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RUSSIA ASKS DELCASSE TO ACT AS MEDIATOR

WILL TREAT WITH JAPAN FOR PEACE

Delcasse Is Willing, but Asks Cooperation of British Foreign Minister.

PEACE BY THE END OF APRIL IS PREDICTED

Preliminary Memorandum of the Terms from Japan Said to Be Acceptable.

London, March 28.—A telegram from a northern European capital, received in London this afternoon, says: "I have just learned on reliable authority that Russia has asked Delcasse to act as an intermediary and open peace negotiations with Japan. "Delcasse has signified his willingness, but considers that Lansdowne's co-operation is essential to success."

Special to The Journal.

Birmingham, Eng., March 28.—The Post says it has excellent authority for the statement that a memorandum outlining terms which would be acceptable to Russia in the event of peace has been received at the St. Petersburg foreign office. A similar note was sent to Paris, the Post says, and it regards this fact as of great significance. The statement is also made that an ambassador of one of the great powers has expressed his willingness to make a bet at 5 to 1 that peace will be declared before the end of April.

OYAMA MOVES FORWARD
Russian Rearguard Falls Back Before His Advance.

Gun-shu Pass, Manchuria, March 28.—The Japanese are again moving forward and the Russian rear guard has fallen back from its position about thirteen miles north of Si-pi-gai (seventy-four miles north of the pass) to Chao-tung-tzai, which is situated forty miles below Gun-shu pass. Practically complete reports show that the Russian army suffered general commiseration, and that the amount of \$1,250,000 and stores for an army corps amounting to \$500,000 held at Mukden, most of it being sent on fire. The booty and uniforms among the stores, of which the whole army was in need, arrived from Europe four days before the Russian retreat from Mukden. General Kurapatkin ordered the removal of the stores, but his order was not executed. An investigation will be made to establish the responsibility.

JAPS REPAIR RAILROAD

Will Run Trains to Mukden Within a Few Days.

With the Japanese Left Armies in the Field, March 28.—The Japanese army near Mukden is clearing the battlefield, sorting the enormous quantities of stores and materials captured and attending to the movement of the army. Engineers are rapidly repairing the railroad bridge across the Hun river, which was badly damaged by the Russian trains. The weather is very warm and the ground is thawing rapidly, making the movement of guns and transport wagons difficult.

WHAT WILL JAPS DO NEXT?

Russians Set to Guessing by Oyama's Latest Move in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—The impression prevalent in some military circles that the Japanese, having removed the possibility of the Russian main army's assuming the initiative, will now turn their attention to the next objective of the war, Vladivostok, is strengthened by the Associated Press dispatch from Gun-shu pass, announcing the departure of the Japanese from the immediate front of the Russian army for a distance of thirty-five miles south. It is realized, of course, that this may be merely a blind, to cover flanking operations; but it is not improbable that the Japanese, having cleared southern Manchuria of Russian troops and secured a position from which their own expulsion would be a long and difficult process, may be satisfied to hold the line pass line without further extension of communications.

PANIC ON THE BOURSE

Russian Imperial Fours Fall a Point to 85 1/2.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—A semi-panic prevailed on the bourse here today. Russian imperial fours fell a point to 85 1/2. Paris, March 28.—The tone on the bourse today was heavy. Russians were weak upon a denial of the report that the imperial council had decided to open peace negotiations. A general stagnation prevailed and the market closed heavy. Russian imperial fours were quoted at 88.50 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 50 3/4. The private rate of discount was 2 1/2 per cent.

SCRAMBLE FOR JAP BONDS

Britons Through Banks Eager to Make Investments in New Issue.

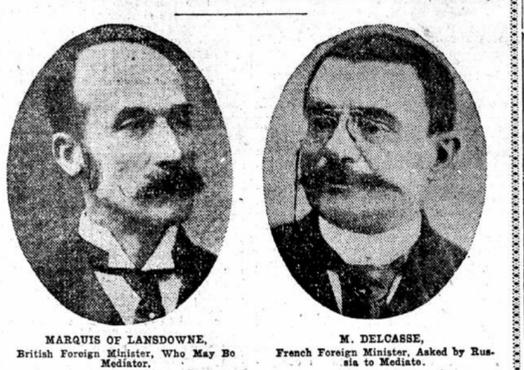
London, March 28.—When the prospectus of the Japanese loan of \$150,000,000 was issued today, the neighborhood of the issuing banks resembled the scenes witnessed on first nights at popular theaters. Long lines of people were struggling for admission and special forces of police controlled the streams of eager investors.

CAZAR PLAYED FOR DELAY

Last Note to Japan Is at Last Made Public.

Paris, March 28.—The Associated Press is in a position to complete the diplomatic history of the Russo-Japanese relations, resulting in the war, by giving to the world the exact text of Russia's final reply to Japan, dated

MINISTERS WHO MAY ACT AS MEDIATORS TO END THE WAR



MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, British Foreign Minister, Who May Be Mediator. M. DELCASSE, French Foreign Minister, Asked by Russia to Mediate.

HIGH MASON IN NORTHWEST SOON

Head of Scottish Rite Masons to Visit Minneapolis, Remaining Four Days.

By W. W. Jermans.

Washington, March 28.—Grand Commander James D. Richardson of the Scottish Rite Masons, southern jurisdiction, has completed his northwestern itinerary, which he is in Chicago April 18, from 4 to 10 p.m., when he will start for Duluth, arriving there at 10:55 a.m. April 19. He will leave Duluth Thursday at 11:10 p.m., for Minneapolis, arriving there Friday morning, April 20. He will remain in the Twin Cities until Tuesday, April 25, at 10:15, when he will start for Fargo, where he will be until the morning of the 28th. He will be at Edgerley, N. D., for 35 minutes on Friday afternoon, the 28th, at Aberdeen in the evening, and then back to Chicago for half a day before returning to Washington.

This trip will be for the purpose of meeting the prominent Scottish Rite Masons of the northwest, individually and in their lodges. Elaborate preparations are being made for his entertainment at all places where he will stay long enough.

YANKEES TO TAKE DOMINGAN CASH

President Roosevelt Accepts the Debt-Paying Plan Suggested by Morales.

Washington, March 28.—President Roosevelt has decided to accept the proposition of the Dominican government, made thru Minister Dawson, for the control of the finances of that republic with a view to setting aside a portion of the revenues of the republic for the payment of its debts. The officers who will collect the money will be appointed by the Dominican government, but the names of the men selected will be referred to this government for approval.

CANADIAN MEATS ARE GAINING IN ENGLAND

By W. W. Jermans.

Washington, March 28.—Erastus Day, American consul at Bradford, England, reports to the Washington government that for some time there has been a steady increase in the British consumption of American meats, especially hog products, with a corresponding increase in the imports of such meats from Canada. He ventures the opinion that American packers are rapidly making the English market, and he thinks, is to be found in the fact that American meats in too many instances are stale and overkept, while those from Canada are fresh and well flavored.

KENTUCKY WOMAN IN DANGER OF LYNCHING

Paducah, Ky., March 28.—Mrs. Mary Brockwell, aged 29, who admitted that she poisoned her three little daughters, and George Albritton, the youth who would do so, are believed to be in danger of lynch ing. Both were arraigned in police court today and remanded until Monday. Mrs. Brockwell says suffering and inability to find homes for her children drove her mad, and that she did not know what she was doing. Albritton denies any knowledge of the matter.

MURDER WITHIN PRISON WALLS

Pittsburg, March 28.—Charles Turner, aged 39 years, a convict in the Western Pennsylvania penitentiary, was murdered at that institution early today by Paul Kruger, another convict, during an altercation while at work in the bathhouse. Kruger stabbed Turner with a knife which he had secreted on his person.

CHICAGO EDITOR DEAD

New York, March 28.—George E. Frank, editor of Chicago, is dead at his home in Caldwell, N. J., after a long illness. He was 61 years old.

LOUISBURG IN PATH OF TORNADO

Eight Injured, Three Perhaps Fatally, in a Western Minnesota Town.

FINANCIAL LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000

All Business Places Except Two Razed or Heavily Damaged by Twister.

Special to The Journal. Appleton, Minn., March 28.—A tornado struck the village of Louisburg at 6:30 last evening. It came from the south and cut across the village diagonally, destroying all business places except two. Of twelve residences in the path of the storm, only two were not damaged. All the others were practically destroyed. Eight persons were injured, three of whom may die. The list is as follows: The Injured.

Paul Paulson, aged 65, arm broken, shoulder dislocated, head badly bruised, may die.
Dennis Winger, aged 7, arm broken, leg broken, head badly bruised, may die.
Minnie Winger, aged 19, ribs broken, back and body bruised, probably fatally injured.
Mrs. Tom Winger, head bruised and back hurt.
Johnny Winger, knee hurt and body badly bruised.
Benett Bergesen, aged 23, body badly bruised.
Roy Beedle, aged 8, arm hurt.
Fred Moen, aged 40, arm broken, back hurt and body bruised.
Bergesen and Beedle owe their lives to a pool table under which they took refuge.

Property Destroyed.

The heaviest losers are as follows: Hennepin Lumber company, lumber yard and machinery, \$25,000.
Northwestern Elevator company, roof and office destroyed.
United Lutheran church, \$20,000; total loss, \$25,000.
Philly & Beedle, hardware store, loss on building and stock, \$15,000.
Kalkjen & Anderson, general store, damage \$15,000.
Winger restaurant, total loss, \$3,000.
Great Northern station, damaged \$1,000.
John Kettleson, residence, total loss, \$1,000.
Gilbert Kettleson, residence, total loss, \$2,000.
Fred Moen, dwelling, total loss, \$2,000.
Benson store, total loss, \$2,000.
K. of P. hall, loss \$2,000.
Several barns and outbuildings were carried over the country surrounding the station was damaged, and cars blown from the siding to the main track. Telegraphic and telephonic communication was cut off.

Doctors Envy the Scene.

Winford Johnson, on horseback, brought the news to Appleton and the doctors from here hurried to the scene, also doctors from Madison and Bellingham.

CALIFORNIA SLAYER FROM MINNESOTA CELL

Special to The Journal. San Francisco, March 28.—Despite an eloquent plea by his father, former State Senator Goucher, Alan, alias "Kid" Goucher has been convicted of murder in the second degree. Goucher was released from the Minnesota penitentiary by the board of pardons of that state, that he might be brought here and tried for the murder of a policeman whom he encountered while attempting to rob a safe.

DAMAGE IN THE COUNTRY.

The storm proceeded north across the Minnesota river, then east toward Appleton, but spent its fury before reaching here. The wind was very strong at Appleton.

CONGRESSMEN AT HAVANA.

Havana, March 28.—The United States transport Sumner, with the congressional party on board, arrived here today from Santiago, Cuba.

MYSTERY OF THE MAINE SOLVED IF THIS IS TRUE



Gessler Rosseau

BOGUS BILLS FROM COLORADO STRIKE COAST TO COAST

Gigantic Counterfeiting Scheme Reaps Rich Results All Over the Country.

Denver, March 28.—A counterfeiting scheme, gigantic in its proportions and rich in its results, which has as its field the whole of the United States, has just been unearthed by the federal authorities. Secret service agents are now in Denver looking for the headquarters of the gang.

The operations of the counterfeiters are said to extend from New York to San Francisco, and it is believed \$50,000 has been secured in the larger cities of the country.

The counterfeit is one of the best duplicates of the Buffalo series of \$10 and \$20 bills which has ever come to the attention of the federal authorities. The counterfeiters are a shade darker than the genuine. A secret service agent says:

The work is so smooth that it is almost impossible to detect them at it. Several agents are sent out and purchases for small amounts are made. A \$10 or \$20 bill is presented in payment, and they receive their cash in change. The counterfeit is not discovered until it goes to the bank, and even then in a great many cases it has been allowed to go thru, so perfect is the imitation. There is not only one gang, but several of them, scattered around over the country.

HINTS OF FIGHT ON LINE TO FORT

Rumors at War Department Indicate Opposition to Snelling Streetcar Extension.

By W. W. Jermans.

Washington, March 28.—Vague hints of opposition to the extension of the electric line to Fort Snelling are heard at the war department today. The name of the protestant and the nature of the opposition are not disclosed, but it is expected that something will be said about it tomorrow. All the officers in the war department who have handled the company's request for a permit to enter the reservation have approved it. The judge advocate general has said it can be done legally and has prepared the form of a revocable permit, so that the opposition does not come from any one in the service. It is possible that St. Paul interests will try to prevent the extension of the line on the Minneapolis side.

ARAB INSURGENTS ARE LAYING SIEGE TO SANAI

Constantinople, March 28.—According to a dispatch from Hodeida, dated March 25, the town of Sanai, capital of Yemen province, Arabia, was still holding out when the message was filed, but Yamen, Yemem and Apoya, southward of Sanai, and Hadiah, northward, have fallen into the hands of the insurgents, and the mountain fortress of Ibb was surrounded.

TO SAIL GREAT LAKES WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Detroit, March 28.—The reports on ice conditions in the great lakes published today by Inspector N. B. Conger of the weather bureau, says ten days of warm weather and rain will cut the ice so there will be little difficulty in opening navigation on the chain of lakes. There is much less ice reported in all the lakes than at this time last year.

DISASTER CAUSED BY ROSSEAU BOMB

Dynamiter Who Sent the Umbria Infernal Machine Makes a "Confession."

SAYS CUBANS BLEW UP THE SHIP BY MISTAKE

Convict Declares Island Revolutionists Intended to Destroy Spanish Vessel.

New York, March 28.—That the battleship Maine thru an error was destroyed by a bomb of his manufacture was the statement made by Gessler Rosseau in the Tombs prison today. Rosseau was convicted yesterday of having sent explosives to the liner Umbria at the Grand line pier, this city, in May, 1903. He made the following statement today:

"For several years, while the Cuban patriots were plotting against Weyler, I watched the count with deep interest and sympathy. I decided to go to Jacksonville and do what I could to assist the revolutionists. I started from St. Louis, where I had been living during the early part of 1897.

"Before taking a train for the south I got together the material for the construction of two exploding machines of tremendous power, so arranged that they could be wound up and left in a selected place, with the certainty that they would go off with terrible destruction within a few hours.

His Deal with Cubans.

"At New Orleans I rented a room and put the boxes together, after which I went on to Jacksonville. There I became acquainted with a party of Cuban leaders, who were planning a filibustering expedition. They had engaged the destroyer U.S.S. Albatross to take with them to Cuba along with a number of American and European adventurers who were anxious to strike a blow for Cuban freedom.

"Several of the leaders of the party are now men well known and I will not mention their names, although I have among my papers a list of them all.

"I was asked to use my machines to destroy Spanish warships in the harbor of Havana and in other ports on the coast of the island. They read me a list of small vessels, when the destroyer sailed with the filibusters, they took my two machines with them.

Made Other Machines.

"It was my intention to go along with the party so as to direct the work of sinking the Spanish ships, but they dissuaded me, urging that I could be of far greater use in Jacksonville preparing other machines if the first proved successful.

"It was planned to have some members of the revolutionary party join the Spanish navy so as to get the machines aboard. If that failed, it was decided to fasten one of the boxes to the hull of a ship under the water line, for I had constructed my machines so they could be exploded under the water.

"I was told that the Maine was the next spring the Maine was destroyed. "Only one of the men in the secret of the machines ever returned to America. I saw him some time after the war with Spain had begun.

Mistake Blew Up the Maine.

"He told me he had nothing to do with the boxes after reaching Cuba, but had been told a mistake had been made. "The men who had been entrusted with the task of destroying 30 per cent of the fleet attempted to fasten a box during the night to one of Alfonso's warships and blundered into blowing up the Maine.

"I was told that the man, immediately after learning of the error he had made, committed suicide. "I was then asked to attempt to blow the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington because he did not wish to see the statue of a king in America. He said that he was the only anarchist or nihilist and that he had made no effort to supply exploding machines to the Russians.

GASTRO DEFENDS NATION'S CREDIT

Says Venezuela Is Paying Her Debts Promptly and Will Continue to Do So.

Caracas, March 28.—President Castro has reiterated his statements that there is no ground for complaint against Venezuela, and no reason for intervention. He declares that attacks by the American press against Venezuela and government indicate complete ignorance of the facts concerning the debts of Venezuela and the settlements thereof. The debts are relatively small, the whole amount not exceeding \$30,000,000.

All maturing debts have the statement continues, been punctually paid since the war. The government has peremptorily claimed by Germany, England and Italy, and paid. Since then \$2,200,000 more has also been paid, representing 30 per cent of the duties. The other exterior debts held in England and Germany are, according to the provisions of the protocols, being settled between the bondholders and Venezuela.

"The country has paid and will continue to pay," the president added, "as stipulated in the protocols which Minister Bowen arranged."

PROMISES AN ASSEMBLY FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Manila, March 28.—Governor General Wright today issued a proclamation announcing that the census of the Philippines had been completed and that in two years, provided peace prevails, an election would be called for a general assembly.



BEGINNING TO SHOW UP ALREADY. Uncle Sam—Well, I'll swan, it is an early season!