

## LATEST ABOUT THE EAST

### Dispatches From Every Where and all Conflicting

### They Will Fight and They Won't, Its Settled and It Isn't, Take Your Choice

London, Jan. 8.—The Central News says Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, and Count Beneckendorff, the Russian ambassador, this afternoon visited the foreign office simultaneously, on invitation from Lord Lansdown, who wished to urge a further modus vivendi. The result of the conference has not yet been announced.

Hong Kong, Jan. 8.—Two hundred and fifty British soldiers, members of the Sherwood Foresters, have been suddenly warned to hold themselves in readiness for service. The troops are ready, and the transports arranged for. Their destination is unknown, but it is presumed to be either Peking or Seoul.

Paris, Jan. 8.—News that reached here today indicates that Russia made Japan concessions, thus increasing the prospects for an amicable settlement.

London, Jan. 8.—The Central News late this afternoon says it is believed Lansdown's final effort to avert the Japanese-Russian war, by arranging a new modus vivendi, has failed.

## MILITARY RULE IN COLORADO

Cripple Creek, Jan. 8.—Colonel Verdeckberg and all the district post commanders held an executive council of war this morning. They decided to ignore Judge Seed's injunction, issued last night, restraining them from interfering or arresting strikers on vagrant orders. They will begin wholesale arrests of unionists today. Strikers will be thrown in the bull-pen at camp Garfield, before any legal steps can be taken, and will then be loaded on special trains and deported from the county. The wives and children of the strikers who call the strike-breakers scabs, or other insulting epithets, will also be arrested, bull-penned and deported civil officers who attempt to serve papers will be arrested likewise.

Portland, Jan. 8.—A fierce storm is raging on the Oregon coast today. Shipping is in peril.

## MANAGERS GROSSLY CARELESS

### No Protection Against Fire, and Exits Ali Barred

### Not Even a Fire Alarm Box in the Building and Employees Never Drilled

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The most sensational testimony since the coroner began the inquiry into the Iroquois disaster was given by Robert Murray, engineer of the ill-fated building, at this morning's session.

He said the curtains were operated by hand and counter-weights, the fire-fighting apparatus consisted of two tubes of kildre, 18 inches long. There was no other protection against fire on the stage. The standpipe in the rear of the stage had never been supplied with hose under the foyer. There was but 50 feet of 2-inch hose, this constituting the entire fire-fighting apparatus of that portion of the house. In the theatre there were four small reels of hose, which, when used, has to be connected with the water and standpipes, whose locations were known only to the workmen. There never had been any drills for fires, and no instructions had ever been issued to employees. The witness admitted that he knew how to use the greater portion of the fire apparatus, but never had instructed his assistants. The exits were draped with red plush curtains, but were held outside by heavy iron doors, barred and bolted and operated with levers. The witness admitted that no one unfamiliar with this system of levers could unlock the doors. No signs appeared above the exits; there were no sprinklers above the stage, nor any fire alarm box in the house. When asked what he expected to do in case of fire, he said he depended on going to the front office and using the telephone. He said he never saw the sky-lights opened.

**Volcano Gets Bad.**  
Chicago, Jan. 8.—A special to the News from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: Violent eruptions of Mount Colima volcano have caused the inhabitants of the country immediately adjacent to the mountain to become alarmed. Many of the people have left their homes, and sought safety from the ashes and lava. The most depressing feature of the eruption is the earthquake shocks which are felt in the region of the volcano. These seismic disturbances are of unusual severity, but no serious damage has been reported.

**Plenty of Pensions.**  
Washington, Jan. 8.—After passing 115 private pension bills, the house adjourned at 2:40 o'clock.

## MANY NAMES SENT

### President Nominates Chaffee and a Score of Others

### San Domingo Listens to the Voice of Reason Government Employees Must Work More Hours

Washington, Jan. 8.—The President today sent the following nominations to the senate: General Chaffee to be lieutenant-general, vice Young, retired. The following brigadiers to be major-generals: Kobbe, Sanger, Bates, Gillespie. All but the last named will be immediately retired. Colonel Dodge, assistant paymaster-general, to be paymaster-general, with rank of brigadier-general, vice Bates, retired; Colonel Mackenzie, to be chief of engineers, with the rank of brigadier-general, vice Gillespie; Colonel Story, to be chief of artillery, with rank of brigadier-general, vice Randolph.

The following colonels and lieutenant-colonels to be brigadiers: Mardecai, Haskell, Hathaway, Taylor, Butler, Allen, True, Cox, Line, Dougherty, McCahey and Mills, who is now superintendent at West Point. All but the last two will be immediately retired. Also the nomination of Joseph McCarthy, of Minnesota, to be auditor of the postoffice department.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Commander Dillingham, of the cruiser Detroit, sent the following today from Puerto Plata to San Domingo: "Morales gunboat delivered an ultimatum and threatened to bombard Puerto Plata after 24 hours' notice. With the concurrence of Robertson, of the English cruiser Pallas, we made such representations to both sides that the gunboat agreed not to bombard, and the other side won't fire on the gunboats. All the fighting will be confined to the land side of the town in the future. United States interests are secured. I have small parties landed at Sosan and the American consulate here."

Washington, Jan. 8.—At a cabinet meeting this morning it was decided an order be issued to every department of the government making the hours of the employes from 9 to 4:30, adding half an hour to the time now in vogue. The order applies to federal employes throughout the country. The house today, by a unanimous vote, appropriated \$250,000 to stamp out the cotton boll weevil.

## SHINGLE MILLS BURNED

Ballard, Wash., Jan. 8.—The shingle mill, dry kiln and 3,000,000 shingles of the Nicholas Lumber Company were totally destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$25,000. A favorable wind alone saved the western half of the city.

**The Ladies Weakened.**  
Chicago, Jan. 8.—All morning those in the court room, where the car-barn bandits are on trial, today were searched for concealed weapons. Strong men protested, but were compelled to disrobe. This had a very discouraging tendency on the sensational female spectators, many of whom decided not to watch the proceedings. The jury is still incomplete.

**Mother Jones Ill.**  
Trinidad, Jan. 8.—The condition of Mother Jones who yesterday was stricken with pneumonia is unchanged. She is 62 years old, making her recovery doubtful. The mine workers anxiously watch the bulletins.

**Easily Discouraged.**  
San Francisco, Jan. 8.—I. W. Temple, a collector, suicided this morning by throwing himself in front of a moving train. He was despondent over his arrest Wednesday for attempting to kiss two stenographers.

**Did Some Skimming.**  
Ellensburg, Wash., Jan. 8.—Burglars blew up the Kittitas Creamery Company's safe this morning, and got \$100. Citizens and bloodhounds are on their trail.

## WAR IS BOUND TO COME

### Russia's Reply to Japan Precludes all Hope of Peace

### All the Powers Are Landing Troops in Corea, and the Clash Is Expected

Peking, Jan. 8.—General Yuan Shiki, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy, sent his foreign adviser, Charles Denby, Jr., to Japan to investigate the report as to the probability of war. Mr. Denby has reported that, according to the best opinions obtainable, based upon diplomatic information, war cannot be averted.

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's Yokohama correspondent says that Russia's reply to Japan practically removes all hopes of a peaceful settlement.

Port Arthur, Jan. 8. (via Chefoo).—Several Russian warships left at midnight to reinforce the cruisers sent out for the purpose of intercepting a Japanese squadron of four iron-clads which, it is said, is now approaching Corea to stop six Japanese coal-laden ships from Japan destined for Port Arthur, and to cancel their charter to a Russian firm.

There is a normal movement of troops in both directions on the railway. Lake Baikal is frozen.

The Port Arthur defenses are complete and the authorities are confident.

**Powers Are Landing Troops.**  
London, Jan. 8.—None of the special cablegrams from Tokio printed in this morning's paper is able to give the contents of Russia's reply, but all concur in believing it to be unsatisfactory. It appears that the note might still be undelivered, as Baron de Rosen, Russian minister, is suffering from an ear affection, had not Baron Komura, Japanese foreign minister, visited the Russian legation to get it. According to the Standard's Tokio correspondent, an increasing number of steamships are requisitioned daily as transports.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tokio reports on the authority of the newspaper Chuo that one Japanese has been murdered near Port Arthur, and four others have been injured. The correspondent says that all the powers are landing troops in Corea, and the British blue-jackets landing at Chemulpo are expected to go to Seoul immediately.

Constant telegrams are passing between M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Corea, Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, and Viceroy Alexieff.

The insurance of the Japanese cruisers Nisnin and Kasag, which were built at Genoa and bought from the Argentina government has been accomplished after considerable difficulty. The policies have been so arranged as to permit the cruisers to go by way of the Suez canal, Cape Horn or Cape of Good Hope routes, as the circumstances of the moment may dictate.

**Bought Beef and Bacon.**  
Houston, Tex., Jan. 8.—Russia has purchased 5,000,000 pounds of beef and bacon from Cudahy under a rush order; shipments to be via San Francisco.

**Ruth Cleveland Buried.**  
Princeton, N. J., Jan. 8.—Ruth Cleveland's funeral took place today. There were but few present, for fear of contagion.

**"Portland and Return Only \$2.20."**  
The Southern Pacific is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Salem for \$2.20, good going Saturday or Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving all Portland people a chance to visit valley points at greatly reduced rates.

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## DIETRICH CASE IS NOT PROVEN

### Judge Orders the Jury to Bring in a Verdict of Not Guilty

### Gets Free on the Technicality That He Had Not Been Sworn in as Senator at the Time

Omaha, Jan. 8.—Judge Vandeventer, of the circuit court, this morning instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty on the indictment against Dietrich, charging him with receiving bribes in connection with the post-office at Hastings. He ruled that Dietrich was not a senator until sworn into the senate, and the charges of bribery in connection with the post-office rentals occurred prior to that time.

The last case against Dietrich was called this afternoon. It was a charge of holding a government contract, although a senator. The case was nolleed by Attorney Summers, who said that the records showed that a few days after election, Dietrich transferred the property as a free gift to his daughter, who since has received its benefits. The case against Fisher, of Hastings, was dismissed, since he couldn't have given a bribe if Dietrich was not guilty of receiving it. The only case left is one against Elliot Low, who is alleged to have acted as a go-between in the sale of the post-office at Alma.

**Immense Coal Shipments.**  
Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 8.—Immense shipments of coal are being rushed to the far East, 46,000 tons going to Japan, 30,000 to Hong Kong and 40,000 to the Russian squadron at Port Arthur, in the past few days.

**Pope Would Not See Him.**  
Rome, Jan. 8.—The Vatican declines to receive the Macedonian, Sarafoff, in special audience. The latter is disappointed as he expected thus to gain many additional volunteers to the insurrection.

**Engineer Still Hiding.**  
Topeka, Kan., Jan. 8.—Engineer Benjamin, who is wanted as the principal witness in the Willard wreck is still absent. The coroner's inquiry has been indefinitely postponed.

## JAPANS IMPERIAL GUARDS

### Emperor Reviewed Twenty-Six Thousand and Troops

### The Affair Looked Upon as a "Farewell Love Taking" Was Witnessed by Immense Crowds

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 8.—Twenty-six thousand troops were reviewed on Aoyama field today by the emperor. It composed the first division, known as the imperial guards, and will constitute the third division, if war is declared. Immense crowds witnessed the review, which was regarded as a farewell love-taking. The emperor went to the field in the state coach, but in the review was mounted on a handsome horse. A brilliant staff and all the foreign attaches formed a noteworthy escort.

**Socialists Active in Arkansas.**  
Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 8.—The Socialists of Arkansas intend to take an active part in the coming state campaign, and preliminary plans with this object in view were discussed at a state convention begun here today. A state political organization is to be perfected and candidates named for all the state offices to be filled at the election next fall.

**The Regular Wreck.**  
Cumberland, Md., Jan. 8.—A Baltimore & Ohio doubleheader crashed into a freight at Avitts Creek early this morning. The engines were demolished. Fireman Kefauver was instantly killed, and Engineer Roberts died shortly after. Engineer Humphrey was serious and perhaps fatally hurt, and Fireman Conrad seriously.

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## The Impetus This Clearance Sale and White Fair

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### The New Phyllis Stocks

Are here in great quantities. For these same make stocks you have been paying 25c at some places, but we'll sell them to you at the saving price of **10c each**

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Women's gloves, and the best gloves from the world's best makers. Ours is a most satisfactory stock—first because it is so big; second, because so many good sorts are here; third, because prices are always safely the lowest, especially so now that the big clearance sale is on.

#### Knitted Goods

Our second floor contains a grand display of plain and fancy knit goods which are especially desirable at this time of the year, when cool evenings and mornings are regular visitors. Remember a big line is placed before you at a great saving in price. All are reduced

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