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AWAITING FIRST GUN OF CONFLICT

War Between Russia and Japan now Regarded as Certain throughout Europe

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The talk in semi-official circles today is the most pessimistic since the Eastern trouble began. It is believed that a clash between Russia and Japan is imminent.

The Novoe Vremya today says that a crisis exists and the slightest turn may cause a beginning of hostilities.

Japanese dispatches show that the populace is fairly goading the government into war.

Dispatches in German papers say that from diplomatic sources it is learned a declaration of war from Japan is almost inevitable.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The Lokal Anzeiger says that a declaration of war by Japan will result in endless complications and that England, France and America, having extensive interests in the Far East, will probably be drawn into the imbroglio.

YEAST ROSE SUDDENLY

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 30.—A five-story brick brew house at Disks' brewery was wrecked this morning by the explosion of a cooking tank. One man was injured. Loss $60,000.

'TIS A FAKE THEY CLAIM

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 30.—The health officers indignantly refute the story sent out yesterday that there is leprosy in the Russian colony. They say it is entirely a fake.

TURNER IS ON TRIAL

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—The trial of Lee Turner, charged with being an accessory before the fact in the famous Quarter house battle, where eight men were killed, began this morning.

ENGINEERS DETERMINED

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Conferences between representatives of the engineers and employers were held this morning in an attempt to avert a strike which would leave the greater portion of Chicago's business population without heat, light and elevator service| The 150 skyscrapers would be the ones to suffer the most. The meeting failed to clear the situation.

The engineers, while not refusing arbitration, declared that under no circumstances would they accept at arbitrators clergymen, judges or attorneys, as in previous cases, when a rabbi, a minister and a priest composed the board. The engineers then lost, instead of gaining, wages. The engineers at present get 28 cents an hour. They demand 37½ cents. The teamsters are in sympathy with them.

ARE ARMED FOR TROUBLE

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Funeral processions under armed escorts were driven through the snow-covered streets at zero temperature today. The drivers were also supplied with pistols and instructed by their employers to defend themselves against attacks.

The Liverymen's association held a meeting this morning and resolved to formally attempt a resumption of all service tomorrow with non-union drivers, if the old drivers still refuse to answer the notice sent them today to come back to work.

TRIED TO GET AWAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Emil Roeski, an accomplice of the car barn bandits, was surprised while cutting away the bars of his cell today in an attempt to escape. The bar was nearly severed. Through this the prisoner could gain entrance to a corridor giving access to outside windows..

The officers were unable to find the saw with which the cutting was done. It is supposed to have been given to Roeski by outside accomplices. A number of detectives have been ordered to reinforce the jail guard.

TIME LIMIT ON RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Central News today again maintains the accuracy of its report that Japan has placed a time limit on Russia and will not consider a reply after January 10.

ALUMNI BANQUET

A reunion banquet was held last evening in the private dining room of the Tacoma hotel by the alumni of Ellensburg Normal school. Covers were laid for 33. Many catchy toasts were responded to during the evening.

ALL READY FOR BALL TONIGHT

Everything is being made ready for the ball to be given at Germania hall for the Firemen's Relief association this evening. Fifteen men worked yesterday and last night to get the decorations in place and accustom the fire team, to be used in the program, to appear properly before the footlights. "Old Billy," the favorite of the department, will make his appearance on the stage.

Chief Poyns said this morning that the street cars would leave from their usual starting places for South Tacoma, Sixth avenue and Old Town at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning. Heretofore the people living out on those lines have had to leave early on account of the cars not running late enough. This year, however, everybody will be given an opportunity to thoroughly enjoy himself and not have to worry about getting home.

The members of the department expect many visitors from Seattle, Everett, Aberdeen, Bellingham and other Sound cities.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The first meeting of the new board of education will be held Saturday morning in their rooms in the Central school building.

SMOKALEM MURDER DEVELOPS MYSTERY

Notwithstanding Jacky Smokalem's attempt to commit suicide and his confession, he has taken a brighter view of life, withdrawn his plea of guilty and will stand trial for the murder of his wife.

During the informal inquiry held yesterday afternoon before Judge Snell testimony of a very conflicting nature was brought out. Falsehood was plainly indicated. After hearing several witnesses the court decided to continue the case. The Indian withdrew his plea of guilty, which had not been formally accepted by the court. Tommy Santiago Howard acted as interpreter for the Indian as at the hearing Monday. Attorney George Williamson appeared for Smokalem.

Mary Smokalem was the first witness called. She testified that her parents made two trips to town on Monday and that upon their second return home she was there from school. She declared that her mother was lying face downward in the bottom of the wagon, dead, and that there was blood in the wagon. She denied telling her brother that she saw her father deal the fatal blow with an ax, and insisted that she saw nothing of the quarrel. The girl testified to helping remove her mother from the wagon and that she helped carry her to the house. Her mother had all her clothing on at the time, she said, and she did not know when the clothing was removed. She also testified that her father was drunk at the time.

Deputy Coroner Mellinger testified that he found the body naked and no blood in the wagon, but that there were evidences of an attempt to clean up the blood about the shanty.

Coroner E. M. Brown testified to finding thirty or forty bruises on the body at the post-mortem examination, also evidence of finger marks about the neck. He testified to the marks of the blow on the head, which had ruptured a blood vessel.

Smokalem contradicted his daughter point-blank. He denied that she was home upon his arrival with the dead woman in the wagon, and said that he had carried his wife into the house alone. Smokalem announced that he had changed his mind regarding his guilt and wished to withdraw his plea. He was questioned by the court, over the protest of his attorney, who declared that the court was taking an unfair advantage of his client.

PUZZLE---FIND THE DOVE OF PEACE

MUST WAIT AND SEE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Simon Wolf, representing various Jewish societies, called on President Roosevelt this morning regarding the threatened massacre of Jews at Kishineff. No details were given out, but it is known that nothing further will be done in the matter by the administration so long as only a hypothetical case is made out.

All consular and diplomatic reports show no recent anti-Semitic demonstration and there is no authentic information that fresh outrages are contemplated.

The administration feels that Russia is aware of the situation and will take all possible steps to prevent a renewal of Jewish persecutions.

WANTS TO SEE HIS CHILDREN

Arthur D. Eaton today filed a petition in the superior court asking for an order of court directing his wife to allow him to see his children. He was divorced from his wife some time ago, but allowed to see his children, who were given into the custody of their mother. He alleges that she has not obeyed the order of the court.

SMALL BOYS ROB BAKERY

The baker shop of Gustave Kinberg at 2407 Sixth avenue was entered by thieves Monday night. All that was secured was about $3 in pennies. Small boys are believed to have committed the burglary.

SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT

A report that sounded like a revolver shot was heard in the business section of the city this morning. The police say that it came from the railroad yards below the Headquarters building, where the company places torpedoes to warn trainmen of danger of running into other trains or cars standing upon the tracks.

CLEVER BURGLAR CAUGHT BY POLICE

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—City Detectives Barbee, Wappenstein and Easson have arrested S. W. Reed and A. B. Cox on suspicion of being the cleverest pair of porch climbers who every worked in this city.

Skeleton keys and fine steel springs for opening locks were found on them when they were caught.

The police were given to understand that Cox and Reed were "good thieves," and Detective Wappenstein kept an eye on them. He noticed Reed going into a store on Second avenue with a bundle so loosely wrapped that a mink boa could be seen from the ends. He appeared after he had sold the fur and was arrested with his partner. The fur was stolen from Moritz Thomsen's house by porch climbers.

AMERICAN LAKE FOR ARMY ENCAMPMENTS

At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last evening steps were taken to secure an appropriation from congress for the purchase of a tract of 25,000 acres of land adjoining American lake, to be used as an army encampment site. It was in response to a telegram from Congressman Cushman, who is doing all in his power to get the appropriation, that this meeting was held. It is thought by giving a definite amount as to what the probable cost of the land will be congress will take some action in the matter. The site has been recommended by General Funston.

FATAL FIRE

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—Six men were killed and nine injured in a naphtha fire at Voltninski today.

CONVENTION CLOSES

The convention of the State Teachers' association came to a close this noon. The final session was held in the auditorium of the First M. E. church. Four hundred and seven delegates registered with the secretary and have been in attendance at the meetings.

At 9:15 o'clock this morning President Kane of the University of Washington addressed the meeting on the subject of "Indirect Moral Teaching." Rev. E. M. Randall, president of the University of Puget Sound, followed with an interesting discourse on "Teachers and Men." J. H. Ackerman of Oregon spoke on "The Trend: What Is It?"

After a business session the delegates elected the following officers: H. B. Dewey of Tacoma, president; H. A. Taylor of Kalama, vice-president; O. C. Whitney of Tacoma, secretary, and Miss Coa Bailey of Everett, treasurer.

Spokane was chosen for the next convention of the association. This decision was reached only after a lively discussion. It was a fight between the teachers of Eastern and Western Washington. It was finally put to a vote and Spokane was chosen.

Yesterday afternoon the teachers met in the different rooms of the high school, as the program was divided into four sections. Each division was addressed by exceptionally strong speakers.

D. A. Grant delivered an interesting address to the county superintendents and normal school section. His subject was "The Natural Child." The speaker impressed upon his hearers that the teacher who failed to teach the child of nature, humanity and God is a blind leader.

At the meeting of the high school and college section papers were read by Arthur R. Priest of the University of Washington on "Public Speaking in Secondary Schools," and Mr. H. Wirt Steele on "The Making of a Citizen." Each paper was discussed after its reading.

The graded school section assembled in the high school auditorium, and it was the best attended of the four meetings. The most interesting paper was that of A. H. Yoder of the University of Washington on "The Relation of Industrial Arts to the Elementary Course of Study." Mrs. Dollie D. Winters of Hoquiam was to have read a paper on "School Room Decoration," but Miss Abbie Kellogg of Elma read it in her place. B. W. Johnson of Seattle read a paper on "Manual Training."

Two papers were read at the science conference up scientific studies in secondary schools. Miss Bertha H. Bosse of Tacoma read one on "Biology," and Dr. H. G. Byers of the University of Washington on "Chemistry."

The teachers assembled at 8 o'clock last evening at the First Methodist church to hear the popular lecture by Judge Wickersham on the "Ascent of Mount McKinley." This mountain has the distinction of being the highest peak in North America, and has never been scaled. Very little of its history is known and the judge's address on the mountain captivated the audience.

THEY WORKED OVER-TIME

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 30.—At San Jose last night burglars blew the post-office safe and secured $1,000. They also opened the safe of Ullner's hardware store and took $200; also the same amount from a safe in a West Side saloon. They escaped in a buggy.

UP AGAINST IT

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 30.—The sensational trial of Senator Nichols for complicity in the water scandal this morning took a new turn when Boyd Shannling, a well known hotel man, came into court and corrected his former testimony and admitted perjury in behalf of his friend.

He had before testified that he had not rented the room in which it is supposed the bribery took place.

PROPOSE TO HAVE MARKET BUILDING

A delegation of grocers and commission men, consisting of George Youell, J. A. Sproule, C. Ebert, Lloyd Garretson and A. F. Tourville, appeared before a joint meeting of the council harbor and water front and public buildings committee of the city council yesterday afternoon and made a proposition regarding the city market and dock. The proposition was submitted by the Pacific Fruit & Produce company and is to erect and maintain for ten years a market on the city property, the building to be 240 feet long by 92 feet wide and constructed on plans submitted by the commission men, with the approval of the council, the building to belong to the city. Wharf slips and spur tracks to be built at the city's expense, and the commission men are to pay a ground rental annually of $500 for ten years, representing interest on the $5,000 expended on the wharf.

They also provide a watchman for the dock. As a guarantee of good faith Mr. Youell, representing the Pacific Fruit & Produce company, will put up a certified check for $1,000.

REPORT IS CONFIRMED

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Dispatches received this morning confirm the report that Emperor Franz Josef was painfully injured yesterday by falling down a flight of steps while visiting his daughter. Little credence is given the report that the fall resulted from a stroke of paralysis. He is much improved today and arose at the usual hour. He expects to hold an audience tomorrow.

BANKS CLOSE FOR TWO DAYS

Banks will be closed on New Year's day and also on Saturday. It is generally a custom to close banks on Saturday if the preceding Friday is a holiday. This rule does not apply to Christmas, as the day after Santa's visit business is usually brisk at the banks.

NO MAIL DELIVERED ON NEW YEARS DAY

On New Year's day no mail will be delivered. From 9 to 10 a. m. the carriers', stamp and general delivery windows will be open. The registered mail and money order windows will be closed.

RECEIVED HIS PAY

HAMILTON, O., Dec. 30.—Joseph Spivey, who created a riot in Oxford on October 1, and was nearly lynched after shooting down two men and attempting to shoot another, was this morning sentenced to 25 years on three counts.

STILL ANOTHER VICTIM

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 30.—George Neil, another victim of Saturday night's Flint & Pere Marquette railway wreck, died this morning, making the total death list 22. Several others are still in a critical condition.

EXPLOSION

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Seven men were scalded, three probably fatally, by the explosion of a steam pipe in the Kuntz cabinet works today. Those probably fatally injured were Vincent Kuntz, George Cable and Adolph Gedeon.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The spring civil service examinations will be held in the federal court room in the Chamber of Commerce building during the month of April. On the 8th of April an examination will be given to the applicants for the following positions: Government printing service—book binder, compositor, electrotype finisher, electro molder, pressman. Also a railway mail clerk, typewriter, and a stenographer and typewriter for the Philippine service.

On April 19th the examination will be for civil and electrical engineers, computers, deck officers, meat inspector, pharmacist, teachers, physician and traind nurses.