

THEY TALK PEACE BUT PRE- PARE FOR WAR

Russia Occupies a Strategic Position at Town of Hsin Mintu Thirty Miles From Mukden

Japanese Bankers Are All Leaving Manchuria---They Are Called Together By the Emperor, and Assure Him That Money for Prosecuting the War Will Be Forthcoming

London, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Port Arthur says the outward evidences of hostilities are unimportant. Four thousand troops are scheduled to start north tomorrow, which is the only warlike feature. Newspaper correspondents who applied for passes to accompany the army, have been informed that war is not expected, and to issue permits would be premature. Ostensibly the Russian sentiment is that it has no desire to interfere in Corea, even should Japan continue to land troops there under the pretense that they are railway guards.

A Japanese Ananias.
Paris, Jan. 19.—According to the statement of the Japanese minister, this morning, affairs between Japan and Russia never had been sufficiently critical to warrant the mediation of France or England.

War Preparations Continue.
Port Arthur, Jan. 19.—The preparations for war continue, and all of the Russian officials are kept occupied both day and night in the effort to get the garrison in readiness for active service. Four additional regiments of troops arrived today, and will be assigned to duty in the forts here until they become acclimated.

Acting, it is believed, under instructions from Admiral Alexieff, a force of Russian troops today took possession of the town of Hsin Mintu, 30 miles from Mukden. The town is situated so it will form an ideal camping place, and it is probable that a strong force will be retained there. Hsin Mintu, situated, as it is, so that it commands the Liauh river, will be of great importance from a strategic standpoint, especially as it will not be by any means an "open port."

Japan Can Easily Get Funds.
Tokio, Jan. 19.—In diplomatic circles here it is regarded as very significant that all of the leading Japanese bankers and financiers have been summoned to participate in a conference with the premier and some of the ministers. It is believed that the purpose of this meeting is the perfection of plans recently drafted for securing needed funds in the event of the war being a long-drawn-out one. The government will have little trouble in securing all the funds needed to continue in the struggle for an indefinite length of time.

Russian Action Excites China.
Peking, Jan. 19.—The commandant of the Russian legation guard here has been ordered to join Viceroy Alexieff's staff. This, in conjunction with the departure of the Russian troops from Tien Tsin, has caused comment.

Position Taken by Corea.
Paris, Jan. 19.—Prince Minyeung Tohan, the Korean minister, in an interview today, said, concerning the proposed Russian-Japanese zones of influence in Corea:

"The various plans of Russia and Japan do not affect us seriously, so long as our independence is not touched. This independence the powers throughout the world have recognized during the past 20 years by concluding treaties, and which China has herself recognized, is not now menaced. There is no proposition looking to the annexation of Corea, and not even for a protectorate."

Russia Fears America.
New York, Jan. 18.—Private dispatches from St. Petersburg indicate, says the Times' dispatch from Paris, that the Japanese note has not helped to fortify optimistic anticipations. As long as there was room for further negotiations, Russian diplomacy helped Russia to gain time. But Japan having given a final answer to the latest Russian note will not, it is expected, wait indefinitely for a decision on Russia's part.

There is said to be a good deal of irritation in St. Petersburg over the failure of Russian diplomacy. It is recognized that the conclusion of the Chinese-American treaty has materially affected Russia's prestige. It is reported that Russia stands in greater fear at the present moment of the United States than of Great Britain. Another source of chagrin is the in different attitude of France.

War Bound to Come.
Washington, Jan. 19.—Dispatches from Minister Allen, at Seoul, says there is a panicky condition at the Korean capital, and intimates the situation is induced by foreign influence to cause either Japan or Russia to enter the country in large force to protect their interests. The administration believes at the present time there is a sufficient force of marines in Corea to secure the safety of American interests, although Allen continues to urge an increased guard. The state department today has advised from St. Petersburg and Peking favorable to peace. Officials believe, however, war will break out sooner or later.

Train is Dead.
New York, Jan. 19.—George Francis Train died last night from heart disease at Mills Hotel No. 1, where he has lived for some years. The fatal stroke followed an attack of acute nephritis.

New York, Jan. 19.—Train's body was laid out in the little hotel room, where he has resided for years. His sister is coming from Stamford, Connecticut, to arrange for the funeral.

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Distillery Burned.
Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—The immense warehouse of the Miholovitch distillery was destroyed by fire this morning. Two firemen were seriously injured by a falling wall; loss, \$100,000.

Omaha Postmaster.
Washington, Jan. 19.—Postmaster-General Payne announced today that Henry Palmer has been decided on for postmaster at Omaha. Palmer was Senator Millard's selection.

Panic in a Restaurant.
Sebastopol, Russia, Jan. 19.—A fire in a crowded cafe here today caused a panic. Six corpses have been recovered, and it is feared a score or more are in the ruins.

Plenty of Money.
Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—In the mine workers' convention today the auditor's report was read, and shows the cash on hand to be \$1,100,000.

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Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—At the boot and shoe workers' convention it was decided that Vice-President Loveley go to San Francisco to straighten out the complications of the tanners' strike, if possible. Failing, he will be obliged to withdraw the union stamp from San Francisco manufacturers.

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The New York Racket

Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store.

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HAD A CLOSE CALL

Marion, Ind., Jan. 19.—A fire this morning destroyed the five-story Colonial apartment building. Two hundred occupants narrowly escaped. A number were removed by the firemen in an unconscious condition. The elevator operator deserted his post, but the porter operated the lift, saving many persons.

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If You Look Elsewhere It's Only Time Wasted

INVENTORY SALE

IN THE KEEN DESIRE

to do better by you than other houses dare to, we've cut prices down to the "point of least resistance." During our Clearance Sale we do not consider cost, but make great sacrifices to reduce our stock to the minimum and do not adhere to the worn-out custom of carrying goods over from season to season as a great man so-called cash stores do. While this same store has been so generous in their advertising as a strictly one-price house, have you noticed how they also have been advertising reduced prices?

NOTE THESE GREAT BARGAINS

Ladies' Suits and Jackets	Men's Suits and Overcoats
This little flurry of snow has brought back to you the fact that you need warm clothes. Our preparations to meet your demands were complete some time ago. This is warmer clothes weather. Are you prepared for it? We invite you to come here and glance over the immense bargains we are offering in our Ladies' Suit and Cloak Department. Just think about these bargains, but don't delay too long, as "delays are dangerous."	We will refuse to sell you clothing that we know you will not be satisfied with. When a suit or overcoat goes from our store it's cut in style, it fits perfectly, it hangs gracefully, it looks right, it keeps its shape while it wears and gives satisfaction in every particular. Each and every garment bought here, no matter how low the price, must meet our rigid requirements.
Any \$13.50 to \$18.50 Suit or Jacket	\$10.00 Suit or Overcoat \$ 6.75
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Any \$20.00 to \$27.50 Suit or Jacket	\$20.00 Suit or overcoat \$14.50
\$13.85	

New SUITS FOR SPRING 1904

of the latest advance ideas for the coming spring wear. They are the finest creations, fresh and new. The styles are of every conceivable design and effect, embracing Tenerife, Allover, Blind Embroidery designs in fine lawns, etc. Not a lot thrown out for sale, but the brightest and newest of the coming season's most beautiful styles.

WHITE FAIR PRICES.

"PHYLLIS" Stock foundations, very new.

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