

OMINOUS WAR CLOUDS FAST GATHERING OVER DESTINIES OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN

THE MOST EXPENSIVE FOR NINE YEARS

Mikado Is Ready to Attack Masampho—Reports Say That It May Be Done Before Midnight.

WAR BELIEVED CERTAIN

Officers of the Czar at St. Petersburg Fear the Worst Will Come—The Balkans Will Take Opportunity.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Jan. 6.—A cable to the Herald from St. Petersburg was received this noon, and in view of the contents it is the general opinion that war between Japan and Russia has practically begun. The cablegram says: "An authentic report was made current today that the Japanese have made the last preparations for occupying the Port of Masampho, and that they expect to begin operations not later than midnight today. "Should such action take place on the part of the Japanese, it will bring matters to a climax. Admiral Alexiev having full power to act decisively in case of such provocation, says at no price will Japan be allowed to occupy Masampho, which is the strategic point between Russia's fortified towns. "A general holding high office here, and a friend and confidant of the emperor, and consequently an apostle of peace, said today, thus corroborating his expression of opinion given a week ago: "I cannot any more now than then see a single circumstance which can prevent a Russo-Japanese war, which will be a very severe setback to Russia. But in my mind a greater danger still is that of war breaking out in western parts of this empire. "He refused to enter into details regarding this, but he said that heavy shipments of coin from Japan to this city are arriving on almost every steamer of late for purposes of remitting and settlement of trade balances, indicate how heavy the latter are against the mikado's realm, and that he ally give rise to the belief that these trade balances are on account of heavy purchases of war materials, both in this country and Europe. "On last Sunday the Occidental and Oriental liner Coptic brought a shipment of treasure amounting to \$25,000 from Japan. Shipments of similar amounts have been brought over on the five or six vessels preceding the Coptic. Instructions have been given Admiral Evans not to allow any movement of his fleet to encounter Japan in the belief that this country will give her support. At St. Petersburg this action of our government is much appreciated, as the conviction is that Japan unsupported will not declare war at this time. "The foreign office at the Russian capital is of the opinion that the Bulgarians will take advantage of Russia's occupation elsewhere to kindle flames of war in the Balkans, which would involve other powers in the trouble. In fact, Russia's position at the present time is very serious.

REPLY NOT RECEIVED. (Journal Special Service.) London, Jan. 6.—The Japanese em-

DUKE OF HESSE MAY VISIT IN PORTLAND

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Jan. 6.—The Kleine Presse today states with full authority that the Grand Duke of Hesse, after he has visited England in the spring, will tour America in his effort to forget his great domestic griefs. He was divorced from his wife two years ago and was given the custody of his daughter, Princess Elizabeth. The latter was poisoned while with him in Poland recently. He was of the czar's party. "The grand duke expects to visit New York and several of the larger Eastern cities and then San Francisco and Portland, from where he will return through the United States to the St. Louis exposition. "After this, Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore will be visited. Before deciding on his tour he asked the kaiser's permission. The emperor in reply said he was delighted when any ruling German prince desired to see and study America and American conditions. The duke will travel incognito and entirely without ceremony.

hassy here denies that the Russian reply to the Japanese demands had been received at Tokio.

GUARDING KOREA'S KING. (Journal Special Service.) Seoul, Korea, Jan. 6.—A heavy guard has been placed around the king's palace, although everything is quiet today.

'FRISCO'S THEATRES NOT PERFECTLY SAFE (Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Acting upon the suggestions contained in Mayor Schmitz's letter of December 31, the board of public works has been quietly carrying on an inspection of the theatres of this city for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent the interior construction of the theatres are in provision of ordinance. The results of the investigation have been so startling that the commissioners have decided to withhold them from the public until the mayor can be informed. In the meantime they have withheld the license of the Alcazar, the Alhambra and the Novelty theatre at Powell and Ellis streets until such a time as arrangements can be made to have them reconstructed to conform with the ordinance. The license for the Tivoli has also been withheld, but the commissioners have not had time to pass upon the new structure.

made a confession, implicating the other three in the numerous holdups and murders, and a vigorous search for the trio was begun. The three youths were finally located in a dugout on the sand dunes skirting the southern shore of Lake Michigan, several miles from Chicago. In the desperate battle that resulted in their capture, the young bandits killed a detective and a railroad brakeman, seriously wounded several others and were themselves struck with bullets, though not seriously injured.

HEATH OUT OF SIGHT. (Journal Special Service.) Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 6.—Perry Heath returned here yesterday and drove hurriedly to Senator Kearns's house, where he dropped out of sight. Two secret service men were watching him. It is rumored they will arrest former Postmaster Kearns.

IMPORTANT ISSUE IN SUPREME COURT Washington, Jan. 6.—The supreme court of the United States is hearing an argument today in the case of the United States vs. the California & Oregon Land company, appellant, from the United States court of the District of Oregon. The case involves 100,000 acres of land granted 20 years ago to the state of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from Eugene City across the Cascade mountains to the eastern boundary of the state. The government now seeks to cancel the grant, thus depriving purchasers from the state of their rights acquired.

CARBARN MURDERERS APPEAR FOR TRIAL

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The car barn bandits were arraigned for trial today and not since the trials of the Haymarket dynamiters has so much interest been aroused over a criminal action in the courts. The aged mothers of Vandine and Niedermier sat in the courtroom and smiled encouragement to their sons. Vandine's sweetheart, Mollie Dunn, sat as close to him as the balliffs would permit. Two weeks will probably elapse before a jury can be selected. Never before in Chicago, and perhaps never in all the country have so many desperate crimes been crowded into so short a time as in the case of Vandine, Niedermier, Marx and Roski. Previous to their last arrest the four youths had a criminal history extending over less than five months, with the exception of small offenses of larceny. In that time they killed seven men, wounded several others, robbed five saloons, a railroad ticket office, the streetcar barns, and attempted to dynamite a train. Five of the murders were committed within two months. The most desperate crime of the men was the car barn robbery on August 20. Roski and Marx arranged the details, but Roski was not an active party to the robbery. Two men were killed and \$2,250 was taken. Marx, Vandine and Niedermier invaded the barns at 3 o'clock in the morning and began shooting without warning. Francis W. Stewart, a student at the Armour institute, at work at a desk in the cashier's office, was shot through the body and died soon afterward. William B. Edmond, receiving cashier, also was shot, but not mortally. James B. Johnson, a motor-man, was killed as he rose from a bench on which he was sleeping. Some time afterward, Marx was arrested on suspicion, and in the fracas that followed he killed a detective. He

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IF THE MAN OF THE HOUSE HAS TO DO HIS OWN WORK



IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT NO ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN. From the Chicago News.

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Frightful Train Wreck In Which Twenty Are Killed.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—A tragedy occurred four miles west of this city this morning. Fourteen passengers were killed in a collision of the Rock Island Chicago and San Francisco limited and a freight train. The awful accident occurred at 1:30 this morning. Twenty people were seriously injured. None on board the train escaped injury. A relief train has arrived here with 20 of the most seriously injured, and two of the corpses. A second train is coming with the dead and other injured. Another report says that 20 are killed. The passenger train was 40 minutes late and was running 40 miles an hour when it ran by Willard. The engineers and firemen of both trains jumped and are unhurt. The locomotives and first cars telescoped. Of the 20 dead the following have been identified: John Black, Chanute, Kan.; Thomas Small, Topeka; Z. A. Wright, Kansas City; Jane Griffin, Claremont, Mo.; W. Martin and William Wells, Dekalb, Ill.; Gail Fuller, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Klier and child, Germany. There are six unidentified children and five unidentified women. The force of the collision was so great that the smoker jumped high in the air and landed on the roof of the first chair car. The second chair car telescoped into this. The engines were completely driven into each other.

SEEKING FOR THE GUILTY PERSONS

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BRITT AND CORBETT TO MEET

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—It is practically settled now that Jimmy Britt and Young Corbett will meet in this city in the near future. Preliminary arguments are only press agent stories.

Mayor Williams in His Annual Report Compares His Own with Previous Administrations—Praises Police.

Urges the Establishing of a Full-Paid Fire Department and Presses Portland to Get Ready for the Lewis and Clark Fair.

In his annual report, presented to the city council this afternoon, Mayor Williams covers in detail the business of the city during the past year in every department. He makes comparisons of expenditures in all branches for the past 10 years. The total amount expended during the past year for the maintenance of the principal departments is \$597,474.76. This is a greater sum than has been expended in any one year since 1894 and is \$128,237.95 more than in 1903. The principle increase in the expense for the past year is in the general fund which is \$47,292.67 more than in 1902. The reduction in the cost of the fire department is \$6,151.46; in the street cleaning and sprinkling work \$1,340.13. Over the previous year the cost of the police department was increased \$12,372.51; the light fund, \$1,156.06; interest fund, \$201.10; street repair fund, \$7,199.93.

Police Department. Comparison of the work of the police department with that of several former years shows the number of arrests made in the past year were 7,978 or 4.126 more than in the previous year. The number of minors taken care of were 997 or 688 more than in the year before. The income of the municipal court for the year 1902 was \$5,270.50, for the past year it has been \$47,256.45 an increase of \$41,985.95. For salaries, miscellaneous, \$4,674.75; police stable, \$3,068.49; for stationery, \$4,666.13 and for city electrician, \$1,218.25.

Fire Department. Expense of the fire department has been for the past year \$102,249.79. The estimate for the year 1904 is \$150,000, which will include a fully paid force increased with 15 men and 8 horses and the operation of the fireboat when it goes into commission about the last of April.

Resources of the City. The total resources of the city in cash, parks, buildings, real estate, water, streets, bridges and miscellaneous property is given as \$9,710,855.14. The liabilities in outstanding warrants, bonded debt, buildings, etc., are \$5,852,224.71, leaving a balance of \$3,858,630.43. Of this \$599,562.09 is in cash in the city treasury. The assessed valuation of property was \$44,132,592. The tax levy was \$9.50 on each \$1,000. The taxes received were \$369,855. Estimates for the year 1904 place the total assessment at \$44,322,933, with a levy of \$7.50 on each \$1,000. In addition to the \$11.20 on each \$1,000 for the year 1903, the board has declared for the maintaining of free bridges. Also a special levy of \$1.50 on each \$1,000 was made for providing funds for the fire boat.

Street Repairs. There have been 29 1/2 miles of streets improved and 76 miles of sidewalks laid, 60.93 miles of which are made of

TO PUT A FIREMAN AT EACH THEATRE

A permanent commission to regulate the theatres and places of amusement, to see that every law and ordinance providing for the safety of the patrons is complied with, is provided for in a resolution introduced this afternoon at the city council session by Councilman Bentley. This move is actuated because of the recent Iroquois theatre horror in Chicago, the particulars of which are so fresh to the public mind. "And because it is justified from every viewpoint," Mr. Bentley explained today. The resolution calls for the appointment of a commission to be composed of one member of the city council, one member of the executive board, the president of the Master Builders' association, the president of the Architects' association and Fire Chief Campbell. The immediate object is a thorough and searching investigation of all theatres, places of amusement and dance halls, to see that they have complied with the city ordinances in the matter of construction, exits and emergency apparatus. The commission is to have power to conduct an investigation, summon witnesses and have full and complete charge of the theatres and playhouses.

The resolution provides, too, that one fireman and one policeman shall be stationed at every theatre at every performance, the expense to be paid by the management of the playhouses directly to the city. A recommendation will be made to the committee now working on the building ordinance to await the results of this investigation and frame the changes to meet conditions as the commission finds them.

An ordinance was introduced this afternoon providing for the appointment of a building inspector, at a salary of \$125 per month. It is proposed to give this department the task of overseeing building operations generally and to look after the enforcement of the building laws. The officials of the Oregon Water Power & Railroad company petition for the appointment of a committee to investigate the subject of street car fenders, provided for in an act passed by the last state legislature. They think that the law is faulty and wish to demonstrate that fact to the members of the council. An ordinance was introduced by Councilman Bentley granting the privilege of extraordinary celebrations on the Chinese New Year, and regulating the hours during which demonstrations can be made by the celebrants. The ban against fireworks is removed on February 14 from 5 o'clock in the evening until the following morning at 5 o'clock, and from February 15 until March 5, between the hours of 5 p. m. and 9 p. m. and 8 a. m. and 9 a. m. A special section prohibits any display whatever on Sundays.

The Journal's Unparalleled Record of Growth in Advertising!

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IN DECEMBER The Journal printed 11,756 more inches of advertising than in November. This was a gain of 27,181 inches over the December of the previous year. The December gain over November was more than 50 per cent and the gain over December, 1902, was over 450 per cent. The average gain during October, November and December over the corresponding months of the previous year was 333 per cent. No other Portland paper has ever come anywhere near this record.

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