

BOTH SIDES ARE READY

Only a Question of Hours Until the Struggle for Supremacy, Between Malay and Muscovite Is Begun

Minister Hayashi Speaking With Authority Says Russia Must Sign Written Treaty Guaranteeing China's Authority in Manchuria, or Japan Will Declare War—Rumor of Sea Battle Is Not Confirmed.

London, Feb. 6.—The Echo says a rumor is current that a London merchant received a cable from his agent in Japan that a battle had occurred between Russian and Japanese battleships, in which three Russian and two Japanese battleships were sunk. The rumor is not confirmed.

The Japanese embassy has heard nothing of the Echo report of a battle, and gives it no credence.

Have Waited Too Long.
Washington, Feb. 6.—Minister Grigoriy, of Tokyo, cabled the state department this morning that the feeling obtains in Japan that more than a reasonable period has elapsed since the sending of the note to Russia. There is great impatience, and diplomats feel that it is not improbable the relations between the countries may be broken off at any moment.

Encourages Japan.
London, Feb. 6.—It is learned that Great Britain, believing war between Japan and Russia is now inevitable, is giving Japan active encouragement.

No Cipher Dispatches.
New York, Feb. 6.—The Commercial Cable Company today announced it had been advised by the Japanese government that any secret language is prohibited in private messages to Japan.

Minister Will Leave.
London, Feb. 6.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg this afternoon says the Japanese minister, Mura, is making preparations to leave.

Mrs. Sanborn's Sewing Class.
Will meet at the residence of Mrs. Baumgartner, corner of Center and Front streets, Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Reply Received.
Tokio, Feb. 6.—Russian reply was

Special Prices On Oranges and Bananas at

Zinn's

154 State St. Phone 1971 Main

Salem Ladies are Getting Enthusiastic

About our line of
New Spring DRESS GOODS

They never expected a Salem store to show such high class novelties at such reasonable prices. It only shows what the spot cash plan of business can do for a dry goods store. Remember that the choicest patterns go first. The sooner you buy the better assortment you will have to select from.

The New York Racket
SALEM'S CHEAPEST ONE PRICE CASH STORE.
E. T. BARNES, PROP.

received today through the Russian minister, Beresen.

Want Fast Boat.
London, Feb. 6.—The London Times is negotiating with Lipton to buy the steam yacht Erin, to be used as a dispatch boat, in case of a Japanese-Russian war.

Coreans and Russians Clash.
London, Feb. 6.—A Seoul dispatch says Russian soldiers had an encounter with Korean gendarmes, because the former seized a woman. The gendarmes were victorious, and one Russian was wounded. The Koreans declare Russia will destroy their country. An insurrection has broken out 60 miles north of Seoul, and the prefect's house was destroyed.

Call Japs Home.
San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The Japanese consul today confirmed the report that the Japanese government has issued its first call to all citizens of that country residing in foreign lands. The call includes Japanese who have completed service in the Japanese army within the last four years, and some will sail Wednesday. The call created intense excitement in the local Japanese colony, where it is taken to mean Japan is about to declare, or has already declared war.

Japan Has Lost Hope.
London, Feb. 6.—The Tokyo correspondent of the Times says the situation is regarded as hopeless. It is generally believed, he continues, that the councils of the elder statesmen held February 3d and 4th, decided upon the final measures to be taken in the event of an unfavorable reply from Russia.

The voluntary subscriptions to the war fund exceed 2,000,000 yen, the correspondent says. Little credence he adds, attaches to the persistent rumors that Russian troops are about to proceed to Korea, at the request of the Korean government.

To Build Railroad Across the Ice.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—A semi-official dispatch received here from Irkutsk says:

Telegraphic orders have been received here to forward immediately to Baidai a consignment of rails sufficient to lay 30 miles of track, with all necessary materials for construction work. The order must be executed before the arrival of Prince Khilkoff, Russian minister of railroad commu-

nication, who is expected February 10th. Lake Baikal is frozen over from January to the first of May. The proposal has been made to move passengers across the lake by means of a temporary railroad on ice.

Russia Summons Admiral.
Berlin, Feb. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal-Anzeiger telegraphs that Admiral Skridlov, commander of the Russian squadron in the Black Sea, has been summoned to St. Petersburg for consultation on account of his knowledge of the Far East. The dowager empress received the admiral, and when he was leaving said to him: "There will be no war."

Japanese Panic-Stricken.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—"The Japanese are fleeing panic-stricken," cables the Vladivostok correspondent of the Novoe Vremya, "and Japanese storekeepers are sacrificing all their possessions in their haste to escape to Japan. Cases of oranges are selling for 5 cents, and furniture is being literally given away. They are practically ruining themselves in their hurry to get away before the outbreak of war."

Russia Must Yield or Fight.
Paris, Feb. 6.—An interview published here with Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, has attracted marked attention in the higher government quarters, particularly his declaration that unless Russia signs a treaty carrying out Japan's demands, war will result, and also his statement that Japan desires to be left alone, and will object to any intervention from Great Britain tending toward inducing the acceptance of Russia's reply.

One of the officials in touch with Foreign Minister Delcasse said if this interview were genuine, as it seemed to be, it was of the highest moment. Baron Hayashi reiterated his published statements that Japan will insist on a signed treaty recognizing China's rights in Manchuria, and is quoted as saying:

"If Russia refuses this treaty we will fight."

"Is your government unalterably determined on this course?" the minister was asked.

"Absolutely," he is said to have replied.

"We will not take promises. Too many promises have been broken, and now we insist upon a signed treaty."

The interviewer then asked: "Suppose Russia's answer is conciliatory and reasonable, but refuses to go to the extent of signing the treaty you desire, will your government then have recourse to arms?"

"That is precisely what I mean," replied the minister.

"If the government of his majesty King Edward VII asks Japan not to make war," continued the interviewer, "and requests her to accept Russia's reply, what will Japan do?"

"We shall greatly object to such intervention, even coming from the king. We desire to be left alone in our duel with Russia. We do not want support or assistance. We desire to settle our own account with Russia."

In terminating the interview Baron Hayashi was asked:

"Then you say that if Russia refuses to sign a treaty recognizing China's rights in Manchuria that means war?"

"That will be war," replied the min-

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MORE RAIN SOUTH

California Rejoicing Over a Plentiful Downpour

Whole State Was Visited and the Long-prayed for Showers Still Continue

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—A sharp drop in the temperature, accompanied by frost tomorrow morning, is the prediction for Southern California made by the local weather bureau, but those unwelcome conditions will be followed by more rain. The country south of Tehachapi received another good drenching last night and this morning. The added precipitation amounts to three-quarters of an inch. It is cloudy in that section today. Northern California was visited by a heavy frost last night, but at daybreak a generous rain set in, and the downpour is expected to continue throughout the day.

Has Got Tired.
J. F. Johnson, plaintiff, vs. Rebecca Johnson, defendant, is the title of a new divorce suit filed in the circuit court this afternoon. The couple was married July 31, 1890, and there is one child, George F. Johnson, 13 years old. Desertion is charged by the plaintiff. C. L. McNary is attorney for the plaintiff.

Think Him Innocent.
E. C. Parsons, who was, at the January term of court, sentenced to serve 30 days in jail, having been convicted of stealing supplies from the state goes out of jail tomorrow, as he has completed his term. The young man has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends, who believe in his innocence.

Not His Eyes, But His Toe.
Rome, Feb. 6.—The Vatican officials deny the pope is blind, but say he is suffering with the gout.

Famous Detective Dead.
Chicago, Feb. 6.—Former Chief of Police Joseph Kiple, the famous thief-catcher, died today.

Seventy Four Bales and Cases
of new spring merchandise, which is more than all the other stores combined have received. This is no idle boast, but can be substantiated by investigation at the local freight offices. More new goods arriving daily.

New New

Spring percales and gingham in all the newest patterns known in the making of cotton goods of this description are shown in a great variety of designs and colorings. In looking through this stock you may rest assured that it is positively the largest shown in the Willamette valley. Our usually low prices prevail on all goods bought here, notwithstanding the enormous raise in cotton goods.

Cut Rate Price

On all toilet articles and preparations. Here again we show our superiority and ability to undersell. Following is a partial list of toilet articles used in every home, that are sold at all stores for 25c each—read the list carefully, then see if there is something you need:

TALCUM POWDER, WHITE'S TOOTH POWDER, PARAGON TOOTH WASH VALLANT'S ANTISEPTIC SOAP, WITCH HAZEL CREAM, ALMOND CREAM, CARBOLATED PETROLA, POMADE PETROLA, CAMPHOR CREAM, COLD CREAM,

UNCLE SAMUEL WINS

Celebrated Asphalt Case Decided Our Way

War Between This County and Venezuela on its Account, Was Threatened

Washington, Feb. 6.—The state department has cable advices confirming the report that the famous asphalt case, which two years ago threatened war between America and Venezuela, has been settled by a unanimous decision of the supreme court of Venezuela in favor of the New York & Meraldez Asphalt Co. All the contentions of the United States were sustained.

KILLED AMERICAN SAILOR

Washington, Feb. 6.—The government has issued no new instructions regarding the action to be taken in San Domingo for the killing of Sailor Johnston by the rebels. It is assumed Powell is taking all necessary steps to capture the murderers. Advice today are that the insurgents continue their devastation of property without regard to ownership, and there is a strong feeling against Americans.

Was the Jury Bribed?
Fulton, Mo., Feb. 6.—The jury this morning rendered a verdict acquitting Colonel Ed. Butler of bribery charges in the St. Louis house of delegates.

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FIFTEEN MONTHS SENTENCE

W. E. Ewing Used the Mails to Defraud Customers

Was Engaged in Promoting Oil Speculations in the Big California Fields

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—W. E. Ewing was sentenced to 15 months in San Quentin and a fine of \$500 by United States District Judge DeHaven this morning. Ewing was an oil promoter, and was found guilty of using the mails to defraud many victims on the coast.

Bank Run Failed.
Oakland, Cal., Feb. 6.—The expected run on the Bank of Savings, scheduled for this morning, failed to materialize. A number of timid customers gathered in front of the building an hour before the doors opened, but when they saw the great heaps of coin stacked up on the paying teller's desk, many left, confident that their funds were safe. A few withdrew their deposits. Rumors that the bank's affairs were in a disabled condition were freely circulated last night, but met prompt denials.

His Temperature Higher.
Washington, Feb. 6.—This morning's bulletin at the Arlington, says Hanna's condition is unchanged. Drs. Rixey and Magruder will hold a consultation this afternoon. At 10 o'clock the bulletin shows that Hanna's temperature is half a degree higher than yesterday. Rixey believes the disease is reaching its climax.

Robbed and Murdered.
Chicago, Feb. 6.—Geo. Becker, a conductor on the Western Avenue line, was shot and fatally wounded by two men early today, when he resisted their attempt to rob him. The robbers escaped.



Jos. Meyer & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE "WHITE CORNER"

Bought Before The Rise

That is the secret of the phenomenally low prices that rule in our store. We couldn't buy goods of the same class now and sell them at the prices we are asking without making a heavy loss. During the last five weeks we have received.

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Lace Curtains

Just received the finest line of curtains ever shown in this city, which added to our already large variety, places us in a much better position to satisfy your needs than ever before. Ask to see the new
FIL DE FER, ALEXANDRIANS, LOUIS XIV, BOBBINETS.
A fine showing of
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