RUSSIA PLAYS WAITING GAME.

IF WAR MUST COME, CZAR WANTS JAPAN TO START IT.

Attempts to Convince Europe That the Responsibility for Any Crisis Rests on the Mikado's Government—Official Declarations Must Be Awaited.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—European opinion as regards the situation in the Far East has fluctuated all the week between the belief in war and peace. As to actual knowledge of affairs between Japan and Russia, outside the Cabinets of Tokio and St. Petersburg, there is none. It has become abundantly evident that no reliance whatever can be placed on anything emanating from a Russian source, unless, indeed, it shall take the form of an official declaration. This is not forthcoming, and until it is vouchsafed the world may as well possess itself in patience.

Those who enjoy the analysis of the motives of diplomatic moves are still studying Russia's attempts to produce certain effects through the medium of the foreign press. Thus, despatches were sent out twice within the week, the first through Paris and the second through the medium of a news agency despatch from St. Petersburg, containing the most peaceful announcements, which seemed to foretell a prompt adjustment of the difficulties upon terms more or less agreeable to Russia.

These despatches, while undoubtedly sincere on the part of their writers, have been received with cynical incredulity by those who are acquainted with Russian diplomatic methods. They have been followed to-day by the following telegram, which the Russian censor kindly allowed the St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette* to send to his paper:

"Whether peace in the Far East is to be assured for any length of time depends largely upon Japan. It is stated in well informed Russain circles that certain demands made by Japan in the form in which they are laid down cannot be admitted by Russia. Much speculation prevails here as to whether the Japanese Government will prove to be sufficiently strong, despite the Russian concessions already made and Russia's anxiety to avoid war, to resist successfully the popular cry for a trial of strength with Russia."

This despatch is much more significant than the confident assertion that peace is assured, which was made by an unsuspicious correspondent and cabled to America earlier in the week. It implies, at least, the unhappy fact that no agreement between the two countries has as yet been reached, and also a doubt as to whether such a fortunate result is possible. Moreover, it indicates Russia's desire to throw the onus of the responsibility on her opponent.

Here the hand of the Czar seems to be discernible. It is an accepted fact of the situation that war is impossible unless the Russian war party is able to convince the Emperor that he must fight in defence of his country's inalievable rights. There the matter rests until Russia sees fit to make known her decision.

There is considerable evidence that the influence of the war party in shaping the Russian policy has been greatly diminished recently. The difficulty is that the country is so far committed to a certain course, especially in Manchuria, that it will be extremely embarrassing to withdraw, no matter how much she may regret her original policy and the great sacrifices that must be made both in past expenditure and present prestige. It is this grave problem, so say the friends of Russia, which is delaying her reply to Japan. In the meantime the danger of war from spontaneous combustion, so to speak, in the Far East is great.

RHODES'S DREAM TO COME TRUE

Completion of the Cape to Cairo Railroad Now in Sight.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The first part of Cecil Rhodes's "dream" should within the next three months be accomplished by the completion of direct railway connection between Cape Town and Victoria Falls. The rail head is already within sixty miles of the Zambesi, and the intervening country does not present any serious engineering difficulties.

Beyond Zambesi lies an extensive area, which is believed to be exceptionally rich in minerals, especially copper. The rail head will be advanced thither with all despatch.

It is also believed that within three months the Wankie coal fields, south of the Zambesi, will be sufficiently developed to supply the line with high class fuel, and will thus obviate the use of wood.

GERMANS SURPRISE OXFORD.

Men Who Won Rhodes Scholarships Speak English Fluently.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The undergraduates of Oxford University during the six weeks term which has just elapsed have been taking stock of the first installment of Cecil Rhodes scholars who are now in residence there. The most notable feature is the ease with which the latter have adapted themselves to the new conditions.

The Germans, though they have never been in the country before, speak English fluently. They are a sample of the possibilities at Oxford. According to their individual tastes, several have taken up rowing, and one or two football and golf. All study hard. Several of them intend to take English and German degrees at the same time.

LONDON BARMAIDS AROUSED.

Protest Against Attempt to Drive Them Out of Business.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The action of the licensing committee of the London County Council in declaring that they would like to see the employment of barmaids in places of amusement under their authority abolished, has aroused these young women, of whom there are 8,000 in London, to start an agitation against the deprivation of their means of making a living.

They point out that the action of the Magistrates of Glasgow in compelling the licensee to employ barmen instead of barmaids has sent many of the latter to the south and has increased the competition in London.

Baron Abinger Killed by a Fall.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Baron Abinger fell down the stairs of a restaurant here last night and died in a short time. His mother was Helen, the daughter of the late Commodore George A. Magruder of the United States Navy.

Minister Squiers Again Leaves Havana.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.—Mr. Squiers, the United States Minister to Cuba, who returned here unexpectedly a few days ago in connection, it was said, with the Isle of Pines treaty, sailed again for New York to-day.

MOORE FIGHTS WIFE'S SUIT.

Denies That He Hones to Wind Clocks, Uses Drugs and Is a Woman's Slave.

Henry G. Moore, whose divorced wife, Gertrude L. Moore, recently began proceedings in the Supreme Court to have him declared incompetent and to have a committee appointed to look after his person and property, intends to oppose her action. He is a son of Andrew M. Moore of Philadelphia, who died in 1900, leaving an estate valued at nearly $3,000,000, most of it made in the wholesale liquor business and by subsequent speculations.

Henry G. Moore is 53 years old. He was educated in a Quaker school in Philadelphia. Under his father's will he became entitled to an income from a trust fund. Mrs. Moore, whom he married about twenty years ago, obtained a divorce from him in Philadelphia on the ground of abandonment, with alimony at the rate of $4,000 a year. He says that he was then receiving an income of but $200 a month, and he has since been contesting both the decree and the alimony and intends to carry his fight up to the United States Supreme Court if necessary. The wife has obtained a judgment against him for nonpayment of alimony.

Moore denies all the allegations of his wife, including that which accuses him of being completely dominated by a woman, known variously as Anna Deegan or Anna Belmont, with whom he is said to be now living. He also denies that he is possessed of an irresistible desire to wind clocks. He says that Mrs. Moore is well to do, being the owner of a large drug business in Boston, and that he has repeatedly paid judgments, amounting in all to $50,000, obtained against her by creditors. He says that his wife has consistently annoyed him, and that her present proceedings are merely one more step in the persecution by which she drove him from Philadelphia. He denies that he uses narcotics or other drugs.

As to his daughter, Lila C. Moore, who attested to her mother's allegations, Moore says that she was sent to the Convent Villa Marie at West Chester, but that she ran away from there and that he has no idea of her present domicile. He adds that she receives a regular monthly income under his father's will, and that when she comes of age she will receive $10,000 in cash. Howe & Hummel are his counsel.

HARVARD ENTRANCE CHANGE.

New Rule Established About Accepting Candidates From Other Colleges.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 12.—The annual catalogue of Harvard University, which is soon to be issued, will contain a change of considerable importance in the rules regarding admission from other colleges and some minor changes in the admission requirements. Previously the rule as to admission from other colleges has been:

"Graduates of other colleges and students who have completed creditably the work of the first two years at other colleges may be admitted without examination and assigned to those classes for which their previous training seems to qualify them. Every case is decided on its own merits, but students from other colleges are not admitted *ad eundem* without examination."

The new statement will provide that a student who has completed the work of one year or more at another college may be admitted to Harvard without examination, but for his first year of residence as a special student only. At the end of his year as a special student he may be transferred to regular standing in whatever class he is thought fitted to enter, judging from his work at Harvard together with his work elsewhere.

The object of the new rule is to give the authorities at Harvard a better chance to gauge a student's abilities on something more than evidence of previous work and to make a more equitable adjustment between the various colleges where students seek advanced standing here.

The principal change in admission requirements is the addition of music and counterpoint to the list of optional studies, which has already been announced. Some change will be made in the examinations in Latin, consisting mostly of the substitution of certain prescribed passages announced for previous study for sight translation. The change will not affect candidates for admission until a year from next June.

DEWEY, THE TRAINMEN'S DOG.

A Bright Fox Terrier Who Takes a Daily Ride on the New Haven Road.

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 12.—Dewey, the New Haven trainmen's pet, was in Greenwich yesterday. The tag fastened to his collar read: "Dewey, Free Pass, Rye Station, N. Y."

Dewey is a small white fox terrier, with a black spot on his back, and he is never contented unless travelling on a railroad train. He is good natured, wags his tail at almost everybody, but if one tries to take him by force from a railroad station or depot there is trouble. Dewey travels from New York to Springfield some days, but always fetches up at his home in Rye when night comes. He watches for an approaching train, and when it stops he is at the door of the express car barking for admittance.

Trainmen put him aboard and he plays about for a while, sometimes stretching himself in a corner for a nap, and, when he gets ready, barks to get off at some station. Then he runs around to the station on the other side of the track and awaits a train going in the opposite direction. He appears to know just which way the train is going, and always takes the one in the direction of home at night. The dog is now known by many of the regular passengers on the New Haven Railroad and receives a good deal of attention from them. Adams Express Agent Grant of Port Chester has owned the dog since he was a puppy, and says that his fondness for railroad travel is probably due to the fact that every day for a long time he would bring the dog on the train with him from Rye to Port Chester. The other day Dewey missed a train in Greenwich. He ran for it, but it got away from him, and he returned to the station to wait for the next a crestfallen looking dog. It wouldn't do for any one to be seen ill treating Dewey in the presence of the trainmen.

PETER GERRY IMPROVED.

Has Symptoms of Pneumonia in Portland, Ore.—Expected to Recover.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—Peter Gerry of New York, who was on tour as a guest with E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific system, and who is ill at St. Vincent's Hospital in this city, is somewhat improved. On the way up from California on Sunday Mr. Gerry was suddenly taken with symptoms of pneumonia at Dunsmuir, near the Oregon border. The company's surgeon was telegraphed to in Portland, and the special train made a flying trip through the Rogue and Willamette valleys to this city, where an ambulance was waiting at the station.

Mr. Gerry's relatives were not at first informed of his illness. When word was sent east Elbridge T. Gerry started immediately for his brother's bedside. He is expected to reach Portland to-morrow. The hospital authorities say Mr. Gerry is on the road to recovery.

A Drill in Chinese Tactics.

Congressman Charles T. Dunwell will be the guest of honor at the joint exhibition and review to be given by Company D of the Forty-seventh Regiment and the First Division of the Second Naval Battalion at the Marcy avenue armory next Friday night. An innovation will be a drill by Company D in Chinese tactics in the costume of Mongolian troops. The naval militiamen will give a light artillery drill with their four one-pounders and will use smokeless powder. There will be an attack by the latter, assisted by Company K of the Forty-seventh, upon the Chinese troops.

SHOWS LOVE FOR THE KAISER.

BERLIN GIVES THE RECOVERED EMPEROR AN OVATION.

Returns to the Capital and Goes to the Theatre—Attempts to Put Down Rumors That the Gravity of His Illness Has Been Hidden—Statements on Cancer.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Emperor William and the Empress returned here from Potsdam to-day. They received a great popular ovation. The Kaiser to-night witnessed the performance of the comedy "Im Bunten Rock." This is the first time he has attended the theatre since his illness.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Reports during the past week as to the condition of the Kaiser's throat have been, as from the first, most contradictory. Despite the universally reassuring information issued from specialists and official sources, the belief still lingers that the real truth is being veiled. Every effort, therefore, is being made to dispel this pessimism. The medical world of Germany unanimously declares that the growth is benign and not cancerous and that the Kaiser's condition need not give rise to apprehensions of any kind. The following is one of the many reassuring statements officially authorized:

"Although the Kaiser still speaks in a whisper his general health and bearing do not betray the slightest symptom of a sick person. His spirits are excellent. He will proceed south in January for a brief sojourn in a more temperate climate. All engagements for that month, including the opening of Brasse's English church in Berlin, in memory of Queen Victoria and the Empress Frederick, have been cancelled, but he is expected to return to Potsdam in Februrary."

With the object of supporting the official statements Dr. von Hausemann, the most eminent pathological member of the cancer research committee of Germany, has just published in a manner that can be easily understood by a lay reader a paper entitled "The Anatomy of Polypi of the Larynx," in which he establishes the point that cancer is not hereditary. He declares that a widespread and exaggerated fear of cancer prevails among medical men and the general public. Dr. von Hausemann lays stress on the point that no fact has been established proving the parasitic etiology of cancer, therein agreeing with the opinion of Prof. C. F. Marshall, which was recently cabled to THE SUN. Prof. Marshall's views were supported by Dr. Henry Morris, F. R. C. S., M. A., chairman of the cancer investigating committee, in a lecture this week before the Royal Surgeons.

FRYE CALLED IN WOOD CASE.

Leaves Cuba for Washington—His Views of Cuba's Government.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.—Alex E. Frye, the former Superintendent of Schools here, left to-day for Washington by way of Tampa. He is to appear before the Senate committee and testify in regard to Gen. Wood's conduct of affairs while Military Governor.

Mr. Frye speaks very highly of the administration of affairs in the island now. He says he has never seen a better system of financial affairs than is in vogue here. It has improved wonderfully since May, 1902.

In regard to the school system he says it does not seem to have received the attention it needs. The teachers have been very anxious to improve themselves and have worked very hard to that end, but the methods of teaching need attention. He recommends that the young men and women be sent to the United States or other countries at the expense of the Cuban Government to study the normal school systems.

PORTRAIT SHOW'S LAST DAY.

Success of the Exhibition—Great Cost of Insurance.

To-day will be the closing day of the Portrait Show at the American Art Galleries. The galleries will be open from 10 o'clock this morning until 6 o'clock. They will not be open in the evening.

The attendance at this exhibition, in aid of the Orthopedic Hospital, has been good throughout, keeping up through the last days as on the earlier days.

The cost of insurance on the valuable paintings making up the exhibition has been the largest item of expense, mounting well into the thousands of dollars, to the surprise of some of the owners of the pictures. More than one of the persons who had kindly loaned their pictures, upon learning the figures of the cost of insurance, came forward and volunteered to bear that expense, so that the hospital might benefit the more, and some have paid also the cost of transportation of the paintings loaned from their galleries.

Among yesterday's visitors to the exhibition were State Superintendent of Public Works Boyd, Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll, Justice Greenbaum, Justice E. B. Hinsdale and Mrs. Hinsdale, Mrs. E. J. Berwind, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bacon, E. R. Bacon, A. Augustus Healy, William Baylis, Mr. and Mrs. Carl de Silva, Victor Newcombe, Col. William Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hastings, George R. White of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch Kendrick of Philadelphia, Franklin B. Lord, Lucius Wilmerding, George Van Nest Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Anderson.

TARKINGTON AS A REFORMER.

Indiana Writer Willing to Stay in Politics to Help Save the Nation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Booth Tarkington, the Indiana author and politician, upon his return from his trip abroad will again actively enter politics. Mr. Tarkington, by letter, has informed his Indiana friends of his intention, but has left them in ignorance as to his political ambitions and aspirations. To one correspondent he unburdened himself at length, declaring that the country at large is in need of the service of honest citizens who have no selfish ends to serve and no special axes to grind. In other words, Mr. Tarkington asserted that the political situation needed reformation, and that he, for one, would undertake his part.

It has been quietly passed about in Republican circles in Indianapolis that Mr. Tarkington desires to be reelected to the Indiana Legislature, not as a Representative, but this time as a Senator. Privately he has long expressed a desire to become Governor of Indiana, or, in lieu of obtaining this office, which he regards as an exceptionally high one, he would, of course, be willing to represent the State in the United States Senate.

"I shall use all my ability," Mr. Tarkington is said to have written, "in an effort to open the eyes of the people to the great amount of graft creeping into every form of our Government. It is time the awakening came and the remedy was offered. The problem to me is a serious one, and merits, in my mind, the most heroic treatment."

TO GUARD REALTY INTERESTS.

Effort to Secure United Action by Owners in Legislation.

The Real Estate Board of Brokers, at its annual meeting held last Tuesday, decided to make an effort to secure united action by real estate owners in legislation at Albany affecting New York city. A committee was appointed to organize a bureau of information on subjects bearing on realty interests.

The committee was authorized to admit outsiders to membership on payment of an annual fee of $5. They will have a vote at the committee meetings, the committee forming a property owners' auxiliary to the board.

The committee consists of Francis E. Ward, chairman; John F. Doyle, J. Edgar Leaycraft, A. P. W. Kinnan, John Dye, Bryan L. Kennelly and Harlen P. Young.

The officers of the Real Estate Board of Brokers elected for the coming year are Francis E. Ward, president; Joel S. de Selding, vice-president; Charles E. Schuyler, secretary, and J. Clarence Davies, treasurer.

LEAN CHRISTMAS IN LONDON.

MONEY TIGHT AND PEOPLE ARE CUTTING OUT THE LUXURIES.

Merchants Boost Prices in an Endeavor to Increase Their Incomes From Small Sales—London County Council to Establish Relief Works for the Poor.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Families which are now searching the great stores in the West End of London for Christmas presents find that everything is costly beyond precedent. The managers of the stores agree that business has been slow for such a long time that they must get money and therefore they are raising the prices.

Business has not been affected by the weather, but shares the depression which is ascribed mostly to the Stock Exchange and the prolonged effects of the war in South Africa. The head of a Regent street department store said: "The Stock Exchange is the best barometer we have. When money is tight the people spend less in luxuries. There is a scarcity of money and the people are enconomizing all they can."

The railways to all the holiday resorts report that the year has been a bad one for passenger traffic. The Brighton line, which is about the most popular, shows a shrinkage of over £5,000 a week in the receipts as compared with those of a year ago.

The effect of the bad times extends to the humblest ranks of industry. The prospects for the winter are particularly bad in the building world and the riverside and shipping business. The London County Council is trying to find how to establish relief works and also to see how London's unemployed may be fitted for agriculture in the thinly populated tracts of Essex. The problem has not been made easier by the convincing proof that a large percentage of the unemployed are chronic beggars. Some clergymen in the East End of London distributed tickets for hot meat suppers to deserving men. One of them decided that a man should earn his supper by working for a quarter of an hour at chopping wood in the garden of the rectory. The result was that only eight sat down to the supper. The coal wharves need men and are working shorthanded. A dollar a day is offered for unskilled laborers, but the places are not sought.

The chronic congestion in the ranks of the lowest unskilled labor has accentuated the anti-alien sentiment in the East End so that the Government has promised to introduce some legislation at the beginning of the next session.

Electric Railway Company in the Hands of a Receiver.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 12.—Upon application of the directors this morning, the Syracuse, Lakeside and Baldwinsville Electric Railway Company went into bankruptcy, and William B. Rockwell was appointed receiver. The road has a floating indebtedness of $135,000, and has been unable to pay the interest on its bonds. The immediate cause of the receivership is the action brought ten days ago by Lieut.-Gov. William M. Brown of New Castle, Pa., to recover interest on $26,000 worth of bonds. If he had obtained judgment, as it was certain he would do, he could have brought suit to throw the road into a receiver's hands. To forestall this the directors decided to go into voluntary dissolution. Mr. Rockwell, the receiver, is general manager of the road.

No Spoons for Dominie's Breakfast.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 12.—Burglars entered the home of the Rev. W. B. Hamilton, pastor of Westminster Chapel, last night or early this morning and carried off a lot of silverware. Among the articles taken were wedding presents and heirlooms. The family had no intimation of the robbery until a servant discovered that there were no spoons for the pastor's table at breakfast.

TORE UP SUBURBAN TRACKS.

Citizens of Austin, Near Chicago, Suddenly Form a "Removal Club."

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 12.—Armed with pickaxes, shovels and crowbars, 150 citizens of Austin, a suburb of Chicago, last night tore up nearly a mile of street car tracks belonging to the Suburban Railroad Company, owned by Charles T. Yerkes. The removal of the traction company's property was so speedy that all the work was completed before the police heard of it.

The unexpected action of the residents of the western suburb was taken as a result of a decision rendered yesterday by Judge Honore in the Circuit Court. The injunction which the street car company had taken out about a year ago restraining the city of Chicago from interfering with its tracks was dissolved, and the decision gave the citizens of Austin a victory.

The news spread like wildfire through the length and breadth of the suburb and a secret meeting was decided on. Telephones were not even trusted and boys mounted on ponies went from one house to another notifying the citizens that the "Removal Club" was to hold a mass meeting in the rear of W. E. Golden's drug store. That was sufficient. Each man knew what it meant and before leaving his house armed himself with the necessary implements. The work was done in quick time.

IMPERIAL FAVOR TO CANADA.

Dominion May Name One of Its Own Men for Head of the Militia.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The Imperial Government has agreed to an extension of Canada's powers of autonomy. It has consented that Canada shall, if she chooses to do so, appoint a Canadian to take command of the militia of the Dominion. This intelligence came to-day in a cable despatch to the Prime Minister from Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of the Militia, who is at present in London, having been called to England to discuss with the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Secretary of State for War the provisions of the bill to amend the Militia act, which Sir Frederick submitted to the House of Commons at the recent session.

As the law now stands none but an officer of the imperial army may hold the command of the Canadian troops. It was felt that with a Canadian thoroughly in touch with Canadian conditions and sentiment in the office there could not be a recurrence of the friction which has accompanied the régimes of some Generals from England. Other provisions of the bill do away with the regulations under which imperial officers serving in Canada of the same rank as Canadians take precedence over the latter. The bill also enables the Dominion Government to confer the rank of Brigadier-General. At present the highest Canadian rank is Colonel.

THE ACADEMY OF DESIGN.

American Artists Abroad to Be Represented at This Year's Exhibition.

American artists abroad for the first time will be represented at this year's exhibition of the National Academy of Design, which opens on Jan. 1.

Among the pictures which will be selected by a committee of the Society of American Painters in Paris for exhibition here will be "Ispahan," by the late Edwin Lord Weeks. This was considered by Mr. Weeks to be his best work. Painters who will send pictures are Gari Melcher, W. T. Dannat, Walter Gay, Humphrey Johnson and Frederick A. Bridgman.

Another new feature of this year's exhibition will be the Varnishing Day Reception on the opening day from 3 till 7 o'clock, after the manner of the Paris Salon. The private view and evening reception which have previously been held will be given up.

A committee has been appointed to revise the invitation list for the opening day.