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REPORTS AGAIN SINISTER

Japan Continues War Preparations

Important Developments Soon

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

London, Jan. 26—Reports from the far East are again sinister. Dispatches to the Central News say Japan is actively continuing war preparations.

Berlin, Jan. 26—Advisers say that Russia in her reply to Japan goes no further than to admit enough to prolong negotiations.

It is believed that Japan will not accept this course, will either declare war or issue a time ultimatum.

Tokio, Jan. 26—An official gazette publishes an imperative ordinance empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc. for military purposes. The situation is very grave and important developments are hourly expected.

TRIED FOR MURDERING HER NIECE

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Newark, N. J., Jan. 26—The case of Mrs. Catherine Ray, indicted for murder, was called for trial today before Chief Justice Gummere. Mrs. Ray is charged with having beaten to death her four-year-old niece, Marie Conning.

Dana's Ten Books.

Charles A. Dana once made a list of ten "indispensable books." They were: The Bible, Shakespeare, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, Bancroft's "History of the United States," Irving's "Life of Washington," Franklin's "Autobiography," Channing's "Essay on Napoleon Bonaparte," Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" and "Turbell's "Early Life of Lincoln."

SUICIDE IN PRESENCE OF HIS WIFE

(Special to the Mail.)

San Francisco, Jan. 27—In the presence of his wife, lying in bed, Chas. Ellis, aged 30, prominent in real estate circles, blew out his brains this morning. The cause is unknown. His domestic affairs were happy, and his business affairs in good shape.

DEATH FOLLOWS SENTENCE

of Smooth Corporation Wrecker

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

London, Jan. 26—Witaker was today found guilty of wrecking the London Globe corporation and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. He died of heart failure at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The news of Wright's death caused great excitement and there was an immense sale of extras. It was rumored that it was a case of suicide but this proved foundationless.

CUT OFF BY HARD STORMS

Suffering in Michigan Village

(Special to the Mail.)

Detroit, Jan. 27—Fears are entertained for all residents in the Thumb district of Michigan containing 40 villages which have been completely cut off by storms, for the past 10 days, by ten to twenty feet of snow. In some places fuel is at the finishing point.

Several villages have been turned over to a committee which apportions rations. The situation is particularly grave at Harbor Beach, a town of 1500 inhabitants. The railways say it will be ten days before they can be open to traffic.

NOT A KNOCKER

Marshfield Man Removes a Spectacle of Adversity

The other day one of our citizens saw sauntering up Main street a specimen of the genus hobo, as he supposed, who was packing a small bundle of blankets. The citizen accosted him and told him that in Coos Bay such a spectacle was obnoxious to the good tastes of our progressive citizens and politely asked him if he would not separate himself from his unsightly tabernacles, the blankets. The man was somewhat abashed at first and was inclined to stand upon his dignity, and being told that he must make a price on pack, he did not readily consent, but his interrogator made him an offer of \$2.50 for the dry goods and insisted on his taking it. He reluctantly consented and the citizen received the bundle. The spectacle of the road went his way and the last seen of the enterprising citizen who bought the goods he was chuckling over the joke. Mrs. Hobo will probably be around with another bundle soon, as he evidently knows this to be remunerative and legitimate traffic. It is to be hoped that he will not over stock the market.

CATCHES A BURGLAR

MISS EDITH SIMPSON SHOWS SIMPSON GRIT

Finds a Man Under the Bed---Locks Him in the Room and Telephones For the Police

(Special to the Mail.)

San Francisco, Jan. 28—Miss Edith Simpson, daughter of Asa M. Simpson, the millionaire lumber merchant, of Oregon and California, upset many a prettily conceived tradition, having to do with the timidity and helplessness of the so-called weaker sex when confronted by imminent danger.

The exciting episode in which Miss Simpson acquitted herself so creditably occurred in her own boudoir at the home of her father in this city.

While she was standing before her own dressing mirror engaged in arranging her hair she saw a strange and unusual reflection in the form of male feet protruding from beneath the bed. Miss Simpson hid the inner tumult of her mind, in apparent ignorance and indifference. In a moment more she was in the hall. Then she locked the door and deliberately telephoned the police.

When the officers arrived at the Simpson home, Miss Edith led them to her room. The tell-tale feet of the burglar were no longer protruding from beneath the bed. The bed was moved across the room but the burglar did not appear.

Finally one of the blue-coats discovered the culprit, who had been carefully rolling over to keep concealed and he was pulled from his hiding place and sent to jail.

FOURTEEN MEN FALL TO DEATH

Drop Fifteen Hundred feet

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Victoria, Jan. 16—Fourteen men were instantly killed this morning at Stratton's Independence mine by a falling cage. The car became unmanageable in the ascent and crashed into the sheaves at the top, broke the cable and fell 1500 feet. A sickening spectacle was presented at the bottom of the shaft and it was almost impossible to identify the dead, who were completely dismembered.

Escaped an Awful Fate

Mr. H. Higgins of Melbourne, Fla. writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Druggists Price 50c & \$1.00 Trial Bottles free.

E. C. Holmes, the North Bend merchant, returned yesterday from a trip to Sumner to see the country and pick up a few potatoes. He was much pleased with the looks of that prosperous little section of the country.

WRIGHT DIED BY HIS OWN HANDS

Cynide of Potassium Route

(Special to the Mail.)

London, Jan. 27—Post mortem of Whitaker was made this afternoon. The Globe says that the police last night found a loaded revolver at full cock in his pocket.

Post mortem this afternoon developed the fact that Whitaker committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium.

LOUISIANA REPUBLICANS WAKING UP

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

New Orleans, La., Jan. 27—As a result of a conference of Republican leaders of Louisiana held in New Orleans today it is announced that the party will name a full state ticket to be voted for at the next election. Several names are mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial nomination, but the choice of the ticket will be left to the state convention to be held later.

A Sharp Dig.

Mrs. Buxom—That hateful Mrs. Knox made a very mean comment upon my age today.

Mr. Buxom—Did she say you were getting old?

Mrs. Buxom—No, indeed! She said I "still looked quite young."—Exchange

WAR TALK MIXED WITH PEACE TALK

Official Circles Hope For Peace

(Special to the Mail.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28—A dispatch from Shanghai says that fifty thousand Chinese are held in readiness to protect the frontiers in event of war.

Sviet asserts that Japan already has an armored train manned with quick firing guns on the railway between Seoul and Chemulpo.

London, Jan. 28—Only today does Russia commence drafting her reply to Japan. All sinister reports are, according to the highest information, untrustworthy.

Official circles continue firm in their belief that the powers will come to terms, although negotiations will probably be protracted.

Paris, Jan. 28—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald has telegraphed an extraordinary story to the effect that Germany and Denmark have reached an understanding under the terms of which, in the event of Great Britain fighting with Japan against Russia, Germany would amply occupy Copenhagen with a powerful force, closing the Baltic and preventing the Russian fleet leaving or the British entering that sea.

TROOPS GOING FORWARD

Russia Concentrating on the Yalu

Corean Emperor Fears Japan

(Special to the Mail.)

Port Arthur, Jan. 27—It is reported that about 150 wagons loaded with army stores have left Lino Yang daily for the past four days, bound for the Yalu river, where it is intended to concentrate eight thousand Port Arthur and Mulden troops.

The authorities assert that the hostility of Japan compels mobilization on the Yalu. On this river Russia has heretofore carefully avoided alarming Korea by the appearance of threatening troops.

Seoul, Korea, Jan. 27—One hundred armed Japanese have been sent to Puyenyang, to assure the safety of the people, it having been reported that the houses of the wealthy natives are being looted by Korean soldiers and picked up, disguised as robbers.

The report that Americans are acting in collusion with members of the Russian legation at Seoul is entirely without foundation.

The Emperor has invited to the palace five French and Belgian civilians to act as a body guard, as he apparently fears Japanese intrusion. The Japanese ask pointedly which side the Emperor favors as they wish to know if he is still favorable to the Russian cause.



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