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WAR IS EXPECTED AT ANY MOMENT

Japanese Vice-Consul at Hong Kong Believes Crisis is Near--London Expects no Developments Until End of the Week.

Special to The Independent:

The Sun's Hong Kong correspondent says the Japanese vice consul expects a cable any moment stating that war has been declared. The principal Japanese coal firms' ship have been chartered by the government, and the Japanese of the concern say that war is inevitable.

There are two indications this morning that nothing definite has developed in the far eastern crisis, and that nothing is likely to develop until the end of the week.

The first of these indications, according to the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, is that an urgency meeting of the Japanese cabinet has been called for today, and the second is that the members of the British cabinet have been notified to assemble on Saturday.

The meeting of the Japanese cabinet has almost certainly been called for the purpose of considering the reply of Russia to the last Japanese note, and it is equally certain that the meeting of the British cabinet will be for

the purpose of discussing the attitude of Great Britain in the light of the Russian reply.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that the news is confirmed that the second rifle regiment has already left Mukden for Korea to protect Russian interests there.

Shimoneseiki, Japan, correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing under date of January 5, says that the Germans at Kiao Chau are supplying the Russians with coal gunners and that Admiral Alexiff's agents are offering large sums to induce American and British gunners to desert and to go to Port Arthur.

A Russian legation guard of thirty has been landed at Chemulo, but the Japanese railway has refused to transport it to Seoul. It is reported that preparations have been made for the emperor of Korea to find asylum at the French legation in the event of serious trouble. It is expected that France and Germany will send marines here to guard their legations.

THE MARRIAGE OF A JOURNALIST

Joseph Luke Killion, Editor of the Towner News & Stockman, Weds Miss Anna McKeane at St. Leo's Church in This City Thursday.

Joseph Luke Killion and Miss Anna Fynola McKeane, were united in marriage Thursday Jan. 7, at St. Leo's church in this city, the Rev. Father Raith officiating. They will be at home to their friends at Towner, N. D., after February 10, 1904. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few of the relatives of the contracting parties being present. The groom is not a stranger in this city. For sometime he managed the Minot Optic in a capable manner and later went to Towner where he purchased the Towner News & Stockman. The opening was a good one for him and he took advantage of it. He has made a newspaper of the News & Stockman, one which is a credit to Towner and himself. Besides he was recently appointed postmaster at Towner, an important position. Mr. Killion is one of the rising young newspaper men of the Northwest.

His bride has lived in Minot for nearly two years and has made scores of friends. She has assisted her brother, J. E. McKeane, the abstractor in his work, in a careful manner. He loses a first class assistant. The Independent extends its best wishes to this worthy couple.

Crokat Re-Appointed.

Dr. Crokat was re-appointed county physician by the commissioners at their meeting last week. The Doctor has held the office for several years to the satisfaction of all.

Gift for The Professor.

Prof. S. Henry Wolfe, director of the high school orchestra, was presented a beautiful director's baton by members of the orchestra in appreciation for what he had done for them as a leader. The baton is of solid ebony with a fancy engraved ivory handle. The tip is beautifully inlaid with mother of pearl. It has sterling silver mountings. The presentation speech was made by LeRoy Foote. Mr. Wolfe certainly appreciates the beautiful gift.

He Knew the Colonel.

Ex-Congressman Byron M. Cutcheon, of Michigan, for many years chairman of the war department board of fortifications arrived in Washington Tuesday evening. He said: "I am very glad to know that Colonel Lounsberry is able to circumvent his traducers. He was a private in my regiment at the beginning of the civil war. He was desperately wounded in battle a number of times and was each time, promoted until he became lieutenant colonel of the regiment. But advancements were won by actual bravery on the field of battle. When I was made a brigadier-general, Lounsberry was made Colonel of the regiment and every soldier of the regiment was satisfied with his promotion, although he was not yet 22 years of age. Nobody can make me believe that a man of Lounsberry's character could ever become dishonorable even in the slightest degree."

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FLAX CROP FIGURES.

For Ward County For Season of 1903 Giving the Number of Bushels Marketed--Grand Showing.

A little time before harvest it was predicted that Ward county would raise in the season of 1903, no less than 1,500,000 bushels of flax, besides much other grain. In order to prove the correctness or falacy of the prediction above mentioned, postal cards were sent to all the towns on the Great Northern and Soo railroads where elevators were supposed to be, and so far as heard from, the reports go to show that the estimate was far below the real figures.

The question asked of the elevators were: How many bushels of flax have been shipped from your station this year and what is your estimate of the amount still in the hands of the farmers.

To the last question the majority have reported "about 10 per cent still in the hands of the farmers. From the elevators heard from we have a total number of bushels shipped 1,732,000, adding 10 per cent for what is still in the hands of the farmers for seed etc., and we have 1,749,320 bushels with several important points to hear from.

I give you below the number of bushels from the different points just as they came to hand:

Kenmare, 400,000 bushels

Donnybrook,	140,000 bushels
Bowbells,	240,000 bushels
Flaxton,	100,000 bushels
Ross,	10,000 bushels
Surrey,	22,000 bushels
Berthold,	55,000 bushels
Stanley,	8,000 bushels
Portal,	150,000 bushels
Carpio,	147,000 bushels

With Minot, Des Lacs, Lone Tree and the new towns on the Granville branch of the Great Northern that no doubt got a goodly number of bushels from Ward county swelling the grand total to something near 2,000,000 bushels of flax in Ward county alone, and making her the largest flax producing county in the state.

These bushels reduced to dollars would be something like \$1,600,000 for one item of Ward county crops. This ought to settle the question with the farmers, as to whether Ward county is safe for farming, and the money loaner, as to whether it is safe to loan money on lands here, and to the home seeker, as to whether it is better to buy cheap land here, or go into a rough timber country and spend the whole lifetime cleaning a few acres.

Ward County Farmer.

Yours for more next year, A Reader.

A Letter From the Far West

Wash., January 4, 1904. Ward County Independent, Minot, N. D.

Dear Sir:-- Please send the Independent to Whatcom, Wash. after this.

We found the climate on the coast more satisfactory than in Idaho, so decided to come to

back to Whatcom.

We are having fine weather. Have not seen any frost since reaching here. The grass is just as green as in the summer time in North Dakota. It makes me shiver when I think of your cold weather.

Wish all my Minot friends a "Happy New Year."

Yours truly, T. A. Melhus.

INDEPENDENT IS NOW OFFICIAL

The County Commissioners Designate This Paper as One of the County Official Papers--This Will Enable us to Easily Double our Present List.

The County Commissioners of Ward county designated the Ward County Independent as one of the three official papers of the county for the year 1904, at their meeting last week. This places the Independent at the very foremost ranks of the newspapers of the county. This paper is not only the city official paper of the city of Minot, but the official paper of the county. This means a great deal to the paper as an advertising medium. While we are now circulating more than 2000 copies of the paper weekly over the county, the list will double during the present year. Everyone wants to read the county official paper. We have made arrangements to give the readers better news service than ever. The Independent takes this means of thanking the commissioners for the favor granted the paper. There was not a dissenting vote regarding the making of this paper legal.

Coal for sale at reasonable prices. Plenty on hand. Leave word at H. E. Wheeler's store. Wm. Wendt, Minot, N. D. 37-t-4p.

A Flowing Well.

Well drillers are drilling a well at the electric light plant. They are now more than 150 feet down and believe they will have flowing well when it is completed. The water comes within a few feet of the surface. The hole is four inches in diameter.

McKINLEY

A dancing party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Neil on Monday evening Jan. 4 and had a "hot time" even that couple in the bed room enjoyed themselves, by the looks of their "mugs." There was not much grub wasted on that boy and girl. The boy was held to tight around the neck to enable him to eat or speak, but he still lives. The girl does not know enough to eat.

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