

WORLD'S PEACE IN OUR HANDS?

GREAT VALUE PUT ON AMERICAN NEUTRALITY NOW.

Such a Guarantee Might Bring a Declaration of War From France and Russia Against England and Japan—London Confidential That We Will Not Make That Declaration—Germany Approached.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, March 23.—It is necessary to say two things in regard to the political crisis through which the world is passing at the present moment. The first is that it is impossible to obtain substantiation of the gravest rumors which are now current, and the second, that the responsibility for keeping the peace of the world may be thrown entirely upon the American and German Governments.

It is not necessary to discuss in detail the most alarming reports which have gained circulation, save to say that they do not receive credence in this or any European capital. This much is true. The Russo-French declaration regarding the Anglo-Japanese alliance has been followed or accompanied by important negotiations. France and Russia have asked the other Powers, including the United States, Germany, Austria and Italy, what would be their respective attitudes toward the new alliance. The inquiry in at least two cases included the question whether neutrality would be maintained in case of war between Great Britain and Japan on the one hand and France and Russia on the other. It has been inferred in certain quarters that if assurances of neutrality had been obtained from the United States and Germany war would have followed almost immediately. This inference is not, perhaps, absurd, but nothing in the nature of confirmation can be obtained from the best informed authorities.

On the other hand, the British Foreign Office, which is fully aware of these international inquiries, utterly discredits any illiberal significance. It is pointed out that it is the diplomatic custom to exchange notes between Governments regarding the interpretation and effect of any important treaty. There cannot be any doubt that Russia and Japan would be exceedingly pleased to obtain pledges of neutrality from America and Germany. The refusal of such a pledge by both countries would almost certainly prevent war.

There is good reason to believe that Germany has already given such a refusal; in other words, the Kaiser insists that he will retain complete liberty of action. England is confident that the United States will take a similar attitude. She does not expect America to come to her assistance, but she does believe that the Washington Government will do nothing to precipitate a conflict which might result in the destruction of American trade interests in the Far East.

It is not going too far to say that a declaration at the present moment of neutrality in case of war might precipitate that war. This must be fully understood by the Washington Government. Hence the confidence here that no such declaration will be forthcoming.

To-day's news from South Africa, which indicates that the Boers desire to negotiate for peace, has an important bearing on the situation. If by any possibility Russia has belligerent designs she will either bring them quickly into action before England can transfer her army from South Africa to India or she will abandon them entirely.

JAPAN LOOKS FOR PEACE.

Press Comment on the Russo-French Declaration.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. YOKOHAMA, March 23.—A portion of the press does not see anything sinister in the Franco-Russian declaration. The Jiji, a leading journal, however, considers that the prime object of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is the development of commerce, and consequently the United States sympathizes with it. On the other hand, the Jiji maintains that the purpose of the Franco-Russian understanding must be territorial. France seeking territory in Yunnan and Russia in Manchuria. Germany is in neither camp, as her European policy requires her to stand neutral between Russia and Great Britain.

All the journals agree in the declaration being an additional guarantee for the maintenance of tranquillity in the Far East.

AMER WITH THE CAR.

Report That Afghanistan's Ruler is Leaving for Russia.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, March 24.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says there is good ground for believing that the Amir of Afghanistan has recently shown a leaning toward Russia, which may have important results in the future. The Russian Government recently received very important information from the Amir of Afghanistan, which the latter's personal mission is not known, but important instructions were issued to the Russian Government in regard to the Amir.

RUSSIA'S MILITARY LOSS.

To Strengthen Their Artillery Armies in "Frontier Raids."

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, March 24.—A despatch to the Standard from Berlin says that Russia is about to strengthen all her military units in the Russo-Japanese frontier, including the present garrisons. "Frontier raids" are to be established along the whole frontier. The real purpose is expected to be a very considerable increase in the Russian garrisons, especially mounted infantry, in order to be ready to cross the frontier when the time is considered opportune. A despatch to the Morning Post from Berlin says that Admiral Anson's command is about to leave the coast and will force to Russian East Asia. The command will be assumed by several

months. This is construed as proof that the situation in the Far East is regarded at St. Petersburg as being free of any likelihood of complications.

COREAN ROW WITH RUSSIA.

Foreign Minister Refuses to Have Any Relations With Carr's Representative. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. YOKOHAMA, March 23.—Advices from Seoul are to the effect that confusion prevails in Korean Ministerial circles. The Foreign Minister refuses to have any relations with M. Psoloff, the Russian Minister, who is pressing for compensation for the telegraph posts that were erected in spite of the protests of the Korean Government, which were destroyed by the Government's orders.

GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

Suggestion of a Brussels Paper in Discussing the Far East. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. BRUSSELS, March 24.—The Independence Belg. reviewing the situation in the Far East, concludes that probably Germany and the United States will constitute a third group of allies, the formation of which does not in itself constitute a menace to the peace of the world, but the fact cannot be overlooked that the policy of counterpoise to the Anglo-Japanese alliance may not yield the happy results that optimists affect to anticipate.

CRISIS FORESEEN HERE.

Our Government Alive to the Far Eastern Situation—No Overtures Yet. WASHINGTON, March 23.—In spite of the surface indications that peace in China and the preservation of the territorial integrity of that great empire seem assured through the alliance of Great Britain and Japan and another joint declaration of Russia and France looking to the attainment of these ends, the diplomatic situation is regarded here with the greatest concern.

Occupying, as it does, a position of strict independence, the assurance of which cannot be doubted on account of its traditional policy of avoiding foreign alliances, the United States Government is better able than any other Power to observe the trend of events in the Far East, and to determine without prejudice what may be the outcome of present conditions. It has been energetic in obtaining information, and it is not going too far to say that the most recent advices foreshadow a crisis which will be fraught with danger to the whole world.

That Russia and France on the one hand and England and Japan on the other are preparing themselves to meet whatever may come, is learned on authority so high and so thoroughly trustworthy that it cannot be susceptible of doubt. Instead of clearing the situation, the announcement of the English-Japanese alliance and the joint declaration of Russia and France have only served to increase the tension and make more uncertain the future of China, and for that matter the future of the great nations concerned. The opportunity to study the terms in which the Russian-French note was couched have brought to the Government a realization that the crisis is approaching and that something else must be done to clear away the dangerous clouds that have again begun to gather on the international horizon. In measuring the Government of the United States, while it does not hold the key to the situation, is an important factor in the present crisis. Neither England, France, England nor Japan has made any official overtures to this Government to ascertain the position it will occupy should war come in which both the United States Powers first named would be arrayed against one or both of the others.

In furnishing copies of their joint declaration to the Secretary of State, neither France nor Japan asked for any expression of opinion in regard to that communication. It was learned to-day that an identical message had been sent to the British and French Ambassadors, in which Secretary Hay expressed the gratification of the United States Government over the statement of the British and French Governments of maintaining peace and the territorial integrity of China, with an acknowledgment of the principle of the open door, which the United States Government has been earnestly striving since the beginning of the troubles in China.

The acknowledgment must be regarded as expressing an understanding on the part of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay that they regard Russia and France as having pledged themselves to uphold the policy to which the American Government has consistently adhered since the transfer of the colony of New Hebrides to the United States on July 3, 1900.

The danger from the Washington view-point lies in the friction arising between Russia and Japan. Unprejudiced official observers who have heard both sides have been informed by those who side with Russia that there is danger that Japan, in the event of a conflict, will use force which does not, however, using it necessary for England to join Japan in making war, may strike a sudden blow or make a sudden movement that will bring the two nations into a position of open hostility. With much less than this, however, it is believed that the situation is delicate in the extreme, and that a slight misapprehension on the part of either Power could result in a general outbreak of hostilities.

BOERS UNDER FLAG OF TRUCE.

ENTER PRETORIA TO SEE KITCHENER—SEEK PEACE TERMS?

Acting President Schalkbarger and Other Leaders Center With British Commander—Then Go South Toward De Wet—Hope of Peace Revived. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. FROM THE SUN CORRESPONDENT AT PRETORIA. PRETORIA, March 23.—Mr. Schalkbarger, who is acting as President of the Transvaal in the absence of Mr. Kruger in Europe, Secretary of State Reitz and Commandants Lucas Meyer and Krogh arrived here yesterday morning from Balmoral. Only a few persons knew of the arrival of these important members of the Boer Government. The railway station was kept clear until they had left it. They were driven to the chief's house and had an interview with Gen. Kitchener. In the afternoon they left on a special train for the Orange River Colony. LONDON, March 23.—A despatch to the Central News, sent from Pretoria this afternoon, says that Mr. Schalkbarger, the acting President of the Transvaal, with Secretary Reitz and Commandants Lucas Meyer and Krogh, arrived at Pretoria to-day on a special train from Balmoral, to which place they came under a flag of truce. After a short stay in Pretoria they left for the Orange River Colony. The Central News says that the visit caused excitement in the clubs and other places where the public gather. Mr. Schalkbarger and his companions, according to the Central News, have gone south with the object of meeting Gen. Kitchener, who is in the field south of the Vaal River, operating against Gen. De Wet and Gen. Delany. It is good news, and the prospects of peace are brighter than for many a day. LONDON, March 23.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Standard says that the Boer delegates after interviewing Gen. Kitchener left for Krondstadt, from which place they will go out under a safe conduct. All of the delegates are looking well, showing clear evidence of the healthfulness of life on the veldt. The correspondent adds that Schalkbarger and the other delegates have been stationed at Rhenosterkop, north of Balmoral for a week. They have been greatly harassed by Col. Park and other British commanders. Once Schalkbarger had a narrow escape from being captured. The Boer position being increasingly hopeless, despatch riders were sent to Balmoral on Friday night to inform the British General of the coming of the delegates. Nothing beyond what has been cabled to THE SUN has arrived from South Africa. The foregoing news arrived too late for full comment by the press. The Telegraph deduces that negotiations for peace are afoot, the initiative coming from the Boers, but the mission of the delegates may after all be of lesser importance, such as the treatment of prisoners.

TRIED TO KILL A JUDGE.

Second Attempt at Assassination—Two of a Pursuing posse Wounded.

DALLAS, Tex., March 23.—Early yesterday morning, for the second time, an attempt was made to assassinate Judge Palmer of Lyton Springs, Caldwell county. A gang of some twenty or more mounted men rode up to the Judge's house just before daylight and opened fire. Half a dozen volleys were fired from pistols and shot and nearly every pane of glass in the windows was shot out. Fortunately some of the inmates was hurt. The noise of the shooting aroused the people of Lyton Springs, who hastily armed themselves and took to the trail of the marauders. The bandits were overtaken and surrounded at Holder's Tank and a battle followed. Penn Roberts and Joe Gamblitt, of the citizens posse, were wounded. The bandits broke through the cordon surrounding the water tank and rode away. It is not known whether any of them was wounded. The Sheriff of this (Travis) county and posse started for Lyton Springs immediately upon receiving the news of the battle. Two weeks ago a similar attempt was made to assassinate Judge Palmer because of his high enforcement of the law against "night riders" and other malefactors.

PAUPER INHERITS \$100,000.

Inmate of Baltimore's Poorhouse Comes Into a Fortune. BALTIMORE, March 23.—Joseph Zane, for ten years an inmate of Bayview, the city poorhouse, left yesterday for Boston to acquire his share of \$100,000 in a half-million-dollar estate. He comes into possession of the fortune under the will of his uncle, Joseph Zane, who died on Feb. 14. Mrs. Georgiana Kelly and Ellen Clardig, nieces of the testator, also got nearly \$100,000. Mrs. Kelly lives in Stricker street and Mrs. Clardig keeps a small grocery in Montebello avenue. Both were comparatively poor until the windfall came. Joseph Zane is the principal beneficiary. For nearly nine years he has been suffering with rheumatism and because of his inability to work he depended on the law, which charged on the city to being dependent upon his wife and daughter, who live in Norfolk, Va. Joseph Zane, the testator, was 85 years old. He formerly lived here, and when he moved to Boston he dealt in planters' supplies. By thrift and fortunate investing places of mortgage and real estate, he accumulated a fortune of \$1,000,000. Quite a number of small bequests are made to relatives, friends and acquaintances in this city, the amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

FOUND A MAYFLOWER GRAVE.

Headstone of One of the Pilgrims Discovered in a Cemetery in Salem, Mass. BOSTON, March 23.—In the next number of the official magazine of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Secretary of the society will announce the discovery of a gravestone of a passenger in the Mayflower. It is the only Mayflower gravestone known to be in existence and it is in the old Charter Street Cemetery at Salem. Prior to this discovery it had been supposed that all tombstones marking the graves of the passengers had crumbled into dust. Tradition and presumption have located the graves of Mayflower passengers in the old cemetery at New England, but in most cases, if not all, proof had been wanting. In the old graveyard at South Duxbury, a monument has been erected to the memory of a passenger, the name of Capt. Miles Standish, but the diversity of opinion as to whether the identity of this grave has been proved. It is presumed that some of the Mayflower passengers were buried on Burial Hill and Coles Hill at Plymouth, but there is no proof of it.

BURGLAR READ LOVE-LETTERS.

Curious Sort of Man, If Man It Was. This Midnight Marauder. A burglar with a taste for literature, heroic, woman's apparel and cologne, as well as ordinary wares, got into the basement of the house at 421 West Forty-fourth street, Saturday night or early yesterday. What he took away belonged to Mrs. Adolph Schokker and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Klagen, who is a widow. They had three trunks in a storeroom in the basement. The burglar broke open the doors and the trunks and took away almost everything that the trunks contained. He left behind, however, a hundred love-letters which Mrs. Klagen had kept for years to recall the days when her husband was living. These letters, the thief evidently read, as they had all been taken from the envelopes and were left neatly piled up in a corner of the room. Joseph was charged with the theft of the letters and trunks, an album containing pictures of all Mrs. Klagen's past relatives of all kind, and several pairs of shoes. Mrs. Klagen's lawyer, Mr. George Baines, has filed a charge against the burglar. His former sentence amounted in all to \$1,000.

HAD TO FIGHT FOR HIS WIFE.

Mr. Sawyer Had to Fight an Assailant in Fifth Avenue at 1 A. M. James Sawyer, manager of the New York Tribune Company, was in the street on Monday night at 1 A. M. He was walking with his wife, who was dressed in a fur coat and hat. After the pair had been walking for some time, a man in a dark coat and hat stepped out from a doorway and rushed toward them. Mr. Sawyer immediately turned and fought with the man. The man was armed with a knife and Mr. Sawyer was wounded in the arm. The man was taken to the hospital and Mr. Sawyer was taken to the hospital. The man was charged with the assault and Mr. Sawyer was charged with the assault.

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FROM C TO C AT ALL HOURS.

Mr. Fleischmann Goes to the Police About His Neighbor's Piano. Joseph Fleischmann, a florist, and his wife live on the second floor of the apartment house at 10 West Twenty-sixth street. Under the Fleischmanns lives Mrs. Humphreys, who has a piano. Mr. Fleischmann went to the Tenderloin police on Saturday night to complain of the piano. He was referred to the Health Board. According to the Fleischmanns they haven't had a good night's rest in a long time. A few weeks ago there came a new member of the Fleischmann family. The music didn't appeal to Mrs. Fleischmann, so her husband asked Mrs. Humphreys if she wouldn't stop it on account of his wife's illness. He says that Mrs. Humphreys wouldn't. Late on Saturday night after listening, she had, to scales, repeated up and down and reversed for a long time. Mr. Fleischmann had another interview. "I'm building a new house to be done by the 1st of May. Won't you please desist from playing the piano?" "No," answered Mrs. Humphreys, according to Mr. Fleischmann, "I won't. I was born for the piano and intend to master it if it takes me."

MARCONI CHOOSES STATION.

Will Build at Table Head, C. B.—No Trolley Cars to Run Near It. HALETS, N. S., March 23.—William Marconi will leave Sydney for New York on Tuesday. He has finally decided on Table Head, fifteen miles from Sydney, as the location for his Cape Boston station. Marconi informed the officials of the Town Council that electric flashes from trams would interfere with his system, and he asked if the town could take some action in the matter. A meeting of the Council was immediately called and a resolution passed that for a period of five years the town would prevent any electric trolley system from being operated within one-third of a mile of the station. Marconi stated that work on the construction of the station would begin tonight and would be completed within three months. Marconi had an escape from being arrested by the police when he was in Sydney. He was arrested by the police when he was in Sydney. He was arrested by the police when he was in Sydney.

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RUSH INQUEST IN BROOKS CASE.

WITH A VIEW TO GETTING FLORENCE BURNS ON THE STAND.

Then the Present Grand Jury Can Take Up the Case—Lawyer Backus Says He Is Ready to Produce Her at Any Time—Thinks Jerome Was Very Fair. District Attorney Jerome and Coroner Brown will hold a consultation to-day for the purpose of arranging for an inquest into the death of Walter T. Brooks, who was shot in the Glen Island Hotel on the night of Feb. 14 and of whose murder Florence Burns has been accused. The Burns girl's discharge by Justice Mayer on Saturday on the ground of insufficient evidence leaves the District Attorney without a prisoner for the crime. He and the Coroner expect that by holding the inquest at once the case can be brought before the March Grand Jury before that body adjourns on Friday. If satisfactory arrangements can be made the Coroner will issue to-morrow subpoenas for the inquest. In this way the District Attorney hopes to be able to call Florence Burns to tell under oath her story of her meeting with Brooks on the day of the murder and what followed that meeting.

TELEPHONED FROM STREET CAR.

A Grand Rapids Inventor Tries His Contrivance With Success. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 23.—Benson Bidwell has shown successfully here the feasibility of telephoning from a moving electric car without regard to the speed attained or the noise incident to the movement of the car. In the presence of several men Mr. Bidwell, the inventor, and his brother, Charles F. Bidwell, made the demonstration. They used three cars which were put at their service by the Grand Rapids Railway Company and the passengers on those cars had no difficulty in talking from one car to the other, no matter how fast the cars were going. Mr. Bidwell said in an interview: "Our plans to equip steam railways with this system of phones wherein any train on the line will be at all times in talking connection with the train dispatchers and with every other train on the road."

KILLED IN A STREET DUEL.

Wealthy Citizen of Henderson, Ky., Meets Death After Wounding an Enemy. HENDERSON, Ky., March 23.—Green W. Pritchett, a wealthy citizen, was instantly killed and John Belew, a farmer, was wounded mortally in a street duel this morning at Corydon, this county. Ill-feeling existed between them over a land dispute, and when they met on the street of the village Pritchett drew a revolver and shot Belew in the mouth and arm. Belew drew a pistol and shot Pritchett in the head and through the heart. With a bullet through his heart Pritchett fired a third shot at Belew, but missed. Pritchett was taken to the hospital and died. Pritchett was one of the wealthiest men of this region. He was an extensive landowner and tobacco grower. The coroner's verdict pronounced Belew a murderer.

THE MRS. WEAVER FORGERY CASE.

Jury Unable to Agree and Are Discharged—Said to Have Stood 11 for Acquittal. ROCHESTER, March 23.—Judge Sutherland discharged the jury in the Alice M. Weaver forgery case this afternoon. Mrs. Weaver, who had attended the morning services at Brick Presbyterian Church, came into the court room smiling. Her maid, several of her friends of the same sex accompanied her. She had evidently heard the news and was prepared for it. It was the first session of court that her husband had missed. When informed by the foreman of the jury that he had been unable to reach a verdict Judge Sutherland expressed regret, but said that it was the only form of trial provided for by the Constitution, and that people would have to be satisfied with the outcome. The Hon. George Baines, Mrs. Weaver's lawyer, congratulated her. With tears in her eyes both Mrs. Weaver and her mother thanked the lawyer for his work in the case. Several persons crowded up to congratulate the defendant, and there was a remarkable demonstration. The jury went out at 12:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They came into court at 10 o'clock this morning and asked Judge Sutherland to have some testimony read to them. "That is impossible, as it is Sunday," replied the judge. The jurors went back, but took only two or three more ballots. Being satisfied that they could not reach a verdict, they withdrew after the judge had asked them to do so. It is understood that eleven of the twelve favored acquittal. Mrs. Weaver was charged with forging the signature of Assistant Martin Davis on a promissory note for \$1,200. She admitted the act when on the stand, but declared she had no criminal intent. The defense rested upon the question of intent. Mrs. Weaver insisted in all to \$1,000.

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