



RUSSIA HOPES

Encouraging News From Far East.

STRIKES NOT ENDED

Situation in Poland is Alarming But As Yet is Not Serious.

MAY CONVOKE THE ASSEMBLY

Lieutenant Kurgoff, Who Was in Charge of the Bourse Battery, is to Be Tried on a Charge of Gross Negligence.

Despite the fact that the strike is spreading in the Baltic provinces and Poland, there were no disturbances of importance today. In Moscow, where 25,000 men are out of work, the situation is threatening. The men in the industrial quarter were turbulent on Sunday night. The authorities declare that measures are already taken to prevent trouble in Moscow.

In the Baltic provinces and Poland strikers are cutting the telegraph lines and disturbing communication. There is fear of more serious disturbances, especially in Poland.

In military circles a report is circulating that Kuropatkin has broken through Oyama's left wing and is threatening the Japanese communications at Kinchow.

The Associated Press learns that Kuropatkin's general offensive movement is begun.

RUSSIA ENCOURAGED.

News From the Far East is of a Hopeful Tenor.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—The Associated Press learns that Kuropatkin has commenced a general offensive movement on both flanks of Oyama's army with the object of threatening his lines of communication and forcing the Japanese from their winter quarters.

The Associated Press informant stated after Mitchenko's raid, Kuropatkin found he could pierce the Japanese left and outflank them west of Liao Yang. A similar move on the east would threaten the communications on the Yalu. Although the weather is cold the ground is hard and is ideal for winter campaigning.

Governor N. Trepoff has announced that some of the foreign correspondents, if they continue to send out false news, will be deported. The prominent writers arrested in connection with the strikes will be brought back from Riga to the St. Petersburg fortresses.

The delegation which called on Minister Witte to gain the intervention of the minister of the interior to prevent trouble between the strikers and the troops on Sunday are charged with attempting to set up a provisional government.

Further than that the subject has been discussed of the advisability of the creation of a sort of zemstvo body along the lines of the Russian land parliament, nothing is known of the czar's future plans.

VIOLATED LAW.

Government Accepted a Silver Present from a "Foreign Prince."

Honolulu, Jan. 19 (via San Francisco, Jan. 29).—When the Japanese Prince Fushimi passed through Honolulu on his way to the United States he was received with fitting ceremony by Governor Carter and Secretary Atkinson, and recently on his highness' return he left presents for the governor, the secretary and all others who had been charged with his entertainment. The governor's present consisted of a massive silver punch bowl, which has been much admired, but as Secretary Atkinson is away in Wash-

ington, his present has not yet been opened.

It now transpires that in accepting a gift from a "foreign prince" the governor has violated article 1, section 9, of the constitution of the United States, which expressly forbids the taking of such presents.

Just what the governor is going to do remains to be seen, but it is expected that he will ask permission of congress to accept the gift.

TEDDIE'S DOINGS.

Will Make Large Addition to His House on Sagamore.

New York, Jan. 28.—President Roosevelt and his family are expected to arrive earlier than usual next season in Oyster Bay. Architects have drawn plans for a large addition to Mr. Roosevelt's house on Sagamore hill and the work will be started soon and pushed rapidly to completion.

About 500 of the president's neighbors in Nassau county, headed by a band, are arranging to go to Washington to see him inaugurated. They will wear silk hats, rain coats and carry silk umbrellas.

"MY LORD."

is Declared to Be Swearing by the W. C. T. U.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 28.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Carbondale has in resolutions noting that more and more women are making use of such expressions as "My Lord" and "Good heavens," declared against this "swearing among women." A resolution looking to a movement for its suppression was passed.

Conciliatory Measures.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28 (3 a. m.)—A special council was held at Tsarskoe Selo, at which it is reported various conciliatory measures were decided on, but no details have as yet transpired.

To Convoke Assembly.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—A small group of nobles at Moscow have prepared to petition the emperor to convoke the national assembly.

OMAHA IN FLAMES

Disastrous Conflagration Raging in Heart of City.

DAMAGE IS OVER \$700,000

Flames Fed by Exploding Chemicals and by Highly Combustible Contents of the Stores in Which the Fire Broke Out.

Omaha, Jan. 29 (2 a. m.)—A disastrous fire, which at this hour has destroyed \$700,000 worth of property and is still burning, started at 10:30 last night, it is believed from an overheated stove in the commission house of Mullen & Co., Eleventh and Howard streets. The flames spread so rapidly that the fire chief turned in a general alarm which brought the entire department to the scene; not, however, until the fire was beyond control.

Five commission houses located in the same building were soon enveloped in flames, and a wholesale dry goods concern, above, added to the flames and soon the entire quarter of a block was afire. Adjoining buildings occupied by firms of considerable importance, were soon ablaze, despite the efforts of the firemen, who, when they saw they could not save the building where the fire originated, turned their attention to other buildings. Finally the flames ate their way to a building occupied by dealers in chemists' materials, and explosions of chemicals followed, tending to increase the fury of the flames. A paper company's building adjoining has caught fire and the firemen are directing their efforts to saving that building.

Gross Negligence.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—Charges of gross negligence are preferred against Lieutenant Kurgoff, who was in immediate charge of the gun fired at the winter palace during Epiphany ceremonies. It is charged he carelessly left grape in the gun after practice two days previously.

MANY PRESENT

Portland Entertains Distinguished Guests.

GOVERNORS ATTEND

Banquet of Commercial Club the Occasion of Much Congratulatory Oratory.

GOVERNOR MEAD ON UNITY

The Relations of the States and the Value of the Lewis and Clark Fair as an Advertisement of Pacific Northwest.

Portland, Jan. 28.—The eleventh annual dinner of the Portland Commercial Club was celebrated tonight, and was without doubt the most important affair of its kind, in point of prominence of its guests that has been held in the west.

Besides the governors of two states and the attendance of a personal representative of the third, there were present some of the most prominent railroad, professional and business men in the west, together with a number of prominent army officers.

For the first time in their separate histories as states the executive heads of Oregon, Washington and Idaho met at the same board to discuss, with others high in the esteem of the people, the wonderful growth of the northwest and the best means of promoting the future welfare of the three great northwestern states—Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, as a factor in the more recent advertisement of the northwest, and its development in the future was a notable feature of the many addresses of the evening, the fact being clearly brought out that the benefits accruing from the exposition will be, to a greater or less extent, divided by not only three of the great northwestern states, but also by the states of California, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada and even British Columbia, and much other tributary territory.

The annual address of President H. M. Calkins of the Commercial Club was a revelation to his hearers, showing clearly, as it did, the great benefits of co-operation by the committees and states in upbuilding of the country.

Governor Chamberlain of Oregon welcomed the visitors, reviewing briefly the history of the state and the phenomenal possibilities of the northwest in the development and perfection of the nation.

Governor Mead, the newly elected executive of the state of Washington, responded to the toast, "Washington and the Pacific Northwest." Governor Mead referred briefly to the rivalry existing between the cities of Oregon, and Washington and said:

"On higher and broader lines, however, there is definite unity of interest in Oregon and Washington in the upbuilding of the whole Pacific north west. In concrete form this is represented in the united efforts we make through legislative bodies and commercial organization in bringing about improvement of the Columbia river, so that the commerce of the interior can have an unimpeded water way to the sea. In protection of the fishing industry, one of our chief resources, we are working in harmony. The same fraternal spirit animates us in our efforts to facilitate expansion of the sea trade of the Pacific northwest, which efforts are constantly widening our markets in the orient and in countries to the south of us.

"Believing, as we are justified in believing by the history of commerce and by existing geographical conditions, that the natural zone of intercontinental traffic lies in our latitude, rather than to the latitude to the south, we are gradually bringing the world to recognition of this fact."

In the absence of Governor Gooding of Idaho, who was prevented by illness from attending, "Idaho's Message" was read by Executive Secretary McMillan. Governor Gooding reviewed the wonderful growth of Idaho, extolling her stock raising and horticultural accomplishments and the great advances made in irrigation methods in his state.

Of the Lewis and Clark exposition, Governor Gooding said:

"In all lines our development has just begun. During the next 10 or 15 years the growth of the northwest will be given such an impetus by the Lewis and Clark exposition that it will mark an epoch in its history. People who visit the great fair in Portland from other portions of the country will be reluctant to return to their homes after seeing our products and enjoying to the full the delightful summer weather of the Pacific northwest."

Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, responded to "The Outlook."

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, Ore., spoke on "Oregon's Interest in Irrigation," and William D. Wheelwright of this city responded to the toast, "The Relation of Commercial Bodies."

A number of short addresses followed.

Badly Wanted Man.

New York, Jan. 28.—Phillip McIntyre, a prominent lawyer of Mexico City, was arrested today on arrival at the steamer Monterey, at Veracruz, charged with presenting a forged draft for \$800 on a Mexican bank. McIntyre asserts he did not know the draft was forged. Detectives assert McIntyre is wanted for similar crimes at Butte and Kalispell, in Montana; Everett, Ashland and Roseburg, Ore.

Trowbridge Honored.

Stanford University, Cal., Jan. 28.—By a vote of 129 to 85 A. L. Trowbridge of Portland, Ore., was elected president of the senior class over Alexander Sheriffs of San Jose, Cal. Trowbridge is captain of the varsity baseball nine.

FAIR WILL BE OPEN

Management Turns Down Sunday Closing Cranks.

WORKING MEN CAN ATTEND

Clergy of Portland Agree That Laboring People and Visitors From a Distance Should Be Allowed a Chance to Visit Fair.

Portland, Jan. 28.—The Lewis and Clark exposition will keep open gates on Sundays from noon until about 11 at night, or whatever the usual time of closing the gates shall be. With the exception of the Trail features, every building will be open and the machinery and exhibits will be in operation.

Since April, 1904, this plan has been under consideration by the exposition management, but owing to pressure from many sources, some wishing to close the gates altogether on Sunday, while others wished to make the first day of the week an especially attractive day at the fair by keeping everything wide open, the policy has not until today been made public. After extended conferences between the clergymen of the city and the exposition managers, it has been decided best to allow visitors to attend the exposition on Sundays, and to keep the exhibits in full operation for the benefit of those who perhaps could not attend on weekdays, and to allow those who have come long distances and who wish to spend only short terms at the fair an opportunity to see as much of the exposition as possible during that time.

Beckwith Dying.

Oberlin, O., Jan. 28.—President Beckwith of the defunct Citizens bank, is seriously ill from heart trouble, and is gradually growing weaker. It is believed he will not live to be tried.

Pry Into Mystery.

Victoria, Jan. 28.—The government will establish a fishery research station on Vancouver island. The mystery of the movement of salmon will be the first subject of investigation.

MERRY DINNER

Great Men Unbend Before Gridiron Club.

ROOSEVELT ATTENDED

Impeachment Proceedings Satirized by Unindicted Senators Who Were Present.

SKIT ON MRS. CHADWICK

Senate Puts in the Day Listening to Eulogies on Senator Hoar—For Once the House Eschews Its Discussions.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The Gridiron Club celebrated its 20th anniversary with a dinner tonight, which was attended by 250 guests, including the president and members of the cabinet. Representatives were present of the court, house, senate and army and navy, as well as men of prominence in the literary, scientific and business world.

The presence of Mr. Roosevelt afforded an opportunity for many pointed allusions to the doings of the administration and the views of the chief magistrate.

The pending impeachment charges in congress were satirized by having all the senators present "not under indictment," sit in trial of Speaker Cannon, who was charged on eight counts, among which were that the speaker refused to comply with the anti-smoking ordinance; he insisted that the house is a co-ordinate branch of the government, to the mental anguish of many senators; he refused the vice presidency, thus thrusting upon the country Charles W. Fairbanks and he is guilty of pushing in too many chips on a bottled flush and was caught in the act. The speaker was adjudged guilty, and senator Gorman pronounced sentence.

"Frenzied finance," was the theme of a skit which burlesqued late events in banking, brokerage and railroading, and introduced "Colonel Bill Greene," "Tom Lawson" and "Mrs. Cassie Chadwick."

There was controversy as to the "Original Roosevelt man," and verses of poetry were recited, alleged to have been written by several different men, asserting they were original. President Carson rejected all claims and introduced the president of the United States as the "original Roosevelt man," who responded in a neat speech.

No Discussion in House.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The house passed 373 pension bills. There was no discussion.

Eulogies for Hoar.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Eulogies on the departure of the late Senator Hoar of Massachusetts engrossed the attention of the senate today. There were 16 speeches.

PILES GETS OVATION.

Gives Sweeney Thanks for His Election to Senate.

Seattle, Jan. 28.—Senator-elect Piles was given an ovation upon his arrival in this city. A great crowd met him at the depot and the senator made a brief speech, expressing gratitude to all his supporters and referring to C. Sweeney as "that prince of princes, the man who made me a United States senator."

A demonstration will be held in the Seattle theater tomorrow night.

BURBANK'S CHANCE.

Carnegie Institute Allows Him \$10,000 Yearly.

New York, Jan. 28.—It has been announced that the sum of \$100,000 allotted by the trustees of the Carnegie institute to Luther Burbank, the California agriculturist, will be paid to him

in annual installments of \$10,000. This sum will enable Burbank to devote his entire attention for that period to experiments with new grasses and vegetables and it is expected that he will relinquish temporarily his business interests.

Many important discoveries have been made by the Californian at his home in Santa Rosa during the past 25 years. He has worked along the line of seeking imperfect products in fruits, flowers, etc., in order to make them of full value. He claims there "is no weed which will not sooner or later respond liberally to good cultivation and persistent selection."

ALL CONES LOOK ALIKE.

Answers to the Astorian Cone Puzzle Are Beginning to Arrive.

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 28.—The following puzzle has appeared in the Astorian, to which I make answer:

"A cone 20 feet in diameter at the base, 20 feet high, is wound from base to apex with a half-inch rope. If a goose is attached to the end of the rope, and flies in a series of curves of increasing radius (keeping the rope taut) how far will he fly to unwind the rope?"

My experience is that "all cones look alike," but whether it applies to cones I do not undertake to decide. In answer to the puzzle, I have worked two days and nights on it, and if the goose leaves from the top of the cone and flies in a series of curves increasing radius on the theory of geometrical progression, he will fly 1356 feet to unwind the rope. I may possibly be a sixteenth of an inch out of the way, but this is the correct answer.

AUG. NELSON.

Vessel Goes Down.

New York, Jan. 29.—The wreck of the steam lighter Clarence was found today sunk in the ship channel on the Brooklyn shore. The vessel disappeared in the storm Wednesday. It is believed all on board were lost.

ARE AFRAID TO SHIP

San Francisco Vessels Refuse Russian Cargo.

JAPS WILL CONTRACT ORDERS

Japanese do Not Fear the Russian Squadron and Will Have no Difficulty in Importing all the Supplies They May Need.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Owing to fear of capture by the Japanese the shipment of 8000 tons of hay recently purchased by the Russian government is interrupted. Four thousand tons are loaded for Vladivostok, but the shippers are unable to get charters for the rest.

The Japanese consul states that his government will soon place large orders for horses and fodder in the San Francisco market.

The Japanese have no fear of possible danger from the Russian squadrons, and feel no reluctance in contracting for supplies, and do not expect to encounter any difficulty in securing carriage as they can, if necessary employ their own steamers.

HONORS FOR CHOATE.

King Edward Entertains the American Ambassador at Windsor.

London, Jan. 28.—Ambassador and Mrs. Choate have returned from a visit to Windsor castle, where they were the guests of the king and queen from Wednesday to Friday.

At dinner on Wednesday King Edward escorted Mrs. Choate to dinner, and Choate accompanied Queen Alexandra. The king was especially cordial. The queen personally accompanied Mrs. Choate over the castle on Thursday.

Australian Wool.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The arrival is reported of 1107 bales of wool from Australia per the steamship Sonoma for the east. It is valued at \$77,000. The total shipments of wool from Australia this season are 4569 bales, valued at \$351,824, the duty on which was \$163,390.