

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING

THE TOKIO CORRESPONDENTS SEND DIFFERENT STORIES

CONCERNING PRIVY COUNCIL

Japanese Newspapers Say Russia Is Appealing to the Powers for Peace.

St. Petersburg Dispatches Reflect a More Peaceful Aspect to the Situation While Those Coming from Japan Show No Change—Russia Would Not Profit from a War.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Tokio correspondent of the Reuter's Telegram Company cables that the privy council met today and received a lengthy and detailed report from Foreign Minister Komura on the negotiations with Russia. No statement of the proceedings at present will be given out.

The Japanese newspapers publish the report from continental sources that Russia has decided to appeal to the powers to avert a war. This is regarded here as proof of Russia's unreadiness to make satisfactory concessions.

Cabling from Tokio the correspondent of the Standard says the privy council has an urgent ordinance empowering the commanders of the admiralty stations to prevent foreign warships, by force, if necessary, from entering certain ports in time of emergency.

The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that the privy council at a meeting today discussed the proposal to issue an order in the event of war enacting a state of siege in certain places outside of Japan.

War Would Be Disastrous.

London, Jan. 21.—All the special dispatches from St. Petersburg this morning reflect the more peaceful feeling which prevails there. Little change, however, is to be observed in the dispatches from Tokio, which represent the situation as unchanged. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that he learns that the dispatches from the Russian Viceroy Alioff now incline toward efforts for a diplomatic settlement, on the ground that war would check the natural course of events, which must promote the Russian aspirations in the far East.

To Arm the "Peddlars."

Seoul, Jan. 21.—The Emperor of Korea has ordered that 700 revolvers and clubs be distributed to the "Peddlars," who are nominally secret police and a dangerous element. Many Koreans are leaving Seoul fearing trouble.

"Tisn't safe to be a day without Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Never can tell what moment an accident is going to happen."

JUDGE FULLERTON HELD UP Highwayman on Banks of Umpqua Gets \$150 and Bunch of Keys.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 20.—Again the holdup artists have made their debut in Roseburg. Tonight when Judge J. C. Fullerton was returning home after attending court he was held up by a highwayman on the Umpqua river bridge within one block of his residence. When ordered to "shell out" the Judge delivered \$150 and a bunch of keys, and assured the "boss of the road" that that was all he had, after which he was escorted to the end of the bridge and ordered to move on and not look back under the penalty of a hot shot from the well loaded pistol.

Later in the evening a young Swede by the name of Oscar Signallinass, was ordered to "throw up" his hands, on North Jackson street, but refused to do so and started to run. The highwayman started after him and clubbed him over the head with his pistol; the Swede turned and a hand-to-hand struggle ensued, but the highwayman got away. Signallinass returned to the business portion of town and had his wounds dressed, but could give no definite description of his assailant. From the frequency of these holdups in Roseburg it is almost certain that the guilty party is a permanent resident.

WANTED IN MISSOURI.

A Warrant is issued for the Extradition of One Eliza Fyles, Jr.

Upon the information of the district attorney and the requisition of Governor Dockery, of Missouri, Governor Chamberlain yesterday issued a warrant for the extradition of one Eliza Fyles, Jr., who is held in custody by the authorities at Oregon City, and is wanted in Shannon county, Missouri, to answer to the charge of assault with intent to commit rape upon the person of one Phoebe Stringer, alleged to have been committed on July 9, 1903. According to a dispatch which was said to have been sent from Officer E. L. Shaw, of Clackamas county, Oregon, the detaining officer, to Sheriff John L. Day, at Eminence, Missouri, Fyles has confessed the charge and is willing to return to Missouri with the officer.

ACCIDENTS FOLLOW SNOW.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 20.—The snow storm which began yesterday afternoon, kept up for several hours, and the streets of Ashland and surrounding country are covered to a depth of two or three inches. The juvenile population was out en masse last night, making the most of the coating. One little girl, Ramona Kane, while engaged in the sport, met with an accident, and was so badly injured that she is now under the doctor's care.

The snow is three feet deep on the surrounding mountains. Sam Hill, of Pogue, Oregon, who arrived in town today, had to make part of his journey on snowshoes.

BRYAN MAKES ANSWER.

Contents That the Sealed Letter, Bequeathing Him \$50,000, Is Part of the Will.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 20.—The answer of Wm. J. Bryan to the appeal from the probate court brought by the heirs of the late Philo S. Bennett was filed in the superior court today. In the answer Bryan figures both as executor of the Bennett will and as trustee. In effect the answer declares that the sealed letter, referred to in the will, makes it the duty of the executor to pay \$50,000 to Mrs. Bennett to be turned over to Wm. J. Bryan, and the section of the will mentioning the sealed letter is valid.

TO COMPROMISE

THEATER MANAGERS WILL HOLD MEETING WITH COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL.

Will Inform Letter as to What It Will Be Possible for Them to do in Order to Open Their Houses Again This Season—Iroquois Site Offered for Memorial.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Probably the city council next Monday night will again consider and revise the new theater ordinance. A meeting between the theater managers and a special committee of aldermen will be held later in the week, at which the managers will announce what is physically possible for them to accomplish in making their theaters safe and at the same time reopen for the balance of the theatrical season.

For a Noble Cause.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Arthur E. Hull, the leader of the Iroquois Memorial Association, announces he will offer the site of the Iroquois theater for the erection of a memorial to the victims. Hull refused to say who authorized him to make the offer. The estate which the site is a part has agreed to convey it to the association, Mr. Hull says. Eight more churches and several additional halls were closed today by order of the city building department.

"Neglected colds make fat graveyards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy vigorous old age.

The Russo-Japanese Quarrel Does Not Concern the United States.

With the ratification of the treaties opening Manchuria to international trade there disappears the one issue that in a last extremity might have involved the United States in the Russo-Japanese embroglio. This may seem a paradoxical view, but reflection will demonstrate its strict accuracy. Protection of American interests in the Far East might have rendered energetic action inevitable at some time. So long as those interests were not secured by treaty with the sovereign power, China, and were declared to be in danger of being lost to Russia, the United States might have been tempted to attempt to oppose free exercise of the rights accorded by China to the United States is proved by her prompt recognition of them and by the voluntary assurances to that effect given by her representative in Washington to the State Department. It is true the New York correspondent of the London Times seizes every opportunity to brand Russian declarations as insincere, but we have no desire to compete with him as an authority upon insincerity, and such opinions need not weigh with the government.

Russia of her own free will announces that so far as she is concerned America's rights acquired by treaty with China will be respected to the letter. Until there is proof to the contrary, therefore, that declaration must be accepted as sincere, and any interference, direct or indirect, by the United States in Russia's dispute with Japan would be unwarrantable and unjust.—New York Herald.

GETTING TO WORK.

Young Men's Republican Clubs Being Organized in the Different Precincts of County.

The outside precincts are already getting interested in the approaching campaign in this county for the June election, and the members of the Salem Young Men's Republican Club are receiving frequent requests for assistance in organizing clubs at the different towns of the county. Last night a committee consisting of H. D. Patton, J. G. Graham, J. C. Goodale, Ellis Richardson and L. R. Stinson went to Estacum and assisted in the organization of a young men's club, which bids fair to yield an important influence in the coming election. The boys at Pratum are in earnest and have already taken hold of the work with a will and determination to succeed. Next Monday evening the committee will go to Brooks and perform a similar service for the young men of that community, who are anxious to the needs of the hour in political circles.

Catarra and Hay Fever.

Liquid Cream Balm is becoming quite as popular in many localities as Ely's Cream Balm solid. It is prepared for use in atomizers, and is highly prized by those who have been accustomed to call upon physicians for such a treatment. Many physicians are using and prescribing it. All the medicinal properties of the celebrated Cream Balm are contained in the Liquid form, which is 75 cents, including a spraying tube. All druggists, or by mail, Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

EXPLOSION OF A STEAM PIPE

CAUSES DREADFUL LOSS OF LIFE IN JOHNSTOWN FOUNDRY

FOURTEEN ALREADY DEAD

And Many Are so Terribly Scalded That They Cannot Possibly Live.

MILL No. 2 of the Cambria Steel Company Is Being Destroyed by Fire and Many of the Victims Perishing Before the Eyes of the Spectators, Who Cannot Render Them Aid.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 21.—An immense steam pipe directly over the engine in the boiler room of No. 2 mill of the Cambria Steel Company exploded about 1:30 this morning, bringing down a whole section of the roof. The woodwork at once took fire from the furnaces and is burning fiercely. About fifteen men have been taken out and have been either sent to the hospital or are lying on cots in the offices near by. It is known several are in a critical condition.

Added to fire and explosion disaster, a large water pipe burst and is flooding the ground about the scene. One man caught in the debris is in plain sight, but cannot be rescued owing to the intense heat.

(2:40 a. m.)—The number of dead is estimated at from 12 to 14. The injured will number 25 or more, many of whom are terribly scalded and cannot live. Two bodies have been recovered.

Another Big Disaster.

Shelby, Ohio, Jan. 20.—The United States Steel Corporation sustained \$3,000,000 loss by fire tonight at the plant of the Shelby Steel Tube Company. The stock rooms and the product of the plant for the past six months was destroyed.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Nine realty transfers, seven of which were sheriff's deeds, were filed in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday, aggregating the consideration of \$1,047, as follows:

County.	Acres.	Amount.
Baker	1,014,880	\$ 2,831.44
Benton	415,680	514.65
Clackamas	1,107,200	1,637.16
Clatsop	523,520	774.10
Columbia	431,040	637.36
Coos	1,004,480	1,485.28
Curry	949,120	1,403.42
Crook	5,122,560	7,574.18
Douglas	3,263,280	4,825.37
Gilliam	2,874,560	4,250.47
Grant	6,780,160	10,025.49
Harney	1,785,880	2,642.17
Jackson	1,099,520	1,625.81
Klamath	3,914,240	5,787.79
Lake	5,130,240	7,585.83
Lane	2,604,160	3,850.64
Lincoln	637,440	942.55
Linn	1,451,520	2,146.29
Malheur	6,277,440	9,282.14
Marion	708,680	1,040.50
Morrow	1,298,240	1,919.84
Multnomah	281,920	416.56
Polk	424,640	627.89
Sherman	518,280	758.96
Tillamook	752,000	1,111.95
Umatilla	1,879,680	2,779.39
Union	1,081,600	1,599.31
Wallowa	2,142,720	3,168.33
Wasco	1,950,080	2,883.49
Washington	447,360	661.49
Wheeler	1,084,800	1,604.04
Yamhill	450,560	666.22
Total	60,957,760	\$ 90,135.24

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The realty transfers filed for record in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday aggregated the consideration of \$11,578, as follows:

County.	Acres.	Amount.
W. T. Schuller, et ux, to H. J. Wright, 26.25 acres in t 10 s, r 3 w, wd.	26.25	\$ 4,900
N. E. Jacobsen, et al, to Fred W. Hoeker, 107 acres in t 6 s, r 1 w, wd.	107	4,815
W. J. Demorest, to W. F. Hines, fractional lot 1 and lot 2, blk 89, in Salem; wd.	1	600
Archer Coles, et ux, to Elizabeth Bauer, lots 7 and 8, block 48, in Gervais; wd.	1	500
Mary A. McLaughlin, et al, to Tollef Annundson, 40 acres in t 6 s, r 1 e, wd.	40	450
Wm. Waldo, to W. J. Demorest, fractional lot 1 and lot 2, blk 89, in Salem; wd.	1	300
J. J. Craig, to F. C. Caldwell, land in Salem; deed	10	10
Prior of the Benedictine Priory, of Mt. Angel, to The Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict, Mt. Angel, 41.61 acres in t 6 s, r 1 w, wd.	41.61	1
Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Diocese of Oregon to Benedictine Sisters, of Mt. Angel, 1.8 acres in t 5 s, r 1 w, deed	1.8	1
Wilhelmina Specht to Fred W. Hoeker, parcel of land in t 6 s, r 1 w, wd.	1	1
Total	11,578	\$ 11,578

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The realty transfers filed for record in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday aggregated the consideration of \$10,173, as follows:

County.	Acres.	Amount.
W. J. Demorest, to A. and C. Siefer, 107.12 acres in t 5 s, r 1 w, wd.	107.12	\$ 3,850
B. and A. T. Strong, to B. L. and O. T. Gilson, 82.80 acres in t 7 s, r 3 w, wd.	82.80	3,000
A. N. and M. B. Goin to Geo. R. Goin, 100 acres in t 10 s, r 3 w, wd.	100	1,400
John Prantl to John Schaezle, 50 acres in t 5 s, r 2 w, wd.	50	1,300
S. V. and L. W. Duncan to William Scott, lots 6 and 7, block 2, in Riverside addition to Salem; wd.	2	475
E. Amsler, et al, to Jacob Vogel, et ux, lot 11, block 18, in Nob Hill addition to Salem; qcd.	1	75
A. Dawson, to M. and J. C. Hostetter, 3 acres in t 5 s, r 1 w, qcd.	3	60
B. B. Colbath, sheriff, to Carey F. Martin, a half of one quarter, of block 40, in North Sa-	1	

lem; sd.

County.	Acres.	Amount.
B. B. Colbath, sheriff, to Ruby Chase, lots 7 and 8, block 20, in North Salem; sd.	1	2
B. B. Colbath, sheriff, to O. C. Whitney, 10 acres, lot 7, in Cooley's Park; sd.	10	2
Anna State et al, to Fred State, 55.75 acres in t 4 s, r 2 w, qcd.	55.75	1
Fred State to Anna State et al, 391.22 acres in t 4 and 5 s, r 2 w; qcd.	391.22	1
B. B. Colbath, sheriff, to Margaret Beck, lot 4, block 1, in Parrish's addition A, to Salem; sd.	1	1
Total	60,957,760	\$ 10,173

LANDSALESFUND

SECRETARY OF STATE DISTRIBUTES THE AMOUNT AMONG THE SEVERAL COUNTIES

Oregon's Share for the Year Will Exceed That of Last Year By \$66,867.34, and Marion County's Portion of the Fund Is \$1,040.50, and Her Acreage 703,680.

Early this week the State Treasurer received from the United States Treasury the sum of \$90,135.24 as the state's share of the United States land sales fund for the year 1903. Yesterday afternoon the Secretary of State apportioned this fund among the different counties of the state according to the acreage of each county. The total acreage of the state of Oregon is 60,957,760, and the apportionment per acre is \$.0014786508. The fund this year exceeds that received last year from the government sale of land almost four fold, the amount received last year being \$23,365.90. The \$90,135 received this year is apportioned among the counties of the state as follows:

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J. C. Lindsey, of Portland, is in the city for a short visit.

J. K. Hutcheson, of Oakdale, Neb., is in the city, and will leave today for a short trip to Newport. He is looking over the country with a view of locating permanently, if his investigations are satisfactory.

BABY'S ECZEMA

Top of Head Covered with Scales Which Pealed off Taking Hair with Them.

CURED BY CUTICURA

Now Six Years Old with Thick Hair and Clean Scalp. Cure Permanent.

"My baby was about six weeks old when the top of her head became covered with thick scales, which would peel and come off, taking the hair with it. It would soon form again and be as bad as before. I tried several things and then went to the doctor. He said it was Eczema, and prescribed an ointment, which did not do any good. A friend spoke of Cuticura Soap. I tried it and read on the wrapper about Cuticura Ointment as a remedy for Eczema. I bought a box and washed her head in warm water and Cuticura Soap and gently combed the scales off. They did not come back and her hair grew out fine and thick. She is now six years old and has thick hair and a clean scalp."

MRS. C. W. BURGESS, Iransatan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 21, 1898.

My baby, who had Eczema very badly on her head, as I told you before, was cured by the Cuticura Remedies was cured. She is now six years old and has thick hair and a clean scalp. Instant relief and refreshing sleep for skin-tortured babies and rest for tired, worried mothers in warm baths with Cuticura Soap, and gentle anointing with Cuticura Ointment, purest of emollient and greatest of skin cures, to be followed in severe cases by mild doses of Cuticura Resolvent. This is the purest, sweetest, most speedy, permanent and economical treatment for torturing, disgusting, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusted and pimply skin and scalp humors, with loss of hair, of infants and children, as well as adults, and is sure to succeed when all other remedies and the best physicians fail.

A BIG BATTLE IS IN SIGHT

ORIGINAL PACKAGE EXCLUSION BILL PUTS IN APPEARANCE

MEETS STRONG OPPOSITION

On the Part of the United States Brewery Association Before Committee.

Its Cause Is Eloquently Pleaded by Anti-Saloon League, and the National W. C. T. U.—Legislative Superintendent Pleaded for Its Passage in Behalf of the Mothers of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The House committee on judiciary today granted a hearing on the Hepburn-Dolliver bill to give the state police power over the "original packages" liquor shipped into the state for use. Robert Crail, of Baltimore, general counsel of the United States Brewers' Association, said the bill was the most important measure presented to Congress since the Civil War and asked ample time for its consideration.

Rev. E. C. Diuiddie, representing the American Anti-Saloon League, said the legislation was necessary. Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, legislative superintendent of the National W. C. T. U., pleaded for the passage of the bill in behalf of the mothers of the country.

Amendment Knocked Out.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The House passed the Hepburn pure food bill today on a rising vote of 201 to 68, its opponents being unable to secure a roll call. The amendment of inserting the word "wilful" with reference to persons who sell adulterated or misbranded goods and which would have compelled the government to prove the intent to violate the law, was stricken out. Several attempts were made to amend the bill, but no material changes are made.

Fire Department Called Out—

The second fire alarm since D. W. Pugh was installed as chief of the Salem fire department was turned in at 12:20 o'clock p. m. yesterday, when the department was summoned to the residence of Harry Synes, 419 North Church street, to extinguish a chimney fire. The services of the firemen, however, were not needed, as the blaze soon died down without having done any damage.

More Family Troubles—

Another divorce suit has been filed in department No. 2 of the circuit court, Jessie Hicks being the plaintiff and John Hicks the defendant. The parties to the suit were married at Astoria, on June 18, 1898, and the issue of their union is one child, Pearl H. Hicks aged 2½ years. The plaintiff alleges cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of the husband, and asks the court for an absolute divorce. L. H. McMahon is the plaintiff's attorney.

Only a Common Drunk—

James Fitzgerald, whose place of residence is not definitely known, was arrested by Officers Lewis and Murphy on Tuesday night, while in a beastly state of intoxication. Fitzgerald was preaching on the street corner to a crowd of people, who had been attracted by his boisterous conduct, but his sermon was cut short when the officers arrived, who experienced considerable difficulty in transporting the drunken man to jail. He appeared before Recorder Judah yesterday morning and was sentenced to serve two and one-half days in the city jail.

Are Storing Ice Away—

A. A. Underhill, of the Commercial Cream Company, is from Wisconsin, and he says he cannot understand why people complain of such winter weather as is being experienced in Salem at the present time. The thermometer stood at forty degrees above zero yesterday, and when occasionally a flake of snow dared to float from the skies to the ground, it was instantly transformed into a drop of water. Mr. Underhill has received a letter from home telling that people there were filling their ice houses with blocks of ice twenty inches thick and as clear as crystal. He also recalls the last winter he remained in Wisconsin, when the thermometer was forty degrees below zero, and the country was frozen solid from October to April, killing most of the fruit and damaging all vegetation.

River Business Increasing—

Business is more than lively on the river, and while this condition has existed all winter, yet the rush of freight seems to be increasing, as many commodities raised by the farmers in the Willamette valley are beginning to be moved to market. Just now the few river steamers have more than they can carry to Portland potatoes, grain, hay and hops. The movement of hops is especially lively at this time, when the market is so brisk, and dealers are rushing their holdings toward the East. Many of these hops are shipped from Salem and way points to Portland, in transit to the East via the Union Pacific and O. R. & N. lines. The movement of potatoes to San Francisco and points in Arizona is quite rapid, one lot of 2000 sacks having gone by boat this week. Yesterday 100 sacks of flour were shipped by the steamer Pomona to Portland, in transit to Hong Kong, and a similar shipment will go forward today. The sunken steamer Pomona is again on the river, the damage having been repaired at the drydock in Portland, and the White Collar steamer