

RUSSIA TALKS PEACE WHILE SHE BUYS BEEF

Silliness of Peace Reports Shown By Statements That Russia Will Withdraw From Manchuria

London Papers Are Hopeful, All Except the London Times Which Sees No Possible Outcome But War--Russia Is Moving Her Troops, and Preparing for Fight, While Giving Assurance of Peace

London, Jan. 20.—The Berlin correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette wires that he is assured from absolutely trustworthy authority that Russia has positively decided for peace and will answer Japan's latest note by complying with all the Japanese important demands. Russia is now hesitating whether she would notify Japan exclusively that she means to have peace, or send general notifications to all the powers.

Times Looks for War.

London, Jan. 20.—The press here today, with the exception of the Times, is optimistic in tone regarding the far Eastern question. The Manchester Guardian quotes a British official, just returned, who says Russia is preparing to withdraw from Manchuria.

Korea Makes Bold to Russia.

Seoul, Jan. 20.—Russia complains that Korean soldiers are causing trouble. Korea answers that Russia must not interfere. The tension in Seoul is increasing, and the native press, which is probably inspired, is more bitter against foreigners than formerly. The Emperor's trusted advisers are having daily councils. The Russian and English legations have

increased their guards by 16. The Japanese are buying and storing much rice in Northern Korea. The ginseng trade is dead.

The Korean general, Yihak Kyun, whose sympathies are pro-Russian, has made a veiled threat against foreigners.

Korea Fears an Outbreak.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The only advice received over night at the state department from the East came from the American minister at Seoul. He reports that Korea is in a panicky condition and there is apprehension of a riotous outbreak at any moment. The information is conveyed that interested foreign emissaries are at the bottom of these disturbances, the result of which may be to afford an excuse for intervention and the placing of large forces in Korea, thus precipitating a hostile collision between Russia and Japan.

Last Note Very Strong.

London, Jan. 20.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times declares in a dispatch that Japan's latest note is stronger in tone than the preceding one, and that she will neither yield nor moderate her standpoint nor accept the mediation of a third power. Not only to the Japanese, but to the American and British ministers, the correspondent continues, has China given satisfactory assurances of her intention to maintain strict neutrality, in accordance with Lord Lansdowne's advice.

Russia to Move Great Force.

Port Arthur, Jan. 20.—Four thousand troops are to leave here tomorrow, bound northward. Otherwise city life is normal and there has been

no exodus of families. Applications by correspondents desiring to accompany the forces have all been met with a reply that hostilities are not expected, and, therefore, it would be premature to issue permits. The authorities here stated definitely that Russia has no intention or desire to interfere in Korea, even should Japan continue to land small bodies of troops there, in contravention of the existing treaties, as the Russians assert the Japanese are doing, under the pretext that they are only railway guards.

Fifty Cars of Beef for Russia.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 20.—Fifty-one cars of extra mess beef for the Russian army will roll into San Francisco January 27th, and will be loaded on a transport, which will leave for the Orient February 2d. The meat was packed in specially built casks, which arrived in South Omaha last week. As soon as the casks arrived the work of packing began, and was hurried with all possible speed and the first trainload, consisting of 25 cars, left South Omaha Monday. The remainder followed today.

Russian Reply Expected Soon.

London, Jan. 20.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Tokio says the Russian reply is expected shortly, and that it is believed it will make some concessions, but it is doubted whether these will be sufficiently far-reaching.

FIRE FOLLOWS THEM

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Two hundred members of the theatrical troupe which have been thrown out of engagements as the result of the Iroquois fire, were driven into the streets this morning by a fire in the Grand Palace Hotel, on North Clark street. Several rescues were accomplished with difficulty. Only a few guests, a majority of whom were women, had time to dress. The fire was extinguished without casualties. It is the second fire in the same hotel within two weeks.

HOME FOR AGED MINERS

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—The United Mine Workers, at this morning's session, adopted a resolution calling for appeals to the different state legislatures, asking the enactment of laws compelling the railways to pay half a cent a ton on all coal carried out of the state, also the operators to pay half a cent a ton on all coal mined, and the miners half of one per cent of their wages into a general fund to be used in building and maintaining a home for aged and crippled miners.

KAISER GETS A MOVE ON

Personally Superintends Sending Reinforcements

Calls for volunteers, but Refuses to Let the Princes go--Is Angry at Officials

Berlin, Jan. 20.—The kaiser, angered by the government officials' failure to make preparations for such an emergency as has risen in Africa, where the natives are in revolt, is personally supervising arrangements, and rushing reinforcements. He issued a call for volunteers, and several royal princes volunteered among the first. The kaiser refused them on the ground that it was not desirable that the ruling princes should risk their lives.

He will leave Berlin tonight, traveling all night, to be in time to reach Wilhelmshaven, and bid the departing troops Godspeed.

New Postmistress.

Oregon—Fox Valley, Jennie McRae, vice I. W. Gardner, resigned.

DIVORCE WEDDING SUICIDE

Disappointed in His Daughter, George Goff Quits

Girl Elops With Dolph Green Who Had Just Obtained a Divorce

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—Geo. Goff, agent for the Conservative Life Insurance Company, blew out his brains this morning at his home, because two weeks ago his daughter eloped. Her father was spending nearly his entire income on her for musical education. The girl ran away with Dolph Green, who was recently tried for shooting a man who was walking with his wife. The latter got a divorce and Green then became attentive to Miss Goff, and they eloped.

American Girl Gets There.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Miss Ina Milroy of Detroit today secured the degree of Doctor of Science, being the first woman ever so honored in Berlin.

NATURAL GAS AT VENTURA

California Towns Supplied With Cheap Light

First Gas in Commercial Quantity Discovered on the Coast Is Remarkably Pure

Ventura, Cal., Jan. 20.—The work of construction on the gas plant, which will supply Ventura, Oxnard and neighboring towns with natural gas, has been started. It marks the first time in the history of California when natural gas in commercial quantities was developed. Over 10 miles of pipe will be laid, and in 60 days the plant will be in operation. A flow of over 40,000 cubic feet per day has been secured, and the gas is unusually pure.

Will Lie in State.

New York, Jan. 20.—Train's body will lie in state at the undertaker's chapel from 6 o'clock to night until 1:30 tomorrow, where the children and workmen will be allowed to view it. There will be no public service.

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