

RUSSIA IS CAREFUL

Taking Plenty of Time in Framing Its Reply to Last Note of the Japanese.

MAY BE LAST WORD IN CONTROVERSY

Intimation That Document Will Contain All Concessions It Can Offer.

HOPES LASTING PEACE WILL RESULT

Some Fear Heads of Officials May Be Forced by Excited Populace.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS KEPT INFORMED

Military Authorities Have a Conference and Discuss the Strategic Situation in Manchuria—Chinese Becoming Excited.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 29.—The authorities here now say that the Russian reply to Japan will not be transmitted until next week.

It is said that the delay was necessitated in consequence of the extreme care taken in drafting the document. Viceroy Alexieff's views are also awaited before its transmission to the czar. It is fully realized here that the forwarding of this will mark another critical stage in the negotiations, everything depending on Japan's attitude. It is feared that despite pacific influences the heads of the authorities may be forced, owing to the excitement of the press and the people.

A high official said: Of course we cannot prevent war. Russia will not do that. It is a matter of time for a durable peace, but there are limits beyond which we cannot go. In Korea we are not making any concessions. In Manchuria we grant practically everything, and in Manchuria we already recognize all the Russian officials and their powers. Should Japan reject our conciliatory propositions the world must place the responsibility upon Japan.

An important fact in connection with the situation has been learned by the Associated Press. Within a fortnight both Russia and Japan have officially communicated to the United States and to the European chancelleries their positions regarding some of the points at issue. This course was considered necessary in view of the wild reports disseminated. Foreign Minister Lamdorff, in his interview with the Japanese minister, M. Kurino, indicated that Russia's reply would be dispatched next week.

It is known that the strategic situation was discussed by the military authorities present at today's meeting of the council of state.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, has today with reference to the report published by the Daily Graphic, to the effect that the Russian reply to Japan was completed Wednesday, that it has been communicated to M. Kurino, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, and that it was unfavorable, that M. Kurino had officially notified him that the council of state, called to consider the Russian reply, was held in St. Petersburg yesterday, as called to the Associated Press. Baron Hayashi added that the reply had not yet been sent and that it will only be sent after the czar's approval today. "There are no means, therefore," added the Japanese minister, "of knowing the contents of the answer, and as to the probable tenor thereof, I have no official information."

The Russian embassy, in denying the Daily Graphic's statement, says the information received by the embassy confirms the statements on the subject made in the Associated Press despatch from St. Petersburg yesterday.

Denies Reply is Received.

Pleasants feeling the populace to rise and resist foreign aggression are being busily circulated in the province of Hunan, China, according to the Globe's Shanghai correspondent. The placards predict the establishment of a foreign viceroyalty over Hunan, similar to that of Manchuria. The correspondent says the movement possibly portends a national outbreak.

Washington Gets News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The State department has received a cablegram from United States Minister Griscom, dated today, in which he says that the Russian answer to the last Japanese note will be delivered tomorrow. There is no intimation as to the nature of the answer.

Trouble in Corea Spreads.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Internal disturbance in Corea is spreading, cables the Herald's Seoul correspondent. It is the result of increased taxation. The governors of three provinces report that their officers have been captured by organized bands of government forces.

BEAN SALAD BRINGS DEATH

German Medical Men Inquire Into Strange Case at Darmstadt Cooking School.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—A medical inquiry is being made into a strange case of a number of girls belonging to a cooking school at Darmstadt, who were poisoned recently by eating salad made from canned beans. Four of the girls are dead and nine are dying.

WANT OFFICERS PUNISHED

German Reichstag Takes Decisive Stand on Subject of Brutality in Army.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The budget committee of the Reichstag today discussed the military appropriations, passed almost unanimously a resolution asking the chancellor to institute rigorous penal proceedings against superior officers whose subordinates are treated brutally. War Minister von Ene declared that no luxury existed in the army in the way the public believed. The government has sent to the Reichstag a bill providing for awarding damages to innocent persons sentenced to punishment.

Relics for Army Museum.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—At a sale of government stores here the tent in which Major Marchand received Lord Kitchener at Fashoda, and two camp stools used at the time, were purchased by a newspaper, the management of which intends to present them to the army museum.

George Herrmann is Convicted.

MANILA, Jan. 29.—George Herrmann, the ex-inspector of constabulary who robbed the government and fled from Misamis, Mindanao, and was subsequently captured at Bayanama, has been convicted and sentenced to thirteen years' imprisonment.

American Sportsman to Wed.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The engagement is announced here of Charles Voigt, a well known American sportsman, and Marguerite, daughter of Baron Baugou-Dorevost.

LEWHE HAS MORE POWER

Minister Given Full Authority as Official of Province of Tyver.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 29.—The czar has granted full authority to the Interior Minister Lewhe, as governor of the province of Tyver, special plenipotentiary powers over the local officials of Tyver, in consequence of the latter's subversive tendencies. The government has been aware for some time that the administration of Tyver was showing in various ways sympathy with the opponents of the existing order of things. Recently the local authorities appointed teachers in the national schools who took advantage of their position to stir up agitation against the government and religion. This was the immediate cause for granting the plenipotentiary powers, which permit the minister and the governor to make appointments of district officials, to expel obnoxious persons, to dismiss officials considered dangerous to public peace, etc.

FIGHT MICROBES IN BOOKS

Berlin Public Libraries Will Be Given Systematic Disinfections in Future.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The Berlin municipal authorities have decided to make an attempt to exterminate the microbes in the public libraries. Prof. Koch having called attention to the danger of spreading infectious diseases through books loaned indiscriminately from libraries. The professor's representative, during the former's absence in South Africa, where he is studying the rinderpest for the British government, has drawn up a plan for attacking the microbes, which will be submitted to the library committee of the municipal council next Tuesday.

It is intended to adopt some method of disinfecting books after their use. The municipal disinfection station will take charge of the matter.

WILL WORK FOR COLONISTS

Danish Society Formed to Interest the Government in Its Outlying Possessions.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 29.—The Danish Atlantic Islands association has been formed here with the object of arousing the nation's interest in its outlying possessions and preventing the diminution by sale or otherwise of territory under Danish sovereignty.

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NO HANDCUFFS FOR EDITORS

Prussian Minister Issues Orders Against Indignities to Prisoners Sentenced for Minor Offenses.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—There have been repeated complaints from newspaper editors who were condemned to confinement for journalistic offenses that they were transported to prison handcuffed, the Prussian minister of justice, Dr. Schoenstatt, today issued an order forbidding the handcuffing of anyone on the way to prison, with the exception of persons condemned to the penitentiary, without a special court order.

OPERATORS FAIL TO AGREE

Miners' Conference Waits Until Employers Can Decide Upon What They Want.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 29.—The opening of a joint conference of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and western Pennsylvania coal operators and miners was delayed today by the operators holding a caucus to formulate their demands. At the caucus last night the operators found it impossible to get together. Many operators urged that the operators make their demands conservative. The western Pennsylvania and Ohio operators announced that they would refuse to consider the run-of-mine basis and the 7 cents differential.

KAFFIRS JOIN HERREROS

German in South Africa Now Have to Face Combined Troist.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The commander of the German gunboat Fabrik, lying at Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa, cables that he has received news from Lieutenant Zeslow, in command of the German forces at Okavango, saying that the Kaffirs have effected a junction with the Hereros, who are besieging that post. An Okavango was already hard pressed, the announcement has caused concern at the colonial office here.

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OPENING UP NEBRASKA LAND

Three-Mile Strip in Sheridan County to Be Restored to Public Domain.

NOT BELIEVED THEY CAN DO MORE, HOWEVER, THAN TEMPORARILY DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF THE ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram)—President Roosevelt today signed an executive order restoring to the public domain what is commonly known as the "extension strip" in the north part of Sheridan county, Nebraska, and located on the boundary line between South Dakota and Nebraska. This strip, which is ten miles long and five miles wide and adjacent to the line ridge agency in South Dakota, was by executive order set apart as a "dead line" a number of years ago. It was taken from the public domain and placed at the disposal of the Sioux Indians. During the last fifteen years Nebraska delegations in congress have endeavored to have this strip restored to the public domain, but without success.

When Representative Kinkaid came to Washington one of the first things he took up with Commissioner Jones was this strip of land which he contended should be turned back to Nebraska, the use for which it was originally intended having long since terminated. Congressman Kinkaid made such showing that Commissioner Jones took the matter up with the president and it was decided that as an executive order had deprived Nebraska of this land an executive order could restore it.

The order was ready to be promulgated today, but when the South Dakota delegation learned that the "strip" was not to be returned to Nebraska, they were very angry. Representative Martin asked that the order be held up for a day or two until it could be ascertained just what would ensue if it was promulgated.

Congressman Kinkaid was interviewed by the South Dakota delegation and showed the delegation that the "strip" was not under the control of anyone, the federal court even claiming that it did not have jurisdiction. However, the order has been held up, but there is no doubt it will be given to the public within a day or two, as the president's mind is made up.

Representative Kinkaid is greatly pleased over the success as are all the members of the Nebraska delegation, who will stand by Mr. Kinkaid on every point.

A few days before the appointment of William Buchanan as minister to Panama the announcement was made in dispatches that General Reyes of Colombia and Mr. Buchanan had submitted a proposition to Secretary Hay which was virtually a hint that Colombia would give a winter share in the Panama canal.

The average temperature for December was 5 degrees below normal, and thus far in January it has been 4 degrees. The average has been excellent but once, and that was during the winter of 1894.

KANSAS CITY WOMAN FREE

Lulu Prince Not Only Has Liberty, but Now Has Another Name.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kennedy-Kramer, on trial a second time for the murder in January, 1901, of her first husband, Philip H. Kennedy, was found not guilty by a jury here today. At her first trial she was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

During her release on bond, last February, she married John Kramer, an attorney, who had defended her brother, Will Prince, who later was convicted on a charge of conspiring with the defendant to kill Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy killed Kennedy, who was local agent for the Merchants Dispatch transportation company, a month after they had been married. He had refused to live with her, bringing suit to have the marriage annulled on the ground that he had been forced into it.

The first verdict was reversed on a technicality. Mrs. Kennedy's defense was emotional insanity, and evidence was presented to show that her grandfather and great-grandfather had died in insane asylums in New Hampshire and Connecticut. The verdict of acquittal was based solely on the ground that Mrs. Kennedy was insane when she shot her husband. The jury, however, found that "the defendant has since regained her sanity," which will save her from being sent to an asylum.

MAYOR BECOMES THEATRICAL

Office of Bedford, Indiana, Talks of Mysterious Letter Received in Schafer Case.

BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 29.—The authorities investigating the Schafer murder case intimate today they have a strong clue.

"If the public knew what is in this letter they would be surprised," said Mayor Smith, holding up a square envelope, addressed to himself in a plain, bold hand.

The mayor would not say whether the letter was anonymous or not, nor would he give the least intimation as to the nature of its contents.

Miss Lillian Pearl Bassett, now living at Indianapolis, has been selected by the Board of Education to fill the place in the high school as teacher of Latin made vacant by the murder of Miss Sarah Schafer. Miss Bassett is the daughter of Dr. Thomas J. Bassett, president of the Upper Iowa university, Fayette, Ia.

A persistent rumor has been circulating around the court of inquiry today that the investigation is being directed toward a Bedford citizen in good standing and that the authorities are withholding action until they are certain they have evidence to warrant his apprehension on suspicion.

This report the detectives deny. There is a growing belief, however, that the authorities have what they regard as important information which may lead to an arrest.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Snow Saturday and Warmer in Eastern Portions; Sunday Fair and Colder.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

5 a. m. -3 1 p. m. 12
6 a. m. -2 2 p. m. 13
7 a. m. -2 3 p. m. 17
8 a. m. 0 4 p. m. 17
9 a. m. 3 5 p. m. 17
10 a. m. 5 6 p. m. 17
11 a. m. 10 7 p. m. 16
12 m. 10 8 p. m. 15

EVENT OF MUCH NOTE

Second Annual Banquet of McKinley Club Held at the Millard Hotel.

MEN NATIONAL FAME AS SPEAKERS

Governor Van Sant of Minnesota Talks of Railroads and People

REVIEWS HISTORY OF HIS MERGER FIGHT

Murat Halsted Speaks of the President of the United States.

JOHN L. WEBSTER ON REPUBLICAN PARTY

Edward Rosewater Gives Reminiscences of McKinley—Banquet is Pronounced Success, Attended by Representative Men.

Ardent republicanism was the essence that filled the speaker-laden air in the great dining room of the Millard hotel last night during the second annual banquet of the McKinley club. Its presence always fast during the burning words of patriotic speakers, but bursting forth in cheers and hand-clapping with the words "Roosevelt and Webster." John L. Webster was greeted by waving handkerchiefs when he arose to read the address. He was wearing a long and loud. Mr. Webster was evidently much