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## WAR RISKS INCREASE

**RUSSO-JAPANESE MARITIME INSURANCE GOES UP AN ADDITIONAL FIVE PER CENT.**

**RUSSIAN OPINION REMAINS OPTIMISTIC**

**CAN SEE NO REASON WHY JAPAN SHOULD DESIRE TO BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS.**

London, Dec. 19.—Russo-Japanese war risks at Lloyd's rose about 5 per cent during the day, 20 guineas per cent being quoted to the end of January and 25 to the end of February. Ordinary insurance on a cargo to and from Japan rose about 5 per cent, with a fair amount of business. Japanese bonds declined on the Stock Exchange from three-quarters to one point, but rallied and closed unchanged.

Bizerta, Tunis, Dec. 19.—The Russian naval force now anchored here, comprising a battleship, three armored cruisers and several torpedo boats, will be reinforced in a few days by six torpedo boats and will proceed hence to the Far East.

**RESENTS AMERICAN ACTIVITY.**

**Russia Opposes Opening of Chinese and Korean Ports.**

Seoul, Dec. 19.—The attitude of the Russians here indicates a possible determination to prevent Japan from gaining a foothold in Korea. The radicals insist that Russia must reach the sea to insure protection in the future and argue that Japan in possession of Korea would be a constant menace.

The emperor still studiously avoids an answer to the questions of United States Minister Allen in regard to Wiju. The latter is now pressing the matter and has asked for another audience.

The Russians are inclined to resent

American activity concerning Wiju and say that the Americans are playing the Japanese game. The Russians do not object to Americans coming in and trading with Manchuria, but assert that the opening of Mukden and Antung admitted Japanese, whose presence is constantly irritating, and that it might lead to a repetition of this if Yongampho and Wiju are opened.

They say that Americans now enjoy a large trade with Manchuria, which, except in the matter of flour, will largely increase in the future and insist that the present attitude of America only injures a friend and customer and favors a manufacturing rival.

**RUSSIANS OPTIMISTIC.**

**Hope for Peaceful Settlement of Dispute With Japan.**

London, Dec. 19.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says:

Optimistic anticipations of a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese crisis are still entertained in the leading Russian official circles in spite of some disquietude on the part of the public and alarmist press reports.

The opinion here is that the Russo-Japanese negotiations will proceed. It is pointed out that there is no reason why Japan, if not satisfied with Russia's reply, should break off the negotiations, since the reply is in no sense an ultimatum, leaving the way open for counter proposals. It is suggested as an expedient in case no agreement can be reached that an arrangement might be made to maintain the present status for a number of years.

**JUMP FROM FIFTH STORY.**

**Four Persons Seriously Injured, Two of Whom Will Die.**

Dayton, O., Dec. 19.—To escape death by suffocation twelve girls leaped from the fifth story windows of the Canby building, landing on the roof and skylights of a one-story building below. At least half this number were caught in the arms of Dr. Lambert, who has offices in the building and who, by breaking the force of their fall, saved probably six lives. The flames originated in the basement of the building and the dense smoke went up the elevator shaft, quickly filling the upper floors. The property loss was small.

The injured are: Minnie Troxell, will die; Charles Reeder, will die; Mrs. Frank Hughes, seriously hurt; Miss Levisson, seriously hurt.

## ADOPTED BY CLOSE REPORT

**House Passes Resolution Requesting Papers in Postal Investigations. Minority Almost Solid For It.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—When the house convened Mr. Wanger (Rep., Pa.), chairman of the committee on expenditures of the postoffice department, reported favorably the resolution authorizing that committee to request the postmaster general for papers in connection with the recent investigation of the postoffice department and asked for its immediate consideration. Mr. Wanger contended that the information sought was essential to the proper consideration of matters before it.

Mr. Overstreet (Rep., Ind.) opposed the resolution on the ground that the information sought already is in the hands of members.

Mr. Cobb (Dem., Mo.) contended for the resolution and said both committees should have the information, adding that possibly the judiciary committee might want it.

Mr. Williams (Dem., Miss.), replying to Mr. Overstreet, said if making trouble consisted in making a thorough inquiry into the postoffice situation the minority proposed to make trouble. He announced that if given an opportunity he would offer a resolution providing that the postmaster general be requested to send to the house all the papers and evidence in connection with the investigation.

Mr. Wanger then moved the previous question, Mr. Williams calling for the yeas and noes.

The vote on the motion for the previous question, a party vote, was a tie. The speaker voted in the affirmative, thus carrying it.

A division on the question of adopt-

ing the resolution resulted in a majority vote in the negative, the Democrats, with two or three exceptions, voting for the resolution.

A rollcall was ordered and the resolution was adopted—109 to 100.

The minority was practically solid in support of the resolution.

**DANIEL ON PANAMA QUESTION.**

**Criticizes Remarks of President and Mr. Loomis.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—At the beginning of the day's session of the senate Mr. Hoar offered a resolution instructing the committee on printing to ascertain whether it is not possible to have the Congressional Record printed in better type than at present and briefly addressed the senate on the subject, saying that it was very difficult to read it as now printed. The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Daniel was then recognized to speak upon Mr. Hoar's resolution requesting the president to send to the senate all the information bearing upon the revolution in Panama. He said that the Panama treaty had been discussed by the president in his message, amply in some respects, but in other respects very sparsely.

Mr. Cullom called attention to the fact that the treaty had not been acted upon by the committee on foreign relations and intimated that it was not in order to discuss it.

Mr. Daniel retorted by saying that "there is not so much nervousness over any inquiry on the part of Republican senators as to cause them to jump before they have been spurred."

He reiterated his statement that the president had discussed the treaty in public and called attention to Secretary Loomis' New York speech, as well as to the debates in the senate, and declared that "never before has there been such a thorough defiance and contempt of the law of secrecy which prevails in diplomatic affairs as have been displayed in this matter."

Mr. Daniel also referred to Minister Bunau-Varilla and said of him that while it is true that all men play many parts in the course of their lives that gentleman had "played more parts in a shorter time than any other actor who had challenged favor from back of the footlights."

**INTRODUCED BY MORGAN.**

**Resolution Opposing President's Action in Panama Affair.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Morgan has introduced a resolution declaring that the president has no right to wage war against any foreign power without the consent of congress, when such country is at peace with the United States; that the provision of the canal treaty between the United States and Panama guaranteeing the independence of Panama is, in effect, a declaration of war with Colombia; that the intervention of the United States in preventing Colombia to suppress the secession of Panama is contrary to the law of neutrality and the law of nations.

**LIVED IN LUXURIOUS STYLE.**

**Nine-Dollar-a-Week Clerk Steals \$200 a Day From Employers.**

Chicago, Dec. 19.—While working on a salary of \$9 a week Gus A. Grigsby robbed his employers at a rate of \$200 per day, according to Manager David L. Rose of M. L. Barrett & Co. When arrested \$250 worth of costly vanilla beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothes. In the few months that his meager salary has kept him attached to the firm it is believed that he has stolen between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of stock.

Grigsby is a young man and has held the position of chemist's helper for the importing firm for the past nine months. After his arrest he admitted that his speculations had continued during most of that time and in such amounts that he could not estimate their total value.

"I needed a little ready money," was the only explanation he deigned to vouchsafe. In a search of Grigsby's apartments, which had been rented for \$45 a month and were richly furnished, more property was found and claimed by Manager Rose.

**PUERTO PLATA FALLS.**

**Surrenders to Revolutionists Without Resistance.**

New York, Dec. 19.—This city has been surprised to learn that the revolutionists without fighting, says a Herald dispatch from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo.

The government forces, after a severe battle, were forced to abandon don Santiago de los Caballeros. They were short of ammunition.

General Caceres, who announced that he would support the provisional president, Morales, has fled and covered up his tracks. This is reckoned as establishing the supremacy of ex-President Jimenez in the northern part of the island.

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Any parent whose children are in need of Clothing, which they are through sickness or misfortune unable to purchase, will be given at least one article of wearing apparel, free of charge, on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Application must be made to one of the proprietors; strangers must be recommended.

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