

TOPEKA MORE PACIFIC

Dispatches from St. Petersburg indicate peaceful settlement of the Russo-Japanese war.

BEAR CAN WELL AFFORD TO BIDE ITS TIME

Future will surely give to its dominating influence in Manchuria.

FRENCH AND BRITISH DIPLOMATS BUSY

One Exerting Peaceful Influence at St. Petersburg and Ober at Tokio.

ERROR CAUSES SPASM IN RUSSIAN PRESS

Mistaking Name of Philippine for Corea Port Where American Fleet is the Occasion for an Outbreak.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Lord Lansdowne's reception at the office today was attended by almost all the ambassadors and ministers of London. At the end of the reception an Associated Press was informed that the situation looked, perhaps, slightly more hopeful, but as the Russian reply appears to be not yet drafted no definite statement could be made.

The Foreign office has reason to believe, however, that Russia is willing to concede practically all Japan's demands, but that it cannot see its way to make a treaty with Japan recognizing in black and white China's sovereignty over Manchuria.

Whether or not Japan will insist to the bitter end on a treaty recognizing Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria the Foreign office does not yet know. It thinks the Japanese themselves will not decide until after the delivery of the Russian reply, which is scarcely expected until next week.

Great Britain has not yet taken steps to appoint a consul at Mukden and Antung. A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Berlin declares that the correspondent in a position to announce positively that it has been decided at St. Petersburg that Japan's wishes shall be met in such a way as to secure the maintenance of the status quo.

The dispatch adds that the only question is whether Russia shall declare her decision to Japan alone or to all the powers interested in the far eastern question.

TOPEKA MORE PACIFIC. LONDON, Jan. 21.—All the special dispatches from St. Petersburg this morning reflect the more peaceful feeling which prevails there. Little change, however, is to be observed in the dispatches from Tokio, which represent the situation as unchanged.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that he learns that the dispatches from the Russian viceroy, Alexander, now outline toward efforts for a diplomatic settlement on the ground that war should check the natural course of events which must promote Russian aspirations in the far east.

The correspondent argues that the key to the problem is the army and not the navy and that no artificial barriers can prevent Russia from playing a predominant role in the far east. Russia's main strength lies in its land forces, the correspondent concludes, which are not yet sufficiently in evidence.

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Japan's note proposed that either power be entitled to send police or troops for the protection of the railways in either Corea or Manchuria in case of emergency, but that they must be withdrawn directly order was restored.

Both powers shall endeavor to preserve the territorial integrity of Corea and Manchuria, both shall recognize the special commissions of either in Corea or China provided the open door policy be respected.

Japan also refused the neutral proposal that counter proposals be made on both sides of the Korean border.

Russia in its note of January 6 insisted on its neutral zone, but vaguely hinted its intention to respect Japan's rights in Manchuria. To this note Japan replied on January 12 reaffirming its demands.

The Telegraph's correspondent concludes his dispatch with these words: "Therefore, unless Russia yields, a diplomatic rupture is certain. Russia's answer is expected tomorrow."

GERMANS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Emperor and Others Take Much Interest in Exposition at St. Louis.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—The budget committee of the Reichstag today approved the additional appropriation of \$50,000 for the German exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, making a total of \$75,000.

The Prussian finance minister included \$40,000 more for the exhibit of Prussia at St. Louis, or a total of \$115,000, in the budget just submitted to the Diet. The Prussian appropriations are largely for the educational exhibit. The imperial appropriation will generally broaden out Germany's representation.

Herr Lewald, the imperial German commissioner to the St. Louis exposition, talked with Emperor William Friday, when the commissioner, the emperor and the empress visited the Hohenzollern hall of the industrial art exhibition and saw the selections from the imperial palaces and the new decorative work done for the reception rooms of the German building, assembled there for shipment to St. Louis.

Their majesties are described as having been enthusiastic over the artistic merit of the new work and the copies of paintings in the Berlin, Potsdam and Charlottenburg palaces, and antique furniture selected from palaces in and near Berlin, which will give the reception rooms of the German building the appearance of an old German castle.

PANAMA AGITATES FRANCE

Some Parisians Would Have French Government Take Hand in the Affair.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Following the address of George Thiebaut yesterday evening at the meeting of representatives of all the republics of Latin America, against American control of the Panama canal, some unrepresentative newspapers are seeking to have the French Parliament take up the Panama question.

The Patrie gives sensational prominence to a series of questions which, it says, will be propounded in the Chamber of Deputies to the ministers of justice and foreign affairs. These questions seek to impede irregularly in the transfer of the old canal company to the new company and criticize Foreign Minister Delcasse for not sending warships to Panama when the revolution occurred.

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EMPRESS HAS VARICOSE VEINS

Consort of German Emperor Confined to Her Room by Severe Illness.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—Empress Augusta Victoria has varicose veins in one of her legs and is obliged to keep it extended on a cushion. The exclusion of ladies from tonight's drawing room because of the empress's illness has caused intense disappointment on the part of many women of distinction, who have come from the provinces or other countries for presentation. Usually only one drawing room is held each season at this court and it is uncertain now whether there will be any this winter to which ladies will be invited.

The empress's physicians think she probably will be able to attend the court balls, four of which will be given in February.

PRINCE HENRY FAVORS BULLET

Tells Soldiers Bound for South Africa to Make Each One Effective.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—It is expected at Wilhelmshaven that Emperor William will be present at the departure of the German expedition to south Africa, which sails tomorrow. Prince Henry of Prussia reviewed the departing battalion today. In exhorting the men to be faithful to their flag and country, the prince said: "Germany expects every bullet to do its duty."

The Reichstag today approved the final version of the bill providing supplementary funds to suppress the uprising.

POPE ADDS TO HIS DUTIES

ROME, Jan. 20.—The pope has issued a personal order transferring the election of bishops who do not depend on the propaganda of the special commission to the holy offices, of which the pope is prefect.

BISHOP PREDICTS NO WAR

Head of Church in Panama Says Colombians Are Weary of Expense.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Strong indications that there will be no war between Colombia and Panama have been observed by Bishop Junguito, who has just returned from his tour of inspection in the Isthmus of Panama, correspondent of the Herald.

The bishop declares that many of the soldiers who went to the front along the Panama border have returned in ill health. The hospitals are reported crowded and disquiet was expressed everywhere.

WARRANT OUT FOR FORESTER

Issued for Missing Grand Commander of Knights Templars on Charge of Violation of Trust.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Peter Forester, former grand commander of the Knights Templars, who was missing since last September, was charged with not having accounted for a trust fund of \$50,000 in a warrant, the existence of which came out today at a hearing of the matter of the estate of Leticia Daugherty, who died September 1, 1899. The warrant for Forester was obtained by one of the heirs last November.

LABORATORY BY SUBSCRIPTION

Such Plan Proposed by Chicago Physicians Against So-Called "Death Trust."

STARTS STRIKE AT ST. LOUIS

Eight Hundred Hack and Carriage Drivers Are Now Idle.

ASK SHORTER HOURS AND BETTER PAY

Chief of Police and Union Leader Unite in Saying that No Physical Force Shall Be Used.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—Pursuant to a meeting held last night by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 800 hack and carriage drivers went on a strike today to enforce their demands for \$1.50 a week pay, a twelve-hour day, 35 cents an hour for overtime and recognition of the union. A small proportion of the men are working in East St. Louis. The strike is directed against the St. Louis Livestockmen's and Undertakers' association. Officials of the Citizens' Industrial association, which supports the Irvetymen and undertakers in their stand taken against the strikers, declare that any attempt of the strikers to interfere with funerals will be promptly suppressed, even if the militia has to be called out.

Representatives of the unions declare that the strike management will countenance no violence. William Reynolds, however, business agent of the union, adds that the union controls 30 independent carriages and eight hearses and that with these they propose to handle all funerals may be necessary during the strike.

Mr. Reynolds said: "There will be no repetition of the Chicago troubles here, and the first union man caught violating his instructions from the strike committee will be disciplined. Mr. Reynolds announced that the strikers are holding out for the amount of \$125,000 from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and says that \$50,000 will be at the immediate disposal of the strikers, so that the strike cannot possibly cause any hardship among the labor unions."

Governor Decker talked with Chief of Police Kieley over the telephone today in regard to the strike situation. The governor urged the chief to take every precaution to protect funerals from interference.

"I have given special orders to the police captains to watch funeral processions," said the chief, "and to prevent trouble at all costs. There will be no half way measures and no half way treatment of those who should attempt to interfere."

AMENDS ITS ORGANIC LAW

CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—The convention of the Boot and Shoe Workers' International union today was addressed by G. P. Darth, organizer of the International Union of Flour and Cereal Mill Employees, assistance in the Washburn boycott at Minneapolis.

President Tobin was directed to send a telegram to President John Mitchell at Indianapolis thanking the United Mine Workers for their support of the union stamp on boot and shoe.

It was decided that all new reinstatement fees and all other constitutional amendments would be effective March 1. Constitutional amendments were adopted making members of cutters, trimmers, edge makers and other independent unions eligible to local or general officers or as delegates to conventions of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union, making the penalty \$50 for any union worker making any individual contract; for a change in the Shoe Workers' Journal so as to give more news of special interest to the union; for a plurality method of electing officers and members of general executive board, and changing the time of general elections from June to July and in local from October to September.

The committee on resolutions reported instructions to the three delegates to go to St. Louis, Mo., to attend the convention of Robinson of Lynn at once declined to serve on the committee with his hands thus tied, with "less power than a messenger." President Tobin opposed the instructions and asked that the committee be asked to follow the policy as outlined in the convention proceeding on general election on the St. Louis controversy followed.

The report of the committee on resolutions was rejected and the special committee which goes to St. Louis was left without instructions. A resolution was adopted unanimously instructing the general officers, executive board and organizers in the St. Louis controversy. Resolutions were adopted fixing the conditions for the change from one branch of the trade to another, regulating the custody of the union stamp, for an organizer in Canada, prohibiting any serving on auditing committee who receive money from a general union and refusing the use of the union label to any factory whose owners also have contracts for prison labor.

TABLES MANY RESOLUTIONS

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—At the opening of the United Mine Workers' convention today resolutions offered by delegates were read. One aimed at Ohio and Pennsylvania operators who run nonunion mines in West Virginia, which prohibited any state or district from signing a wage scale with such operators, was tabled, as was another resolution from an Iowa delegate providing that all earnings of miners of over \$3.50 per day be turned into a general fund. A shot-firer's resolution was adopted.

The miners' scale committee, which will formulate the demands of the miners of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and western Pennsylvania, has elected Thomas Reynolds of Illinois chairman. Indications are that a demand will be made for a horizontal increase in wages of 10 per cent in the central competitive districts.

The Leavenworth (Kan.) local introduced a socially resolution so strong that it was received as a joke. It provided for miners owning coal mines and railroads, forming a political party, with the union label under the emblem, and other features of a like kind. It was laughed down. The credentials committee announced that it would not be able to report today and the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

ARRESTED FOR KILLING CHILD

New Jersey Mother is Believed to Have Decapitated Son While Insane.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Arthur Oswald was arrested today on the charge of murdering her 8-year-old son on her home in Oakland. She is believed to be insane.

The tragedy was discovered by the woman's husband when he returned home late last night. As he entered the dining room he was horrified to see the headless body of his 8-year-old son lying on the floor. The head lay near the boy's feet. Nearby lay the body of his pet dog, which also had been beheaded. Oswald found her wife lying in bed with her young baby in her arms. She was staring softly to the infant. Near the bed her two other children lay sleeping in a crib. The woman did not recognize her husband nor seem to understand what was said to her.

SCHWAB BEARS OLIVE BRANCH

Offers to Surrender Hold on Bethlehem Plant to First Mortgage Bondholders.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Charles M. Schwab has made to the four first mortgage bondholders who are pressing the action for a permanent receivership for the United States Shipbuilding company what is tantamount, says the Times, to an offer releasing his hold on the Bethlehem Steel property.

The offer came as the result of a conference of three hours duration in Mr. Schwab's office. It was not, however, accepted, nor did the conditions under which it was discussed later by William Nelson Tromwell, counsel for the Sheldon reorganization committee, and Samuel Undermyer, at the former's residence, admit of what might be called a definite proposition for the reorganization of the Shipbuilding company.

The conference, it is understood, had to do with a tentative plan by which the second mortgage bonds, to the extent of \$10,000,000, which Mr. Schwab holds as the purchase price of his Bethlehem properties, and the \$15,000,000 of general first mortgage bonds of the entire Shipbuilding company would be placed on an equal basis. This, it is understood, is not and will not be acceptable to the first mortgage bondholders backing the Conklin suit, who believe that despite the fact that Mr. Schwab's bonds are a first mortgage on the Bethlehem plant by reason of the terms of the deal incorporating it as one of the constituent properties of the ship combination, their holdings and the holdings of every first mortgage bondholder should be given priority over the Schwab bonds in any settlement. There the matter stands at present, with the prospect, it is stated, of an amended offer and a resumption of conferences looking to some kind of an agreement to end the long drawn out controversy.

MAY WHEAT HAS NEW RECORD

Reaches High Mark and Surprises Spectators by Its Unusual Performance.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—May wheat touched a new high mark—\$2.14 3/4 cents today, a net gain for the day of 24 cents, and 14 cents higher than the average price last fall. The local wheat situation as regards prices is highly artificial, as is shown by the character of the trade, which caused a sharp gain in price for Armour & Co. credited with a long line of 15,000,000 bushels contracted for May delivery, local contract stocks approximating only 2,000,000 bushels.

This comparison, which agitated shorts yesterday, stirred them to excited activity today, but the best they could do for the most part was to shift the burden among themselves. Nothing that looked like Armour selling could be distinguished. On the other hand considerable commercial buying was credited to the paramount interest. Private messages received here today indicate that a considerable quantity of the short wheat on the Armour books was put out by eastern people.

May corn and May oats, which is generally thought to be chiefly centralized, also advanced sharply today.

DEFENSE OUTLINES ITS CASE

In Bechtel Trial It Will Endeavor to Explain Circumstances Which Incriminate.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 20.—In opposing a motion by the defendant's counsel today for a dismissal of the indictment against Mrs. Catharine Bechtel on the ground of the lack of evidence, District Attorney Lichtenwalner stated that although the evidence is circumstantial, it is of sufficient strength to warrant the placing of the indictments before a jury.

"The theory of the commonwealth," he said, "is that Thomas Bechtel was the principal felon. We believe that he committed the crime, and after his commission was shielded by Mrs. Catharine Bechtel." Attorney Schardt said, in opening for the defense, that they would prove that the alleged blood spots were nothing more than tobacco stains; that the father's hatchet, which the state produced as the weapon with which Mabel Bechtel was killed, had been broken in a mill last summer, and that Mabel Bechtel was seen alive on Monday, the day before her death.

RAIN STORM STOPS THE CARS

Chicago Elevated Trains Are Delayed by Short Circuit Which Threatened Life.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—As the result of a rainstorm train service on the South Side Elevated railroad was paralyzed for nearly two hours today, endangering life and discommodating thousands of passengers.

Rain, soaking the wood superstructure of the road, caused the moisture to communicate with the electric circuit support near a network of switches. The electric current deserted the car motors and flowed through the iron work of the structure to the ground. The entire structure for a considerable distance was electrified and men and women were in danger of being struck by the power house.

Trains on the road were crowded. Passengers on the stalled trains, after waiting for some time for signs of life in the motors, took surface lines and reached their work down town after long delay.

CADETS MAY BE REINSTATED

Candidates Dismissed from Annapolis Naval Academy Receive Cheering News from Senator Foraker.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 20.—The three cadets dismissed from the Annapolis Naval academy for having will, in all probability, be reinstated, Commandant Brownson having agreed to the introduction of a bill in congress for the purpose. One of the cadets is Joseph Little, Jr., of this city. The news has just been communicated to the boy's father by Senator J. B. Foraker.

BURY THEIR DIFFERENCES

Farmers Interested in Utah Lake Finally Reach an Agreement on the Reservoir Question.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 20.—As the result of action taken today at a mass meeting of farmers of the Salt Lake valley and stockholders of various irrigating companies using water from Utah lake, the government project for the use of that body of water as a great reservoir will soon be under way. The lake reservoir will bring up the cultivation of 50,000 acres of desert land in the Great Salt Lake valley.

VESSELS AGREED AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The steamship California, outward bound for Marselles and Genoa, was today in the harbor on the east side of the main ship channel near South-west Spit. It is believed that it was forced aground by a heavy field of drift ice.

IMPROVEMENTS ON RIVER

Army Engineers Urge Appropriation to Continue Work of Snagging.

DELEGATION ASKS FOR FIVE MILLION

Money to Be Used in Improving Navigation and Preventing Inroads of the Stream on Land Along Its Banks.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—General Oliver, acting secretary of war, today transmitted to congress a report of Captain Chittenden on an examination of the Missouri river from Sioux City to the mouth of that river, also at and near Herman, West Glasgow, Wilhoite Bend, Lexington and St. Joseph. The several reports briefly summarize the condition of the Missouri river between Sioux City and the mouth and the recommendation of the board of engineers assigned to the river and harbor investigations of the War department is that it is advisable to provide for snagging operations by means of a permanent appropriation of \$5,000,000 annually, but the amount available for each of the next two years should be \$5,000,000; that navigation cannot be secured at reasonable cost by means of dredging; that no improvements are necessary for navigation or advisable at and near West Glasgow, Wilhoite Bend, Lexington or St. Joseph.

URGE RIVER IMPROVEMENT

Henry T. Clarke of Omaha, F. W. Maxwell of St. Joseph, C. B. Sebastian of Columbia, Mo., Senator Willard, Representatives Hitchcock, McCarthy, Hinchaw, Kinkaid, Norris and Walter I. Smith, appeared before the house committee on rivers and harbors this morning for the purpose of securing an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for improving the Missouri river and keeping its waters within bounds, and at the same time making it navigable from Sioux City to its mouth. Mr. Clarke made the presentation speech and was followed by Congressmen Smith and Hitchcock. They will have another hearing tomorrow.

TALKS OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER

A delegation headed by Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, representing the Upper Mississippi River Improvement association, called on the president today to enlist his interest and his support for the project to improve the upper Mississippi for the benefit of the northwestern section of the United States. The president assured them he would lend them all the assistance in his power.

FOR A NATIONAL PARK

Representative Martin's bill, providing for the creation of a national park of lands surrounding Battle Mountain sanitarium was ordered favorably reported by the committee on the part of the authorities holding the selection as the lands of public lands chiefly valuable for the timber thereon, was ordered to receive a favorable report. The latter bill attempts to further safeguard and protect the forest lands of the country.

Colonel Muhlenberg, U. S. A., chief paymaster of the Department of the Missouri, is in Washington on a short visit. Miss Taylor, Miss Phillip, daughter of J. O. Phillip, and Miss Carpenter, daughter of Isaac Carpenter, of Omaha are in Washington.

Theodore Roosevelt on the Burke bill (opening the Rosebud reservation has been prepared and will be submitted to the full committee tomorrow. While, of course, the matter of the price was an important factor, the principal question is whether congress has the right or whether it is not for the benefit of the Indians and whether it would be proper to pass this bill without providing for submitting it to the Indians for ratification and approval in accordance with existing treaty stipulations. As to the power of congress to so legislate there is no question. The bill is not for the federal government to state. The supreme court of the United States has decided that when the authorities of the state are engaged in the execution of the laws of the state the courts of the United States have no authority to set them aside.

CONCLUDING JUDGE HALLET SAYS THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED IN HAVING A GOVERNOR WHO WILL ENFORCE THE LAW.

DENVER, Jan. 20.—Judge Moses Hallet of the United States district court here today, in considering the Sherman Parker habeas corpus case against the military authorities of Colorado, announced that his court is without jurisdiction in the matter. Parker is a union miner of Cripple Creek, Colo. He is in the military bull pen without warrant. In his opinion Judge Hallet says: "In times of turbulence, and when there is a probability of disturbance, discretion may be exercised by the part of the authorities holding prisoners without bail, and to hold them in custody until reasonable inquiries are made. The government is authorized and required to enforce the law, and if in the execution of the law it is necessary to use the militia and use the power of the seat he should do so. The matter of how the law is enforced is not for the federal government to state. The supreme court of the United States has decided that when the authorities of the state are engaged in the execution of the laws of the state the courts of the United States have no authority to set them aside."

In concluding Judge Hallet says that the people of the state are to be congratulated in having a governor who will enforce the law.

BLAIR'S WILL IN PROBATE

After Minor Bequests Testator Leaves Residue of Property to His Wife Without Restriction.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—The will of the late James L. Blair, former general counsel of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, was filed for probate this afternoon. It is a short document, written on one side of an ordinary page of typewriting paper. The will was made June 30, 1899. The first clause provides for the payment of funeral expenses and all debts. In the second clause Mr. Blair bequeaths to his mother, Mrs. Frank P. Blair, a large portion of his father. The residue of the estate is left to his wife, free of any restrictions, the will stating that he has perfect confidence that she will properly care for Percy and Francis, the two sons.

FEIN SAYS HE WILL PEACH

Convict Writes Federal Attorney that He Will Tell on Prominent Politicians.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—Adolph Fein, former vice president of the Hebrew Jefferson club, now a convict in the Missouri penitentiary, under a sentence of five years, for complicity in the naturalization frauds, applied to the federal grand jury today. Before entering the grand jury chamber Fein said: "I will tell the grand jury who the fellows were behind the frauds and they are big fellows. When I was indicted, my friends said they would come to the front and help me. I told them my mind to keep my mouth shut, but they deserted me. I waited until December 27. Then I made up my mind to tell the grand jury. I will tell the grand jury who the fellows were behind the frauds and they are big fellows. When I was indicted, my friends said they would come to the front and help me. I told them my mind to keep my mouth shut, but they deserted me. I waited until December 27. Then I made up my mind to tell the grand jury. 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