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# APAN PROMISES A GREAT PRESIDENT DOESN'T MINCE

# SURPRISE TO RUSSIAN FOE MATTERS WITH COLUMBIA

From American Long in Japan Comes Report That War Cannot Be Averted in the Far East.

Mikado's Subjects Will Fight as Fatalists and to the Bitter End---Belief Is That Russia Seeks Only Delay.

London, Jan. 4 .- It is now known here that Russia has sent a reply to Japan's last note that is practically merely a play for delay. • The tenor is said to be non-committal, and very irritating to Japan. It is believed here that a sharp answer has been sent in return that practically an ultimatum.

Russian newspapers today are inclined to express ill-will toward the United States and considerable speculation as to the attitude of America is indulged in.

The English channel squadron has been ordered to Chinese waters and all vessels of the navy are being put on a war footing as precautionary measure. This is regarded as very significant,

Conflict is inevitable between Japan

keen feeling of resentment by the Japanese, arising out of the fishing question as a number of Japanese schooners have been selsed by the Russians, who encroached on their fishing grounds.

Russians will meet a fee superior to send the transport Dix to anything they dream of. I believe in load. the event of war that the Japanese will

Inside information shows that the Japanese have a standing army of 150,-000 men and a splendidly-equipped navy and they now have their ships practi-cally in the very waters where the conflict will take place. They are fatalists, and all of the same mind, and in my opinion they will fight like the Boers. with the added advantage that they have so well equipped and intelligently manned navy. In case of an attempted invasion by Russis, the population, which practically lives on the sea coast, will contribute a million men to pro-

tect that coast. The Japanese are splendidly drilled and up to date, which was proved in the advance on Pekin, when they passed the Russian and met the Chinese and thus surprised the combined armies of

the world with their valor.

"Again, the Japanese soldiers are active and educated, and to a certain extent understand the English language. They adopt the newest of methods and through their success over China they believe they are equal to any nation on

earth as fighters.
"I have been in close touch with the opinions of leading foreign diplomats in Tokio, and I believe I echo their sentiments in my foregoing remarks,

#### JAPAN MEANS BUSINESS.

(Journal Special Service.) London, Jan. 4.—The Daily Telegraph publishes today the following from its

"Don't look for a declaration of war. The Japanese are quite determined and several days ago took steps to secure certain of their Korean interests. Russia will not be allowed to occupy Korean ports and certainly neither Mokpho nor Masampho, both of these ports being

protected against seizure.
"Japan means business without waiting for the convenience of others. If Ransia feels aggrieved, a fortnight should show the extent to which she will ven-ture. The interest should begin to center nearer Seoul than Tokio within 10

"It is thought, despite her bluster, that Russia will take no immediate action to prevent Japan doing what she thinks proper to safeguard her interests

MAY WITHDRAW BIDS.

In view of the threatened war situa- ment on technicalities.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco., Jan. 4.—William B. Jones, the traveler and writer of great experience, returned here today from Japan, and of Japan's war footing he bids is not disposed of very shortly Some of them have already sent word to

claim that the Japanese fishermen have to make an order he thinks as at present advised that he will accept the Portland "From my personal observation, the bids for hay and oats, and will probably

"JOHN H. MITCHELL, "C. W. FULTON,
"J. N. WILLIAMSON."

Those handling marine insurance assert that whether war occurs' between Russia and Japan or not there will be no difference in the rates on neutral bot-The only vessels, they explain, that will be effected so far as insurance rates are concerned will be those flying either the Japanese or Russian flags.
"Of course," said a member this morn

ing of the firm of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. "if other nations should be drawn into the conflict an entirely different aspect of the question would result. Then all would have to pay higher insurance on the cargoes carried. But if Russia and Japan are left by themselves to fight it out their merchant marine would be all that would be affected. The prevail-ing rate is about one half per cent. Including war risk this would be raised to

about 2½ per cent.
Outside of the Japanese liners operating from Puget sound and San Fran-cisco no additional insurance would have to be carried, it is said, by the Oriental vessels. The Portland-Asiatic company would escape the tariff, as would also other steamers under the British or American flags.

### **NEGRO SOLDIERS** ATTEMPT MURDER

San Francisco, Jan. 4 .- Four negro soldiers on their way to the Presidio last night insulted two ladies who boarded the Union street car and kept up a running are of insulting remarks until the women started to leave. Miss Carney and Mrs. Knight, the women in question, passed in front of a black fiend and he drew a razor and made an attempt to cut Mrs. Knight's throat. The blade made a deep gash in her shoulder. Officers of the Presidio and days, but the naval overtures may retard the police are on the trail of the wouldmurderer. There is much indignation in the city over the affair.

SENATOR DIETRICH'S TRIAL. (Journal Special Service.) Omaha, Jan. 4.—Senator Dietrich appeared for trial today in the postoffice

## HARRISON CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Suit to fore- own words:
lose a mortgage on property owned by "He is suing himself in order to declose a mortgage on property owned by M. C. Harrison, in Portland, has led prive me of my rights."

suit for divorce in the local courts. An order was obtained at the time ordering interest in the property to M. C. Harmony, \$500 for counsel fees and \$500 company against Harrison, and his wife

is plaintiff and also defendant, or in her

Mrs. Ines Harrison to make charges of a grave nature against her husband.

On November 27, Mrs. Harrison filed a mortgage of \$1,500. After divorce pro-



# NOT ENOUGH BIG ROCK AT BUGBY FOR JETTY

purpose of determining the prospect of a completion of the work in accordance with the plans and specifications pre-pared by the government engineers. The result of these investigations was the conclusion that the Northwest Construction company, which holds the rock contracts, would not be able to obtain from its quarries at Bugby and Maygers enough large rock to meet the jetty requirements. The reasons for this belief have been fully stated in these col-

Apparently the time is now at hand when the accuracy of The Journal's con-clusions will be clearly established. Work on the jetty has been suspended it is probable that the Northwest Construction company will be forced to ac- language of one of the government en-

From time to time within the past knowledge that its quarries are not able gineers, "practically no class A rock was four months The Journal has made care- to meet the demands of the second con- delivered under the first contract." ful investigation of the progress of the tract. The company has signally failed rock work upon the government jetty at to supply the "class A" rock called for the mouth of the Columbia river, for the by the first contract, weighing from four to 10 tons, and the conclusion is almost inevitable that it will not be able to supply the "class A" rock required by the second contract, weighing from 10 to 15 tons. Having been tried and found

> company cannot succeed upon the No Large Book Yet Delivered.

> wanting upon the lesser undertaking, the

The first and smaller of the two contracts called for 150,000 tons of rock. The Northwestern Construction company has delivered under this contract 120,000 Work on the jetty has been suspended has been accepted as a full performance for the winter, and before it is resumed of the contract. The great bulk of the rock was of class B and C, and in the

With the resumption of work in the spring will begin the deliveries under the scond contract, which calls for a total of 475,000 tons of rock, of which 118,750 must be of class A, weighing from 10 to 15 tons and averaging 12 tons. Despite the immense blasting operations that have already taken place at Bugby and the extensive development of the quarry, probably no one would venture to assert that as much as 5,000 tons of the rock thus far taken out could be classified as "A" rock under the second contract. And though the government engineer has waived the delivery of large rock under the first contract, not deeming it essential, at the present stage of the work, a tons, and by virtue of the discretion similar concession is not to be expected vested in the government engineer, this under the second contract. As the jetty extends farther out into the open sea. the necessity becomes imperative that

(Continued on Page Two.)

# PERJURY CHARGE MAY FOLLOW REVELATIONS

In addition to a charge of obstructing a federal process, Lam Keong, the young husband of the Chinese slave girl, Chow Sheem, may be prosecuted on a charge of perjury, in connection with his application for a laborer's return certificate, made at Port Townsend. Wash., a short time ago. Keong and his bride are in the county jail at Seat-tle. Both will have a hearing before Federal Commissioner Keifer in that city next Thursday.

When Keong was taken into custody at Seattle last Friday, charged with se-creting his wife and obstrucking a federal process, important disclosures were made by papers in his possession. Aside from the envelope bearing the address of his wife's place of hiding, which led to her apprehension a few hours later, a letter addressed to a Chinaman in Vancouver, B. C., was also found. This detter outlines a scheme whereby Keong was to secure a bogus certificate.

According to the recently-enacted immigration laws, a Chinese laborer is not entitled to re-enter the country unless he has a federal certificate or passport. The certificate issues only when the applicant can prove that he leaves a wife in the country, that he has incurred ob-ligations of \$1,000 or more, or possesses



CHOW SHEEM.

costs of suit.

Resisting this order, Harrison made appeared to this mult that Mrs. Harrison alleges that he has practiced fraud on the Oregon courts by bringing suit against a company be controls and company against Harrison, and his wife company against Harrison, and his wife to foreclose this mortgage. It is in her property of that amount.

Keong attempted to secure the certificate on the ground that he had incurred quested that the latter concur in his later when his wife was found in hiding the requisite amount of indebtedness.

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Among the papers found in Keong's

possession is a certificate of deposit for \$300 on the Puget Sound National bank at Seattle and a letter of introduction. signed by Rev. Chan Sing Kai, local pastor of the Chinese Methodist church, setting forth Keong's excellent Chris-

tian character and good reputation/ Lee Wong Hung, who attempted to warn Chow Sheem, and was just entering the door of the Gifford house in South Seattle when Chinese Inspector Thomas Fisher, Jr., arrived, was also detained on a warrant of obstructing a federal process. Hung is an old man, and is supposed to be the confidential adviser of Moy Sam Sing. It was he, the Giffords say, who was placed in charge of Chow Sheem by Moy Sam Sing, with instructions that no one else be allowed to see her, not even the

husband, Lam Keong. While admitting that he married the slave, Keong declares that his intentions were good. He took his bride to Seat tle for safekeeping, he said, but later session was addressed. The letter is written in Chinese. It contains the information that Keong had testified that

Congress Receives Strong Message Which Reviews the Isthmian Situation in the Past and Present.

Colombia's Attitude Denounced as Unworthy-President Charges That Alone Is She to Blame for Panama Revolution.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- More than usual interest is taken here by members of congress and members of foreign legations over the remarkably vigorous message delivered today by President Roosevelt on the Panama question.

The contents is a topic of conversation and were it not for the seriousness of the Far Eastern question, it would be the only one. That the matter is handled without gloves is conceded, and a

perusal of the paper shows clearly that the president takes the posttion that Colombia is and has been wholly in the wrong since the incipiency of the controversy, which began when the canal treaty was

Washington Bureau of The Journal, Washington, Jam 4,—President Roose velt's Panama message was delivered to congress today fully reviewing the canal action. It required 28 printed pages. embodying the reports of all telegrams and letters to and from the department of the United States of state. Almost all these latter have Hubbard then landed been published from time to time.

treaties covering southern countries. In life and property referring to Colombia the president said well as protection that at the time negotiations were of-fered with Colombia the administration had compilcity in the revolution are as was criticized for being too liberal. He said that no nation could construct and says Rossevelt, "and no one connected guarantee the neutrality of the canal with this government had any part in with a less degree of control than that preparing, inciting or encouraging a stipulated in the treaty, and Colombia's revolution, or had this government any refusal to grant such a degree of control was necessarily her refusal to make minent at that hour except such as was any practicable treaty at all. The refusal therefore squarely raised question whether Colombia was entitled to bar the consul transit across the

Wanted the Canal.

Colombia, after having rejected our treaty, despite our warnings and protests, has since shown the utmost eagerness to accept the same treaty if only the status quo could be restored. Letters from high Colombian officials offered to carry the treaty through if America would land troops and compel ests collective and due civilization after the recognition of Colombian sover-reviewing all these reasons."

tion, a reasonable time after the re-jection of our treaty by Colombia did not He says, in closing: "I independent state and the control of the canal strip then became obtainable. Coiombia had been treated with all fair-ness. Secretary Hay had repeatedly warned her of the feeling of the isth-mians, yet Colombia took no heed.

Contemplated Revolution. "That Panama contemplated a revolu-

tion was a matter of common notoriety even in the month of August last." The president here quotes numerous press dispatches showing the condition of the isthmian feeling. He also quotes titles of arms in the possession of revofollow any refusal of Colombia to velt, Messrs. Pinchot and Newell will "To the renter that the request of President Roosemus and the great organization effected associations.

ficers personally, which I did. These officers believed a revolution might break making a report upon proposed land law out even before Colombia had time to changes. ratify or reject the treaty. They said there was certain to be, a revolution if

the treaty was rejected by Colombia. The message later reviews the Bogo tas firing on Panama and the landing of marines. He quotes from a letter from Commander Hubbard of the cruiser Nashville, dated Colon, November 15: "The letter shows," says the president, have been "that before the United States made light wires.

any attempt to restore order General Torres practically declared war mediately returned lines his troops would kill every

accessible to any person of ordinary intelligence who reads the newspapers.

Does Not Dany. "I haven't denied, nor do I wish to deny, either the validity or propriety of a general rule that now states that Continuing the message says:

The people of Panama wanted America to build the canal and furthermore, to maintain independence. But a rule

reviewing all these reasons."
The president says: "It was under eignty.

"I will not for one moment," says the president, "discuss the possibility of committing an act of such baseness as stroy those who sought to make the engagements of the treaty a reality, recognized. to abandon the new Republic of Panama. gagements of the treaty a reality, recog-"Regarding the Nicaragua route ques-

jection of our treaty by Colombia did not the says, in closing: "The main quenintervene, as within three days after tion before this government is not that the Colombian congress adjourned in of recognition of Panama as an inde-October the Panama revolution broke dependent state, as that is already an out. Panama then actually became an accomplished fact. But the main ques

### INFLUENTIAL MEN START FOR PORTLAND

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Warren of Wyoming, Chief Forester Pinchot of a report, gained by General Young who the agricultural department and Chief went to great pains to learn the Panama Engineer Newell of the geological sursituation, showing the enormous quan- vey will leave here tomorrow for Portland to attend the conventions of the lutionists throughout the entire isth- National Livestock and Wool Growers'

should say when the federal authorities asked for his statement.

by Captain Humphrey and Lieutenant 16 to 18; Salt Lake City January 20, and Denver January 22. Information tember, said President Board of Denver January 22. Information Pinchot and Newell are members,

#### \$3,000,000 BUILDING ON FIRE.

(Journal Special Service.)

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 4.—The state capital building, which cost \$3,666,600, is burning and it is feared the damage will be great. The fire is supposed to have been caused by crossed electric

### CZAR TAKES A HAND IN JEWISH QUESTION

(Journal Special Service.)

Kishiness, Jan. 4.—(Via Bucharest)—
The czar of Russia is beginning to pay attention to the pressure brought to bear by the press and to public opinion in foreign countries, especially the United States.

The governor-general of Bessarabia has received orders, to apply strong pressure to compel local officials to do everything possible to provent the intreatened renewal of the Easter masses.