

URGE GOV'T NOT TO BACK DOWN

Mass Meeting of the Japanese Majority Party Declares for Speedy Action.

Resolutions Denounce Delay and Call Upon the Government to Oppose Russia.

Chilean Warships, Which Russia May Purchase, Have Their Official Trial Trips.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 1.—A mass meeting of the Metropolitan section of the Selyukal party to-day passed a resolution denouncing the delay in the negotiations with Russia and urging their speedy prosecution.

The Selyukal party formed by the Marquis Ito in 1900 has a clear majority in the diet over all other parties.

Glasgow, Dec. 1.—The battleship Libertad, built for Chile, and which it is claimed, Russia is trying to purchase, with the battleship Constitution, built for the same country, has left the Clyde on a forty-eight hours' continuous steaming trial and also to test her guns.

Admiral Simpson of the Chilean navy was on board. He declined to discuss the negotiations with Russia, but it is understood that the latter will decide the question of the purchase of the Libertad after the present trial of that vessel.

THEY ARE WARY
Great Britain and France Would Like to Intervene, but Are Fearful.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The French ambassador, M. Bompard, has returned to St. Petersburg, but there is nothing here confirming of the report published abroad of a new Anglo-French mission to Russia for action in the interests of a peaceful solution of the Russo-Japanese difficulties. It is well understood that both countries are anxious for an amicable settlement which will fairly safeguard the interests of their respective allies and are ready to do all in their power to this end.

But the views of each being known at St. Petersburg and Tokio it is pointed out that it is an extremely delicate matter to offer unsolicited advice. The case of attempted mediation between the United States and Spain, prior to the Spanish war, is cited as an illustration.

THE BISMARCK OF JAPAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM ASSASSINATION.
Yokohama, Dec. 1.—A Japanese medical student was arrested to-day on suspicion of an attempt to assassinate the Marquis Ito, the Japanese minister, who was in the city on a visit to the Japanese government.

It is believed this attempt on the statesman's life was the outcome of recent suggestions in the sensational newspapers of Japan that a ministerial assassination would be followed by action, tending to produce a more warlike policy on the part of the government.

Viceroy Wants Peace.
Port Arthur, Dec. 1.—Admiral Alexieff, Russian Viceroy of the far east, in addressing his staff, said war with Japan was not desirable, because Russia has not sufficient docks here and at Dalny, as existing circumstances would enable Japan to annihilate the Russian fleet in a second encounter. The Russian warships are badly in need of repair.

Russians Active.
Peking, Dec. 1.—The pretext of suppressing brigandage, Russian troops are patrolling the country around Hsin Min Tun, the termination of a branch line of the railway between the great wall and Niu-chang, where the region is perfectly quiet and peaceable.

Hsin Min Tun is only one day's ride from Mukden. The Chinese are daily expecting to hear that the Russians have occupied the railway there and have resumed military occupation of the country down to the great wall.

POSTOFFICE CHANGES.
From the Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Rural routes 1 and 2 will be established at Hennings, Ottertail county, Minnesota, on Jan. 1.

William L. Chapin was to-day appointed postmaster at Wade, Morton county, North Dakota.

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WILL HEATH RESIGN PLACE?

That Is the Problem Republican Managers Would Like to See Solved.

His Retention as Secretary of the National Committee Viewed With Disfavor.

New York Sun Special Service.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Leaders of the republican party here fear that the party is facing a crisis as the result of Perry S. Heath's declaration to the effect that he would not resign the secretaryship of the republican national committee. President Roosevelt believes that Heath will step out in view of the Bristow report, and Senator Hanna is of the opinion that Heath is honest, and knowing him to be an efficient officer of the committee, thinks he should retain the place, not has been intimating that Hanna might resign as chairman if the fight on Heath is kept up. The senator, it is said, thought that the president and the postmaster general were not justified in making public the evidence which had been collected about the former assistant postmaster general, Mr. Roosevelt, however, when he was shown the details contained in the Bristow report, was firmly convinced that nothing could be gained by holding back that part which related to Heath.

Those who view the matter as the president does point out that if Heath had made specific replies to the charges, instead of making only general denials, he might have convinced the authorities at Washington that he had been assailed unjustly, and in that event the publication of the charges would have been withheld.

NEW WANTS IT
Indiana Man Laying Wires to Step Into Heath's Shoes.

New York Sun Special Service.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 1.—Harry S. New, member of the republican national committee of Indiana, is making an active canvass for the secretaryship of the committee, and his friends expect to see a change made at the meeting of the committee at Washington, Dec. 11. When New began his canvass it was with the understanding that Perry S. Heath would not be a candidate for re-election, and he and his friends are now convinced that Heath will not only stand for another term, but will likely offer his resignation at the coming Washington meeting of the committee.

Republicans who have known Heath intimately here and have been among his closest friends in the past say that he cannot afford to remain with the committee as secretary, nor can the committee afford to retain him. They say he has escaped indictment only by a technicality, but he is under indictment in the public mind and his connection with the committee in the preliminary stages of the campaign would tend to cripple it in its work.

It is understood here that Heath will be proceeded to offer his resignation on the ground of private business interests and that New will be appointed to the vacancy and will serve till the new national committee is selected. He will then be a candidate to succeed himself.

PRINCESS ALICE SEEKS A DIVORCE

Declares Her Husband Started False Story of Her Elopement With a Coachman.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The divorce proceedings of Princess Alice of Schoenberg-Waldenburg against her husband, Prince Frederick, began at Dresden yesterday. The princess, who is married to Sorli, near Genoa, in an aggressive state of mind.

She openly declared the prince was responsible for the shameful charges made against her and said her husband was seeking revenge because she refused to continue paying his debts. The princess also threatens to bring proceedings for calumny, claiming that the newspaper stories of her alleged elopement with a coachman were traceable directly to Prince Frederick.

Ashville, N. C.—Dr. J. V. Fay was to-day found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to thirty years at hard labor. He murdered his three children. His mind is thought to be affected.

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TO ADJOURN OR NOT TO ADJOURN

Mr. De Armond of Missouri Comments Upon the Alphonse and Gaston Political Situation.

Declares That Alphonse Senate Is Saying to Gaston House, "After You."

New Bills Introduced by Northwestern Members of Interest to Their Constituencies.

Washington, Dec. 1.—When the house convened to-day Mr. Williams, the minority leader, asked that thirty minutes on a side be given for debate, whereupon Mr. Payne asked that unanimous consent be given as desired by Mr. Williams.

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Extraordinary Session of the Montana State Legislature Met at Noon To-day.

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Regarded as Certain That the Grand Jury Has Indicted Calderone.

Witnesses Called at Morning Session Tell of Battaglia's Murder.

Indictment Will Be Made Public Soon as Calderone Is in Jail.

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Filipinos Should Be Free and Independent, The Not Born So.

Boston, Dec. 1.—An immediate, definite protest of the entire independence of the Philippines was demanded at the annual meeting of the New England Anti-Imperialist league held here yesterday.

Former Governor George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts was re-elected president. Irving Winslow was chosen secretary. David Greene Haskins, Jr., treasurer, and the following were elected to the executive committee: A. S. Parsons, Rabbi Charles Fleischer, John Ritchie, Julien Cosman, Archibald M. Howe, Charles Warren and Elizabeth Warren.

Threaten His Life

Attorney for Aldermanic Graft Investigation Committee in Chicago Receives Threatening Letters.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Attorney Brode B. Davis, counsel for the aldermanic graft investigation committee, has received nearly 100 letters threatening his life since he began the campaign against gambling and violations of the saloon ordinance. The fact, which has been concealed carefully by Mr. Davis himself, became known when he was advised by his friends to guard against attacks.

Baltimore.—Under the will of William Wyzan, the philanthropist, just probated here, John Hopkins University will receive his estate, valued at over \$500,000, upon the death of his daughter.

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OPPOSE FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Republican Leaders in Congress Persuaded That General Bristow's Work Has Been Thorough.

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