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PRESS' TONE IS BELUCOSE

But Situation In China Reported Somewhat Easier

THE ACTION OF THE CZAR

In Postponing Visit To London Interpreted As Being Significant

JAPANESE MINISTER DENIES DISPATCHED RUMOR THAT HIS GOVERNMENT TROOPS HAD OCCUPIED MANSAMPO—FORCES ARE ACTIVE IN MANCHURIA.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The peculiar official explanation of the postponement of the czar's visit to Rome, "owing to circumstances over which he has no control," is interpreted in some quarters to mean that the threatening outlook in the far Eastern affairs calls for the emperor's presence in Russia. There is no confirmation of the alarmist rumors.

At the Japanese legation last night no news had been received of the reported ultimatum. Great attention is paid to the changed tone of Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London, who is much less confident that peace will be preserved than he was a week ago. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Kobe, October 12, reports that the situation is somewhat easier, but the tone of the press is distinctly bellicose.

The Dispatch Was Bogus.
Paris, Oct. 12.—The Figaro this morning publishes an interview with M. Kurino, the Japanese minister here on a dispatch to the effect that the Japanese have occupied Mansampo. M. Kurino says Shanghai was notoriously the originating point of the bogus news. He personally had not received any confirmation of the report. He continued:
"Moreover, my government's last communications were wholly pacific, and no tension exists between the two governments whatever certain of the foreign newspapers may say."

Looks Like Business.
Yokohama, Oct. 12.—Dispatches from the Foo report a Russian warship and a transport with 500 troops left Port Arthur, October 4, for Corea. Sixty Japanese civilians left Port Arthur for Nagasaki, October 10. The Russian forces at New Chwang are reported to have been increased. The Premier and Ministers for War, the Navy and Foreign Affairs had an audience with the emperor today. Baron von Rosen, the Russian minister, and Baron Komura, the Japanese foreign minister, have not yet had a conference.

War Can Be Avoided.
Washington, Oct. 12.—The Russian Embassy is not alarmed over the situation in the far East. The view held is that neither Russia nor Japan desires war, and that there is really no

question at issue which cannot be settled without recourse to arms.

SLIGHT WOUND KILLED HIM.
NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—A slight bruise on one of his legs has caused the death of "Jack" Willets, the 16-year-old son of Howard Willets, of White Plains, owner of Heatherbloom, the champion high jumping horse of the world. The lad was brought to a New York hospital last week on a special train in the hope of securing relief from great pain in his limb caused apparently by a slight bruise, which not even broke the skin. How he hurt himself, young Willets did not know. Blood poisoning developed, and despite the operation he died.

KILLED BY A FALLING CAR

Serious Collision Between Missouri Pacific and 'Frisco Trains

A FREIGHT CAR KNOCKED OVER UPON A CROWD OF MEN WAITING FOR THE TRAIN TO PASS, KILLING THREE AND INJURING THREE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 12.—Three men were killed and three others were injured, one seriously, in a collision between Missouri Pacific and 'Frisco freight trains in the switch yards here tonight. The 'Frisco train was standing on the crossing when the Missouri Pacific train ran into it, turning over a freight car. This car fell over on a crowd of men, who were waiting for the 'Frisco train to pass.

SENTENCED TO PRISON

ANARCHIST CONDE GETS FIVE MONTHS FOR INSULTING AMERICAN FLAG.

SAN JUAN, Oct. 12.—Governor Hunt returned here today from Ponce. He was everywhere received with a demonstration of confidence and esteem. The anarchist Conde, who was recently convicted of insulting the American flag, was today sentenced to five months' imprisonment.

RAIN IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Oct. 12.—The Boston-Pittsburgh baseball game, scheduled to be played here today, in the champion series has been postponed till tomorrow, on account of rain.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The President today appointed John N. Watson register of the land office at Lakeview, Oregon, and Charles U. Snyder, receiver of public moneys.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The Controller of the Currency has declared a dividend of 14 1/10 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the insolvent Moscow, Idaho, National Bank.

CHAIN GANG SYSTEM BAD

Southern Method of Contracting Labor Attacked

BY A METHODIST DIVINE

Says Motive of Both State and Lessee Is Not Morals But Money

SOCIETY CHARGES NEGRO OUTRAGES IN SOUTH TO THIS BRUTAL SYSTEM—MEN AND WOMEN, GOOD, BAD AND INDIFFERENT FENED TOGETHER.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 12.—Dr. W. P. Thirkfield, secretary of the Methodist Freedmen Aid and Southern and Educational Society, today, in delivering the opening address of the Evangelical Society, charged the outrages of the negroes in the South were due to the chain gang prison system. He said in part:

"Under this system both the prison and the prisoners are farmed out to private corporations. The motive of both the state and the lessee is not morals but money. The criminals are generally scattered in branch prisons, without proper sanitation, food or clothing, and the average life of these convicts is less than ten years. Old and young are chained and herded together, and the men and women are in some camps separated. Hardened criminals and boys convicted of their first crime, the comparatively good and the most depraved, vile and abandoned are chained together."

TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY

BANKER HAINES' PLANT, NEAR GASTON, IS RAPIDLY NEARING COMPLETION.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 12.—E. W. Haines, the Forest Grove banker, has nearly completed the construction of his large dam in the mountains back of Gaston, where he is to secure power for his new electric plant. His old plant is situated on Gales creek, but the power is insufficient. Where the dam is now being constructed he is assured, with the wheel now on the ground, of 250 horse-power, and will supply Gaston, Dilley, Forest Grove and Corvallis with electricity for residences, business houses and street lighting purposes. Mr. Haines also expects to extend his lighting system on towards McMinnville, and it is stated that a proposition will be made to the City Council of Hillsboro by Haines to furnish electricity for this place. In the event this is done, the city's wires will be used and a contract entered into with Haines to supply current for a stipulated sum annually.

The Haines plant will be a large affair and speaks well for the tact and energy of Banker Haines.

HE DIED A HERO

A LABORER MORTALLY INJURED, TRIED TO KEEP NEWS FROM HIS MOTHER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The Bellevue Hospital doctors, accustomed to sad scenes, have been startled by the self-sacrifice shown by John Conroy, a laborer, whose back was broken by a fall received while at his work. Conroy was taken to the hospital and upon being asked for his address and that of his nearest friends, told the doctors his mother was seriously ill, and that should she learn of his accident she undoubtedly would die. Finally he gave an address, but it proved to be fictitious. His sister, and the dying mother were much alarmed at his non-appearance and finally the former began the rounds of the hospitals. At Bellevue, the search was rewarded, but she had arrived too late. Her brother had passed away only a few minutes before she arrived.

A FAMILY ROW

PETER ASP HELD TO ANSWER CHARGE OF ASSAULT WITH KNIFE.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 10.—Peter Asp, a resident of Beatty, this county, was yesterday given a hearing before Justice Bagley on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, and was held to the circuit court in the sum of \$1000. In default of bonds he was committed to jail.

The arrest of Asp was caused by Anton Lunow, his father-in-law, and the entire Lunow family was present in court and testified that last Sunday while Asp and his wife were visiting at the Lunow home, Asp, who had been drinking slightly, became insulting, and when requested by Mr. Lunow to behave himself, drew his large pocket knife and attempted to stab Lunow, but was prevented by the oldest son. A general melee ensued, resulting as stated.

ENLARGING THE PLANT.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 12.—The large boilers have been placed at the factory of the Oregon Condensed Milk Com-

pany in this city, and the pump is in operation keeping the water out of the large well which is to supply the water for the plant, while the work of digging deeper and building the wall is in progress. Work on the main building has also commenced and will be completed as early as possible. It is hoped that the plant will be ready for operation by January 1.

INDIANS ON WARPATH

AWFUL TRAGEDY ON FLATHEAD RESERVATION—SEVEN RED-SKINS MURDERED.

BROWNING, Mont., Oct. 12.—Disensions among several bands of Indians on the Flathead reservation culminated in one of the worst tragedies recorded in this part of Montana in several years. Seven Indians were cruelly murdered in their beds and two others wounded. Reservation officers have made four arrests and the accused are confined in the guard house here. Petty chiefs have sprung up since White Calf's death, and hatreds of years have crept to the surface.

Saturday night during a quarrel, a number of liquor-crazed Indians went on the warpath. Wake-Up-Last and his family became the objects of the murderers, about twenty-five of whom went to his home about three miles up the river from the reservation and slew him and his family. His wife, awakened by his agonizing cries, seized her youngest child, a mere babe and fled from the house. One of the murderers grabbed her, and placing a revolver at the head of the babe upon its mother's breast, pulled the trigger, the same bullet killing both mother and child. Two other children were also killed. Susan Big Road and Mrs. J. Little Plume, were also killed. Alice Big Road was shot in the head, and J. Little Plume, whose wife had been murdered before his eyes, had his throat cut and an arm cut off. Alice Big Road and Little Plume may live. The bodies of the dead were shockingly mutilated.

Agent Monteath and Dr. Martin, the agency doctor, hurried to the scene of the killing as soon as word was received at the agency. Great excitement prevails all over the agency.

Lexington, S. C., Oct. 12.—The arguments in the trial of J. H. Tillman were begun today, three attorneys for the state and two for the defense addressing the jury. Four attorneys, two on each side, are to be heard tomorrow.

WILL LEAVE MATTER ALONE

British Government and Parliament Will Not Legislate

ON THE FISCAL PROBLEM

Will Devote Attention To Applying Lessons Taught By Late War

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN'S PROTECTIVE POLICY ATTACKED AND HIS STATEMENTS REGARDING CONDITION OF TRADE ETC., CONTRADICTED.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Sir John J. Jenkins, formerly the Liberal-Unionist member of Parliament for Carmarthen and chairman of the Swansea Metal Exchange, speaking before the Swansea Harbor Trust tonight said the alarmist reports as to the condition of the tin trade were unwarranted.

The first nine months of the present year compared with two years ago showed increases of 18,000 tons. Sir Henry Fowler, a Liberal, addressed a big meeting tonight in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, where Chamberlain began his fiscal campaign. He read a cordial letter from Lord Rosebery, sympathizing with the objects of the meeting. He ridiculed Mr. Chamberlain's contention of the declining trade and asserted the colonies needed no bribe to keep within the empire.

Austen Chamberlain, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight announced the government would not dissolve until the lessons of the South African war had been applied and the war office reorganized. The foregoing interesting announcement confirms the general impression that it is the government's intention to meet Parliament and proceed with business, leaving the fiscal problem alone as far as any attempt at legislation is concerned.

Chamberlain Resting.
London, Oct. 12.—Chamberlain is now resting at Higbury, his residence

in Birmingham, and is not engaged to speak for another fortnight. Meanwhile the fiscal campaign is being vigorously pursued in the country. Speeches will be delivered daily by the political leaders of the Liberal party.

H. H. Vreeland, the New York traction magnate, was out for a spin in his automobile recently and found his way blocked by a wagon and a pair of skinny horses. Thinking to have some fun with the teamster, he said: "What are these animals you are driving?" The man replied: "Them's what's called horses. Sometimes they are used to take automobile drivers to the hospital, see?"

FINE HARBOR FOR SEATTLE

Great Northern Will Improve Smith's Cove For Pacific Liners

WILL SPEND \$1,000,000 IN THE WORK—BURLINGTON ROUTE NOTIFIES NORTHERN PACIFIC IT WILL FURNISH CARS FOR CONGESTED LUMBER TRAFFIC.

S. PAUL, Oct. 12.—The Great Northern will spend \$1,000,000 in preparing Smith's Cove, Seattle, its Pacific steamship port, for the trans-Pacific liners, which will go into service within eighteen months. The improvements will occupy a year and a half and will make Smith's Cove harbor one of the finest on the Pacific. The feature of the work will be the construction of a huge sea wall from the bottom of the sound to the height of sixty feet and completely protecting the company's wharves.

Seattle, Wn., Oct. 12.—The Northern Pacific officials have been notified that the Burlington will immediately begin turning over cars at Billings to be used in handling the shipments of lumber and shingles. This action of the Burlington will have a perceptible effect upon the shortage in the Northwest.

Farm machinery saved in the planting and gathering of last year's crop in the United States \$700,000,000.

THE SITUATION IS RELIEVED

Flood-Swept Towns of New Jersey In No Danger

WATERS HAVE SUBSIDED

And Tuxedo Dam May Yet Be Able To Withstand the Strain

PATERSON SUFFERED THE HEAVIEST DAMAGE AND LITTLE VILLAGE OF RAMAPO NEARLY OBLITERATED—THE INHABITANTS SOUGHT SHELTER IN HILLS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—With reports of the receding floods received today from all quarters, Paterson, Passaic and other water-swept towns of New Jersey are relieved of further peril. In Paterson alone the damage is estimated at \$2,000,000, without taking account of the loss in wages.

Tonight the water is reported to have fallen four feet. The distress continues great, and tonight fully 500 persons were still compelled to seek food and shelter in the armory. In Passaic the damage is estimated to be equal to that in Paterson. The Ramapo river is now slowly subsiding and the Tuxedo dam, which it was feared could not withstand the flood, is considered safe.

So far as is known only two lives were lost. The village of Ramapo was nearly obliterated by the overflow. The cottage dwellers fled to the hills, and have been looked after by those whose homes were on higher ground.

Many Vessels Lost.
Norfolk, Oct. 12.—Two vessels are known to have been lost on the Carolina coast, and three schooners are missing. Two schooners and a barge, in addition to those reported up to Sunday, were lost during Thursday and Friday. The crews of the schooners were rescued, but the barge went down. VENTURE H. J. OK-B. ALGAC 1-1125 with all on board.

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Infant Dresses



This department has been augmented the past week by a large shipment of infants' wear. The line includes everything worn by infants from head to foot. Look the line over.

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The shoe of fame. The shoe of beauty, comfort, economy. All sensible women are seeking them. When it comes to shoes, these qualities are easy found. They're all combined in



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