

CRISIS IS MORE ACUTE

SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST BECOMING WARLIKE AGAIN.

Appointment of a Japanese "Fighting Admiral" Regarded as Preliminary to Trouble.

RUMORS OF AN OPEN RUPTURE

NEGOTIATIONS AT TOKYO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF.

Objection by Russia to Article 12 of the Sino-United States Commercial Treaty.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 21.—The ministerial conferences, naval preparations, and notably the appointment of Vice Admiral Toga, known as a "fighting admiral," to command the standing squadron, have led to a renewal of the anticipations of trouble.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Tokyo says: "Russian military activity on the Korean frontiers is unabated. The important newspapers are taking a gloomy view. They are inclined to believe Russia does not intend to fulfill her repeated promises and declarations, in which case it will be incumbent on Japan to take decisive steps for the sake of her very existence. The Japanese gunboat Chikwa was to have wintered at New-Chwang, but this arrangement has been countermanded."

A report was in circulation on the London Stock Exchange that the negotiations between Russia and Japan had been broken off, but the Foreign Office officials here said that they had not heard anything confirmatory of the rumor. This statement was made subsequent to a visit paid by Baron Hayashi to Foreign Minister Lansdowne this afternoon. The officials of the Foreign Office added that the report was contrary to the general trend of his information.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—The German government takes a cheerful view of the Russo-Japanese difficulties. Russia has conveyed assurances to Germany that she will strictly observe the defensive, even if Japan occupies Korean ports in force. Japan may act aggressively, but Russia will not be forced to cross the Yalu river. The impression that might be derived from the foregoing definition of Russian policy is pointed out here, is that the negotiations are nearing an end favorable to Japan. But the Associated Press in London notices the result of negotiations is still pending, precautionary military preparations on both sides are going on.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Oct. 21.—It is reported here that the Chilean government is treating with Japan for the sale of two warships.

CHINA-AMERICAN TREATY.

Russians Object to Article 12 of the Commercial Agreement.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 21.—The Novykray of Port Arthur, commenting on the commercial treaty between the United States and China, declares that Article 12 (opening ports in Manchuria to United States trade) strikes at the very heart of Russian interests in Manchuria, and says it is convinced the treaty will only be ratified after material modifications, as it affects part of the territory, which, by the relations of the treaty, is not free so long as Russia has not definitely come to an understanding with China regarding her rights. "Moreover," the Novykray adds, "prior to her present occupation, Russia had special treaty relations with China regarding this territory, giving her the right to build railways and guaranteeing that no similar privileges will be granted to others."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The full text of Article 12 of the commercial treaty between the United States and China, referred to in the foregoing dispatch, follows: "The Chinese government having, in 1860, opened the navigable inland waters of the empire to commerce and steam vessels—native or foreign—that may be necessary for the purpose of conveyance of passengers and lawful merchandise, it is now agreed by the Chinese government and the United States, that the vessels of every type belonging to the citizens, firms and corporations of the United States, shall be permitted to engage in it on equal terms with those granted to the subjects of China or any power having relations with China, and to further agree by the adoption of such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this article in force as shall promote the end in view."

The State Department officials are disposed to attach little credence to the reports that come from the far East of a purpose on the part of Russia to defeat the operation of the new treaty between the United States and China, so far as it relates to the opening of ports in Manchuria to our commerce. It is also pointed out that the reports which are probably inspired by a desire to cause friction between the United States and Russia, as an act of courtesy, and in view of Russia's considerable Manchurian interests, will be treated with the same nature, was unofficially submitted to the Russian agents in China and by them communicated to the Russian government in St. Petersburg. Through entirely reliable channels the United States was assured that the treaty was not objectionable to Russia. With the complications then existing in southern Europe engaging her attention, in addition to the Manchurian and Korean problems, it is understood that Russia was very glad to come to terms with the United States on a basis that did not involve the sacrifice of any of Russia's political aspirations as to Manchuria.

The United States government is entirely satisfied that the Chinese treaty, when ratified by the United States Senate, will secure the objects aimed at, namely, the opening of Manchurian ports to American commerce on even terms with Russian commerce. Even assuming that the Russian agent, Lesser, and the Chinese Foreign Office concluded a secret treaty before the consummation of the Chinese-Sino treaty, as reported, in view of the fact that Russia made no objection to the latter convention, the United States will not be bound by any preceding secret agreement. It follows that the government would not be bound by any subsequent convention between Russia and China as sufficient to invalidate any treaty in regular form with China, and that the Russian agent's unauthorized action at the date of its conclusion.

STEAM HEAT AT BLACHERNE.

It is Furnished by Merchants' Heating and Lighting Company.

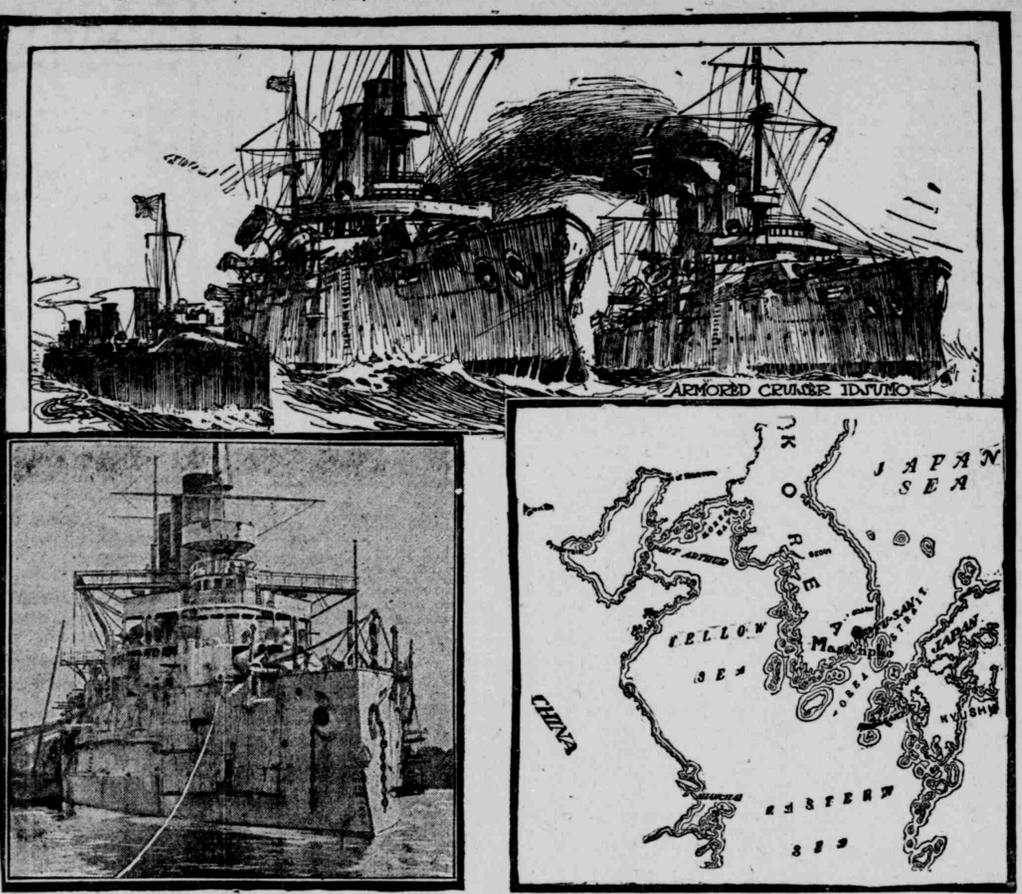
Steam from the Merchants' Heating and Lighting Company yesterday turned on at the Blachere apartment house, which will hereafter be heated from this plant. Pipes of the company have been laid as far north on Meridian street as New York, thence they pass to the first alley east and north through the alley to the Blachere. A number of connections have been made along this line, but there will be no further extension north this year. It is planned to lay a trunk line on Michigan street next season. The radiation at the Blachere is 7,500 feet.

Have you seen Mrs. Austin's New Dress?

JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN WAR VESSELS

Destroyer Akatsuki.

Battleship Shikishima.



Type of Russian Battleship. Scene of Possible Naval Conflict.

Japan and Russia have powerful fleets in the vicinity of Korea, the bone of contention between the two nations. Korea is regarded as the storm center of Asia, and diplomats believe there will be no assured peace until the "Hermit Kingdom" is parcelled out between Russia and Japan.

FACTIONS ARE NOW UNITED

THIS ASSURANCE GIVEN BY MAYOR HOLTZMAN AND MR. KEACH.

Newly Elected Officials Appear Before the German-American Democratic Club-Keach Talks.

In the face of open dissensions in the Democratic party yesterday Mayor Holtzman giving all of his best appointments to Taggart men, and the displacement of Albert Zaring as secretary of the Board of Public Works, the mayor and James Leroy Keach, chairman of the Democratic city committee, last night gave vocal assurance to the members of the German-American Democratic Club that all factions of the Democratic household are now united and that all is peace within the Democratic camp.

The occasion was the celebration by the members of the club at Otto Keller's Hall, 237 East Washington street, of the election of Mayor Holtzman and the other successful Democratic candidates. August Tamm, president of the club, presided. Mayor Holtzman was the first speaker. He said he was glad to be the guest of the German Democratic Club and that he was sorry all of the Democratic candidates were not elected and that all of them could not be present as part of the city administration. The mayor then paid a tribute to Chairman Keach, who, he said, is a most able and competent man to have charge of the Democratic city committee. The mayor said, despite all that is said to the contrary, the Democratic party of Indianapolis is not split and torn with dissenting interests and purposes. These reports are not true. All of the parts of the Democratic party in Indianapolis are united again. All peace within the Democratic household. The party is working to one end now—to give Indianapolis a good, clean government."

Mr. Keach then stated that he was glad to say that it was his purpose as chairman of the city committee to get the ticket elected, but to elect men who would keep their promises and improve the city's condition morally and financially.

City Clerk Fogarty was the other speaker, and all of the Democratic candidates were not elected and could not be present as officers of the city administration.

Others who spoke were Joseph Schaub, Henry Russe, Jack Woessner, Fred Schramm, Albert Kahn, Frank S. Fishback, George Schauer, M. J. Murphy, W. H. Deau, Emil Fertig, John Rauch, Colonel Hinckley and Dr. Greiner.

LOCKED IN THE MONUMENT.

Two Richmond Men Had a Very Bad Quarter of an Hour.

Two men from Richmond spent an unpleasant hour in the soldiers' monument yesterday afternoon—unpleasant because they were locked in and could not get out. They went to see the monument, and, like many other visitors to the Capitol city, they wanted to go home with the statement that they had walked down the stairs in the monument. While they were walking down the stairs the custodian of the shaft of stone locked up the doors and went out to do a little shopping, and when the men arrived at the foot of the stairway they found themselves imprisoned behind the massive doors erected by the memory of Indiana's soldiers and sailors. Then began a fight for freedom. They imagined that they were locked up possibly for the night, and after searching around the custodian's quarters they at last found a telephone and called for the p. m. Bicyclemen Askins and Duncan were sent to release the men, but by the time they arrived at the monument the custodian had returned and released his prisoners, who accepted the matter as a good joke after they were once on the outside of the circle.

LOOKS AT THE RETURNS.

Edward W. Little, the defeated Democratic candidate for police judge, yesterday afternoon was allowed to go over the tabulated returns of the vote from each of the 27 precincts. The boxes containing the returns were opened for Mr. Little in the presence of City Clerk Fogarty, Judge Whallon, the Democratic and Republican election commissioners, and a Democratic and Re-

OFFICERS OF BIG FOUR

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL OF MUTUAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

Several of the Organizers of the Association in Attendance—Election of Officers.

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Officers of the society for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. J. E. Higdon, president; Mrs. C. E. Bacon, first vice president; Mrs. M. V. B. Spencer, second vice president; Mrs. N. H. Kipp, third vice president; Mrs. Edward T. Brantley, fourth vice president; Mrs. M. E. Franklin, who has served ten years as recording secretary, was re-elected to that office; Mrs. S. Hopkins, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. E. Whitlock, chairman of the literature committee; Mrs. J. S. Boston, superintendent of the Standard Bearers; Miss Neill Van Bergen, superintendent of the King's Herald.

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