

GUESSES WIDELY VARIOUS

As to Prospects of War or Peace Russia May Retreat in Good Order

Special to the Mail.
London, Jan. 16—All advices this morning show a continued diversity of opinion regarding the far Eastern situation.
From Tokio comes the report that war is considered inevitable, and the peace party is losing all hopes.
Berlin officials are optimistic, claiming the outlook is better today than for many weeks.
Peking officials believe that Russia will hesitate to adopt any other than a conciliatory tone because of Chinese neutrality. The latter's declaration makes it necessary for Russia to draw war supplies from her home base.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16—Nove Vremya today states that telegrams from Port Arthur and Vladivostok report that in the highest official circles of these places the crisis is thought to be passed and peace assured. An early agreement between Russia and Japan regarding their respective spheres of influence is expected.

Berlin Jan. 16—Advices today cause officials to believe that Russia will abandon her diplomatic position and concede all essential points of Japan demands as soon as a dignified form of retreat can be found.

Another Close Call

OWL SALOON BUILDING GUTTED BY A FIRE

Fine Work of Marshfield Fire Department Saves the Business Section

From Saturday's Daily.
Again the town has escaped a disastrous conflagration. A fire early yesterday morning gutted the building in which the Owl saloon was situated, and was only prevented from sweeping the block by some of the finest work ever credited up to the Marshfield fire department. It was between this building and the adjoining one that a fire started last week.
The origin of the fire is involved in mystery, but it seems to have started in the back part of the building, in the rear of the saloon, and it had a good start when discovered. It is said that Albert Selig, night man at the Broiler was the first to give the alarm, seeing the fire as he started out to take a lunch to some one down the street. He notified the nightwatch, who rang the fire bell, while Selig got the hook and ladder truck out and part way to the fire unaided.
This was between 3 and 4 o'clock, and it was naturally some little time before the firemen arrived in sufficient numbers to handle the apparatus effectually. By the time a couple of streams had been turned on from the hydrants, the interior of the building was a mass of flame

and the blaze was shooting high above the roof. The streams from the hydrants, though they checked the fire somewhat were not sufficient, and the fire gained until the water from the fire engine was turned on. The salt water had an instant effect in smothering the blaze and the flames which had been shooting high in the air were replaced by black smoke, and after a hard fight the fire was brought under control, and by 5 o'clock it was out.
The building belonged to John Telephon, R. H. Olson and E. M. Erickson. It is practically a total loss. Excepting the barroom in front the whole interior is gutted. The walls are a mass of charred wood in the back room and the second story, and part of the roof is fallen in.

The saloon fixtures are badly damaged by smoke and water and the glass in the back bar, which was a fine piece of furniture, is ruined, as well as the finish on the woodwork.
It is understood that the saloon stock and fixtures were insured, but no insurance was carried on the building.

Anson Rogers' building next door was considerably damaged, the fire having eaten through the wall of the Owl building in several places.
And right here the Mail wishes to say that any one who doubts the efficiency of the Marshfield fire department should visit this building at once; go in and take a look around; go up the ruined stairs and take a good view of the shell that is left. It shows for itself, and it is impossible to view the situation without genuine wonder and admiration of the work the boys accomplished. That a department which has so little chance for actual experience at fire fighting should handle such a conflagration with such skill as to confine it to the building which was a mass of flames when they arrived, is nothing short of wonderful.

It is said that at first there was considerable excitement and confusion, but in a few minutes the boys caught their second wind and their self-possession and settled down to cool and effective work, which could not have been bettered.

The fire engine, comes in for its share of praise on all sides. While some delay was caused at first by some one choking the fire with too much coal before it had fairly started, and later by the tide falling away from the end of the suction hose, the machine worked steadily and effectually, showing that she is kept in the pink of condition by Engineer Chapman. It was the salt water thrown by the engine that first effectually checked the flames, and the opinion is generally expressed that without this the whole block and more would have gone.
There was quite a while that any one with a speculative turn could have bought out all the perishable property in the block for about 75 cents. Several of the professional men in the vicinity moved part of their belongings out and prepared to move the balance.

Many personal incidents worthy of commendation could be cited, and nothing calling for adverse criticism has been called to the attention of this reporter.
It may be no harm now, however, to ask the people to bear in mind until another such occasion arises that to firemen working as these did nothing looks quite so good as a great big pot of hot coffee. Paste this over the stove, so that it may not be forgotten again.

TALES OF CITIES.

It is estimated that 500,000 New Yorkers are awake and busy, legitimately or otherwise, all night.
Headed by its secretary, Rev. Roland D. Sawyer, the Antipolygamy league is conducting a crusade in Boston, the league thinking that such a crusade is much needed in the Hub.
In Auburn, Me., the city solicitor is a Smith, a Smith serves on the school board, a Smith is principal of the Webster grammar school, a Smith instructor in drawing in the public schools, and a Smith has been elected superintendent of schools.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Called to Meet in the Windy City

Special to the Mail.
Washington, Jan. 16—Hanna returned to Chicago today. He has been assured that there is no foundation for the statement that Chicago hoteliers propose to charge extortionate rates.
This afternoon he issued the call, providing for two delegates at large for United States senators, two for each representative at large, two for each congressional district delegation and six each for Alaska, Arizona, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Hawaii; one alternate for each delegate; delegates to be elected not less than 30 days before the national convention. Delegates at large are to be chosen by the state and territorial conventions, others under the auspices of congressional district committees.

APPROPRIATES ONE THOUSAND Coos County Court Responds to a Popular Petition

From Sunday's Daily.

Word has been received by F. S. Dow, president, and E. L. C. Farrin, secretary of the Coos County Push Club, that the county court, in response to the petition presented, has appropriated \$1000 for the use of the Push Club in advertising Coos county at the St. Louis Fair.
All honor to the county court! This is a move in the right direction, and it shows that the county court of Coos county is alive to progressive ideas and the wisdom of doing something to bring Coos county before the eyes of the outside world for what she really is.

It is now up to the Push Club to make best use of the money, and the Mail believes that the character of the men composing that organization is a guarantee that not a dollar will be misapplied or squandered.

Northwest Farm and Home

The Mail is in receipt of the New Years number of the Northwest Farm and Home, published at North Yakima, Wash. It has 84 pages and is well printed and profusely illustrated. The Northwest Farm and Home is the third oldest agricultural paper in America, having been started in 1847. It is now installing a new plant of modern appliances, and aims to cover the Northwest field thoroughly. It is somewhat surprising to see that Washington has an agricultural paper which for age and excellence so far outstrips any in our own state.

CRAMPS BID IS LOWEST

For Constructing the New Battleships

Washington, Jan. 16—Bids were opened by the Navy Department today for construction of the two 13,000 ton battleship Idaho and Mississippi. These with three of the 16,000 ton class were authorized by congress at the last session.

Cramp was the lowest bidder for both and will probably be awarded the contract. He offered to build one in 39 months for \$3,200,000; or both, one in 38 months and one in 40, for \$2,999,500 each.
No Pacific coast firm entered.

Deserved Compliments (Salem Journal)

Hon. R. D. Hume left Christmas eve for his winter home in San Francisco. As joint member for Coos and Curry counties he took an intelligent and progressive interest in the affairs of the interior of the state. As a man of large property interests, but as a friend of the railroads he championed the car shortage bill. Judge Hale, of Josephine county is another man who has been counted as a friend of the railroads, who fought for the rights of the shippers. Both of these gentlemen are among the best type of men who are sent to the legislature—being in the true sense representatives of the people of the state at large, and not mere petty local grafters. It would be fortunate for the taxpayers and business interests of Oregon if more such men could be sent to the halls of legislation. Their record will bear investigation.

LULU KENNEDY ON TRIAL AGAIN

(Special to the Coast Mail.)
Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16—Haggard and pale and visibly bowed with care and anxiety, Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy sat in the criminal court today when her case was called for re-trial. It is just three years this month since Mrs. Kennedy shot and killed her husband, Phillip H. Kennedy, contracting agent of the Merchants' Dispatch Company, in his office in this city. The shooting was the culmination of a sensational wedding, which Kennedy had brought suit to have set aside, asserting it had been forced. The first trial resulted in a verdict of guilty and a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. The case was carried to the supreme court, which recommended it for retrial. The attorneys for the defense claim to have found a number of new witnesses whose testimony will show the shooting in a new light and they appear confident of securing the acquittal of Mrs. Kennedy.

ONE LUNG

May be gone and yet the remaining lung will be amply sufficient to sustain a vigorous vitality. As a general thing few people make more use of both lungs than is equivalent to a healthy use of one lung. These facts are all in the favor of the man or woman with weak lungs, even when disease has a strong grip on them.
Many a person living in health to-day has the lungs marked by the healed scars of disease.
Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes weak lungs strong. It cures obstinate, deep-seated coughs, bronchitis, bleeding lungs and other conditions, which, if neglected or unskillfully treated, find a fatal termination in consumption.



"I had been troubled with lung disease and dyspepsia for a number of years and the trouble had almost become chronic," writes A. S. Ham, of Howe, Ia. "Had several kinds of medicine from different physicians without much benefit. At last wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce and got his advice, and began using his 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I have used twenty-five bottles. When I commenced taking it I had no appetite, my system was completely run-down, had no ambition to do anything. Now I feel better than I did before I got sick. Have a good appetite and am able to do my work. I sincerely recommend Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to all who are afflicted as I was."
Those who suffer from chronic diseases are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.
Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets assist the action of the "Discovery."

PEACE STILL BROODS

Over Scene of Coming Conflict Japan Ready For What- ever Comes Black Sea Fleet is Bot- tled Up

(Special to the Coast Mail.)
London, Jan. 15—Japanese Minister Hahashi said this morning that he had received no further advice from Japan. He said it is practically certain that any declaration of war will not emanate from Russia.

Hahashi still believes the prospects of peace are good.

Japan is ready to go to war unless Russia gives a definite pledge and will adhere to the open door and Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria.

Washington, Jan. 15—News received by the State Department this morning is more pessimistic than for several days past. Several dispatches were received but nothing was given out other than the statement that Japan is pushing preparations for war.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg was also received confirming the press advices that the Czar yesterday at the reception in the Winter Palace had given assurance that he would do all in his power to preserve peace.

London, Jan. 15—It is rumored that Great Britain has notified Japan that any attempt of Russia's Black Sea fleet to pass the Dardanelles will be checked by decisive action of Great Britain.

JAPAN FURNISHES ENGLAND

Maps of Eastern Coast and Waters Czar Willing to Make Settlement Two Important Points of Difference

(Special to the Coast Mail.)
Birmingham, Jan. 18—Japan has furnished the British foreign office with detailed maps of survey of Corea ports the Manchuria coast and Yellow Sea. Twenty British vessels now in Japanese waters have been chartered as transports by Japan. The Japanese Government has also arranged for continuation of the Japanese mail service by British lines in case of war.

Berlin, Jan. 18—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the Japanese minister held a special audience with the Czar today. The latter is believed to be willing to arrange peace, but desires to discuss ways and means.

London, Jan. 18—What claims to be an authoritative statement in the Daily Graphic this morning announces that negotiation have arrived at a stage leaving two points upon which neither Russia nor Japan is inclined to yield, and as to which no means of compromise have yet been found.

Both points concern Manchuria and their acceptance would not in the slightest modify the legal status quo or change the administration situation in Manchuria.

Japan insists that they be embodied in a treaty between Japan and Russia; while Russia as a matter of course properly refuses to accept such dictation at the hands of Japan. Much, however, is still hoped from the Czar's influence.

The statement adds that of course any attempts of Russia to increase very largely her naval forces in the East by moving the Black Sea or Baltic fleets would make war a question of only a few hours.

TREATY FAVORABLY REPORTED

But Months of Delay Expected Before Work Can Com- mence

(Special to the Coast Mail.)
Washington, Jan. 18—Senator Hanna was in his seat today after several weeks absence. He was warmly greeted by Lodge, Spooner, Hale, Proctor and other Republican members.

Washington, Jan. 18—The Senate committee on Foreign Relations today ordered a favorable report on the Panama canal treaty. Several amendments were adopted, comparatively unimportant, but which necessitates returning the treaty to Panama for concurrence.
Debate here is expected to occupy four to six weeks, and it will require at least a month for Panama to send its back to ratify; hence the payments, aggregating fifty million dollars, won't need to be financed before April.

Evangelistic Campaign

The Presbytery of New York has inaugurated an "evangelistic campaign" which will continue through January, February and possibly a week in March. Practically every Presbyterian church in the city is participating in the movement. Next week will witness a great gathering in Harlem. One of the big halls has been engaged and a mass-meeting after the style of the old-time Moody meeting will be held. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman will conduct the services.

Cigarette Tobacco.

It is said that all the great cigarette smoking peoples invariably smoke cigarettes made of dark colored tobacco. Professional wine tasters say that cigarettes made of light colored tobacco destroy the discriminating sense of the palate.