

JAPAN PREPARES FOR HOSTILITIES

Request for Prompt Reply Again Preferred to Russian Representative. Only Satisfactory Assurances from St. Petersburg Can Prevent Declaration of War. Mikado Will Personally Subscribe to Japanese Loan from His Own Purse.

Tokyo, Jan. 28.—It is anticipated that the answer of Russia to Japan's latest note will reach Tokyo not later than next Monday. Besides the intimation conveyed to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at this capital, that an early reply was desired, Minister Kurino at St. Petersburg called on foreign Minister Lamsdorff and positively requested a response.

Count Lamsdorff promised that the reply of his government would be delivered within a few days. It is said that the Russian council will discuss the questions involved before the czar to-day, and if an immediate decision is reached the note may arrive in Tokyo in Saturday.

Should Russia's response prove unsatisfactory to Japan an immediate declaration of war seems unavoidable. The Japanese feel that the entire responsibility for the outcome rests with Russia.

Japan is busy perfecting a financial program. The announced plan is to issue bonds and increase taxation meets with popular approval, but some objections have been made to the proposed method of procedure as well as to the responsibility.

Millionaire Bankers Gather. Premier Katsura and the other members of the Japanese cabinet will entertain at dinner to-night a group of prominent bankers of the empire who have gathered at the capital to discuss the financial situation and assist in the perfecting of the government's program.

To-morrow the premier and cabinet will give a dinner to a group of millionaire financiers and President Matsuo of the Bank of Japan will give a banquet to the visiting bankers, at which Matsukata and Inoyu former ministers of finance, will deliver addresses.

The Marquis Ito, Matsukata and General Yamagata, had an audience with the emperor to-day at which it was decided that the imperial household should submit to the government's bonds should they be issued. This will make the emperor a personal subscriber.

The government is receiving many offers for the bonds, and it is said that the issue will be over-subscribed several times.

DISORDER IN KOREA. Russia is Constructing Telegraph Lines to the Capital.

Seoul, Korea, Jan. 28.—Native disturbances at Pyeong-Yang are increasing. The secret rebel society known as the Tonghak is openly threatening foreigners and the overthrow of the present dynasty.

Cabinet changes continue. Pak Chi Sun, the Korean minister to China, has been recalled to become foreign minister.

FOR ENGLAND AND THE HAGUE

Canadians Buy 13,000,000 Feet of Yankee Pine for Shipment to Europe. All the Timber Will Go Directly from Duluth by the Way of Montreal.

Special to The Journal. Duluth, Minn., Jan. 28.—A sale of 13,000,000 feet of white pine has just been made by the Hines Lumber company here to a Toronto firm, to go to England and The Hague.

It is to be cut at Hayward, Wis., next summer from logs from near Superior, and the product will be hauled here, shipped to Ogdensburg, then to Montreal and from there on ocean vessels.

It is remarkable in that the Canadian buyers paid their own Ottawa and other mills, and in that lumber should be shipped direct from here to England, and it indicates the strength of the white pine trade. The price of this lumber was about \$250,000.

"WATERS, GIVE ME ANOTHER CIGAR"

The Last Words of Whitaker Wright, Promoter and Suicider. Man's Composure Was Remarkable Even After He Had Taken Poison.

London, Jan. 28.—"Suicide" was the verdict passed by the coroner's jury to-day in the closing chapter of the tragedy of Whitaker Wright. His death was caused by suffocation in consequence of inhaling by cyanide of potassium. The jury found that Wright was perfectly sane.

From the evidence at the inquest it was shown that Wright had determined to take his own life in the event of an adverse verdict and that he went to court with a cyanide tablet in his possession, while in his hip pocket was a new revolver, fully loaded and even cocked. After the sentence Wright went to the lavatory. There he swallowed the tablet, re-acted to the consulting-room, washed down the poison with whisky and water and died. One of the last things Wright said was:

"This is British justice." The small coroner's court at Westminster was so crowded that Whitaker Wright, Jr., son of the dead man, bowed to the police before entering. Neither the son nor the deceased's closest friends, so they testified to-day, ever heard Wright even intimate that he contemplated suicide.

His solicitor, George Lewis, Jr., said Wright implicitly believed that he would be acquitted. Even after the sentence Wright showed only indignation. In talking with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Eyre, one of his sureties, and Mr. Waters, the accountant, the London and Globe corporation, Wright said:

"I really think I am the most com-posed of men. After Wright had taken the poison, holding a glass in his hand and still sipping its contents, he said: "Waters, give me another cigar." Mr. Waters took Wright's cigar case which was lying on the table and Wright deliberately cut the end of a cigar and struck a match. Just as he was about to light the cigar, Wright flung the match from him, sank back unconscious and died without uttering another word.

Mr. Waters notified the major commanding the palace guard and the bomb was conveyed to the guardhouse. After soaking the bomb in water it was found to contain enough dynamite to wreck the entire palace.

Strict orders were issued to the secret police to find out how the bomb had been placed where it was found. All concerned were cautioned to say nothing about the discovery. It is not known who the man was who learned regarding the matter, but it is thought that the persons concerned in this attempt to destroy the palace are those who planned to have the king shot while hunting four months ago.

ANARCHIST PLOT TO KILL ALFONSO

Soldier Discovers Dynamite Bomb in Corner of Palace Square. This Is Third Attempt Upon His Life Within Four Months. Second Was Foiled Saturday, When an Infernal Machine Was Found.

Special to The Journal. Madrid, Jan. 28.—What is believed to have been an attempt to destroy the palace and kill King Alfonso and members of the nobility came to light when a soldier found a dynamite bomb in an obscure corner of the Palace square yesterday.

Passing the royal residence, the soldier noticed the bomb which had, apparently, been secreted under a stone. The gates were closed and the palace was guarded by a strong guard. The Jews were panic-stricken until they found that the protection of the authorities was effective.

The rabble subsequently looted the jewelry shops, robbing and wounding many Jews. The governor attempted to quell the disturbance, but he was stoned, pursued and obliged to seek refuge in the palace. The authorities finally induced the rioters to withdraw on the promise of the temporary withdrawal of the obnoxious coinage.

This legislation is now favored for the reason that so many of the old soldiers, men not now pensionable, are in poverty. It would be exceedingly difficult, not to say embarrassing, to set these unfortunates out into a class by themselves, and so sentiment in congress appears to have come around to the idea of giving a pension to all old soldiers uncared for by existing laws. The new law will cover the widows of soldiers, provided the marriage took place prior to 1890, as well as children who are still under age.

Economy on Other Lines. On account of the adoption of such a policy, the speaker has further announced that there is not to be, at this session, any river and harbor or public building legislation, except in certain specific cases which on their merits demand consideration. The new policy may also cut an important figure in the plans of the republican leaders for tariff revision next year.

With an additional drain on the treasury of about \$18,000,000 per year, there must be careful figuring before revision is decided on. The expenses of the government are at present pretty well up with the receipts, owing to increased expenditures and to the repeal of the special duties levied at the outbreak of the Spanish war, and even a slight financial and industrial depression might so decrease imports as to create a deficiency. Should this condition arise, it is said to be the purpose of those who oppose revision to advocate a bond issue.

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MOROCCO COINS CAUSE REVOLT

Rabble Resents the Government Circulation of Coppers of Artificial Value. Property Destroyed, Christians and Jews Alike Attacked and Governor Stoned.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 28.—Morocco City has been the scene of serious disturbances in consequence of the government's attempt to force the circulation of new and unpopular copper coins, on which it placed an artificial value and which it refused to receive in payment of taxes.

A mob arose and first attacked the Christian cemetery, lately given by the sultan to the foreign missions, burned down the gates, desecrated the graves, exhumed the bodies, cut off their heads and paraded the town with the heads stuck on poles.

The rioters proceeded to the Jewish quarter with the object of destroying it, but they found the gates closed and strongly guarded. The Jews were panic-stricken until they found that the protection of the authorities was effective.

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Representative Sulloway Introduces Service Pension Bill Which Will Pass. Speaker Cannon Authority for the Statement That It Will Have Little Opposition. It Will Mean an Annual Increase in Pension Expenditures of \$18,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Speaker Cannon informed certain gentlemen who called to see him recently that congress will probably pass the Sulloway bill, providing a pension for every soldier of the civil war who has reached the age of 62. In his judgment, there will not be thirty votes

against the bill in the house. In the senate he believes the pathway will be equally smooth. This legislation will increase the annual expenditures of the government by about \$18,000,000, which sum, added to the \$148,000,000 which the regular pension bill carries, will mean an annual expenditure of something like \$163,000,000 for the benefit of the men who preserved the union.

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POLICE HAVE AN IMPORTANT CLUE

Think They Now Know Who Murdered Miss Sarah Schafer, a Teacher. Their Problem Is to Find the Man, Who Has Disappeared Completely. Bedford, Ind., Jan. 28.—Detectives are making a rigid search for a man who registered at the Park hotel from Feb. 11 to 13, day or two before the murder of Miss Sarah Schafer and left suddenly the morning after the murder, without paying his bill. The authorities say they have discovered a clue which they think justifies them in placing him among the suspects.

The man wanted is a stranger in Bedford, weighs about 160 pounds, and has a large, sandy mustache. On the night of the murder the man had been out in the rain without a raincoat and he had evidently been in a struggle. He left suddenly Friday before breakfast. A man of similar description entered the toolhouse of the Monon coal chute at Greencastle, Monday night following, and seemed to be hysterical. He cried and said he had committed an awful crime. It was supposed by the men who saw him at the time that he was slightly demented. He was last seen going toward Crawfordsville.

Suspected of Miss Schafer's Murder. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—Harry Behr of Memphis was arrested here yesterday on suspicion of having been connected with the murder of Miss Sarah Schafer at Bedford, Ind., on Jan. 21. He is 22 years of age and has dark hair, whereas that found attached in Miss Schafer's hand was red.

FUNERALS HELD OF MINE VICTIMS. Work of Recovering Bodies from Ill-Fated Harwicke Mine Continues. Squad of Men Begins Digging Graves for the Friendless Dead.

Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—The number of bodies rescued from the Allegheny Coal company's mines at noon to-day totaled ninety-five. About thirty more are at the bottom of the shaft ready to be brought up, and probably fifty are still in the mine.

The work of the undertakers was stopped early last night, and the men who had labored hard all day yesterday preparing the bodies for burial decided to rest until morning.

Before evening the first of the funerals will be over, and some at least of the victims of the disaster will have found their resting place.

All night long the work of cleaning up the mine itself was carried on. Not for an instant did the inspectors and the experts cease in their slow but steady task of exploration. The left heading of the south main level has been thoroughly inspected. The bodies that have all been recovered, and the work in the right head is now being pushed forward rapidly.

A squad of men were put to work to-day digging graves for the victims. It is in this part of the work that they have no friends able to bear the expense of a burial will be interred.

Money for Bereft Families. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—The United Miners have voted \$5,000 for the immediate relief of the families of 190 miners killed in the Harwicke mine explosion at Sedgwick, Pa.

The national executive board to obtain the services of expert mining engineers, to make a thorough investigation and to secure information that probably will be used by movements in legislation in the various mining states to prevent mine horrors.

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DEMANDED A GIRL AS THE HOSTAGE

F. L. McGhee Says Italian Offered to Surrender Third Man on This Condition. But the Attorney Declined to Part with His Daughter. Thus, Calderone Seems Relieved That His Trial Is Over—He May Not Appeal.

The real "third man" in the Calderone murder case did not appear at the trial because F. L. McGhee, the accused man's attorney, refused to give his little daughter as a hostage for the witness' safety and freedom from prosecution as an accomplice. This version of the "third man" mystery is vouched for by the St. Paul attorney himself. It is a strange tale of a strange people, and smacks of medievalism, but if proved to the satisfaction of the courts may mean much for the future of the man now convicted of manslaughter in the first degree.

One evening, shortly after Calderone's arrest, and long before the trial of the case against him, a visitor was announced at the McGhee home. This person, who was clearly an Italian, said he knew the identity and the whereabouts of the man who had gone with "Tony" Calderone and "Sam" Battaglia to the Franklin avenue bridge and had been a witness of the tragedy enacted on Nov. 18.

To the lawyer's protest that this "third man" he produced at once, the Italian replied that he would not produce him until assured that he would not be prosecuted as an accomplice in the alleged murder.

McGhee's Daughter As Hostage. Mr. McGhee assured his visitor that he would do all in his power to protect the prospective witness. Whereupon the mediator stated the terms on which he would produce the desired man, namely, that Mr. McGhee must give his little daughter as a hostage for the man's safety, the child to be returned when the witness had emerged unscathed from the trial and been returned to his friends.

This unique proposal left the attorney aghast. When he had recovered his equilibrium he politely but firmly declined the offer. His child's safety for his client's, and kept on a "still hunt" for the "third man," who did not materialize at the trial, altho it is understood that Mr. McGhee afterward located and had a conference with him.

Calderone May Not Appeal. Calderone is making the best of his situation to-day, and seems quite cheerful over the prospect of spending the next twenty years in the penitentiary. He strongly protests his innocence of anything other than an effort to defend himself, and says that he fully expected to be acquitted, but now he will have to do what the court says.

The prisoner's money is exhausted, and he stated this morning that unless the friends secure his child's safety funds, which he did not expect, there would be no motion made for a new trial in his case, and he would have to journey to Stillwater.

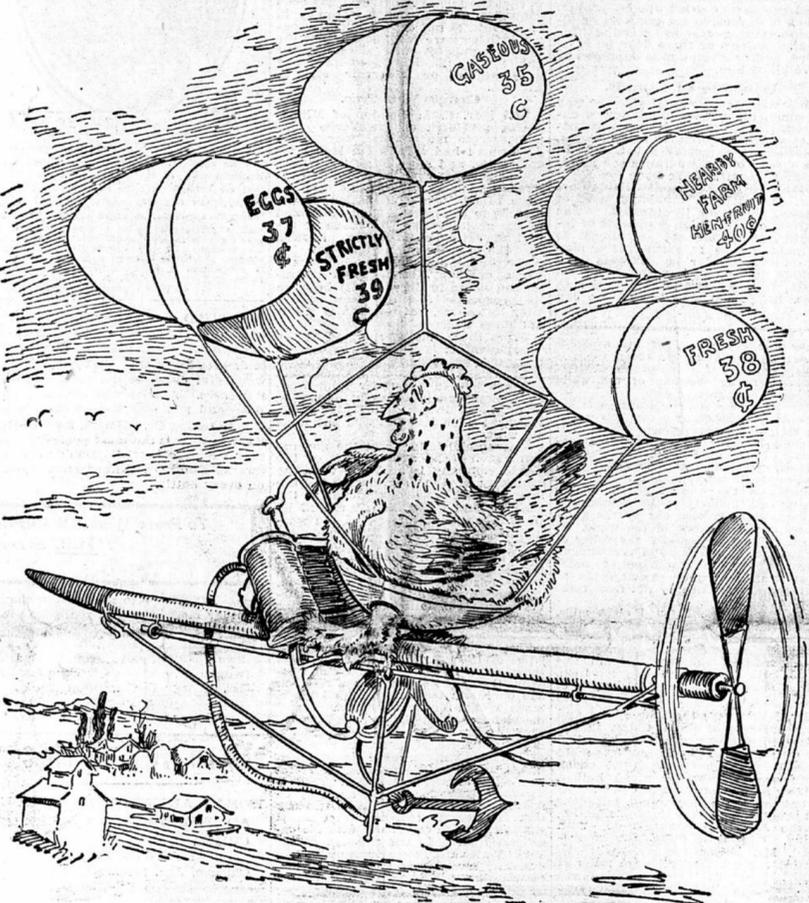
STEEL MAKERS CONSOLIDATE

Former Senator J. K. Jones in This Merger—Some of the Plants to Be Closed. Racine, Wis., Jan. 28.—It developed here to-day that a consolidation has been formed of the Racine Iron and Steel company, the Grand Crossing, Ill., Iron and Steel company, South Bend, Ind., Iron and Steel company and the Columbus, Ohio, Iron and Steel company, with a capital stock of \$500,000.

It is stated that the capacity of the plant here will be increased from 200 to 600 men and will probably result in the closing of some of the other plants.

Ex-United States Senator J. K. Jones, formerly chairman of the national democratic committee, is one of the largest stockholders in the new concern.

ROOSEVELT-WALBRIDGE. Kansas City Republicans Instruct Their Delegates for This Ticket. Kansas City, Jan. 28.—The republican convention of the fifth Missouri district to-day elected two delegates and two alternates to the national convention at Chicago, and instructed them to vote for and to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for president; also to support Cyrus P. Walbridge of St. Louis for vice president.



A "LITTLE FLYER" IN EGGS