secretary Hay left today for Thomasville, Ga., where he expects to remain for two weeks as the guest of Colonel Payne. The secretary is acting under his doctor's orders in making the visit to the south.

**Big Loss By Fire.**

Shelby, Ohio, Jan. 20.—The United States Steel Corporation sustained a \$3,000,000 loss by fire tonight at the plant of the Shelby Steel Tube Company. The stock rooms and the product of the plant for the past six months was destroyed.

## DOZEN EMPLOYEES OF STEEL WORKS LOSE THEIR LIVES THROUGH BURSTING PIPES

**Accident at Plant of Cambria Steel Company Brings Roof Down, Crushing Men to Death in the Debris.**

**Fifteen Injured Are Removed to Hospitals and Some Bodies Recovered--Suffering Victims Cannot Be Reached on Account of Intense Heat--Flood Follows the Fire, Caused by the Bursting of a Water Pipe.**

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 21.—An immense steam pipe directly over the engine in the boiler room of No. 2 mill of the Cambria Steel Company exploded about 1:30 this morning, bringing down a whole section of roof. The woodwork at once took fire from the furnaces and is burning fiercely.

In a critical condition. Added to the fire and explosion disaster, a large water pipe burst and is flooding the ground about the scene. One man caught in the debris is in plain sight, but cannot be rescued owing to the intense heat.

About 15 men have been taken out and have been either sent to the hospitals or are lying in cots in the office nearby. It is known that several are

(2:40 a. m.)—Number of dead is estimated at from 12 to 14. The injured will number 25 or more, many of whom are terribly scalded and cannot live. Two bodies have been recovered.

## SITE FOR VICTIMS' MEMORIAL

**Iroquois Theater Said By Society Leader to Be Available.**

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Arthur E. Hull, leader of the Iroquois Memorial Association, announces that he will offer the site of the Iroquois theater for the erection of a memorial to the victims. Hull refused to say who authorized him to make the offer. The estate of which the site is a part, has agreed to convey it to the association, Mr. Hull says.

proved after an addition authorizing the grading of western rye. The principal feature of this plan is the extension of the New York delivery system to Buffalo so that grain can be delivered at that point on New York contract. The recommendations are to take effect on February 1.

Eight more churches and several additional halls were closed today by order of the building department.

**Alderman Guilty as Charged.**  
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 20.—Guilty as charged with a recommendation to the court for mercy is the verdict rendered by the superior court today in the case of Alderman J. Ellen, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$350 from ex-City Attorney Salisbury, in the Lake Michigan water deal scandal. The jury was out less than two hours.

**Grain Market Scope Broadens.**

New York, Jan. 20.—Plans formulated recently to broaden the scope of trading in the New York grain market have been unanimously adopted at a meeting of the grain trade at the produce exchange. The report of the committee on grain recommending the establishment of new grades was ap-

**Favor Roosevelt's Nomination.**  
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 20.—The republican state central committee today decided to hold the state convention at Lincoln May 18.

Resolutions were adopted favoring the re-nomination of President Roosevelt.

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