

ONLY A QUESTION OF DAYS

Japan Has Reached the Limit of Her Patience

Russia Has About Completed Her Arrangements and Will Throw off Her Mask

Rome, Feb. 3.—News from the Far East today asserts that Japan is determined to present an ultimatum to Russia on February 10th, if no conclusion is reached prior to that time.

Leading Japs Predict War.

London, Feb. 3.—Letters from leading men in Tokio to friends here state that everything is in readiness in Japan for war, and that the outbreak is inevitable. Russia's concessions are not likely to suffice, and this is the last phase of the negotiations before the resort to arms. Influential Japanese citizens in Europe, including noted diplomats, have advised Japan that it is now time to strike.

France Takes Precautions.

Paris, Feb. 3.—A Marseilles correspondent of La Patrie asserts that, acting under government orders, the Oriental shipping companies are holding several vessels ready for possible troop transportation work, in case of war between Russia and Japan.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The Seoul Pusan railway, according to dispatches from Vladivostok, has been occupied by Japanese troops. The Japanese have also taken guns to Seoul for the protection of the legation.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The correspondent of the Journal at Port Arthur cables that orders have been received for the mobilization of the Russian squadrons there, and at Vladivostok, and both are now ready to take to sea at a moment's notice.

A False Sense of Security in Corea.

London, Feb. 3.—"Corea appears to consider the response of the powers to her declaration of neutrality," cables the Seoul correspondent of the Times, "as tantamount to a guarantee of territorial integrity, and consequently a false sense of security is

manifested at the palace here."

Fleet is Now Ready.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—A dispatch from Vladivostok, dated today, and issued here by a semi-official agency, says the Russian fleet at Vladivostok has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for sea. All the wood fittings of the ships were removed yesterday. The harbor is being kept open by ice-breakers. The fleet consists of four cruisers, the Crombler, of 13,366 tons; the Rossia, of 12,130 tons, the Bogatir, of 8750 tons and the Rurik, of 10,923 tons, and a transport, the Lena.

Delay Makes Japan Fearful.

Tokio, Feb. 3.—The Russian note is still undelivered, and the government and people of Japan do not possess any definite information concerning the time of its arrival or its contents. Russia's delay, coupled with the announcement of continued movement of reinforcements into Manchuria, increases the strain of the tension, while it diminishes the already slim prospects for peace. The government has been urged to dispatch a peremptory note to St. Petersburg, threatening to declare war if refused immediate satisfaction in the way of a reply to its previous note, but still the government is patiently waiting, although it is manifest that if the delay is much prolonged it will act energetically.

Even this will move more rapidly when the note is finally received, if it is materially unsatisfactory, and the prospects for additional negotiations are slight, although probably Japan will dispatch an ultimatum before striking. The Japanese show a remarkable outward calm, and no scenes similar to those in America and England before recent wars were witnessed.

There are occasional demonstrations and outcroppings of popular feeling, but the casual visitor to the larger cities can see but little out of the ordinary in the disposition and behavior of the people. There is, however, an undercurrent of desperate determination running the nation's length and breadth. The people have counted the cost and made final preparations, so that if forced to fight, they are capable of waging and sustaining a war in a manner that will surprise the world.

Sails With Beef for Russian Army.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Corea sailed for the Orient today with over 8000 tons of freight, including 2500 tons of flour for Chinese and Japanese ports and 700 tons of mess beef for the Russian army at Vladivostok. She also carried 100 tons of beef for the American troops at Manila, and 250,000 feet of lumber for the same port. A war risk of 1/4 per cent was quoted on the cargo.

The vessel had nearly 200 passengers, including a number of Japanese army officers, who have been recalled from foreign ports. H. M. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, accompanied by his wife, sailed on the Corea for a tour of the Far East.

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WILLIAM COLLINS WHITNEY

Secretary of the Navy Under Cleveland Expires

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New York, Feb. 3.—William Collins Whitney, ex-Secretary of the navy, died a few minutes after 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home, 871 Fifth avenue, in his 64th year. He died while under the influence of ether, administered preparatory to a second operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Whitney was taken ill Friday night at the performance of "Rigoletto," at the Metropolitan opera house, and had to leave before the opera ended. Dr. Walker H. James, the Whitney family physician, was summoned, and found that the condition of the patient was such that, after consultation, operation was decided upon, and was performed by Dr. Bull. The patient rallied so well that it was fully believed he would recover. Mr. Whitney's condition was very grave on Sunday and Monday, and at a consultation held this afternoon, the conclusion was reached that the only hope for the patient lay in a second operation.

A bulletin issued in the morning stated that there had been a slight improvement in the patient's condition, but shortly before 3 o'clock alarming symptoms were noted, and hurried preparations were made for a second operation. Mr. Whitney was placed under the influence of ether, but whether the operation was proceeded with is unknown.

When the physicians perceived that the patient was in danger of death, Harry Payne Whitney and Miss Dorothy Whitney were immediately notified. They hastened to the side of their father, and in a few minutes he breathed his last.

It is officially announced this afternoon that he will be buried Friday, and admission to the church will be by card only. The list of pallbearers will be given out tonight.

BOODLER TELLS IT ALL

Fulton, Mo., Feb. 3.—In the Butler trial today John Murrell, a former boodler of the St. Louis boodling combine, who returned from Mexico turned state's evidence, was a witness. He described the details of the lighting transaction, the haggling over the price with Butler, and the final receipt and division of \$47,500. Murrell's share was \$2500.

Hanna Very Weak.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Hanna passed a bad night, is not so well today and is very weak. Dr. Rixey says, although he is much debilitated, his condition is unalarming.

This afternoon a rumor was circulated that Hanna was dead, and created a small panic in the corridors of the capitol and in the principal hotels. It was quieted by the announcement at the Arlington hotel that his condition since morning is unchanged. He is still irrational and weak. Dr. Rixey is constantly at his bedside. The latter still insists there is no cause for alarm.

New York, Feb. 3.—A special to a local news agency says a close friend of Hanna's said this afternoon that his temperature was 100 1/4, and no one had been allowed to see him for the past two days.

Adjourned Until April.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—The Democratic national committee adjourned at noon to meet again April 10th. It was decided to make no reservation for seats until the April meeting, when newspaper men will be appointed to take charge of the matter. It reserved the entire Jefferson hotel for convention headquarters.

MONTANA MURDER SOCIETY

Police Intercept Letters Showing Intended Murders

Gang Formed for the Purpose of Reducing Murder to a Financial Transaction

Butte, Mont., Feb. 3.—The police have arrested the most desperate gang of criminals ever known in Montana, and intercepted a letter written to a woman known as Ruby Taylor, disclosing a plot to murder some well-known Butte men and another in Helena, for which the gang was to receive \$2000 and \$5000, respectively for doing the job, to be paid by some unknown party. The police have the names of the conspirators and their intended victims, but refuse to make them public until the arrests are made. Ruby Taylor

is in Denver, where the authorities have been wired to arrest her. The men arrested here give the names of Harry Taylor, John Law, Chas. Moon, O. L. Warner and Wm. Harris. Also a woman known as Lysle Southern, and another member of the gang known as Lynch were captured in Anaconda, after a desperate fight, during which two companions escaped. The police say they have evidence of the most startling character that the gang was regularly organized for the business of murder for a consideration.

Got What He Deserved.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Wm. Ewing was found guilty today of using the mails to defraud. He was secretary of the Standard Oil Development Company, and is accused of gathering several thousand dollars from investors throughout the coast region. It developed he had very little property to back up the glowing promises he made.

German Governor Safe.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—A dispatch today announces the safe arrival of Governor Leutwin, of German Southwest Africa, at the coast station, having successfully eluded the rebellious Hottentots. Grave fears for the safety of the party were entertained for the past fortnight.

GREAT TIDAL WAVE

Strikes Coast of France Doing Immense Damage

Town of Penmarch Is Submerged, Many Lives Lost, and Hundreds of Fishing Boats Wrecked

Brest, France, Feb. 3.—A tidal wave last night, on the coast of Penmarch, wrecked many fishing boats and drowned several; the number is yet unknown. Immense damage was done, and one-third of Penmarch was under water. The inhabitants fled to the hills.

Got Ten Years.

Cleveland, Feb. 3.—George Ross, cashier of the Produce Exchange Bank, who embezzled \$137,000, was today sentenced to 10 years in the pen.

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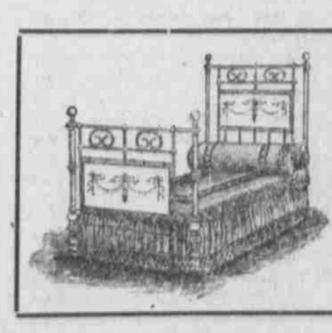
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Animation

is certainly the word to describe the scene at our embroidery counters this morning. The 4000 yards went like chaff before the wind. Our patrons recognize our bona fide offering, and are not misled by impotent offerings by jealous opposition.

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