

RUSSIA PLEASED WITH NOTE

Count Cassini Says Hay's Suggestion Favors in the Empire.

GIVES OPINION OF UNCENSORED NEWS

Gratified with American Professors of Aid on Battlefield and Explains Russia's Unpreparedness for War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Russia gladly and willingly favored the suggestion of Secretary Hay that as far as possible the belligerents in the far eastern war localize hostilities and respect the neutrality of China in the interest of a continued peaceful intercourse with the rest of the world.

This statement was made by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, in the course of a conversation with a representative of the Associated Press at the embassy tonight. The ambassador spoke in general on the far eastern situation. Although the negotiations on the neutrality proposition have been carried on almost entirely between the several foreign governments addressed and the American envoys accredited to them the weight of the work of the Russian ambassador at Washington in the councils of his majesty was strongly influential in the shaping of Russia's reply.

As soon as the note was issued to the Russian government Count Cassini was advised of the fact by Secretary Hay and a long and earnest conversation followed on the motives of the Washington government in initiating this move, unique in diplomacy. To the frankness of this conversation, Count Cassini made possible by the cordial and intimate relations which Mr. Hay and Count Cassini have enjoyed at Washington, is largely due, it is said, the prompt response of the Russian government, which is naturally concerned with many matters of the gravest importance and some demanding the most speedy attention, such as the most rapid attention.

Attitude Meets with Favor.

It is fortunate that whatever may be the feeling here and there in the United States of sympathy for Japan the traditional and friendly relations between the Washington and St. Petersburg governments in the official circles are unimpaired. Every man brings to the attention of some official, in the form of officers of consular, military and naval affairs, the fact that Russia without friends in this country.

It is so in this country as in every other that the smaller nation in the struggle counts on a certain amount of sympathy arising solely from the fact of its minority. It is a tribute to the fairness of your government that the attention of your government certainly has been all either better or more friendly than in the preservation of the strict neutrality which the president directed shall be observed by the people.

So numerous have these offers of medical aid become that I have felt it my duty to bring them to the attention of your government. It is possible that in recognition of the spirit of humanity and friendliness which is evidenced by the American physicians who have offered their services in the official circles, the preservation of the strict neutrality which the president directed shall be observed by the people.

Favors Uncensored News.

It is believed that this will effectively diminish the number of censors which have been secretly sent from Russia and especially about my country. Censored dispatches were wrongly considered abroad as the approval of the government. Nothing could have been further from the truth unless it was the additional fact that the dispatches which were removed it is hoped that the censor would have a better idea of my government and my people was gratified to hear from a representative American newspaper that the approval of his government was the effect of the removal of the far eastern war news from the strictly adhered to of making public news in the far east either good or bad.

In the earnest hope that peace might be preserved with Japan, my government was giving more attention to the diplomatic settlement which reached than to preparations for the recourse to arms. It was discovered that Japan had determined on at the outset of negotiations. For this reason the first chapter in the far eastern war has been characterized by Russian victories.

The truth, however, has been made public as rapidly as Admiral Alekoff's dispatches have been reported to his majesty. A picture which, however, is contained in the fair spirit of Americans was quick to appreciate and I refer to the noble conduct of the captain of the Variaz.

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Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that a Macedonian cry for help has come from San Domingo. For several years the United States has been in the courts four years and has been one of the most bitterly contested in the history of the state. While the land for which the litigants are contending amounts to about forty acres the decision in the case will settle the title to about 2,000 acres of good land. The island is in the Platte river, near Kearney, Neb. It is one of a number in the same locality which the defendants' attorney, Judge Homer, claims are unsurveyed. Whittaker moved onto the island in 1897, a part of it being at that time fenced in by the occupants of the island.

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The United States can help us to accomplish all this. You can create for us a republican form of government which will be permanent and insure peace and prosperity to a wonderful fertile government which has known little of peace for a generation. We have come here to ask simply this:

In exchange for his good offices the United States offers a coaling station at San Domingo, the best harbor on the southern coast, which will prove a valuable naval base when the Panama canal is completed. This has long been desired and the president seems disposed to listen to the appeal.

It was in the mind of Secretary Hay to send Mr. W. L. Buchanan, a former United States senator from Alabama, during the reconstruction period, having been elected on the reorganization of the state government as a republican, serving from July 25, 1878, till March 2, 1879, when his term ended. He was a native of Ohio and knew the island well. He came from his home at Tecumseh, Ala., to pay honor to his dead friend. Bent with age and gray in the service of his party, he has continued a republican throughout the storm and stress of years, he stood in the corridor leading to the senate lobby absolutely unknown to almost everybody in the building, and it devolved upon one of the oldest employes to give him the hand of welcome to the chamber in which he was a distinguished representative a generation ago.

By the presence of men of a past age did not alone testify to the high personal character of Senator Hanna. Even the flowers breathed out their sympathy. One magnificent floral piece came from the people and the Republic of Panama. Another came from the people of Hawaii. But possibly the most pretentious piece of floral tribute was that from the geographical union of this city, with the inscription, "The Workingman's Friend" upon it. They had learned to know Mark Hanna well.

Forty Tons of Labels.

"Do you know how much the labels on the seeds sent out by the government weigh—just the slips of paper that are attached to the packages?" asked a senator's clerk.

"For a year they weigh about forty tons, to say nothing about the seeds themselves. I went up to get my share of the labels the other day and it was all I could lug. Our package alone weighed about forty pounds."

"A senator has 12,000 packages of seed to distribute. To get rid of these various expedients are adopted. To address that number is a hard task and so the local postmasters are appealed to to help out, to send in the names of those who desire to aid in their distribution at the home office as far as possible without the usual mail formalities. Then again the local newspapers are called upon to help in the distribution, and very frequently large numbers of packages are sent to the postmaster during the past three years and generally seemed to have plenty of money. Armstrong is about the only one of the gang at large.

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Expected Several Measures Will Be Passed by the House.

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At the first bill during the week the bill providing for a committee to investigate and report on the shipping industry may be called up under a rule limiting debate to a few hours. Following the Indian and district bills will come the postoffice appropriation bill, but it may not be ready for consideration before next week. If the appropriation bills are all out of the way by Friday the private claims or pensions may have a show.

Mr. Williams, the minority leader, served notice yesterday that he would endeavor to secure the reading tomorrow of Washington's farwell address and then have an immediate adjournment.

Canal Treaty in Senate.

The Panama canal question will continue to hold exclusive attention of the senate until next Tuesday, when a voting will be held on the treaty. It is probable that the senate will debate the treaty on the greater part of the time the treaty is under consideration. Monday and Tuesday Senator Morgan has prepared a number of amendments and if offered they will be presented in executive session.

Mr. Morgan probably will speak on some of his amendments, but the prospect is that very few other senators will desire further to discuss the treaty or any amendments to it. All amendments will be voted down. There will be only sixteen or seventeen votes or pairs against the ratification of the treaty. Senator Hoar probably will make another speech before the vote is taken.

With the Panama question disposed of the senate will take up appropriation bills, giving precedence to the agricultural bill. There are features in this measure which will arouse opposition and it is expected that it will be debated some length of time the agricultural bill shall be passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill will have been reported, to be seen followed by the naval, pension and army bills.

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FIGG AND THE COURTS DISAGREE.

Fine is Assessed for Failure to Send Children to School.

PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The case against Louis Figg, who was charged with failure to comply with the compulsory education law, was heard in court today. Justice Charles W. Figg stated that he would use his own good judgment in regard to sending his children to school, but the judge, evidently, did not take that view of the case and imposed a fine of \$5 and costs. Figg will take the case to the district court.

Louis Figg is a member of the Figg family, who several years ago lived at Grata, where their peculiar religious views brought them into notoriety. The family is living on Bellevue island, where until now, they have been farming and unmolested in the practice of their religion.

Hold Rooms in Lodging House.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Charles Etherton and Curley Burns were arrested about midnight last night on the charge of the larceny of a lot of goods from Peter's lodging house on Main street. The men, it is alleged, entered a number of rooms with skeleton keys and took clothing, suit cases and everything they could lay their hands on. Fully \$100 worth of property was taken. The officers found from Peter's lodging house in company with a woman of bad reputation, who having a high time. Both have criminal records and were only released from the Washington county jail, where they had been serving short terms, yesterday. They came at once to this city where they live.

One of Old Crowd Gang.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Shorty Bullis, who was taken to Lincoln yesterday to await trial on the charge of blowing the Lyons bank, has been identified as one of the old crowd gang to which Gardner, Rhea and Dyer, the murderers of Herman Zahn of Snyder, belonged. During the trial of these men he was one of the suspicious characters who frequented the court house and was closely watched by the officers. He has been in this city since during the past three years and generally seemed to have plenty of money. Armstrong is about the only one of the gang at large.

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