



THE WEATHER.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, January 8: San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Friday, becoming cloudy at night; light northeast winds, changing to southeast. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

THE CALL



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Alcazar—"A Lady of Quality." California—"Happy Hoellgan." Central—"Monte Cristo." Fischer—"T. O. U." Grand—"The Head Waiters." Orpheum—"Yandeville." Matinee To-Day. The Chutes—Yandeville. Tivoli Opera-House—"Trion." Columbia—"The Girl With the Green Eyes."



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WAR BEGINS WITH MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN CRUISERS TO INTERCEPT A JAPANESE SQUADRON OFF KOREA

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 8 (via Chefu).—Several warships left at midnight to reinforce cruisers sent out for the purpose of intercepting a Japanese squadron of four ironclads, which, it is said, is now approaching Korea to stop six Japanese coal-laden ships from Japan, destined for Port Arthur, and to cancel their charter to a Russian firm.

Pacific Liner Held for The Call's War Correspondent.

Oscar K. Davis Departs for Scene of Hostilities.

The Overland Limited train bearing the New York Herald and San Francisco Call war correspondent, Oscar King Davis, rolled into the Oakland mole last night, three hours late. Mr. Davis was quickly transferred to the Pacific Mail Company's tug Millen Griffith, and Captain Ames put on a full head of steam and headed her for the gigantic Pacific Mail liner Siberia, which was being held to await the coming of the tug's passenger.

Special Correspondent Davis left his home at Binghamton, N. Y., on hurry orders last Saturday night. Ordinarily he should have been in this city in plenty of time for the regular departure of the Siberia. Repeated breakdowns and heavy snowstorms in the East put the train back twelve hours. Much of this time was made up after leaving Chicago. On Wednesday night, at Carlin, Nev., a drawhead pulled out of the dining-car and the train was delayed four hours.

HARRIMAN HOLDS LINER.

While Mr. Davis was hurrying across the continent to catch the steamer for the Orient The Call sought out President Harriman of the Southern Pacific Company and enlisted his influence to hold the steamship until Mr. Davis could arrive in this city. Although it is the rule of the Pacific Mail Company never to hold any of its steamers on any account, Mr. Harriman, realizing the great necessity of Mr. Davis getting to the Orient as soon as possible, gave The Call the assurance that the Siberia would not sail from this port without its correspondent.

In the meantime Harriman wired all of the train dispatchers along the route taken by the overland to give her a clear track over everything. It was just 8:35 when the huge locomotive drawing the train bearing the special correspondent drew up at the Oakland pier, panting, seemingly from sheer exhaustion, from its rapid run down from Sacramento. Special agents of the Southern Pacific and Pacific Mail companies met Mr. Davis at Port Costa and arranged to get his baggage off in a rush and convey it to the waiting tug.

TRANSFERRED TO THE TUG.

Scarcely five minutes had elapsed when the Millen Griffith was plowing her way to where the Siberia was lying in the

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VIEW OF KOREAN CAPITAL AND PORTRAIT OF A FAMOUS DIPLOMAT.

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY OF HANNA Newspaper Says the Senator Will Try for Nomination.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—The Star says: "A story that on next Tuesday Senator Hanna will announce that he is a candidate for President and that on the day following R. C. Kerens will issue a prepared interview declaring for Hanna produced a sensation in Republican circles here to-day. There are so many facts that support the story that it is readily believed by both elements in the Republican party. "The telling of the story is attributed to E. L. Morse of Excelsior Springs, who is a strong Kerens man. But back of it is the fact that Kerens has for weeks been laying the foundation for a fight against Roosevelt and has talked to many of his friends about it. It was told in St. Louis three days ago that on January 12 Hanna would say finally whether he would be a candidate for President. That he and Kerens had a long talk over the long-distance telephone from St. Louis yesterday is another corroborative story brought from St. Louis by another friend of Kerens, who was asked by the National Committeeman to hold himself in readiness to make a fight for Hanna. "Whether Hanna is really a candidate and will make the announcement according to the scheduled outline may be doubted. Direct information from Hanna himself is wanting, but there is not any doubt about the position Kerens is taking or that Morse is sincere in giving it out that Hanna is a candidate. "What makes the story that Hanna is really a candidate easy for anti-Kerens Republicans to believe is the fact that they are already complaining because Hanna has not issued the formal call for the National convention.

COLORADO'S MILITIA TO DEFY COURT Will Ignore Injunction on Behalf of Miners.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Jan. 7.—Judge Seeds of the District Court of Teller County, on the application of the attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners, to-night issued a temporary injunction against the State militia, the Mine Owners' Association and the Citizens' Alliance, enjoining them from driving any union miners from the district. The hearing on the writ is set for January 11. DENVER, Jan. 7.—Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell said to-night that he had given instructions to Colonel Verdeckberg, commanding the troops in the Cripple Creek district, to permit no service upon himself or other officers of the guard in the injunction suit of the Western Federation of Miners. He declared that no attention would be paid to the writ. Speaking of the vagrancy order issued at Cripple Creek by Colonel Verdeckberg, commanding the State troops in the district, Governor Peabody said to-day: "The order simply applies to agitators and disturbers. No one will be forced to work if he does not care to, and men can remain in the district as long as they behave themselves. They must not interfere with others who want to work." Up to a late hour to-night Governor Peabody was not at his home, and it was impossible to learn what action he will take regarding the writ of injunction issued by Judge Seeds of Teller County. The committee met nearly a month ago and fixed the time and place for the National convention. The chairman is to issue the call and many friends of the President think he has been unduly slow in issuing it.

COLOMBIA MOBILIZING HER ARMY Continues to Concentrate Troops at Cartagena.

-COLON, Jan. 7.—The Royal Mail steamship Atrato, which arrived to-day from Savannah and Cartagena, reports that there is great military activity in both of those towns and that large numbers of troops are concentrating in Cartagena. Many of these troops arrived from the interior during the last fortnight. It is learned that the Colombian troops at Cartagena now number at least 2000. The Colombian cruiser General Pinzon and the steam tug Nellie continue to convey troops to Titumati as they come in from the interior. The last detachment, which consisted of 300 men from the Department of Antioquia, were brought to Cartagena by train from Calamar. Most of these are volunteers without uniforms. The cruiser Cartagena is now laid up at Cartagena, undergoing repairs, her boilers being defective. It is reported that she will soon be ready to resume the transportation of troops. The war talk is unabated in Cartagena, and, in certain quarters, discontent is openly expressed with the diplomatic policy of General Reyes. Major Coies' division of 300 marines from the United States cruiser Dixie disembarked this morning and went by train to Empire Station, on the Panama railroad. The auxiliary cruiser Prairie and the cruiser Olympia returned to Colon to-day. Admiral Coughlan transferred his flag to the Olympia. Missionary Is Accidentally Drowned. ANTWERP, Jan. 7.—The steamboat Lapsley, owned by the American Presbyterian Mission, while on the way from Upper Congo to Leopoldville, turned turtle opposite Kwamouth. A missionary, name not known, and twenty-three natives were drowned.

DOMINICAN PORT WILL BE SHELLED Puerto Plata to Be Attacked by Land and Sea.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Jan. 7.—Following the news that a Dominican cruiser had arrived at Puerto Plata, after having embarked troops and munitions in both of those towns and that large numbers of troops are concentrating in Cartagena. Many of these troops arrived from the interior during the last fortnight. It is learned that the Colombian troops at Cartagena now number at least 2000. The American and British war vessels will oppose the bombardment of the city, and the Dominican commandant has protested against it. General Deschamps has sent troops to intercept the troops of the government. General Caceres, the vice president of the provisional government, is of the opinion that General Jimenez, the leader of the revolutionists, is short of money and munitions of war.

CRISIS NEARING IN MACEDONIA Massacre of Christians May Occur and Turkey May Call Out the Third Army Corps

SALONICA, Jan. 7.—An order has been received from Constantinople to hold the Third Army Corps in readiness. There is great military activity in Seres. Troops are leaving Monastir for Uskub. A massacre of Christians at Monastir is expected in the event of the departure of Hilmi Pasha, the inspector of the Sultan's reform movement.

First Battle May Occur Within Twenty-Four Hours.

Washington Officials Expect News of a Conflict.

Special Dispatch to The Call. CALL BUREAU, 1406 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A prominent official of the War Department, who refused to permit the use of his name, declared this afternoon that war between Russia and Japan was almost certain. He added that news of the beginning of hostilities might be received in Washington within the next twenty-four hours, although he did not look for a rupture of Russo-Japanese relations for a week or ten days. "The situation is such," said the War Department official, "that the clash between the forces of Russia and Japan may occur at any moment, and in any event cannot much longer be averted."

READY TO INVADE KOREA.

Information came to the State Department this evening from one of its diplomatic agents in Europe that 35,000 Japanese troops are ready to be landed in Korean territory. On account of this and other advices the administration practically abandoned its hopeful view. The statement concerning the 35,000 Japanese troops was sent as a "report," but the high standing and reliability of the sender give it the greatest consequence in the minds of the authorities. It conforms to advices cabled to the State Department within the past twenty-four hours by the American diplomatic establishments in Tokio and the capitals of Europe, indicating that the Russian response to the last Japanese proposals was unsatisfactory to Japan and showing that the situation was very grave indeed.

REJECTS RUSSIA'S PROPOSAL

Japan's attitude was outlined in dispatches received to-day by the department from Minister Griscom in Tokio and some of the American Embassadors in Europe. These advices agree that Japan will positively refuse to accept the Russian proposal that a neutral zone embracing nearly one-third of Korea be established, and would insist upon the maintenance of the territorial integrity of China and Korea, while willing to recognize Russia's special interests in Manchuria in return for recognition by Russia of Japan's special interests in Korea. The tone of the department's advices is not hopeful and sensational news will not surprise the officials here. Rumors in Japan that the

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