

NOW HANGS BY A HAIR

WAR CLOUD DRIFTS LOW AND BLACK

Japan Will Not Put Up With Russia's Procrastination

Demands Definite Agreements And Ac- quiescence In Her Claims as to Korea, And Manchuria

Port Arthur, Jan. 12.—It is reported here that owing to the threatening news received from Korea, the commanding officer of the Seventh Russian brigade has gone to the Yolo river to select camps and effect concentration of troops. The whole Russian fleet is in fighting trim.

London, Jan. 12.—According to news received here, the Japanese cruisers Kasaga and Nisain, bought in Genoa from Argentine, have gone in the direction of Gibraltar, followed closely by British warships.

London, Jan. 12.—The Japanese ambassador this afternoon made the following statement: "Russia, in her last reply suggests the neutralization of a part of Korea, while recognizing Japanese preponderance and rights in that country. Japan is unable to accept this, and is now preparing a reply setting out her suggestions. If Japan secures what she wants in Korea, negotiations regarding Manchuria will take a more friendly tone, and the crisis will be considered passed. At present it is impossible to say if war will or will not result."

The correspondent says that the dispatch has deeply impressed the Chinese, who now believe war to be inevitable. He adds that notes looking to the ratification of the treaty between China and Japan were exchanged yesterday afternoon.

Will Respect Treaty Rights.
Washington, Jan. 12.—The following bulletin was posted at the state department today: The Russian ambassador called yesterday upon the secretary of state and conveyed the assurance of his government that Russia will place no obstacles in the way of the full enjoyment by the powers having treaties with China of all their rights and privileges guaranteed by such treaties in Manchuria.

Only a Rumor.
Paris, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says it is reported in diplomatic circles that Japan has accepted the last Russian counter proposition. This decision was arrived at after a lengthy conference between the foreign ministers, Lansdorff and Kurino.

This Looks Like War.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Advices to the state department yesterday were warlike. The mikado's government is reported to have seized 20 merchant vessels for transports. A report from Seoul says the Russians

guard there is being continually augmented. The Japanese minister called at the state department for a conference with Secretary Hay.

France Talks Peace.
Paris, Jan. 11.—The foreign office persists in the belief that peace will be maintained in the far East. Officials say the news today indicates that war is indefinitely averted.

Moore Japanese Going Home.
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 12.—Several prominent and well-known Japanese merchants of Victoria have wound up their affairs here, transmitted their capital to Yokohama and other Japanese centers, through the local banks, and are waiting to return to Japan on the next Empress. Inquiry as to the cause invariably fails to provoke anything more than polite smiles and doubtfully vague and evasive replies. It is learned from another source, however, that they confidently expect war in the far East, and are going home to render what assistance they can to their country.

England Ready for Any Emergency.
London, Jan. 12.—It is learned that England realizes the present emergency, and is fully prepared for any event. The large war preparations for concluding the South African struggle were fully maintained in the naval department. The necessity for placing a check on Russian aggrandizement grows more apparent each day. In the event of war Germany and England will be allies, and France

OFFICERS MADE BY THE PUSH

Building Inspector for Eighteen Years Tells All He Knows

One Word Was Sufficient, Nothing Had Never Made a Report in All That Time

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The Iroquois inquest this morning brought out witnesses whose testimony has been awaited with interest since the fire. William Curran, the building inspector, who visited the theatre a short time before the fire, had been inspector 18 years. He said Former Chief Inspector Barry gave him instructions to permit the theatre to violate the ordinance regarding overcrowding. Barry died last year. Curran received no instructions from any one else, but understood the theatre could sell standing room. The coroner asked Curran if he was still traveling on the dead man's orders, to

HYAS CLOSE WAWA

Portland Entertains the Livestock and Wool Growers

An All Together Lovely Gab- fest With Wool in its Teeth and Brands Vented

Portland, Or., Jan. 12.—The National Livestock Association assembled this morning, 1500 being present when the convention was called to order. Prayer was offered by Dr. Edgar P. Hill, followed by addresses of welcome by Governor Chamberlain and Mayor Geo. H. Williams. Responses for the livestock representatives were by Col. L. F. Wilson, of Texas, and on behalf of the wool growers by Francis F. Warren, of Wyoming. The annual addresses were by President John W. Springer and T. J. Halley, of Oregon. The afternoon session was given over to the final session of the wool growers, to which delegates to the livestock convention were invited.

Eugene's New High School Opens.
Eugene, Or., Jan. 12.—The new high school building, which was recently finished, was opened for business Monday morning. The teachers and students have taken up their work in the new quarters with much pride, all the demands of a modern high school being supplied. The old Central building, which has been in use by the high school, will hereafter be used for the accommodation of some of the lower grades.

Hanna is Nominated.
Columbus, O., Jan. 12.—Hanna was nominated for United States senator in the house this morning. The senate also nominated Hanna, and the joint session tomorrow will formally declare him elected to succeed himself.

CANNOT SECURE A JURY

Car-barn Bandits Trial Drags Along Very Slowly

Girl Has a File, and Mrs. Schroeder, An Old Brig- antine, Is Mashed on Niedermeir

Chicago, Jan. 12.—No additional jurors were secured today in the car-barn bandits' case. Mamie Dunn, Vandine's sweetheart, when searched this morning, was found to have a file in her possession. The court ordered that she be debarred from attending the trial or seeing Vandine again. Mrs. M. Schroeder was also excluded from visiting the bandits in jail. The police say she is enamored of Niedermeir.

The Machen Case.
Washington, Jan. 12.—In the Machen case a jury was secured this afternoon. The prosecution began the opening address. Perry Heath was present, and bowed to numerous acquaintances, but made no sign of recognition of Machen.

Czarina is Ill.
Vienna, Jan. 12.—The Frei Presse today reports the Czarina of Russia, who is ill with influenza, as much worse. The family and court circles are alarmed.

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War Unavoidable.
Berlin, Jan. 12.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger gives a much more serious view of the far Eastern situation than has hitherto emanated from the capital. The correspondent alleges that he has authentic information that those in official circles entertain a greater concern over the difficulties between Russia and Japan than they have heretofore allowed to become known to the public, and he says he suspects the utterances of the press have been optimistically colored, in order to conceal this official disquiet.

which the latter replied, yes, as he had no other instructions. He said Barry's successor told him to prevent standing in the aisles, but he had no order to prevent the sale of standing room, or overcrowding. He further admitted that he didn't know what the laws regarding building inspections called for, as he had never read the instructions. He admitted he didn't know who was in charge of the theatre inspection; never made any report of theatres inspected by him. To his knowledge no one had ever been assigned to inspect theatres, but went whenever they pleased. He believed the theatre managers had a right to refuse the inspector admission to the house, and didn't believe the inspectors had the right of forcible entry for inspection. When asked how he gained entrance, he said Barry gave him the authority.

GENERAL GORDON'S FUNERAL

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 12.—The body of General Gordon left Miami this morning on a special train, furnished by Henry Flagley, and escorted by state troops. It will arrive here tonight, where the body will lie in state, and then proceed to Atlanta, where there will be an elaborate funeral ceremony Wednesday.

TO GIVE ALASKA A DELEGATE

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senator Dillingham, of the committee on territories introduced in the senate today a report of the senatorial sub-committee that visited Alaska last year. It makes many recommendations, including a 400-mile road from Eagle City to Valdez, also several roads into the mining districts, and recommends a fourth judicial district, and says the universal opinion in Alaska is that it should have a delegate to congress. It gives a lengthy description of the country's resources.

Sop for Colombia.
Washington, Jan. 12.—Bacon, of Georgia, introduced in the senate today a resolution informing the President that the senate favors and advises the negotiation of a treaty with Colombia looking to a peaceful adjustment of the differences between Colombia and Panama, and that the former be compensated for the loss of its sovereignty and territory. It also provides for reference to The Hague if such a treaty can't be negotiated. The house ways and means committee decided to restore the tariff on Canadian coal Saturday. This is the tariff which was removed last winter during the anthracite strike.

A Mine Explosion.
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 12.—On Friday at 4 p. m. the Michael, B. C., Crow's Nest Pass explosion occurred in Mine No. 3, killing seven miners. Several miners, who attempted to recover the bodies, were knocked out by fire damp. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The funeral took place Sunday, and the procession was a mile long, in spite of the storm and two feet of snow.

Fined Ten Thousand.
New York, Jan. 12.—Former Congressman Briggs was today sentenced to serve one day in prison and pay a fine of \$10,000 for complicity in the postal frauds.

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Ladies' Suits The manager of this department is determined to close out the entire line of fall and winter suits, says he must have room and in order to get them out quickly he has reduced them all. \$13.50, \$15, \$18-50 suits \$10.00 \$20, \$22-50, \$25, \$27-50 suits \$13.85	Men's Clothing Unhesitatingly we declare them to be the best suits ever offered at these prices. The very limit of productive possibility. They are suits made to excel in every point and feature \$10.00 Values \$ 6.75 15.00 Values 9.50 20.00 Values 14.50 25.00 Values 16.00
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