

BATTLESHIPS ARE HEADING FOR THE ORIENT

Russia at Her Old Tricks Insisting She Will Make Any Concession to Maintain Peace

At the Same Time She Is Sending Every Available Battleship to Chinese Waters, Sending a Vast Army to Manchuria, Buying Supplies, and Getting Ready—She Is Simply Sparring for Time

London, Jan. 21.—A Paris correspondent of the Central News wires that semi-official advices received from St. Petersburg says the Russian reply to Japan will reach Tokio today.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—The Lokel Anzeiger's St. Petersburg correspondent today wires that a well-known diplomat confirms the report that Russia is sending fresh proposals to Japan, which will probably result in negotiations being continued several weeks. He says Russia, at any price, will avoid war, and hopes to win Japan to the same view. The diplomat adds that Russia won't permit any intervention.

A Lie on Its Face.
Paris, Jan. 21.—A telegram from a St. Petersburg official source says the difficulties which have been dividing Russia and Japan have been settled in Russia's latest reply.

Russia Appeals to Great Britain.
London, Jan. 20.—Lord Lansdowne's reception at the foreign office today was attended by almost all the ambassadors and ministers in London. At the end of the reception the Associated Press was informed that the situation looked, perhaps, slightly more hopeful, but as the Russian reply apparently is not yet drafted, no definite statement could safely be made.

The foreign office has reason to believe, however, that Russia is willing to concede practically all of Japan's demands, but she cannot see her way to make a treaty with Japan recognizing in black and white Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria. Russia has approached Great Britain to urge Japan to forego this stipulation, and to accept in lieu thereof the assurance to the same end already given to other powers.

It is pointed out at the foreign office that Great Britain, being such an interested party, is in a difficult position, and can scarcely recommend such a course to her ally. For the moment the situation rests there.

Whether Japan will insist to the bitter end on a treaty recognizing Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria the foreign office does not know. It thinks the Japanese themselves will not decide until after the delivery of the Russian reply, which is scarcely expected until next week. Great Britain has not yet taken steps to appoint consuls at Mukden and An Tung.

China Will Guard Border.
Tien Tsin, Jan. 21.—It is authoritatively reported here that Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai has definitely decided to guard the Chi Li-Manchurian border in the event of war between Russia and Japan, and that he had arranged to transfer 20,000 troops to the frontier.

Trouble Feared at Seoul.
Seoul, Jan. 20.—The emperor of Korea has ordered that 700 revolvers and clubs be distributed to the "peddlars," who are nominally secret police, and a dangerous element. Many

Coreans are leaving Seoul, fearing trouble.

Russian Answer Delayed.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—The first exchange of views between the foreign office, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, on the Japanese reply, has not resulted in a definite decision. Consequently, Russia's answer probably will be delayed a little longer than anticipated.

LOST IN THE WOODS

Ventura, Cal., Jan. 21.—Harry Rodford, son of H. L. Rodford, proprietor of Sespe Hot Springs, a well-known resort in Southern California, has been lost somewhere in the mountain wilderness between that place and Fillmore, since Wednesday last. The last three days searching parties are scouring the hills in search of him. Whether injured by the accidental discharge of his gun or whether he is held at bay by wild animals is not known. The prevalence of mountain lions in the mountains between Fillmore and Sespe and the fact that at this time of the year the animals are exceptionally fierce, gives credence to the latter version.

THE NAME SAVORS OF DISASTER

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The Iroquois Democratic Club meets this afternoon to inaugurate a boom for the nomination of General Miles for president.

At the Last Talkfest.
Washington, Jan. 21.—In the senate Morgan asked for a second reading of his Panama annexation bill. The house accepted a resolution calling on Cortelyou to report the number of carriages employed by the government in his department, and their use, and the authority for the same. Hull opened the debate on the army appropriation bill.

Wealth and Death.
Los Angeles, Jan. 21.—William A. Mueller, a draughtsman in the Pacific Electric Railway office, has received a check for \$50,000 from Cripple Creek. Two years ago he grub-staked his two sons. One was killed by a blast which unearthed a rich vein of gold ore that brought fortune for the other brother.

Fruit Growers' Meeting.
The Fruit Growers' Union will have a program on practical subjects next Saturday at 1:30 p. m., January 23d, at the city hall. All the members and all persons who are interested in fruit growing are cordially invited to be present. W. D. MATTHEWS, Chairman of Committee.

SOMETHING NEW IN TRAIN ROBBERING

California Bandits Break Into Express Car and Steal the Safe While Train Was Going Through a Tunnel

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The Southern Pacific Sunset limited, westbound, was boarded by masked men near tunnel No. 7, a few miles from Paso Robles early this morning, and the safe thrown off. The discovery was not made until an hour later. The amount in the safe is unknown, but it is believed to be at least \$10,000. A posse has been sent to the scene.

While the train was coming slowly up the grade into the tunnel the robbers boarded it, and battered down the large doors to the first express car, in which there were no messengers. The door was locked at San Luis Obispo, after several thousand dollars in money and valuables had been placed in the safe. The train proceeded

northward, with the express messengers in the adjoining car to the rear. They noticed no suspicious characters around the station, neither did the conductor and other trainmen. There is almost positive truth that the robbers boarded the train as it was proceeding slowly up the grade. When the tunnel was entered they immediately began their work of breaking in the door, using long iron rods and hatchets. The noise was not heard by any of the trainmen. They must have worked at the door for 15 minutes at least, as the safe was thrown out near a little station called Thiles, in the San Lucia mountains. The sheriff and his deputies found the safe blown open early this morning, and made an im-

mediate attempt to trace the robbers, who it is believed live in the vicinity. No arrests were made up to noon. A peculiar thing about the robbery is that it was not discovered until the train left Paso Robles on its way north. One of the express messengers noticed the door had been broken open after the train pulled out from Paso Robles station, and when it reached San Miguel gave the alarm. The engineer and conductor, as well as the whole train crew, knew nothing of the robbery. Not a single one could offer the slightest clue, and the express car alone told the story. Wells-Fargo officials will not give out the exact

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