

JAPAN STANDS PAT RUSSIA HESITATES

Reports Are Still Conflicting But Tokio Dispatches Say There Is No Hope of a Peaceful Solution

Fears Are Entertained That the Battleships in the Red Sea May Clash---Russian Dispatches Are Hopeful, As Are Those From Berlin, But All Concede That War May Begin at Any Moment---Korea is Seething With Discontent

London, Jan. 16.—All advices this morning show continued diversity of opinion regarding the far Eastern situation. From Tokio comes the report that war is considered inevitable, the peace party losing all hope. Berlin officials are optimistic, claiming the outlook is better today than for many weeks. Peking officials believe Russia will hesitate to adopt any other than conciliatory tones, because of Chinese neutrality. The latter's declaration makes it necessary for Russia, in case of war, to draw supplies from a home base.

This is Different.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The Nove Vremya today states that telegrams from Port Arthur and Vladivostok report that in the highest official circles in these places the crisis is thought to be passed, and peace assured. An early agreement between Russia and Japan regarding their respective spheres of influence is expected.

Russia May Yield.
Berlin, Jan. 16.—Advices today cause officials to believe Russia will abandon the diplomatic position taken and concede all the essential points of Japan's demands as soon as a dignified form of retreat is found.

Naval Battle is Feared.
Washington, Jan. 16.—State depart-

ment advices yesterday evening from Japan indicate an extraordinary activity in the preparations for war. These add to the pessimistic feeling already existing here respecting the probability of amicable adjustment of the Russo-Japanese trouble.

Meanwhile, the Japanese government is reported to be striving desperately to find some possible means of settlement, but the state department learns that, while professing a desire for peace, the Russian position at least in principle, remains unchanged, and there is no sign of a disposition to yield to the Japanese proposal. Still the official opinion here is that, if left to diplomacy, the present situation may continue for several days, or even weeks. The two chances of an earlier breach are said to be found in the possibility of the immediate occupation of Korean ports by Japanese forces, and the presence in the Red Sea simultaneously of Russian and Japanese warships.

Respecting the possibilities of a naval clash in that section, it is pointed out that only in case of formal existence of war could be applied to the Suez canal the rules of neutrality which require a period of 24 hours to elapse between the departure from the canal of warships of belligerent powers; so in advance of a declaration of war there is nothing to prevent a naval battle within sight of the canal entrance in the Red Sea.

Russian Ships Speed Away.
Rome, Jan. 16.—Prime Minister, telegraphing from on board the Japanese warship Nisain, says that when the Naisin and Kasaga were being escorted through the Mediterranean by nine British warships, they were approached by two Russian torpedo boats, and when the latter saw the powerful escort they left in haste for the harbor of Syracuse. It is said that

Great Britain is concentrating 52 warships in the Mediterranean.

"Open Door" the Real Issue.
London, Jan. 16.—The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, had received no indication this morning of the probable attitude of Russia, but he said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"It is practically certain that any declaration of war will not emanate from Russia."

The minister is not very hopeful of the result of the latest Japanese note. He specifically denies that Japan's reply suggests the neutralization of a portion of Manchuria, as well as a portion of Korea, or that mention was made of the right to break off negotiations.

"Our conditions," said the minister, "are practically summed up in the concluding portion of the state department's announcement regarding the Chinese-American treaty. For these principles, to which Secretary Hay says the United States is irrevocably committed, we are willing to go to war, unless Russia will consent to give us a definite pledge that she too adheres to the 'open door' policy and Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria."

Suez, Jan. 16.—The Japanese cruiser Nishia sailed for Perim this morning, and the Russian battleship Osslyabya also left.

TACKLED WRONG WOMAN

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Accused of attempting to blackmail Mrs. Hillis Thurston of \$12,500, and making threats against her life, James Tibbery, an English coachman for the family of the late Charles Nash, is under arrest. Nash died December 30th. Mrs. Thurston is his daughter. Shortly after Nash was buried, the coachman called on her and demanded payment as the price of his silence, and the delivery of alleged letters containing family secrets. On the advice of her lawyers, Mrs. Thurston agreed to pay. As soon as the money was paid over to Tibbery two detectives arrested him on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and threats to kill.

LIVES ARE IN DANGER

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 16.—Bishop Caloway, of the Methodist church South, has called all Methodist missionaries in Korea to leave immediately for Seoul, or go at once to Japan. Caloway has received direct advices that their lives are endangered.

New Theater Burned.
Calgary, N. W. T., Jan. 16.—Fire starting from the furnace of the new Normandie theater gutted the whole block today, causing a loss of \$280,000. Six large stores in the building were burned. The theater was to have been used tonight for the first time.

STILL AFTER SMOOT

Lawyers Arguing Against the Apostle Being Seated

Principle Charge Is That He Has Taken an Oath In- consistent With His Duties

Washington, Jan. 16.—Arguments in the Smoot case today were made before the senate committee on elections. Smoot was represented by Attorney Vancott, of Salt Lake, and his opponents by Chas. Own, of Salt Lake, and ex-Congressman Taylor, of Ohio. Taylor was first heard. He stated he represented the parties to the original protest against Smoot's being seated; that Smoot was an apostle, and, as such, had taken an oath preventing him taking that as senator without mental reservations. Taylor expressly declared he had no connection with the charge that Smoot is a polygamist.

MADE THE CALL TODAY

Washington, Jan. 16.—Hanna returned from Chicago today, and said he would issue the call for the national convention Monday. He has been assured that there is no foundation for the statement that Chicago hostilities propose to charge exorbitant rates.

This afternoon he decided to issue the call today, instead of Monday. It follows in detail the call for the convention in 1900, providing two delegates at large for United States senators, two for each representative at large, two for each congressional district and a delegation of six each for Alaska, Arizona, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Hawaii, one alternate to be elected for each delegate. Delegates must be elected not less than 30 days before the national convention. Delegates-at-large to be chosen by state or territorial conventions, the others under the auspices of congressional district committees.

Bloody French Duel.
Paris, Jan. 15.—Deputies Sombat and Boutard in a duel this afternoon exchanged many shots; were unhurt and made up.

Many a man neglects his family in order to pose as a public benefactor.

MUTINY AMONG TROOPS

Turkish Soldiers Make Things Lively in Beirut

Reach Constantinople and De- mand Back Pay--Threat- en to Raid the Bank

Constantinople, Jan. 16.—Thirteen hundred mutinous troops who have been terrorizing Beirut for several days, landed Monday from Arabia, and immediately besieged the governor's palace, demanding \$80,000 arrears of pay. The governor borrowed enough of the Ottoman bank to temporarily satisfy them, but the latest reports are that they threaten to sack the bank.

Funeral Today.
The funeral of the late Miss N. Adda Hart was held from the family home, No. 570 Commercial street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. W. F. Cliffe, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment was made in the City View cemetery.

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