

## MIKADO'S DOGS OF WAR ARE IN THE SLIPS AND ORDER TO UNLEASH IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED

**ANNED TO REAP  
GOLDEN STORE  
FROM PAGAN HORDES**

**aged Swindler Rounded  
Up in Pittsburg.**

**NCER'S SLICK SCHEME**

**med to Represent Chinese  
Six Companies.**

**a Bundle of Certificates Which  
appear to Be Genuine—Arrest Is  
Considered Important.**

Pittsburg, Feb. 6.—Arthur S. Spencer, who has been posing in Pittsburg for several weeks as an agent of the Chinese Six Companies, was placed in jail on charge of impersonating a United States officer with intent to defraud. Spencer is alleged to have served time in several different penal institutions in this country, and is said to be one of the most notorious swindlers who make their victims.

Methods in this city are said to be the selling of bogus registration certificates and also getting away by other means.

Spencer called on Immigration Inspector T. Layton on Tuesday, as a representative of the Six Companies and a court interpreter. He presented a card by which, he said, he would hunt Chinese who had located in Pittsburg without proper authority. Of his own positive twenty-five or thirty had been smuggled in and should be deported.

Chinese restaurants and merchants in all parts of the city were visited by Layton and Spencer, the latter reported that every-where he went he was being asked to look out for him.

Spencer was then turned over to de- tainees, who arranged a meeting for him between Johnson, Wung and Spencer. When the Chinamen had paid \$50 in marked bills for a certificate of registration, Spencer was released and the marked money found in his pocket. In default of \$5000 bail, Spencer was committed for a hearing Thursday.

Certificates given by Spencer ap- pear to be genuine. It is not known whether he was to prepare forged papers or papers that had been bought from Chinese to whom they had been made. Spencer denied his guilt.

Spencer is about 40 years of age, of his appearance, it would be difficult to tell his nationality. He says he was a Chinaman and his mother was of Spanish birth and that he was in China. He studied in a Hong Kong university for eight years, and ap- pears to be well-educated, speaking all the dialects with fluency.

**CHARGES ATTEMPT  
TO INFLUENCE  
MACHEN JURORS**

**Attorney for Defense Com-  
plains to Court.**

**JUDGE AND COUNSEL CONFER**

**Conclusion Reached Not Made  
Public.**

**Mrs. Lorenz Concludes Her Testimony  
and First Assistant Postmaster-  
General Is Heard.**

Washington, Feb. 6.—Interest in the postal trial today attached to a complaint made by Mr. Kummel, representing the Lorenzes, that he had received a letter intimating that attempts had been made to tamper with the jury in a way prejudicial to his clients and the other defendants.

Justice Pritchard held a long conference with counsel on both sides about the matter, none of whom would disclose the conclusions reached.

Mrs. Lorenz concluded her testimony. She was not cross-examined. Ferdinand W. Machen of Toledo, an uncle of A. W. Machen, explained his connection with the oil business. Another witness was John Tamm, a real-estate broker, who corroborated the statements of D. B. Groff that he kept no accounts. The witness said he knew this because of his own transactions with Groff, which covered many years and involved \$1,000,000.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Wayne was recalled, and in answer to questions by Mr. Douglass stated that he came to the conclusion in 1902 that Machen was a sounder; that he said so to his superior officer, the Postmaster-General, but did not say so to Machen, his subordinate.

Adjourned until Tuesday.

**PARKER NAMED  
AT FEAST.**

New York, Feb. 6.—At a notable gathering of Democrats at the Manhattan club at a dinner given tonight Justice Charles H. Taft, who presided, had many good things to say of Chief Justice Alton B. Parker of the Court of Appeals, only to be interrupted at the end by repeated cheers that were followed by cries of "Judge Parker, the next President of the United States." The Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals was there himself, but spoke only of the good fellowship he had enjoyed as a member of the Manhattan club. Senator McCarran, who was introduced as the "Philosopher of silence from Kings county," spoke of the reference that had been made to Judge Parker and declared that he would second the nomination of the Chief Justice for President of the United States.

"That gentleman," he said, "possessed a standard of intellectuality and dignity that is required in the President."

Among the other speakers were John G. Carlisle, former Secretary of the Treasury, and President Grover Cleveland, who sent a letter of regret.

**SENATOR HANNA IS  
SOMEWHAT BETTER**

**Cheering News From the Bedside of the Stricken Statesman  
—Physicians Considering Plans for His Removal  
to Thomasville or Elsewhere.**

Washington, Feb. 6.—The official announcement of Senator Hanna's condition tonight is regarded as favorable. A bulletin written by Dr. Rixey, after taking the Senator's temperature and pulse at 8 o'clock, follows: "Senator Hanna has rested fairly well since morning. Temperature, 102.4; pulse, 92."

Washington, Feb. 6.—No comment was made by the doctor on the higher pulse tonight than yesterday, there being an increase of ten beats over the same time last night, while the temperature is practically the same as last night. The temperature is regarded as the more important indication in the course of the fever, which runs in cycles of seven days. The crisis is marked by the highest temperature, a lower reading taken at precisely the same time on the following day indicating that the crisis had passed. Dr. Rixey saw no special significance, however, in the reading tonight, it being substantially the same as last night. Weather conditions, he remarked, might have something to do with it. He regards the crisis as still in the future.

Senator Hanna's brother, H. M. Hanna, is expected to arrive from Thomasville, Ga., tomorrow, having been summoned by Mrs. Hanna that she may be relieved somewhat of the

**MORMON LEADERS TO HOLD  
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING**

At 10 o'clock this morning a meeting will be held at Barratt hall, across the street from the Temple, that means much for the well or woe of Senator Reed Smoot, if information that has leaked out from some of the higher authorities of the Mormon church is to be relied upon. The meeting, it is understood, will be made up of many of the higher authorities of the church, and the impression is abroad that the object of the gathering is to decide upon a course of action in regard to the charges made against Senator Smoot—the charges that he will be expected to meet before the committee of the United States Senate in Washington. But even more important than this is the impression that has crept out that at this meeting the brethren are to be coached as to the nature of the testimony they are to give when they will be called upon to deny or affirm the charges that have been preferred against Senator Smoot, other high officials in the church and the church itself. The understanding is that a line of action is to be agreed upon so that all who testify will tell the same story and not get tangled up in their testimony as to affairs in Utah.

What makes it all the more certain that something of an unusual nature is on foot in connection with this gathering is the fact that no announcement of the meeting has been given out and none of the authorities seen regarding it felt free to speak of its object. They knew, they said, that such a meeting was to be held, but were in the dark as to what was to be done. They assured representatives of the press that if any action was to be taken with relation to Senator Smoot and the charges made against the church they were not aware of it, and if such action were taken it would be a matter of surprise to them.

**UNCLE SAM GIVES WYOMING  
\$2,250,000 FOR IRRIGATION.**

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Secretary of the Interior has approved the setting aside of \$2,250,000 of the reclamation fund for the irrigation project on the north side of the Shoshone river, in the Big Horn basin of Wyoming, provided that satisfactory rights to land and water can be secured.

This project provides for the construction of a dam and storage reservoir in Shoshone river and a canal heading into the canyon above Cody. It will provide water for approximately 30,000 acres on the north side of the river in Big Horn county. The entire distance from Garland to Cody station will be under the canal system adjacent to the Big Horn extension of the Burlington & Missouri River railroad.

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**Russia's Reply Not Satisfactory to Japan and All Hope of Peace Has Been Abandoned—Czar's Representative to the Court of the Mikado Has Asked for His Passports and Japanese Ambassador at St. Petersburg is Preparing to Quit Enemy's Country.**

Tokio, Feb. 7.—It is clear that diplomatic relations between Japan and Russia have been broken. Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister, is expected to depart in a few days. His preparations for departure are now progressing. The Russian legation expected its Government to break silence today, but no communication was received, except one announcing that troops had been dispatched to Seoul. The populace is not aware of the diplomatic proceedings and, although it is generally known that the country is on the eve of a war, the people await the clash with the same calmness that marked their demeanor in the preliminary stages of the controversy. It is believed that the final interview between Foreign Minister Komura and Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister, took place yesterday (Saturday) afternoon. The Baron drove to Minister Komura's official residence and remained 20 minutes.

**PROPHETS IN ENGLAND PREDICT  
WIDESPREAD WAR IN EUROPE**

London, Feb. 6.—The prospect for a great war breaking out in the far East, which is acknowledged even in hitherto pacific quarters, has been brought appreciably nearer by the developments of the last day or two.

That a Russo-Japanese conflict will be followed by a Balkan outbreak, which in time may develop into a widespread European conflagration is also considered probable and increase the depression pervading all political circles in England and on the continent.

The news from St. Petersburg of the preparations of M. Kurino, the Japanese Minister, for departure, is not yet known in London, but official circles, the press and public have already practically decided that nothing can avert war, and, probably the termination of the long delay and suspense, when the first gun is fired, will occasion a sense

of relief, and possibly business improvement. Already Tokio dispatches announce that relief is felt there at the fact that all doubts regarding the outcome of the negotiations have practically been set at rest.

The British postoffice emphasizes the critical state of the situation by announcing that code telegrams cannot be accepted for any place in Japan, thus confirming the New York announcements to the same effect.

There is reason to believe that the substance of the last Russian reply has already been communicated to the Japanese legation here and thence to the Foreign office. One long and several shorter cable messages from Tokio have recently been received by Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister.

There was unusual activity at the legation this morning and long messages were sent to various points.

In sharp contrast with this calm and even hopeful view voiced by the Russian official is the gloom that prevails at the Japanese Legation and British Embassy, where no efforts are made to disguise their feelings of uneasiness.

The belief is almost openly expressed here that if Japan considers the reply unsatisfactory, it will be the end of diplomatic negotiations.

Minister Kurino and Sir Charles Scott, British Ambassador to Russia, have been in close conference, evidently determined upon action to be taken in case of a rupture of the negotiations, which it is believed will immediately be followed by the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

In this event M. Kurino will ask for his passports and will leave St. Petersburg at once. The Minister has already anticipated such a contingency and is making arrangements to vacate the Legation building.

It is even reported today on apparently good authority that M. Kurino has ordered a special car to be in readiness at the Warsaw station, to take him to Germany.

The current affairs of the Japanese Legation will be turned over to the British Embassy, if the worst happens. The absence of M. Kurino from the the-



**TWO SUBMARINE BOATS  
PART OF RUSSIAN FLEET**

New York, Feb. 6.—A Russian officer who has lately returned from the far East is quoted by the Moscow correspondent of the Times as the effect that the Russian Pacific squadron possesses at least two submarines. They were built on the Black sea, were carried east in sections and fitted together at Port Arthur, where they now are. The officer also states that the mouth of the Amur river is heavily mined, and that the river is equipped with light craft, each patrolling about sixty-six miles and carrying light artillery.

**CIPHER MESSAGES TO  
JAPAN PROHIBITED**

New York, Feb. 6.—The central office of the Western Union cable service announced today that private messages in secret language cannot be accepted for any place in Japan.