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St. Louis, Jan. 14.—Willie Pearson, 14 years old, died this morning at the hospital, making eight boys and one man dead as the result of a falling elevator in the shaft of the Brown Shoe Factory last evening. Tony Kirchner, the tenth victim, is dying. The elevator man is under arrest, pending investigations.

Suffocated in Fire.
Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Elizabeth Wardle and two daughters, aged 7 and 11 years, were suffocated to death by a fire in their residence this morning, near Atherton. The father is in the penitentiary for an assault on an 11-year-old girl.

ON THEIR WAY TO SCENE OF CONFLICT

Japan's Cruisers Go Through Suez Canal Today Preceded by Two Russian Battleships and Seven Torpedo Boat Destroyers

Other Russian Battleships Are Following, Proving They Have Orders to Watch the Jap War Vessels--Will Travel in "Armed Neutrality" to the Chinese Waters.

Port Said, Egypt, Jan. 14.—The Japanese cruiser Nishin which, with the cruiser Kassaga, was recently purchased from Argentine, arrived at the entrance of the Suez canal today. The Kasaga started through yesterday. They are immediately preceded through the canal by the Russian war ships Aurora and Donstok and seven torpedo boat destroyers. Other Russian war vessels are expected today. This proves that Russian vessels have been ordered to keep close surveillance on the Japanese cruisers.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—A high Japanese government official today made a statement that the belief in official circles was that war with Russia would be averted. He said that concessions had been made on both sides. If Russia insists on a neutral zone in Korea, it will end negotiations, but Japan has intimated to Russia that she is ready to recognize Russian trading concessions in Korea, providing they are entirely without political significance. Negotiations have reached a point where a peaceful or hostile settlement

is only a few days off. If Russia insists on a neutral zone, war is inevitable; if she abandon it, peace is practically assured. We expect a conciliatory reply from Russia.

London, Jan. 14.—Japan's reply to Russia's last note is a modification upon minor points, according to Minister Hayashi, who received a copy of the text today. It insists, however, upon Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria, and Japan's sphere of influence in Korea. Practically the relations between Russia and Japan are unchanged. Hayashi believes the negotiations are liable to be prolonged.

Pekin, Jan. 14.—The forecast of Russia's position regarding Manchuria, cabled by the Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press, January 11th, coincides with the information received here by the foreign legation here and also strengthens the impression that war is unavoidable. At the Japanese legation no effort is made to conceal the belief that war is expected.

The crux of the situation is still

Russia's refusal to admit the right of Japan to a voice in the settlement of Manchurian affairs, which Japan considers one of its most vital interests, and to sustain which the Japanese government is determined to resort to arms if necessary.

The maintenance of Chinese neutrality would banish the specter of a Russian occupation of Peking, which is greatly alarming the Chinese, and is causing some uneasiness at the legations, since, in anticipation of the event of Russia's approach, the court would leave Peking and the capital would be removed to the interior.

Japan Impresses Steamers.
San Francisco, Jan. 14.—A cable to the Pacific Mail Steamship company yesterday announced that the Japanese government has impressed into transport service the three steamships of the Oriental Steamship company, plying between this city and the Far East. The vessels are the Nippon Maru, Hong Kong Maru and America Maru. They are fast boats, built in 1898, and have been under

Japanese subsidy. A few months ago they passed government inspection.

The Nippon and Hong Kong each have 4351 tonnage and the America 5920. The America is due here next Saturday and will be sent back when discharged. The Nippon left here December 30, and the Hong Kong is now in Japanese waters.

Japan Gives Her Answer.
London, Jan. 14.—A dispatch from Tokio to Reuter's Telegram company says that Japan's answer to the last Russian note was handed this afternoon to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, and that negotiations will be continued without any time limit being set for their termination.

The demand which Japan is said to have made, according to reports published abroad, have caused some surprise in Tokio, according to the dispatches, and it is now stated that Japan never asked for the evacuation of Manchuria, but on the contrary frankly recognizes Russia's special interest there and her right to pro-

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