

ALEXIEFF IN FULL CHARGE

The Czar Grants Him Supreme Authority in All Matters of the East.

Move Necessary Owing to the Possible Need for Immediate Action Against Japan.

London Papers Predict that Actual Hostilities Will Begin Within a Week.

New York Sun Special Service. St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The czar, after much hesitation, finally has decided to leave the issue of peace or war in the hands of Viceroy Alexieff, and will allow him to take hostile action at any moment he may see fit.



ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF.

counts for the almost total absence of news here during the last few days. The difficulties of directing the negotiations and the necessity of immediate action which is now demanded owing to the highly strained relations has been acutely realized of late, and the emperor's decision has given supreme relief, the more so that Admiral Alexieff has a high reputation not only as an executive seaman, but as possessing an exceptional diplomatic qualities.

London, Jan. 11.—"War between Russia and Japan will begin within a week." That is the statement made this morning in the Telegraph in a special communication.

Everything points to the close approach of war, but it is possible that hostilities may be delayed a week. It is believed that the fleet on sea and then on land is to be expected within that time.

American and British naval men speak with confidence of the chances of Japan's ships against Russia. The Japanese army, they say, if landed in strength and handled discreetly, will do admirable work.

RUSSIANS READY TO FIGHT

Two Hundred Thousand Troops Are Massed on Korean Border.

Vladivostok, Jan. 11.—There are nearly 200,000 Russian soldiers on the northern frontier of Korea. The railroads are continually being used to transport the women and children of Port Arthur and Niuchuang and are preparing to leave. The Russian general at Niuchuang has been called to Port Arthur for service.

Every steamer for Japan is carrying from China the Japanese who belong to the reserves.

Employees on the railroad between Niuchuang and Shan Hai Kwan have deserted their posts.

Commenting on the possibility of Japanese vessels employing the British flag, the Novoe Vremya contends that the custom of civilized states requires that warships shall sail under their own national colors.

"One can run away but not fight under a foreign flag. According to international law the British flag has not the privilege of protecting all these cowardly scoundrels."

Referring to the interest of the United States in the situation the Novoe Vremya says: "Undoubtedly the United States, above all other powers, can confidently expect that its trade will not suffer by Russian possession of Manchuria, and it would be tactless on America's part to demand now what she could gain peacefully when everything quiets down."

Food Plentiful in Manchuria. London, Jan. 11.—Lord Ronaldshay, who has just returned to London from Manchuria, says there were at least 200,000 troops there in August. In southern Manchuria the crops were magnificent. Port Arthur is practically impregnable.

POLICY NOT POPULAR

The Russian People Disgusted With Handling of Eastern Crisis.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—It is semi-officially announced in reference to the reports that Russia is competing with Japan for the purchase of war and other ships that the marine minister has no intention to buy any foreign ships.

Patriotic newspapers have been trying to bring the public to a realization of the importance of the issues involved in the Russo-Japanese dispute, but hitherto, wholly unsuccessfully. The press is forced to admit that the general public not only does not interest itself the slightest in Manchuria, but that it positively detests the entire undertaking and ardently desires the railroad to be disposed of, if possible.

M. Souvorin, publisher of the Novoe Vremya, undertakes in a signed article to prove that the distance of Manchuria does not argue against the possibility of holding and developing it. It is acknowledged, however, that 99 per cent of the public think that circumstances have led Russia too far afield.

It is pointed out here that the stability of the Russian state loans through the distance of Manchuria is not interest threatened by another revolution.

MR. BRYAN PRINTS HIS IMPRESSIONS

Declares the United States Should Have Better Ambassadorial Residences Abroad.

Says Swiss Are Greatly Pleased With Workings of the Initiative and Referendum.

New York, Jan. 11.—In an article upon his tour of Europe, published in the American to-day, W. J. Bryan discusses his impressions of Switzerland and comments upon the lack of accommodations for the United States embassies and legations in all the capitals he visited. It is stated that he intends to appear before the committees of congress and plead in favor of legislation looking to the purchase of suitable property for our important posts abroad. Mr. Bryan says: "It is scarcely democratic to place upon an official expense so great as to provide the appointment of a man of moderate means; nor does it comport with the dignity of our nation to make the choice of an ambassadorial or ministerial residence dependent upon chance and circumstance. I believe that our government ought to inaugurate a new policy in this matter and build in the chief capitals of foreign nations, on land convenient to the foreign offices, buildings suitable in every way for the residences and offices of our diplomatic representatives. Such buildings, constructed on a characteristic American style of architecture and furnished like an American home would not only give to our representatives a fixed habitation, but would exhibit to the people of the country to which he is accredited the American manner of living.

In his observations upon Switzerland, Mr. Bryan said: "I found that the people are so pleased with the popular control over government given them by the initiative and referendum, that there is no possibility that any party will attempt to attack it, although there are some that would prefer the representative system freed from the restraint which the initiative and referendum give. As a nation, Switzerland with her five million people does not attract the attention that neighboring nations do and in a contest she could not hope to achieve much, but in that high forum where conscience dictates and where reason rules she is a conspicuous member of the sisterhood of nations. If we believe the work to be making progress toward a nobler national ideal we may expect Switzerland to occupy a position of increasing importance, for the love of liberty that characterizes her people, the democratic character of her institutions and the industry of her citizens all combine to give her assurance of increasing prestige.

Commences Lecture Course. New Haven, Conn., Jan. 11.—William Jennings Bryan is here to attend legal business in connection with the Bennett estate. He will speak to-night at the banquet of the New Haven democracy in observance of Andrew Jackson Day on "A Concise Campaign," and later at the Hyperion theater, will deliver the first in the Philo Bennett course of public lectures, on "The Value of an Ideal."

ARBITRATORS SETTLED UPON

They Will Begin Consideration of the Building Laborers' Claims at Once.

The arbitration committee in whose hands is left the settlement of the differences under the big building laborers' trust, has at last been fully determined upon and will begin the consideration of the case at once.

The committee accepted by both the employers and the unions is as follows: T. B. Janney, George W. Bestor, Elmer E. Fisher, C. E. Bond, C. W. Stevenson.

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Special to The Journal. Armour, S. D., Jan. 11.—Miss Tilly Hawkes, on her way home from the theater, jumped from a buggy and was instantly killed. She was in the company of Miss Grace Robinson and brother. The horses became frightened, throwing the young man out. Miss Hawkes' neck was broken. Her companions were somewhat injured, but Miss Robinson remained alone with the corpse in the dark while her brother went for aid. Miss Hawkes was about 18 and her home was four miles west of Armour.

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New York Sun Special Service. Chicago, Jan. 11.—A Washington special to the Chronicle (Dem.) says: "Grover Cleveland is looming up stronger and more formidable than any other democrat whose name is being mentioned in connection with the party nomination for president. Judge Alton B. Parker's friends, who arrived from New York last night, admit that popular sentiment for the ex-president is growing so rapidly that it is difficult to keep pace with it. That they are genuinely alarmed was affirmed by former Lieutenant Governor William F. Sheehan, who came to Washington to see Judge Parker."

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From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Buildings, Washington, Jan. 11.—It is practically certain that Chicago will get the democratic national convention for the same reasons which sent the republicans there. If St. Paul cannot handle a republican caucus, it cannot handle a democratic crowd. New York is too far east, and besides if the New York trust magnates are to finance the democratic campaign against Roosevelt, it would be bad taste to take the democratic convention to that city. Everybody here to-day admits the chances are ten to one in favor of Chicago.

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YALE PROFESSORS THEREFORE FORWARD A PETITION TO SENATOR HOAR REGARDING PANAMA.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 11.—Twenty prominent citizens of New Haven, headed by Professor Theo. F. Wolsey, professor of international law at Yale university, have signed and forwarded to Senator George F. Hoar a petition asking that the senate defer formal ratification of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty and that this government's action in Panama be subjected to careful investigation.

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