

ALL RUSSIA'S REPLY BE A MESSAGE OF PEACE?

States Minister at Tokio Cables That Japan Looks for Answer Tomorrow, and British Ambassador to Russian Court Says It Means Peace.

London, Jan. 29.—The State department has received a cablegram from the United States Senator Grison at St. Petersburg, in which he says that the answer to the last Japanese communication will be delivered tomorrow. There is information as to the nature of the message.

The Associated Press has the authority of the British ambassador at St. Petersburg for the announcement that the Russian reply, which it is expected will be delivered tomorrow, is satisfactory.

No further details are obtainable. It is assumed, if the information is correct, that the Russian government has made certain concessions, and that Great Britain will be prepared to accept them as satisfactory.

The statement of the British ambassador at St. Petersburg, where Mr. Grison heard of it and cabled the State department, the cable arriving overnight.

IT LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Admiral Reviews Asiatic Squadron.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—An Admiral influential in the councils of the State was interviewed today by the press, and said:

PORT DOUGLAS TROOPS BOUND FOR MANILA

W. Bubb Receives Official Notice to the Effect That He Is to Be Prepared to Sail With the Twelfth Regiment About March 1st.

After many rumors, definite information has been given Col. J. W. Bubb, commanding the Twelfth regiment, that his troops are to return to Manila about March 1st. The notification reads as follows: "The Twelfth regiment is in preparation for the return to Manila about March 1st." The information was received yesterday and the commandant of the Twelfth regiment is in preparation for the return to Manila about March 1st.

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1,000,000 FOR DRILL GROUNDS FOR ARMY

Washington, Jan. 29.—Lieut. Gen. Chaffin has made a report to the War department, which will be transmitted to Congress, urging an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of four tracts of land, one in each of the four corners of the United States, for military drill.

Chaffin says that experience shows it is not possible to rent suitable land for military drill. He proposes to take the ninety-fifth meridian and cross it by the twenty-ninth parallel, comprising the maneuvering ground at Fort Belknap, and the maneuvering ground at Fort Belknap, and the maneuvering ground at Fort Belknap, and the maneuvering ground at Fort Belknap.

PROPOSED DROWNED MAN BOBS UP ALIVE

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—W. T. Coolidge, who was reported to have been drowned in San Francisco bay last fall and who was believed to be dead by some of his friends, has been found alive at Sherwood, Cal. This discovery saves beneficiaries and insurance companies the amount for which he was insured.

Coolidge is accused of collecting the insurance, knowing he was alive, and they may be implicated in any such attempt. Coolidge is believed to have been arrested, but as he told the story was released.

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 29.—By his will, made public today, Capt. Daniel G. Parr, who died recently, aged 73 years, leaves immediately \$300,000 in personality, and after the death of his last grandchild \$100,000 in realty, or his entire estate, toward the establishment and maintenance of "Parr's Rest," a refuge for old and infirm women. Capt. Parr refrained from making a will until a short time ago, when, after seeing an aged woman poorly clad and sick, he remarked:

"A refuge which would make unnecessary such suffering as that which women would be worth half a hundred Carnegie libraries."

HIGHBINDER SAT WAR.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—The first guns in another Tong war were fired tonight in Chinatown. Three highbinders of the Yan Wong Tong blazed away at a lone member of the Hop Sing Tong. He returned the fire. When the smoke of battle had cleared away and the losses were numbered it was found that one highbinder, How You, had been shot in the leg, and that Thomas Spellman, a white watchman, had received a similar wound. The shooting was the direct result of long smoldering trouble between the Hop Sing and the Yang Wongs, two of the most powerful of the highbinder organizations in Chinatown.

CHICAGO'S FIRE NEMESIS.

Explosion and Blaze in a Skyscraper Followed by a Panic.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Notwithstanding recent experiences with smoke and flames, tenants of Masonic Temple, a twenty-story structure, failed to scarce today when a fire broke out in the Cosmopolitan building adjoining. The occupants of the Cosmopolitan made a hasty exit. On the upper stories of the Cosmopolitan a number of women became hysterical and, blinded by the smoke, made efforts to spring from the windows. Cooler heads prevented this and the women were carried down the fire-escape.

One girl was perhaps fatally burned. Chemicals she was mixing on the sixth floor exploded and caused the fire. The woman in a diving condition was carried down a fire-escape by C. W. Randolph, secretary and treasurer of the Cosmopolitan Light company. Several other persons were burned, but not seriously.

Edward Stokes, who assisted in the rescue of Miss Verba, was probably fatally burned. Of the forty-five people on the floor where the fire started, twenty-five were girls and women.

A NEW ELIJAH BROUGHT TO JUDGMENT

High Chief of the "Holy Ghost and Us" Movement at Durham, Me., to Be Tried Under Indictment for Manslaughter.



Auburn, Me., Jan. 29.—The trial of Rev. Frank W. Sanford, identified for many years with the Shiloh and the "Holy Ghost and Us" movement at Durham, Me., and a self-announced Elijah II, which will take place in a few days, is attracting widespread attention and promises to draw a larger crowd from surrounding sections than any circus that ever visited this locality. Interest in the case is intense, and the community is about equally divided by pro and anti-Sanfordites.

The charge against Sanford is manslaughter, a recent grand jury holding

GIGANTIC SWINDLE

Wholesale Arrests of Prominent Men in Oregon Growing Out of the Alleged Land Frauds.

Warrants Based Upon Information Furnished by Special Inspectors—Charges Are a Sequel to the Recent Trial of Receiver Thompson of La Grande for Attempted Fraud.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 29.—United States District Attorney John H. Hall of Portland, with Deputy United States Marshal Proebstel, placed under arrest eleven citizens of Pendleton today who were witnesses in the prosecution trial of Receiver Asa B. Thompson of La Grande, Or., who was acquitted at Portland recently on a charge of attempting to defraud the United States Government of public lands.

Warrants were served on Charles Cunningham, sheep king of Umatilla county, and the prosecuting witness against Thompson; County Judge G. A. Hartman, who affixed his seal to the oaths for final proofs; Joe H. Parkes, notary public who filled out papers; Asa Rayburn, Dallas O'Hara, Glen H. Sailing, Shelly Jones, Mark Shackelford, Kate James, John Doe and Richard Roe, all charged with making false affidavits in the final proofs for homestead entries before Judge Hartman, and Lee Moorhouse, clerk for the Supreme court of the United States. The men were all arrested. Cunningham, Hartman and Parkes were placed under \$2000 bonds and the others on \$500.

The information was filed by Special Land Inspector A. R. Green. Judge Hartman is charged with taking and certifying to testimony which he knew to be false. Joseph Parkes is charged with making out the papers when he knew the subject matter was unknown to the persons executing them. Cunningham is charged with inducing others to enter upon homesteads and gain title to them for the purpose of transferring the title in the land to him. Rayburn, O'Hara, Sailing, Jones, Shackelford, James and others are charged with filing and proving upon homesteads they had never seen, doing so with Cunningham's money.

Judge Hartman is the official before whom the majority of the final proofs were made and he is charged with conspiracy with Cunningham. The men who are charged with making the fraudulent entries the witnesses who appeared against Asa B. Thompson at the December term of the Federal court in Portland when Thompson, as receiver of the La Grande land office, was charged with soliciting bribes from Asa Rayburn, Dallas O'Hara and Glen Sailing in return for putting their final proofs through the land office. They claimed that Thompson asked \$50 for each quarter section. At the trial they impeached their own testimony and the arrests made today is the outcome.

DEATH LURKED IN SALAD.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Seven girls belonging to a cooking school at Darmstadt are dead and six others are dying from poisoning which resulted from partaking of a dish of canned beans and meat, and a medical inquiry into the occurrence is being made. Up to the present time the investigation has failed to determine the exact nature of the poison which brought about such fatal results, although it is now thought that allantoicum or sausage poison was the cause.

STOLE \$20,000.

Brooklyn Lawyer Pleads Guilty to Having Violated His Trust.

New York, Jan. 29.—Albert M. Fragner, a well-known Brooklyn lawyer, pleaded guilty today to an indictment charging grand larceny in the first degree in having taken bonds valued at \$20,000, which were held in trust for Emilia and Edith Kainer, minor children of the late Otto Kainer, an importer. After complaint had been entered Fragner married an older sister of the Kainer children, and a settlement out of court was sought, but prevented by the District Attorney and Judge Aspinwall, who refused to permit the compromise of any claim affecting the rights of minor children.

KAFFIRS JOINING HEREROS.

Situation in German Southwest Africa Growing More Critical.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The commander of the German gunboat Habicht, lying at Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa, cables that he has received news from Lieut. Zuelow, in command of the German forces at Okahandja, that the Kaffirs have effected a junction with the Hereros who are besieging that post. As Okahandja was already hard pressed, the announcement has caused concern at the Colonial office here.

The following dispatch from Lieut. Zuelow, sent by messenger via Karabib, was received here today:

"Okahandja, Jan. 29.—Am holding Okahandja. Occupied it January 15th, with 200 men, after heavy fighting. Am waiting for guns from the Habicht. Ask for a division of artillery. Weak relief corps with machine gun from Windhoek repulsed 12th and 13th. Loss reported of eight reserves.

"In order to establish connections with the rear and bring forward military transports, we attempted today, with sixty men, to reach Karabib by rail.

"A later dispatch, dated January 22nd, says:

"Yesterday afternoon, near Kawatuasane, between Waldau and Okasiz, there was a sharp fight. A division of about seventy men strong, sent forward by rail, lost four dead and three slightly wounded. The enemy lost twenty to twenty-five dead."

PILGRIMS AT FESTAL BOARD TALK BY CABLE.

Unique and Brilliant Celebration by Pilgrims' Society on Both Sides of Atlantic—Diplomatists, Nobles, Clergymen and Others Exchange Greetings.

London, Jan. 29.—While the American branch of the Pilgrims' society was giving its dinner tonight at Delmonico's in New York in honor of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador to the United States, the English branch of the society celebrated the occurrence with a supper at the Carlton hotel.

Shortly before the Delmonico banquet commenced some seventy members of the Pilgrims' society here sat down at a number of small tables, which all looked up with telegraph wires strung on miniature poles and decorated with foliage.

Among those present were Joseph H. Choate, the American Ambassador; the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor; Sir Edward L. Durand, brother of Sir Henry; Sir Thomas Lipton, Lord Desborough and Lord de Fairfax; Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, John Henniker Heaton, Secretary of the United States Embassy; Archbishop Sinclair and Alexander Siemens.

Several well-known Pilgrims, including Lord Roberts and Admiral Lord Charles Biscoe, who are both ill, sent regrets.

CONNECTED BY CABLE

The unique feature of the evening consisted in the installation by a transatlantic cable company of cable instruments in one end of the supper-room. By means of this arrangement frequent messages were exchanged between Delmonico's in New York and the Carlton hotel here, so that the English Pilgrims felt almost as much in touch with the New York celebration as if they had been actually present. Two old grandfather's clocks, one showing English and the other American time, enabled Mr. Choate, the Earl of Halsbury and the others to keep an eye on the progress of the banquet at New York.

The usual cable company's clock with red hands showing American time was placed between the two old grandfather's clocks and noticeably marked the progress of the age. Strands of the Atlantic cable laced upon the table enabled the guests to realize the means by which the instantaneous and intimate interchange was possible in spite of the difficulties of distance and the difference in time. The name of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, when pronounced was given a hearty cheer.

ON AMERICAN SIDE

New York, Jan. 29.—Interchanges of cable messages of good will with the English Pilgrims at supper at the Carlton hotel, London, formed a striking feature of the banquet given at Delmonico's tonight by the Pilgrims of the United States in honor of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador, Bishop Potter presided. There was with him at the supper table Sir Henry Mortimer Durand.

REPARTÉE BY WIRE

Cables were sent to the United States secretary by the British secretary of the Pilgrims; from Ambassador Durand to Ambassador Joseph H. Choate; from Ambassador Durand to Lord Roberts; from Admiral Rodgers to Admiral Beresford; and from Maj.-Gen. Henry C. Corbin to Lieut.-Gen. Sir William Nicholson, extending good wishes. Senator Chauncey M. Depew cabled to Archbishop Sinclair, pledging the United States for peace and friendship. Morris K. Jessup sent a similar cable to Lord Brassey, as did Gen. Joseph Wheeler to Earl Roberts.

From London came a message to Bishop Potter from Lord Roberts, extending the hearty friendship of the English Pilgrims. Ambassador Choate sent cordial greetings to Ambassador Durand and best wishes for the success of the American Pilgrims.

A cable in a similar strain was sent by Earl Roberts to the British Pilgrims. The Military Pilgrims, represented by Lieut.-Gen. Sir William Nicholson, sent a message of greetings to Maj.-Gen. Corbin, as did Admiral Beresford to Admiral Rodgers.

Lord Brassey cabled the good wishes and compliments of the English Pilgrims to Morris K. Jessup. Senator Depew received a cable from Dr. Sinclair, extending greetings. The Lord Chancellor of Great Britain sent a message of regret. "Hearty greetings and good wishes on occasions when science is aiding the amelioration of the Anglo-Saxon race toward peace and civilization." Col. Hutchings, chairman of the British Pilgrims, sent cordial greetings to Bishop Potter.

Bishop Potter sent a message of regret from President Roosevelt and a complimentary cable from Sir Thomas Lipton, and introduced as the first speaker Sir Henry Mortimer Durand.

SAN BLAS INDIANS IN AN UGLY MOOD

Don War Paint and Feathers, and Attempt a Midnight Surprise on the Officers of the United States Gunboat Bancroft.

Colon, Jan. 29.—The United States gunboat Bancroft arrived here today from the San Blas coast. She reports the attitude of the San Blas Indians at Caledonia bay to be not only unfriendly but decidedly aggressive.

Last Tuesday two men from one of the Bancroft's boats insisted upon purchasing a few coconuts from the Indians, and paid more than full value for them.

Forward 11 o'clock that night, when it was dark, twenty canoes were seen approaching the Bancroft. The gunboat turned her searchlights on the canoes, and it was revealed that each boat carried as many Indians as could crowd in, probably 200 in all.

All the men were armed with bows and arrows, guns of quaint and old patterns and other weapons and their faces were smeared with paint. There is no doubt that their intention was hostile, and they hoped to reach and surprise the ship.

The commander of the Bancroft ordered the gunboat crew to be on their feet, and her guns were loaded and trimmed ready for use. A quick-firing Colt gun was placed near the gangway, and orders were given to the gunners to be ready to keep a ceaseless fire all around the canoes.

As soon as the Indians heard this rain of bullets they immediately began retreating toward the shore. The gunners were given express orders not to fire at the Indians, so the bullets clicked their and churned up the water all around them. No shots were fired at the Bancroft, which at once called for Colon to bring in the report of the occurrence.

RACING WITH REAPER TO DEATH BEDSIDES

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Gen. Henry Strong of this city is racing across the continent from California in the hope that he can reach Chicago in time to see his wife alive. Mrs. Strong was stricken with paralysis and her physicians regard her death probable within a few days.

Gen. Strong left Santa Barbara yesterday afternoon on a special train, which he chartered as soon as he received the telegram telling him of Mrs. Strong's illness.

While Gen. Henry Strong was hurrying from California to reach the bedside of his wife, who was suffering from a stroke of paralysis, Mrs. Strong died. Gen.

BRYAN RACING WITH DEATH FROM THE EAST

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 29.—W. J. Bryan is hastening home from the East in order that he may see his sister, Miss Fannie Bryan, who is very ill. It is expected that he will arrive here tomorrow. Miss Bryan has tubercular peritonitis and an operation may have to be performed to save her life, although she is now too weak to undergo such an ordeal.

PHILIPPINES FOR THE FILIPINOS, SAYS TAFT

Washington, Jan. 29.—"The Philippines for the Philippines," will be the keynote of the policy of Secretary Taft toward the Far Eastern archipelago. In almost the last speech he made before leaving the Philippines for home he reiterated this keynote which he first sounded when he was inaugurated Governor of the Philippines. This speech has been published by the Insular Government in an official form, and has just reached the War department. In it Gov. Taft declared that this doctrine does not exclude the encouragement of American enterprise or the American investment of capital in the Philippines, for the reason that nothing, not even education or a free form of government, can make for the elevation and civilization of the Filipino people more than the investment of American capital in the material development of these islands.