

JAPAN DECLINES TO ACCEPT THE RUSSIAN PROPOSALS

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Japanese ambassador this afternoon made the following official statement:

"Russia, in her last reply, suggested the neutralization of a part of Korea, while recognizing Japanese predominance and rights in that country. Japan is unable to accept this and is now preparing a reply setting out suggestions. If Japan secures what she wants in Korea, negotiations regarding Manchuria will take on a more friendly tone and the crisis will be considered passed. At present it is impossible to say if war will result."

PARIS, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that it is reported in diplomatic circles that Japan has accepted the last Russian counter proposition. This decision was reached after a lengthy conference between Foreign Minister Lam-dorf and Japanese Minister Kurino.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The foreign office persists in stating its belief that peace will be maintained in the Far East. Officials say

that the news today indicates that war has been definitely averted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—The following bulletin was posted at the state department today:

"The Russian ambassador called yesterday upon the secretary of state and conveyed the assurance of his government that Russia will place no obstacles in the way of the full enjoyment by powers having treaties with China, of all rights and privileges guaranteed by such treaties in Manchuria."

FUNERAL CORTEGE ONE MILE LONG

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 12.—On Friday at 4 p. m. an explosion occurred in the Michael, B. C., Crows Nest Pass mine No. 3, killing seven miners.

Several miners who attempted to recover bodies were knocked out by fire damp. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The funerals took place Sunday, with mourners in line for one mile, in spite of the storm and two feet of snow.

BEARS GOING TO ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—A feature of Colorado's game exhibit at the World's fair will be a live animal display. The exhibit will include every species of wild quadruped found in the state. James S. Bush, a veteran hunter, is the field collector for this exhibit and he has gathered a sufficient number of animals to make a respectable-looking "zoo." Most of the collection is at City park, Denver, and consists of two cinnamon bears, one black bear, one black bear cub, one brown bear cub, two mule deer, one white tail deer, one mountain sheep, three antelope, two raccoons, two badgers, two lynxes, two gray wolves, three coyotes and one bald eagle. At Elitch's gardens are a mountain lion, two golden eagles and two swifts. Numerous stuffed animal specimens will also be shown in Colorado's game exhibit.

MARK HANNA IS RENOMINATED

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.—Mark Hanna was nominated for United States senator in the house this morning.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.—The senate also nominated Hanna. The joint session tomorrow will formally declare him elected to succeed himself.

HEATH WAS QUITE CHEERFUL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—The Machen jury was secured this forenoon. The prosecution began an opening address. Perry Heath was present and bowed to numerous acquaintances, but made no sign of recognition of Machen.

KNOCKOUT BLOW

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Dispatches from Somaliland state that 3,200 British and native troops defeated 5,000 Dervishes in the Mad Mullah's service. The Dervishes killed are estimated at 1,000. Many prisoners and 400 rifles were taken by the British. The latter lost two officers killed and nine officers wounded; also five privates wounded. Of the native troops assisting the British seven were killed and sixteen wounded.

SWEETHEART HAD A FILE

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—No additional jurors have been secured in the case of the car barn bandits. Mamie Dunn, Van Dine's sweetheart, was searched this morning and a file was found in her possession. The court ordered that she be debarr'd from attending the trial or seeing Van Dine again.

Mrs. M. Schroeder was excluded from visiting the bandits in jail. The police say she is enamored of Niedemeyer.

MARINE GLIMPSES

Deputy Shipping Commissioner Swift signed the crew of the steamship Tacoma this morning.

The James Dollar discharged freight at the Commercial dock this morning and left for Seattle.

The report of the United States shipping commissioner for the past year has been made out by Deputy Shipping Commissioner Swift and is as follows: Amount paid to seamen, 105,540; number of seamen shipped and reshipped, 1,405; seamen dis-

charged, 1,148. The amount of money given as paid out to seamen represents only the amount passing through the shipping commissioner's office and the wages earned by them is another item. The report shows a considerable increase over the year 1902.

The Onia shifted from the Balfour dock to the bunkers this afternoon.

The collier Leelanaw arrived in last night and is loading coal at the electric bunkers for San Francisco.

The rumor that agents of Dowdell & Co. were going to make Everett a regular port of call for the China Mutual company's ships proves to be without foundation. A representative of the company, speaking of the matter, said that all they had done was to make an inquiry in regard to the wharfage facilities of Everett so that in case they had enough freight to make it an object to load or discharge cargo there they could do so.

Heavy snows have delayed the coal trains so that the collier Mackinaw was unable to get out last night. She will leave this evening.

The steamship Oregonian, of the American-Hawaiian line, arrived in Seattle yesterday and will here tomorrow.

A Chinese seaman slowly driving oakum into the cracks of a ruddy built box on board the Ching Wo today told of other deaths among her passengers. Two more have died, one yesterday afternoon and another last night. Dropsy was the cause of one death and, as one of the officers expressed it, the other "Chink" "just pegged." He was an old man and all he wanted was to get back to his homeland. The Ching Wo, owing to delay in getting cargo, did not get away this morning, and probably will not get out before tomorrow.

The ship's cargo from the Tacoma flouring mill will be about 4,000 tons, consigned to Chinese firms.

REJOICING AMONG BASEBALL FANS

Tacoma baseball enthusiasts are feeling good these days. At the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast league in San Francisco, the early part of January, Tacoma was admitted into their circuit. Yesterday the old Eleventh street grounds, from which have been heard the voices of rooters for many seasons, were leased again for a ball park. The grounds will not be as large as in former years, since the city has ordered the street which passes through them to be opened, but the park will even then be of sufficient size, as it contains one block. The old bleachers will be torn down and new double-deckers will make their place. The club will be financed by Tacoma people.

BASEBALL PRESIDENT MAY LOCASE HERE

There is a possibility that President Lucas of the Pacific National league may move his headquarters to Tacoma. The Spokane fans have heard the rumor and are throwing several kinds of fits, for fear there may be some grounds for the report. The fact of the matter is, President Lucas is very seriously considering the move because he wants to be located near the center of the baseball activities and not away off to one side.

SEAMEN ENTERTAIN

Captain Jenkins and the officers of the ship Crown of Scotland, loading at the Old Tacoma mill, gave a party to their young friends Sunday night on shipboard. Music and games were the features of the evening. Those present were: Miss Feggers, the Misses Dahl, Miss Foss and Miss Oliver, Mr. Arthur Foss, Mr. Smith and Mr. Wells of Seattle. At a late hour Captain Foss sent a launch to bring the young folks home from the ship.

CITY NOT AT FAULT

The irregular sidewalk line on North Yakima avenue is not only an eyesore, but people in the neighborhood say that to follow all the curves and angles of the well-developed jag.

For this condition of affairs the council

has received a good deal of criticism, which the members feel is unjust. According to statements made this morning by Commissioner of Public Works Clark and Councilman Mahneke the condition is one that could not be helped. There is but one permanent sidewalk on North Yakima avenue, they say, and that is one the correct line. The old wooden walks are not on the line and the matter cannot be taken up by the authorities until a local improvement district is formed, and the council is waiting for the property owners to bring in a petition to that effect. In the first place, the property owners asked the council not to form a district and the owners were given 90 days to build their walks, but bad weather set in and upset their plans. The council committee has already discussed the matter and will probably be brought up again at the committee meeting this afternoon.

CAMPBELL'S HEADQUARTERS

According to a report circulated today by politicians who are in harmony with the present city administration, Mayor Campbell's headquarters will be opened this week in the Berlin building. The organization has not been completed, but matters have developed so far that the Berlin building has been agreed upon as the place where the headquarters will be during the campaign.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—General Reyes, who arrived here today, says he does not know the exact date of his departure for Colombia.

ST. LOUIS GETS CONVENTION

[BULLETIN.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—St. Louis gets the Democratic convention on the second ballot by a vote of 29 to 21. Chicago wanted a refund of unused portion of guarantee and the sale of 3,000 tickets, which caused the decision against her. July 6th was fixed as the date for opening the convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—When the Democratic national committee went into session at the Shoreham hotel today to decide upon the date and place for the national convention there was no one who could predict with any degree of certainty as to what would be the result of the committee's deliberations.

When the republican national committee met here a few weeks ago its work had been cut out in advance and its duties were largely perfunctory. That such is not the case at today's meeting is evidenced by the wide diversity of opinion expressed by usually well-informed leaders as to what city will capture the convention and what date will be selected for the gathering.

A majority appears to entertain the opinion that Chicago will get the convention, but a St. Louis delegation is on hand with a strong plea, and there is a movement of some consequence in the interest of New York. As to the date, it is probable the convention will be held the first week in July. Senator Gorman is understood to favor an early convention, but the uncertainty as to when congress will be ready to adjourn is likely to lead the committee to fix a late date.

It is expected that a vote on the convention city and the date will be reached between 7 and 8 o'clock this evening. It will be necessary for the committee to meet again tomorrow.

The candidate talk is still confined mainly to Gorman and Parker. All of the other boomlets, including that of Marshall Field, Olney, Gray and Hearst, are still in swaddling clothes.

One of the strongest advocates of an early convention is ex-Governor Steunenberg, who by proxy represents Idaho. He favors holding the Democratic before the Republican convention.

NEW SANITARIUM

The Tacoma Private Sanitarium, which is being equipped by Paul Worth Dakin and Misses Florence Dakin and Jessie Peck, will be completed and ready for occupancy by the first of February.

The building which they will occupy at 104 Tacoma avenue was formerly a double dwelling house. It is now being remodeled and elevators, electric lights and a heating plant being put in. The building will have 24 rooms, including an operating room, which is now being built at a cost of \$1,000.

BASKET BALL

The Y. M. C. A. Juniors will engage in a batch game of basketball Saturday afternoon in the Tacoma gymnasium with the Y. M. C. A. Juniors from Seattle.

CZARINA WORSE FROM INFLUENZA

VIENNA, Jan. 12.—The Frei Presse today reports that the czarina of Russia, who is ill with influenza, is much worse. The family and court circles are alarmed.

BOTH MAY RETIRE

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—A Preussisch correspondent today asserts that despite all denials the recall of American Ambassador Tower is probable.

The Lokal Anzeiger prints a dispatch today stating that Plevne, the Russian minister of the interior, is sick and wants to quit public life. He has applied for a year's leave of absence.

FIGHT, IS IT?

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Jan. 12.—Men in the engineers' battalion with six months and less of service ahead were today ordered to be transferred to Washington barracks. Longer service men were ordered here. Men on furlough from the local battalion were ordered to report for duty immediately. It is the belief that all this means service in Panama.

MOCCASIN RAISED

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 12.—The submarine boat Moccasin was successfully floated this morning and is now being towed by the government tug Peoria to Norfolk drydock. Its condition is apparently good.

LAST RITES

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 12.—The body of General Gordon left Miami this morning on a special train furnished by Henry Flagler and escorted by details of state troops. It will arrive here tonight and lie in state. It will then go to Atlanta where an elaborate funeral ceremony will take place tomorrow.

IN GREAT PERIL

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.—Ex-Governor Bushnell suffered a second stroke of paralysis this morning. His family is at his bedside.

"A FINE COW THAT, EH, JOHN?"

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 12.—Nearly every state in the Union is represented at the seventh annual convention of the National Live Stock association, now in session in this city. The gathering was formally opened today and will continue in session through the remainder of the week. The large attendance and the importance of the subjects combine to make the convention the most notable of its kind ever held in this country. The three matters to be given foremost attention are forest reserves, the combination of the packers against stock raisers, and transportation.

Among the men of prominence who will address the convention are Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska, Colonel W. E. Skinner of Illinois, Hon. W. W. Colton of Oregon, Colonel John P. Irish of California, Hon. Paul McCormick of Montana, Hon. R. W. Holt of Texas, Dr. J. E. Stubbs of Nevada, Prof. W. L. Carville of Colorado, Hon. E. F. Adams of Nebraska, and Governor Heber M. Wells of Utah.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS COMMEMORATING THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Although the postoffice department has just decided upon the designs for postage stamps to be used during the world's fair, collectors are already on the qui vive for the first issue. The series of stamps decided upon, designs for which are now being engraved, will be attractive souvenirs of the exposition. The respective denominations will be of the prevailing colors. The portraits will be as follows: One-cent, Rabi. R. Livingston, minister to France, who conducted negotiations for the Louisiana purchase; 2-cent, Thos. Jefferson; 3-cent, Jas. Monroe, who, with Livingston, concluded the negotiations; 5-cent, President McKinley; 10-cent, map of the United States, showing the territory purchased from France.

JURORS DRAWN

The following jurymen have been selected for the present term in Judge Chapman's department of the superior court: Thomas Doyle, Albera Lodde, Richard Edwards, S. Keller, John Atkinson, G. E. Raymond, G. E. Sweet, P. Holgreen, D. B. Laycock, P. E. Packard, J. W. Kennedy, John Hudak, Thomas Poltuff, M. P. Harrison, Joseph Hawk, J. M. Chambers, C. V. Doud, P. Nyholm, Henry Wahlers, Herman Locke, Jim Fulman, Conrad Geiger and T. F. Sweeney.

CITY ITEMS

C. A. Pritchard has been appointed assistant in the city engineer's office. He assumed the duties of the position this morning.

SCHOOLS WILL OBSERVE MCKINLEY DAY

McKinley day, January 29, will be observed by the various schools in the city. Programs appropriate to the occasion will be rendered.



FULL FARE, FIRST-CLASS TICKETS GOOD IN THE COFFIN; PULLMAN TICKETS EXTRA.

IROQUOIS INQUEST BRINGS OUT STRONGLY INSPECTOR'S LAZINESS

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The Iroquois inquest this morning brought out witnesses whose testimony has been awaited with interest since the fire. William Curran, building inspector, who visited the theater a short time before the fire, has been an inspector for 18 years. He said the former chief inspector, Barry, gave him instructions to permit theaters to violate the ordinance regarding overcrowding. Barry died last year. Curran received no instructions from any one else, but understood that any theater could sell standing room.

The coroner asked Curran if he was still traveling on the dead man's orders, to which the latter replied: "Yes, I have had no other instructions."

He finally said Barry's successor had

told him to prevent standing in aisles, but he had no orders to prevent the sale of standing room or overcrowding. He further admitted that he did not know what the laws regarding building inspection called for, as he had never read the instructions. He admitted that he did not know who was in charge of theater inspections.

He never had made a report on the theaters inspected by him. To his knowledge no one had ever been assigned to inspect theaters. He went whenever he pleased.

He believed theater managers had a right to refuse the inspector admission to a house, but believed in the inspector's right of forcible entry for an inspection. When asked how he gained entrance he said Barry gave him authority.

WILL BUILD \$6000 HOUSE

W. R. Nichols, of the firm of W. R. Nichols & Co., contractors, has taken out a building permit and will soon commence work on a \$6,000 residence on North 1 street. The building will be modern in every detail and when completed will be occupied by Mr. Nichols and his family.

FOUR BODIES RECOVERED

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 12.—Four more bodies recovered today have identified as the remains of N. P. Shaw, C. H. Joy, Miss Gill of San Francisco and Peter La Plante. The latter was picked up by the Princess Beatrice off Ten-Mile point. The Beatrice also saw the cabin and upper works of the Clallam floating near and a tug will be dispatched to investigate the wreck.

J. J. Davis of Nanaimo, B. C., who was in the third boat which left the Clallam during the storm, escaped death and now publishes an interview which he says he had with Captain Roberts during the storm. He says that when he asked why the boat was not headed for Victoria, the

nearest port, Captain Roberts replied that he knew his business and proposed to save the ship. Later, when Davis again asked why the passengers were not immediately transferred to the first tug that arrived to assist, Roberts retorted that there was no immediate danger and that Davis was not in command of the Clallam.

It now appears that Homer H. Swaney was in the second boat which left the steamer, and perished when the boat was swamped.

The belief is generally expressed that the Clallam was not in seaworthy condition and leaked all over. The explanation that several deadlights were broken by the waves is not regarded as sufficient to explain the catastrophe.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

The damage case of Mrs. M. C. Percival against the Tacoma Railway & Power company has been settled out of court.

The history of the case is as follows: Last August Mrs. Percival attempted to board an open Puallup car at Fifteenth street. The car was pretty well crowded and before she could get a seat the car started, throwing her to the street and breaking the pelvis bone and otherwise injuring her. She sued the company for \$2,000 damages.

WILL BUILD NEW OPERATING ROOM

A permit has been issued by the building inspector for the erection of a \$1,700 operating room at the Fannie Paddock hospital. The new operating room will be built with a passage connecting it with

the main building and will be 17x21 feet in size, one story high. It will be constructed on the latest scientific principles and, it is said, will be the equal of any operating room in the country. Light will be admitted through windows ten feet wide and extending from a line three feet above the floor and back into the ceiling eight feet. The room may be also built germ proof there will be no square corners and the walls will be lined with porcelain.

With the completion of the new addition the present operating room, which is divided into smaller rooms, one for the physicians, a sterilizing room, recovery and dressing rooms, and an anaesthetic room.

MISS IVERSON IS APPOINTED

Mayor Campbell has appointed Miss Hannah Iverson assistant city librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Josephine Holgate. Miss Iverson is an estimable young lady, well educated, and has a host of friends who will hear the news of her appointment with pleasure.

NOTED MAN DEAD

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Rev. Latimer Neville, Lord of Braybrook and master of Magdalene college, Cambridge, is dead. He was the only titled person who ever held at position. He gained it in 1850 and held it continuously until his death. He was 77 years old.

NO WORK FOR JURY

The jury for Judge Snell's department of the superior court appeared this morning, but owing to the settlement of the case of Percival vs. the Tacoma Railway & Power company by the parties themselves and the remaining case being submitted to the court for decision, the jury was excused until Monday.

BRINGS SUIT TO COLLECT

Frye, Bruhn & Co. have brought suit in the superior court against Goodkind & Holway, to recover \$108.72, which they claim the latter firm owes them.

APPEALED TO SUPREME COURT

Not being able to reach an agreement out of court, the Cascade Timber company, defendant in the suit of Martin Bailey vs. the Cascade Timber company, has appealed the case to the supreme court. The jury in the above suit found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$6,000, which the court held to be excessive. The defendants appeal to a higher court, hoping to have a settlement made which is more favorable to themselves.