



PEACE OR WAR

Possibility That War Will Soon End.

EMPEROR FAVORABLE

Probability that Overtures Will Come from France and Germany.

STRONG RUSSIAN SENTIMENT

Russian Peace Party Are Urging Emperor Nicholas to Initiate to Japan Her Willingness to Consider Peace Proposals and End the War.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—The party within the government which has been urging Emperor Nicholas to indicate to Japan Russia's willingness to end the war if a reasonable basis can be reached, has been greatly encouraged the past few days, and actual pacific proposals is believed to be in the near future.

What is known as the war party is still bitterly opposed to the peace idea under present circumstances, but with the exception of the ministers of war and marine, the emperor's ministers, backed by M. Witte favors this course and the convincing arguments they are offering are having an effect on the emperor. The French influence in the same direction is now being supported by German opinion.

The Associated Press is in a position to assert that if Emperor Nicholas decides to approach Japan it will be through France. The Russian government now feels certain that Japan will not make the first move nor disclose its position until overtures are made authoritatively in the emperor's name, on the ground that he alone is capable of binding Russia. It is quite possible that Japan's attitude in this regard has been exposed through unofficial attempts to ascertain what terms she would be willing to accept.

In conferences recently held concerning the question whether Russia now indicates its willingness for peace all agree, firstly, that preparations for continuing the war should not be relaxed, and, secondly, to reject any humiliating terms. There will probably be two points on which Russia might be found implacable, namely, cessation of territory, and indemnity, to neither of which, it is said, would the emperor agree. It is pointed out, however, that if Japan seriously desires enduring peace on collateral questions, Russia might be ready to offer liberal compensatory considerations.

Moscow, March 22.—At a conference summoned by the Moscow nobility a meeting has been called here for tomorrow and representatives of the Bessarabian nobility will present resolutions adopted by that association urging a conference and declares itself as follows:

First—For the speedy termination of the war.
Second—For the right of the nobility, zemstvo and other local organizations to a voice in measures for local safety and for quieting peasants and other disorders.

Third—For no interference with working interior ministers of the Boulgars commission, in the interest of perfect freedom of opinion.

Fourth—For representation by nine members of the commission, three each representing the nobility, and three the zemstvos and the cities.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Legislature in Nebraska Passes a Law Prohibiting It.

Lincoln, March 22.—By a bare constitutional majority, 17 majority in its favor, the senate tonight passed the house bill outlawing the practice of Christian science. The bill was amended in the senate permitting osteopaths to continue practice, and

the house managers announced it would concur in.

The bill then goes to the governor. The bill requires a certificate from the state board of health before anyone can practice medicine or healing. If the scientists pass the required medical examination there is nothing to prevent them from continuing as practitioners.

STILL STRIKING.

Estates Are Being Devastated and Plundered.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—In connection with the present revolt there has been 500 arrests in Dvinsk district. In the Kieff district it is reported that forged documents have reached the local authorities ordering the sale of state lands to peasants at absurdly low prices.

These documents are believed to have been circulated by the revolutionists in order to promote a revolt among the peasants. The employes on 30 estates in Libay district have gone on a strike. Count Kleinmichel's estates at Gomel have been devastated and plundered. Troops have been sent to suppress the outbreak.

CASSIE WILL SQUARE.

Will Go on Stand and Confess to All Facts.

Cleveland, March 22.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick stated tonight that she would go on the witness stand in the bankruptcy proceedings against her tomorrow and make known all the facts in her possession that will aid her creditors. Some of her disclosures, she says, may not be pleasant, but she will say nothing that cannot be backed up by documentary evidence.

Queen Arrives.

Lisbon, March 22.—After experiencing a severe trip, the royal yacht bearing Queen Alexandra arrived here today. The queen was given an enthusiastic reception.

JAPANESE RESTING

Pursuit of Russians Has Been Temporarily Suspended.

BELIEVED TO BE CLOSING IN

Little or Nothing Is Known by the Japanese Army From the Outside World, But All Are Intensely Interested in Rumors of Peace Discussions

Gunshu Pass, March 22.—The Japanese appear to be giving the Russians a temporary respite from pursuit, probably for the purpose of reforming their forces as they did after the pursuit of the Russians north from Liao Yang.

The impression here is that the Japanese eastern army is marching on Kirin while the western army is continuing north between Mongolian border and the railroad, with the main line from Harbin westward, its objective point, but a period of inactivity is the most likely outcome after the great exertions of the Japanese at Shakhe, at Mukden and at Tie Pass.

Little or nothing is known here of the happenings of the outside world, since the army is cut off from all communications by the way of China, but all are intensely interested in the rumored peace discussions.

GAYNER-GREENE CASE.

Arrested for Fraud in Connection With Savana Harbor.

Montreal, March 22.—The application for a writ of prohibition on the ground of the extradition of Commissioner LaFontaine not being qualified to hear the Gayner-Greene case, was dismissed by Justice Davidson today and the case will now be tried by Judge LaFontaine.

Gayner and Greene are wanted by the United States government for alleged frauds in connection with the improvements of Savana harbor. The attorneys for Gayner and Greene intimated today that they would take an appeal from Judge Davidson's decision. If this is done it will postpone the extradition trial for a long time.

RETREATING

Russian Army Is Taking It Easy.

BURNING ALL BRIDGES

Some Skirmishing in the Russian Rear But Very Little Fighting.

OYAMA'S ARMY AT TIE PASS

Head of the Russian Army Are Entering Gunshu Pass and Are Still Retreating in Good Order and Will Make a Stand at Harbin.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—At the admiralty it is strongly intimated that Admiral Rojstvensky will effect a junction with Admiral Nebagotoff within ten days and then proceed to meet Admiral Togo.

The retreat of the Russian army from the latest reports, evidently is being conducted in a splendid fashion. In four days' actual marching after leaving Tie Pass the rear guard has fallen back 70 miles and the heads of the columns are already entering Gunshu Pass, 40 miles further north, keeping up with the Japanese column marching north over the "Grand Trade" route. With the bridges and railroad destroyed behind the Russians, the Japanese are unable to press the rear, and, according to information received from the front, it is believed that the bulk of Field Marshal Oyama's army is still at Tie Pass, the flanking column being comparatively weak.

This news may, however, prove incorrect. For two days there has been some skirmishing accompanied by artillery exchanges between the Japanese on the "Grand Trade" route and the Russians screening the retreat showing that they are in constant contact.

With the crossing of the Sugar river at Chantihutu protected, many military men here believe that General Linievitch, while preparing to withdraw to Harbin, will attempt to hold the line from Kuanchangtee to Kirin, so as to control the rich Sungari valley as a source of supply for the army. A Japanese advance to Kirin would be equivalent to the isolation of Vladivostok.

The war office points to the fact that Linievitch was able to give his troops a day of rest as being the best evidence that complete order has been restored and that the stories of demoralized fight are untrue.

The Russian press commends General Kuropatkin highly for the fine spirit which he displayed in returning to the army in a subordinate capacity, declaring that the defeated leader is more to be pitied than blamed.

BROCKTON DISASTER.

Business Throughout the City Suspended for Funeral.

Brockton, March 22.—No more bodies have been found in the ruins of the Grover shoe factory today. The number of bodies recovered is 55. Late tonight City Marshal Boyden issued a statement to the effect that 44 persons employed in the factory were still missing.

Practically all of the business houses throughout the city will be suspended tomorrow during the funerals. The schools will be closed and so far as possible all traffic will be discontinued as the cortege passes through the streets to the cemetery.

'NO MERCY FOR GRAFTERS.

District Attorney Heney Warns Office Holders to Beware.

San Francisco, March 22.—Despite protest and opposition, President Roosevelt is determined to have pressed to a conclusion the trials of the men and women recently indicted in Oregon for land frauds, and others

that may be indicted. "I have just come from Washington where I had a conference with the president on the subject," said Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the government today. "He gave me his views in the matter, and I am going to carry them out as far as I am able. No matter how big in influence the indicted persons may be, they will be shown no mercy. No innocent man need have cause for fear."

"Any man now holding a federal job in Oregon who, in any way, seeks to interfere with the trial of the land fraud cases, will receive no consideration from President Roosevelt," continued Mr. Heney. "He is determined to stamp out all graft and grafters that are within his official domain."

ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Insurance Companies in Arkansas Go Out of Business.

Little Rock, March 22.—The anti-trust law of Arkansas will become effective tomorrow and it is announced tonight that practically all the non-resident old line fire insurance companies, about 75 in number, will cease doing business in the state, because of the new clause in the new law assessing heavy penalties upon such companies remaining here if they are members of rating bureaus anywhere, either in or out of Arkansas.

Defeated an Indian.

Spokane, March 22.—After a spirited five-bout contest at the Spokane theater B. A. McMillan defeated Two Feathers, a noted flat head Indian wrestler today. McMillan took second, third and fifth bouts, and the Indian the first and fourth.

Knights of Labor.

Washington, March 22.—The long standing controversy between Burns and Hayes factions of the Knights of Labor was decided by the court of appeals of the District of Columbia today. The decision is favorable to Hayes.

WANT THEIR MONEY

Belgium Pressing Santo Domingo for Payment of Loan.

REVOLUTION NOW IMMINENT

The News of the Postponement of the Treaty by the United States Senate Has Complicated Matters and the Situation Presages an Uprising.

Santo Domingo, March 22.—The news of the postponement by the United States of taking any action on the treaty with San Domingo makes the situation here acute and an internal uprising seems to be imminent, based on the cry that president Morales has been discredited in the United States.

Morales states that he is prepared to put down any revolution, but there are more serious matters in his mind, which is the foreign complications growing out of Belgium's demand presented on March 21. Belgium wants all the customs receipts of a port in Santo Domingo to the extent of \$26,000 a month, according to a former agreement on which no payment has been made for three years.

The first demand is construed as a direct result of the failure of the treaty between the United States and Santo Domingo. Morales anticipates similar demands by other foreign powers which he will be helpless to resist.

Grandma Langtry.

New York, March 22.—A son has been born to Mrs. Ian Malcolm, wife of a well known member of parliament from Scotland and daughter of Mrs. Lily Langtry, says an American dispatch from London. It is said that Mrs. Langtry and her daughter have been estranged since the latter's marriage.

Arrested for Forgery.

San Francisco, March 22.—John B. Mitchell was arrested here for forgery. It is claimed that he passed several worthless checks in Portland.

INVESTIGATION

Suspicion Regarding Mrs. Stanford's Death.

THE JANUARY INCIDENT

Police Investigating Strychnine in Poland Water Drank by Mrs. Stanford.

SURROUNDING THE MYSTERY

Believed That Poison Was Placed in the Bottle of Mineral Water With Malicious Intent Against Miss Berner, Mrs. Stanford's Private Secretary.

San Francisco, March 2.—The Call says today:

It is announced at police headquarters that within the next 48 hours the mystery surrounding the presence of strychnine poison in the bottle of Poland water with which Mrs. Stanford quenched her thirst on the evening of January 14 at her California street home will have been completely solved and that possibly one or two persons toward whom the strongest suspicion is directed, will be arrested. As to whether the poison was placed in the bottle before the water was drunk by Mrs. Stanford for the purpose of ending her life or injected into the bottle after she had drunk from it, with malicious intent toward Miss Berner, the police refuse to say.

The report of the local detectives just returned from Honolulu has been filed with the acting chief of police and the captain of detectives giving the result of their investigations into the death of Mrs. Stanford at Honolulu. This report shows that the detectives made Dr. Humphris of Honolulu, who was in charge of the case, contradict himself on points so material that the detectives are unable to arrive at the conclusion that murder was committed. Briefly their findings are to the effect that an overloaded stomach; a weak heart excited by over indulgence in exercise attending the aged woman's outing on the day of her death and the use of cascara with strychnine improperly prepared, combined to bring about her death.

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Noted French Explorer Given a Rousing Reception.

New York, March 22.—The French Antarctic expedition, under Dr. Charcot, arrived in port Tuesday afternoon, cables the Buenos Ayres Argentine correspondent of the Herald. French association with flags and bands, a representative of the minister of marine, and many officers of the Argentine navy met the party, members of which were escorted ashore and given a warm reception. Dr. Charcot, replying to an address of welcome, said the dangers of an Antarctic expedition were not as many as he believed existed in the streets of Paris, with their automobiles which were perhaps more dangerous than antarctic seas.

PEACE IMPERATIVE.

Editor of Leading Russian Paper Declares for It.

New York, March 22.—Prince Ouktomsky, editor of Viedmosti, has declared that peace is imperative, because there is no bread for the army, says a Times dispatch from St. Petersburg.

All the grain accumulated at Harbin is asserted to have been taken to Mukden or was transported south by Chinese.

BURIED ALIVE.

An Indian Woman Believed to Be Alive After Burial.

Chicago, March 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Tell City, Ind., says: Mrs. Susan Sulzer, who apparently

dropped dead ten days ago, as she was entering her home in Cannelton and whose body was placed in the cemetery vault two days later, is believed by many persons to be alive.

Her relatives are convinced that life is not extinct, and a specialist from Cincinnati has been summoned and an investigation will be made. During the time that the body has been in the vault it has been watched closely and several times apparent signs of life have been detected.

Since her supposed death the wound on her head, caused by the fall, has continued to bleed at intervals, and her face remains flushed. A few days ago a local physician punctured one of her fingers and brought blood.

MILITARY ACADEMY.

President Roosevelt Announces Examining Board.

Washington, March 22.—The president has designated principal and alternates for examinations for admission to the United States military academy in the class entering the academy in 1906.

Among the principals are Thomas Jackson Christian, a grandson of Gen. Stonewall Jackson; Burton Young Reed, a grandson of Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young; Charles Walter Rowell, grandson of the late Major General Frank Wheaton. All the nominees are sons of soldiers.

MINING MAN DEAD.

John G. Rhodin, Formerly of Baker City, Dies in Utah.

Salt Lake, March 22.—John G. Rhodin, one of the best known mining superintendents in the west, is dead at Park City, Utah, where during recent years he had charge of the American Flag mine.

Rhodin has engaged in mining for a third of a century and had worked in California and Oregon mines a great many years being at one time superintendent of the Virtue mine at Baker City, Ore.

FIRED FROM CHURCH

Char A. Smurthwaite in Process of Ex-Communication.

GODDARD HAS TWO WIVES

Charged That He Has Been Living With Two Wives and Having Children by Them, Contrary to the Revelations and the Statutes.

Salt Lake, March 22.—Charles A. Smurthwaite, who is in process of ex-communication from the Mormon church, because of his alleged apostasy in criticizing the acts of President Joseph Smith, as charged by his teacher, R. H. Goddard, today filed charges with the bishop of his ward in Ogden against Goddard, charging the latter with living with two wives and having children by them, contrary to the revelations known as "Manifesto," and contrary to the laws of the state.

This is the first time that a direct charge of violating the ecclesiastical and state laws in the matter of polygamy has ever been preferred by a member of the church and the incident is regarded as significant, as the case, if brought to a trial in bishop's will force the church to declare its position on the question of polygamous cohabitation.

LICENSES FOR DAIRYMEN.

Attorney General Decides Law Goes Into Effect May 15.

Salem, Ore., March 22.—Dairymen, large and small, must take out licenses to sell milk or cream in cities of 10,000 inhabitants after May 15.

They must secure from the dairy and food commissioner certificates showing that their cows are healthful and their stables in good sanitary condition.

These certificates must be renewed once a year, a fee of \$2.50 must be paid therefor and the certificate is revocable at any time the commissioner may find the condition of the dairy unsatisfactory.