

WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE FIRST GUN OF WAR

The Announcement Comes That Japan and Russia Begin Hostilities.

LONG, BITTER STRIFE

At Foreign Capitals the Expression is General That War Cannot Be Averted—Japan Begins Action at Once.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Jan. 2, 2 p. m.—The Central cable has just received a dispatch that Japan and Russia hostilities have commenced.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Jan. 2.—War between Russia and Japan is now believed to be certain by high government officials and by the leading foreign ministers at this capital.

The dispatch from London late yesterday to the effect that Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister there, had been informed from Paris that Russia had decided not to grant any of Japan's proposals, bears great weight in the opinions of diplomats who are wise on the serious situation.

The attitude of the United States in the event of war will be neutral, although it is feared that one or the other of the belligerent forces may overstep the limit of neutral commerce, which would have the effect of dragging America into the contention.

The matter was discussed before the general staff of the army and the general board of the navy this morning and it is understood that the general expression is that war will surely ensue.

RUSSIA WANTS WAR. St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—Morning publications here today are loud in comment on the attitude assumed by Japan on the Far Eastern question.

AWFUL CRIME BY THREE YOUNG BOYS. ESCAPED FROM REFORM SCHOOL, YOUNG DEGENERATES MEET DEFENSELESS MAN AND BATTER OUT HIS BRAINS, AFTER WHICH THEY KID HIM.

(Journal Special Service.) Riverside, Cal., Jan. 2.—The mystery surrounding the death of Ansel Lewis, whose body was found near Banning on Thanksgiving day, was cleared up today.

He was murdered by three boys, according to the story told by one of them, John Schofield, Cornelius Crowley and Frank Ritchie escaped from the reform school the day before Thanksgiving.

He says that while Ritchie and Crowley engaged Lewis in conversation, one of them walking on each side of the victim, Schofield dropped behind to secure a heavy stone, and slipping up behind Lewis struck him a blow on the head with it.

KAISER AGAINST CRUELTY. (Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Jan. 2.—The Kaiser's New Year's reception to the commanding officers of the army was held today.

GRAND WAR TOTAL OF RUSSIAN ARMY. Officers 67,574, Non commissioned officers and men 4,950,129, Horses 318,785, Guns 7,266. Naval Force of Russia: Battleships 25, Battleships, second class 9, Battleships, third class 7, Coast defense ships 7, Armored cruisers 15, Cruisers, first class 12, Cruisers, second class 25, Cruisers, third class 9, Gunboats, sea-going 11, Gunboats, river 18, Torpedo-boat destroyers 40, Torpedo-boats, first class 91, Torpedo-boats, second class 61, Torpedo-boats, third class 43, Officers 2,382, Enlisted men 36,924, Heavy guns 672, Secondary and machine guns 1,062.

ARMY OF JAPAN. Total war strength 643,611, Officers 11,611, Enlisted men 632,000, Horses 84,000. Naval Forces of Japan: Battleships, first-class 8, Battleships, second class 9, Battleships, third class 1, Coast defense ships 4, Armored cruisers 9, Cruisers, first class 7, Cruisers, other classes 18, Gunboats 16, Torpedo-boat destroyers 19, Torpedo-boats, first class 67, Dispatch boats 4, Auxiliaries 31, Officers, approximately 900, Enlisted men 9,000, Heavy guns 840, Secondary and machine guns 1,012.

Heard here that Japan will be an easy combatant to overcome. Some fear is expressed regarding the policy England will assume, but in reading such articles as are published it appears that the Russian people believe they are the invincible world power.

GENERAL MILLS SAYS WAR. Richmond, Ind., Jan. 2.—General Mills, in an interview here today predicts a great war between Russia and Japan.

WAR UNAVOIDABLE. London, Jan. 2.—The sentiment on the Japan-Russian matter is that war is now unavoidable. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne today in conversation with Ambassador Choate stated that he has practically given up all hope for peace.

BURT DISAGREED AND HAS RESIGNED. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—President of the Union Pacific railway Burt has tendered his resignation. He gives no reasons, but the company has issued an announcement saying the resignation will be acted upon in the near future.

EXPERTS WORK AT COMMISSION'S BOOKS. (Journal Special Service.) Washington, Jan. 2.—The interstate commerce commissioners have ordered a full examination of the accounts of the commission on the strength of the information that the books were in an irregular condition.

NEW POSTMASTERS APPOINTED. (Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Jan. 2.—The following postmasters were appointed by the president: Malville, William Hartell; Monnutt, Edward C. Kenny.

FAMOUS CHURCH DAMAGED. (Journal Special Service.) New York, Jan. 2.—A fire today damaged the famous "Little Church Around the Corner."

MORE ENGINEERS GO OUT ON A STRIKE. (Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Jan. 2.—The engineers of 40 sky-scrapers are out and the number is increasing hourly. Non-unionists are beginning to be put in their places.

MINISTER'S SON BURIED. (Journal Special Service.) Havana, Jan. 2.—The funeral services over the body of Fargis Equiers, the eldest son of the American minister, who was accidentally shot and killed Thursday, was held today.



CHINESE SLAVE GIRL FOUND IN HIDING IN SEATTLE

Inspector Barbour Scores Portland Rescue Home From Which the Girl Chow Sheem Fled to Puget Sound—Girl Burns Marriage Certificate and Letters.

(Journal Special Service.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 2.—Traced to her place of hiding by an address found in her husband's pocket, Chow Sheem, the slave girl sought in Portland for deportation, was arrested by a deputy United States marshal late last night.

Barbour in Seattle. Inspector Barbour of Portland was summoned to Seattle this morning and is taking testimony in the case. He has suspected a plot all along, and while pleased at the arrests, is incensed at the apparent trickery that has now come to light.

When first arrested, he stoutly denied the marriage, or even an acquaintance with his wife. While in the inspector's office, he took from his pocket a small envelope, tore it in bits and threw it into the waste basket.

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KISHINEFF MASSACRE TO BE REPEATED JANUARY 7

(Journal Special Service.) Kishineff, Jan. 2.—As Russian Christmas approaches fear of a renewal of the massacre of Jews is causing a wholesale exodus. Ten thousands Jews have left the city permanently and as many more will depart before January 7.

BURYING HER DEAD

Chicago Is Overcome with Grief Today as Funeral Corteges Pass.

SORROW IS UNIVERSAL

At the Stroke of Noon the Populace Uncovers Heads and Offers Silent Prayer—Many Are Yet Unidentified.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Jan. 2.—Beneath a gloomy sky in oppressive silence and an atmosphere which seems ominously laden with death, Chicago is today a veritable city of mourning.

A City of the Dead. Almost a city of dead, Chicago is today in the blackest and most profound grief. Not even its vital heart throbs but more plainly told than in words most frequently heard perhaps from one who lost neither kin nor friend.

Today There Are More. Yesterday's papers contain pages of death lists, columns of burial notices. Today's tell of more. Yesterday faces of pedestrians bore a dazed look of the unrealizing. Today with comprehension vivified by the funeral panorama, those same faces are seared with sorrow's brand.

Obedient to Mayor Harrison's proclamation that this be a day of mourning, even those business houses which bear no crepe telling of death brought home, have closed their doors.

Sam Keong applied for a certificate to return to China several days ago. It was his anxiety to secure the certificate that led to his arrest. An inspector visited Chinatown yesterday afternoon and stated it was necessary to secure more evidence from Sam before the certificate could be granted.

Sam Keong met Chow Sheem in the slave house and fell in love with her. His cousin, Govan, the notorious San Francisco highbinder, was called in to act as go-between. The escape to the mission was decided on at the room of Si Ho, at Fourth and Pine streets, when Chow Sheem and Sam Gow were in conference.

Two hundred funerals in one day yesterday in the great array of monotonous activity, the morgues, processions which are by this time composed of haggard men and tearless women keep up the weary round of search, that following instinct which time nor civilization effaces, that of longing to see one's own dead.

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