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RUSSIA IS MOVING TROOPS TO FRONTIER OF COREA--WAR CLOUD HANGING LOW

Reply of Russia to Japan's Last Note is Courteous but Firm--Contents are Likely to Cause Activity.

If Russia Will Not Amend Latest Utterance Indications are That Japan Will Instruct Minister at St. Petersburg to Obtain Passports--Instructions of Russian Commander to Tartar General Ignored.

London, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to the Standard from Tokio says that according to information from a sure source large bodies of Russian troops are being moved to the Korean frontier from Fengyang, Cheng and other points in the interior of Manchuria. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Seoul reports the arrival of a thousand Russian troops at Antung.

The Peking correspondent of the Times cables that Tseng Chi, a Tartar general of Mukden, has telegraphed the foreign board at Peking that the Russians demanded that he supply 500 carts for immediate military service. The board replied that, owing to China's decision of neutrality, Tseng Chi must decline to supply the carts.

The Daily Graphic says the Russian reply is courteous, but refuses in uncompromising terms to permit reinstruction in the draft of the treaty of the

two words guaranteeing the independence and integrity of China, upon which Japan insisted in the last note.

It is probable, the Daily Graphic continues, that when the note has been presented, Japan will notify Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio, that she has no alternative but to take up arms in defense of her interests, and that M. Kurino will be instructed to demand his passports.

There is nothing in the dispatches published this morning to show that the statement of the Daily Graphic is anything more than "intelligent anticipation."

The Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph both report in their St. Petersburg dispatches the possibility of further negotiations, the Telegraph saying that a culmination of the crisis is not expected before the beginning of March.

NOTORIOUS FACT THAT RUDDER WAS IMPAIRED

Seattle, Jan. 28.—Some of the surviving passengers gave their version of the Callam disaster during the course of the investigation which was resumed today before United States Marine Inspectors Whitney and Turner, after an intermission of one week. The stories, though given in detail, did not differ materially from the accounts given by the press immediately following the disaster.

Several witnesses recalled, notably Harry Jensen, who answered affirmatively Chief Engineer Delaunay's question: "Was it not a notorious fact among the crew that the Callam's rudder was in a bad fix?"

Marries Chinese Cook.
Miles City, Mont., Jan. 28.—The

marriage of May Rickman, a pretty young white girl, and Louie Fong, a Chinaman, employed as cook in a Chinese restaurant here, took place Monday. The affair has created considerable comment among people of this section.

\$2,000,000 Fire.

Mexico City, Jan. 28.—The fire at Progreso, the chief port of Yucatan, business square of business houses and public buildings, including the market. Loss \$2,000,000.

Destitute People Cared For.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—Official information has been given out that the needs of the 13,000 inhabitants of the town of Aalesund, Norway, destroyed by fire January 24, have been provided for adequately. Seven thousand of the people of Aalesund have gone to neighboring towns and villages, and the Hamburg-American liner steamer

Phoenixia, which was sent out to Aalesund with relief at the instigation of Emperor William, is carrying for 4,000 more. She has 20 day's supply for this number.

Believe War Unavoidable.

Seattle, Jan. 28.—"Not only is war unavoidable in the orient, but it will occur before the end of February." This is the opinion expressed by H. Hashi, a publisher who arrived in this city today after a year's stay in Japan. While in Japan Mr. Hashi was brought into close contact with government officials who thoroughly understand the situation.

Change of Commanders.

Washington, Jan. 28.—It is probable that Rear Admiral Charles J. Barclay, commander of the Puget sound navy yard, may succeed Rear Admiral B. J. Lambertson, commander-in-chief of the South Atlantic squadron, who has been pronounced by the medical survey to be unfit for service on account of his poor eyesight and is on his way home.

Hurled to Frightful Death.

Wallace, Ida., Jan. 28.—Elmer Sinclair, an employe of the Standard Mill, was hurled to a frightful death today by being caught in the belting which runs the immense crushers. His head was crushed between the belt and pulley.

For Fort Walla Walla.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Foster today introduced for Senator Ankeny an amendment to the army bill, appropriating \$50,000 for bachelor quarters, store house and other improvements for Fort Walla Walla.

DEFAULTING CASHIER MAKES KNOWN METHODS

Cleveland, Jan. 28.—George A. Rose, the alleged defaulting cashier of the Produce Exchange bank, which closed its doors January 22, made a confession tonight to the county prosecutor, telling his method of using the bank's money, of which he is said to have lost \$187,000. Rose said that he was alone in his alleged speculation and that his use of the bank's money began six years ago. He said that about three years ago, when the loss had reached only \$20,000, an auditing committee was appointed to go over the bank's books. Rose had hoped that his shortage would be discovered then, but at the end of a week or so the committee reported everything satisfactory and he continued speculating to make good the twenty thousand shortage.

Held For Trial.

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 28.—John M. Beal, of Gaston, was yesterday held to the circuit court by Justice Bagley on a charge of breaking the glass in and defacing a building owned by William Menefee at Gaston.

Menefee, who is a druggist at that place, alleges that on Monday night Beal's wife came to his house and sought refuge from her husband, who was intoxicated. She retired at the Menefee home, and about midnight Beal visited the place armed with a Winchester repeating shotgun, and when he was informed by Menefee that Mrs. Beal did not wish to return home, Beal, it is said, fired several shots through the windows of the house, one in the room occupied by his wife and one in the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Menefee. It was a miracle that Menefee escaped without injury.

Beal waived examination and his bonds were fixed at \$500. In default he was committed to jail.

ARMED MEN GUARD LINE OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Fresno, Cal., Jan. 28.—For the last two weeks Fresno has been flooded with Pinkerton and railroad detectives, who are looking for an anonymous letter writer who declares that unless the Southern Pacific pays him \$10,000, he will wreck every train from Stockton to Los Angeles. Two letters addressed to the manager of the Southern Pacific Company were mailed in this city, containing the above threat. The time in which the wreck would occur was placed at from the 14th to the 20th inst., and later continued to the 27th. The railroad company has its track patrolled with armed men between Stockton and Tehachapi.

INVITED TO JOIN WITH REPUBLICANS

Minority Asked to Name Head of Ticket but Refuse to Give Out the Information Desired.

Western Returns for Roosevelt Will Be Simply Case of Census Figures.

GAY SPEECH IN THE HOUSE

Members are Richly Entertained by Williams, of Minnesota Who Succeeds in First Effort.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The house for an hour today was entertained by a speech of J. Adam Bede, republican member from Minnesota, who made his maiden effort and won his spurs. His remarks were replete with wit and humor, as well as serious thought.

Good-natured colloquies resulted from his thrusts at the democratic party. Bede appealed to the democratic party to disband and extended them an invitation to join the republican ranks and make the election of Roosevelt unanimous. When invited by a member of the minority to join the democratic ranks he inquired who their candidate would be, but no name was forthcoming. The only opposition to Roosevelt, he declared, came from a little "bunch of populists" down in Wall street. The election returns from the west, he said, would simply be supplemented by the census figures.

There also was a discussion today of finance by H. J. Williams, republican from Connecticut, and Williams, democrat from Mississippi, besides references to the Panama canal and the race problem in the south.

SHOULD PRESIDENT SUPPLY?

Democrats Argue Yes, But Republicans Hold Other Views.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The senate today was devoted to debate rather than to set speeches on the attitude of the United States toward the Panama revolution. There was variation, however, in that the discussion also had reference to the right of the president to withhold information called for by the senate. The foundation of the controversy was the democratic caucus resolution calling on the president to state whether he has yet supplied all the papers in the archives bearing on the Panama affair.

The debate was opened by Culberson and was participated in by Gorman and Bacon on the democratic side of the chamber and by Cullom, Spooner and Lodge, of the republican side. The democrats contended for the right of the senate to demand information in possession of the executive bearing on the treaties before the senate, while the republicans spoke in defense of the discretion of the president to withhold information.

Panama Approves Measure.

Colon, Jan. 28.—The constitutional convention today approved the measure that provides for the payment of \$10,000,000 by the United States to the republic of Panama, for the right to use the canal zone. Of this sum \$8,000,000 will remain untouched for the future benefit of the new republic.

Surveyors Excite Curiosity.

Dallas, Or., Jan. 28.—People of Dallas are puzzled, and the reason for their quandary is the fact that a party of railroad surveyors has appeared at the roundhouse of the Dallas & Falls City road, and began surveying toward Salem with Mr. Covert, the Falls City construction engineer, in charge. All efforts to gain information as to whose interests are represented by the party, have so far been of no avail. The Falls City road officials stoutly declare that they have no interest in the survey, and that they do not know from what source it is financed.

All kinds of rumors are in the air, the most prominent is that a Salem electric road combination has begun operations, with the determination of

the most prominent is that a Salem may have the benefit of the unlimited wood and lumber supply of this section. It is reported that a steel railroad bridge will be put across the Willamette at Salem and that the bridge is now under construction.

Victims Number 106.

Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—When the work of recovering bodies temporarily ceased at midnight, 106 victims of Monday's explosion had been brought to the surface. Fifty-six have been identified.

To Report on Dreyfus.

Paris, Jan. 28.—The president of the court of cassation has appointed Counselor Boyer to report on the demand of Dreyfus for a revision of his trial. Neither M. Boyer nor Attorney General Baudouin took part in the first revision of the case.

STEAMERS PROPOSED FOR VANCOUVER N. Z. LINE

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 28.—Another attempt is to be made to induce the Canadian Pacific railroad company to put on a line of steamers between Vancouver, Auckland, N. Z., and Sydney, N. S. W. Several times within the last decade the matter has been mentioned to the heads of the Canadian "imperial highway." The answer has invariably been, "show us where the traffic and the cargo is to come from." The proposition is that vessels of the type of the Empress should be put on the run. A London dispatch concerning the matter says:

"Negotiations are on foot establishing a direct steamship service between New Zealand and Vancouver. The new tariff of New Zealand with its preference for goods made in the British Empire, is expected to prove a deterrent to United States trade with that quarter of the Antipodes. The premier of New Zealand, Mr. Seddon, moreover, is understood to be determined to put an end to the subsidy now given by his government to Messrs. Spreckles' vessels running between New Zealand and San Francisco. On the other hand the Canadian Pacific railway is assured of a subsidy from New Zealand if it will put on between that colony and British Columbia, a service of vessels of the type of the Empress, now running Vancouver and Japan and China."

There is more possibility of the scheme being carried out within the not distant future now that New Zealand has passed its preference tariff. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has always had in view the coming of the time when it would place its Empress steamers on the Australasian route.

ASHES ONLY MARK PARK ST. SCHOOL

Fine Public Institution for Education at Portland Destroyed by Furious Fire Last Evening.

Building an Unusually Large One and It and Annex are Laid Low by Flames.

ORIGIN IS NOT NOW KNOWN

Exhibits Being Prepared by the Pupils for St. Louis Fair Only Partially Saved by Firemen.

Portland, Jan. 28.—The Park street public school, the second most important public institution of learning in Portland, was destroyed by fire tonight. About 700 children are enrolled at the school, and they will have to be cared for in the other schools of the city pending better provisions for their accommodation.

The school building was an unusually large one, built in the form of a "T," the main building being the stem, which was in reality an annex to the older portion of the building, built in 1880. The original structure was about 100 feet square, surmounted by a cupola. It was in this cupola that flames were first noticed. The fire spread with remarkable rapidity. In a short time the annex, which was a structure some 200 feet in length by 50 in width, was a mass of flames.

An alarm sounded. The entire fire department of the city responded. The firemen devoted their attention to saving as much of the school property as possible, the chief endeavor of the fire department being to save an exhibit which the school children were preparing for the exhibit of the school children of Oregon for the St. Louis exposition. Drawings and other features of the exhibit were mostly stored in the older portion of the building, and but little was saved.

So far as could be learned tonight

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