

RUSSIA FEARS A CONFLICT

Acts of Aggression on the Part of Japan Expected

Czar Anxious to Float War Loan--Englishmen Offer to Enlist in Mikado's Army

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Papers today are devoting columns to the Japanese trouble, and express fears that popular sentiment in Japan is so strong that acts of aggression are liable to commence at any time, and that Japan will descend on the Korean

coast without a formal declaration of war.

Russia Wants Money.

London, Dec.—A dispatch from Paris financiers this morning states that urgent inquiries have been made at the French capital as to the possibility of raising a new Russian loan of £25,000,000. It is understood similar inquiries have been addressed to New York. The financiers are loathe to undertake it, as it is regarded as a war loan. Lloyds again advanced insurance rates on Japan-bound vessels today.

The admiralty has issued secret orders to the Asiatic squadron. Englishmen, unofficially seem to favor the Japanese side, as hundreds are daily making application to Japanese Minister Hayashi to enlist. Many of them are former army and navy officers. As the Japanese law forbids the enlistment of foreigners, the minister is compelled to decline.

Kaiser Attends Services.

Hanover, Dec. 19.—The Kaiser attended the services of the Hanoverian regiments this morning.

FAMOUS POISON CASE SET

Mrs. Botkin to Be Given Another Trial in February

Her Attorneys Expect Her Early Release Owing to Slipshod Methods in Court

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, who was convicted of poisoning Mrs. John F. Dunning with a box of candy, appeared in court this morning with a deputy. Her new trial was set for February 15th. Her attorneys expect to obtain her release before the trial is held, due to the slipshod manner in which the exhibits in the case were handled.

FOUND GREAT WEALTH.

Discovery of the Papal Funds by an Electrician.

Rome, Dec. 19.—About the time of Cardinal Gott's delivery to Pope Pins of the late Pope Leo's legacy, in the papal apartments, an electrician, while removing the hangings in the late Pope Leo's chamber, in order to get at the electric light wires, found in a hole in the wall several bags which were carefully tied. When these bags were opened they were found to contain 9,250,000 francs (\$1,850,000.)

DAVIS LEAVES BEIRUT.

American Consulate Closed in One Turkish City.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The navy department received word of the sailing yesterday of the cruiser San Francisco from Beirut to Alexandretta, with Consul Davis aboard.

The Peruvian minister this morning notified the state department that his country had recognized the Panama republic.

The Czar to Preside.

London, Dec. 19.—The imperial commission which was formed recently for the purpose of examining into the affairs in the Far East is to hold its first meeting tomorrow, according to special dispatches from St. Petersburg. The czar will preside over the meetings. The commission will make a final reply to the demands of Japan.

SERIOUS RIOTS AT FUNERALS

By Striking Liverymen in Chicago--Police Called in

Conflict Between Officers and a Mob at Church During Burial Service

Chicago Dec. 19.—The most serious demonstration since the livery strike began occurred this morning at the funeral of Mrs. Joseph Vleck, who was murdered a few days ago. The body, accompanied by her two small children, was hurriedly driven from the residence to St. Procopius church. In anticipation of trouble a detail of police had been sent to the church, where a crowd of 300 men and boys had gathered. When the dead wagon drove up curbs and cat-calls were hurled at the driver and the undertaker's assistant. The police were compelled to charge the mob with clubs before the body could be carried into the church.

Only the two children were permitted to enter the church. They cried and sobbed in terror and grief beside the coffin, as the priest conducted the services, the police in the meanwhile forming in a solid phalanx at the door, the crowd cursing and shouting. The services over, the police again charged the crowd, and formed two solid lines, between which four officers carried the coffin to the hearse, which was then driven rapidly away, the driver lashing the horses forward, while the remainder of the squad checked the mob.

Similar scenes faced other funerals, but the disorder was not so marked. In one instance, owing to the lack of a conveyance, the priest was compelled to conduct the service for the dead at the home, before the body was removed in an express wagon.

Funerals Postponed.

Chicago Dec. 19.—The livery strike continues unabated. Fabulous prices were offered today for a hearse, by the relatives of the late Frederick Otis, a millionaire, and Judge Jones Hutchinson, one of the most prominent Illinois jurists, both of whom died two

days ago. In both instances the proposals were refused, and arrangements were made to convey the remains in dead wagons, the mourners following in private carriages.

Nearly 75 funerals were scheduled for today, none of whom were able to make arrangements. The undertakers announce they will not send out any hearse until the drivers are forced into submission.

IMPERSONATED AN OFFICER.

Man Arrested in Polk County for Violating Federal Law.

Dallas, Or., Dec. 19.—Albert Harrington, of Falls City, arrested yesterday on a charge of impersonating an officer of the United States, was given a preliminary hearing before Acting Commissioner Hardy Holman, and at the close of the examination of the government witnesses was bound over to appear before the federal grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$1000.

Harrington was arrested at the instance of Special Inspector A. R. Green, and the principal charge against him is that, by impersonating an officer of the United States, he induced A. H. Dodge, a clergyman of Falls City, to relinquish his home-stead, and thereby defrauded him out of \$350. Evidence was introduced to the effect that Harrington has told people in Dallas and Falls City that he is a deputy inspector, and that he is receiving a salary of \$75 a month and expenses.

A number of representative citizens appeared for the government, and Commissioner Holman considered the evidence sufficient to hold the prisoner over to the United States grand jury. The prosecution was conducted by United States District Attorney John H. Hall, J. N. Hart, of Dallas, appeared in the defendant's behalf.

Two Vagrants.

Officers Lewis and Murphy last night arrested two men, Wm. Staats and Bert Brandon for vagrancy. They appeared before Judge Judah this morning and were fined \$10 each, in default of which they will occupy cells in the city jail for five days.

Administrator Discharged.

The final report of Administrator Henry Keene, of the estate of N. S. Brown, deceased, was today heard in the probate court, approved, and the administrator ordered discharged, and his sureties exonerated.

A shrewd Salem holiday goods dealer has his bright young lady clerks note what ladies cast longing eyes at, and then when their husbands come around they are shown what would please their wives, and given a tip that generally results in a purchase.

BLOODY WORK OF BANDITS

Killing and Robbing Citizens in a Tennessee Town

Then Escape Pursuers--Negro Murderer Taken From Jail and Hanged by Mob

Knoxville, Dec. 19.—Three masked highwaymen last night killed and robbed Corbin Rowe. They entered the office of the Proctor Coal Co., beat the bookkeeper unconscious, robbed the place, and a few minutes later attempted to rob Chas. Rogers on the street. The latter fled, but was wounded by a shot. The highwaymen then escaped.

Hanged by Mob.

Ripley, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Joe Brake, a negro murderer, was taken from jail last night and hanged, and the body riddled with bullets.

For Convict Labor.

The Loewenberg & Going Co., lessees of the Northwest Foundry at the penitentiary, today paid to State Treasurer Moore \$911.75 for convict labor for the month of November.

Loans Approved.

The state land board today approved 59 applications for loans from the school fund, aggregating \$80,450, and nine application were rejected, amounting to \$5700.

Bound for Panama.

Bremerton, Dec. 19.—The New York left the Puget Sound navy yard today noon, for Panama. She will coal at San Francisco. The Bennington leaves Monday.

From now on Special prices on Candies for Xmas Trees, Etc.

Zinn's

154 State St. Phone 1971 Main.

Have you seen the crowds

of Holiday Shoppers at the

The New York Racket?

They all know where to trade when they have cash to spend. We have a splendid assortment of

Holiday Goods

Every item is marked on a "spot cash" margin of profit. Dolls, Picture Books, Dress Cases, Shaving Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Handkerchiefs, Perfumery, Slippers and all kinds of merchandise suitable for Christmas Presents.

Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store.

E. T. BARNES, Prop.

Go's Meyers & Sons

SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

DO YOU REALIZE

you when you put off buying Christmas presents till the last minute? No doubt you promised yourself you would never be caught that way again. Well we can help you. DON'T DELAY IF YOU WANT YOUR PICK.

how near at hand Christmas is? There are but a few short days and it will be here before you know it. Do you remember what trouble you had to get something to suit



DOLL SPECIAL

Here is your opportunity to get a doll for the little girls Christmas gift. An opportunity you can't afford to overlook.

One lot of 25 dolls, 12 inches long, jointed, fully dressed, regular 40c kind. Special to close

25c

One lot of 14 inch full kid body dolls, bisque head, regular 25c kind at

19c

Full jointed, 20 inch, magnificently dressed dolls, bisque heads, regular \$3.50 value. Special

\$1.98

Full jointed 17 inch fully dressed dolls, bisque head, regular \$1.68 special

\$1.00

Elegantly dressed, fully jointed dolls, regular \$2.50 values

\$1.50

20 inch stuffed body dolls, regular 68c special

39c

22 inch stuffed body dolls, regular 39c special

19c

CHINA WARE.

Our art section is replete with all the late novelties in this popular ware suitable and appropriate for holiday presents. Going rapidly, handsome decorated china. Fancy cups and saucers 15c to 99c. Fancy plates, 15c to \$1.25. Then too there are the other pieces of bric-a-brac such as Statuettes in bronze, oriental and porcelain finish. 35c to \$7.50



Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

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BOYS, How Many Seeds In the Pumpkin?
GIRLS, How Many Seeds In the Pumpkin?



NEW TODAY

Just unpacked a swell line of infants garments consisting of
Dresses
French Dresses
Slips and
Skirts

They are the prettiest garments any mother could want for her baby are here. Something new all the time.
50c to \$3.00

FOR WEDNESDAY ONLY

We offer another line of fancy sofa pillows in a great variety of colors and designs. Regular 59c values for this day only
39c.



VASES

Here is a department which catches the eye of all women. We have an assortment second to none and the line comprises all manner of pretty shapes and designs
Vases of
Royal Vienna
Redwood
Folora
Bohemian
Austrian.

9c to \$1.75

Christmas Tree Decorations. Including tinsel, bells of various sizes and colors, strings of fancy colored beads, round, bright colored balls, bent or dented ball fancy ships, inverted parasols, paper dolls with tinsel trimmings and all the latest novelties at the lowest prices.