

GOOD EVENING. The Weather: Tonight and Sunday, partly cloudy, with occasional light rain; southerly winds.

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RUSSIAN AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS LEAVE COURT OF ST. JAMES AND CREATE SERIOUS APPREHENSIONS

England Believed to Be Active in Preparation for Eventualities in Case of Possible and Serious Complications--Ambassadors' Action Not Explained Satisfactorily.

Germany Accused of Being Pro-Russian and Her Movements in the Far East Are Watched with Intense Interest by Officials at Washington--Rumor of Revolution in Russia Gains Credence.

London, Feb. 20.—The gravest forebodings are expressed here today, occasioned by the announcement that Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, left at noon for Ostend, from which place he will proceed to St. Petersburg. No explanation of this unusual act is given by his government.

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Paris, Feb. 20.—Mail advices from Pondichery, French India, report of fervescence among the French residents over the Labree supplies of coal imported and stored there, as if for the war purposes, has caused strained relations between the French and English, in one street fight two were killed and four injured.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—As a result of the feeling in the commercial world that other nations will be involved in the Russo-Japanese war, steps have been taken to protect the shipping interests in this country. Yesterday the war risk quoted on French vessels carrying grain from this port to Europe was quoted at 1/2 per cent, and it is likely that the rate will be rapidly advanced.

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 20.—Details of the terrific explosion of a car of dynamite on the Ogden-Lucien cutoff late yesterday were received here this morning. It is certain that 22 persons were killed and 14 badly injured.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The excitement and the strain in the wheat pit today toward the close of the market was one of the greatest in the history of the pit. The additional war news which was very startling, and the reports that the Russian and the French ministers to Great Britain had left London for home, caused intense excitement, and, under the leadership of Armour, prices went from 2 to 3 cents a bushel higher than the close of yesterday. May wheat opened at \$1.02 1/2 to \$1.04, and reached \$1.07 as the high point of the day, and \$1.02 1/2 as the low point. The close was at \$1.06 1/2, an advance of 3 cents since the close of yesterday.

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DIABOLICAL PLOT TO BLOW UP THE PALACE

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—Honduras is in the throes of another revolution and complications may involve the country in a war with Nicaragua. Congress has been dissolved and President Bonilla has taken matters into his own hands.

FEELS SURE OF CELILO CANAL

Governor Chamberlain expresses himself as confident that the negotiations in progress for the acquisition of a right of way for the Celilo canal will result successfully.

WHEAT ADVANCES WITH BIG STRIDES

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MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS

Terrific Powder Explosion Kills Eleven, Injures Fifty.

JAR FELT FOR MILES

Three Large Mills Wholly Demolished--Fire Follows and Burns Bodies to a Crisp--Others May Die.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 20.—A terrific explosion this morning destroyed three big buildings of the Laffin Rand Powder Works, nine miles from here. The shock of the explosion was felt here. Besides the three powder mills demolished, eight other buildings and two magazines were badly damaged.

HEARST OPENS WAR AGAINST GAS TRUST

New York, Feb. 20.—W. R. Hearst today, through his counsel, began the attack on the gas trust of this city. The case was argued before the attorney-general and facts shown that the state should proceed to relieve the people from the monopoly.

SANTO DOMINGO TROUBLE

Washington, Feb. 20.—Is the administration preparing to annex Santo Domingo? That is the question well-informed politicians are asking. At the state department, since the killing of Machiavelo Johnson by Dominican insurgents, the sentiment has been strong for landing troops on the island.

RUSSIANS CONCENTRATING

Troop Trains Are Active--Cossacks Capture Japanese Spies in Korea. Chefoo, Feb. 20.—Advices today state that the Russian land forces are concentrating between Mukden in Niu Chwang, Manchuria. Troop trains are arriving there with considerable precision.

BUFORD MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

San Francisco Bureau of the Journal. San Francisco, Feb. 20.—The transport service officials here are very much puzzled over apparently contradictory orders regarding the loading of the transport Buford. One telegram from Washington says the marines will go on board at San Francisco while another orders that they be forwarded to and shipped at Portland.

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