

TO WAIT A WEEK

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GET READY IN MEANTIME

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TOKIO, Jan. 17.—Japan does not anticipate Russia's rejoinder for at least a week. In the meantime the nation is prepared and grimly reconciled to war.

The Japanese people would welcome an honorable peace, but are resolved to fight before receding from their position in oriental affairs.

The growth of British and American sentiment is remarked. No nervous displays of the flags of the two nations are made and popular songs reciting the stories of the "Hion" and "Uncle Sam" are sung.

The associated press correspondent is reliably informed that Japan has received a Russian communication, saying that Russia will respect the rights and privileges already acquired by the powers in Manchuria.

Given an icy Bath LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 18.—Eighteen delegates to the convention of the national league of commission merchants were thrown into the icy water of Echo river, which winds a tortuous course through Mammoth cave and were saved only by the presence of mind of the guide John Nelson and the heroic work of Charles A. Muehlbrunner of Pittsburg, Pa.

The roof of the cave over Echo river is arched, and the space in the center owing to an unaccountable rise in the river, is only two and a half feet above the water.

McLENNY, Fla., Jan. 18.—Passenger train No. 76, eastbound on the Seaboard Air Line, was held up one mile east of Sanderson at 7:54 by four white men.

Kills Half Breed Indian. SPRINGVIEW, Neb., Jan. 18.—Dan A. Hoby came to Springview and surrendered himself to Sheriff Cottrill, stating that he had killed one "Jim" Ramus, half breed Indian, in a fight about a mile north of the state line on the Rosebud reservation.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—Charles K. Pepper, representative of the United States government for the projected Pan-American railway, has left here for home after a journey of 25,000 miles and visiting the capitals of twenty-one different governments.

NOTE NOT OPTIMISTIC

RUSSIAN PEOPLE REGRET FAILURE OF DIPLOMACY IN EAST.

Influential Paper of Russia Believes It Will Take Tact to Save the Island Kingdom From Danger.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Private dispatches from St. Petersburg indicate, says a Times dispatch from Paris, that the Japanese note has not helped to fortify optimistic anticipations.

There is said to be a good deal of irritation in St. Petersburg over the failure of Russian diplomacy. It is recognized that the conclusion of the Chinese-American treaty has materially affected Russia's prestige.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—The czar's assurance given at the Winter Palace January 14, on the occasion of the New Year's reception, that he desired and intended to do all in his powers to maintain peace in the far east, is regarded by the foreign diplomats as a hostage given to the world for the preservation of peace.

The Novoe Vremya, referring to the reports of the offer of good offices from the United States, France and Great Britain, asks: "Is such action necessary when the whole world has been informed of what his majesty has graciously been pleased to say to the diplomats at the Winter palace?"

Burke's Bill Favored

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—A favorable report has been ordered on the Re-Sub Indian reservation bill by Congressman Burke of South Dakota.

William Martindale Free

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 19.—William Martindale, former vice president of the First National bank of Emporia, Kan., who was indicted for misapplication of the bank's funds after it failed in 1891, was freed by a decision rendered by Federal Judge John F. Phillips in Kansas City yesterday.

KH's Man And Runs Away

ARAPAHOE, Okla., Jan. 19.—In a quarrel over a \$300 note, John Bigham, agent for a Milwaukee brewery, shot and killed Gus Huddleston, Bigham endorsed Huddleston's note and when the latter neglected to pay it attached Huddleston's cattle.

American End Nearly Done

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TIRED OF HIS JOB

KING PETER OF SERBIA WILLING TO ABDICATE.

COUNTRY IN AN UPROAR

READY TO ADMIT POSITION HAS BECOME UNCOMFORTABLE.

Conspirators Making Threats of Further Stuchki—Rising in Southwest Africa Colonies Alarm Germany.

VIENNA, Jan. 19.—King Peter of Serbia according to a report from Cetinje Montenegro published by the Neues Wiener Journal, is prepared to voluntarily renounce the throne and allow the powers to nominate his successor.

The prince of Montenegro is said to have received a mandate from Russia to clear up the precarious situation in Serbia and King Peter is alleged to have recognized the untenability of his position and to be willing to abdicate.

The statement published by the Neues Wiener Journal is not confirmed but all reports indicate that affairs in Serbia are steadily growing worse and that they are causing the greatest anxiety in Russia and Austria.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—Dr. Stuebel, director of the colonial department of the foreign office in the reichstag made a full exposure of the government's information about the Hereros rising. He said the rising of the Bendezwarts tribesmen had unquestionably been ended between the 6th and 10th of January, but at the same time came the first news of the movement in central southwest Africa.

Can Do No More

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Roosevelt transmitted to the senate yesterday additional correspondence touching the relations of the United States with Columbia and Panama, covering the period from December 25, 1903, to January 6, 1904.

A statement of grievances on the part of Columbia was presented to the state department by General Reyes December 23. Reyes says that the course of the United States had worked a deep injury to Columbia and he cited the treaty of 1846 as showing that the independence and sovereignty of Columbia was to be maintained intact between the two governments.

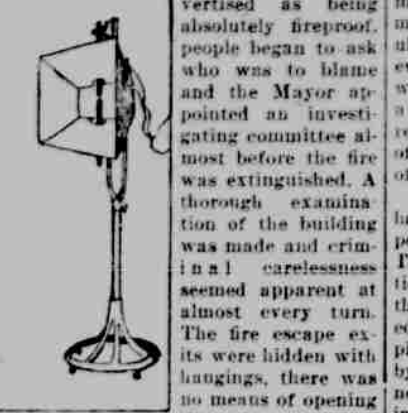
Smoot Files His Reply

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Smoot has filed with the committees on privileges and elections his second reply to the presentation made by Attorney Taylor. The reply follows the lines of argument made by the attorneys for Mr. Smoot in the hearing before the committee Saturday last and places on record detailed denials of assertions made by Mr. Taylor.

AMAZES THE JURY.

Facts Brought Out at Iroquois Inquest Are Astonishing.

Chicago correspondence: From the instant when it was known that men, women and children were dying inside the Iroquois Theater, which had been widely advertised as being absolutely fireproof, people began to ask who was to blame and the Mayor appointed an investigating committee almost before the fire was extinguished.



THE FATAL LIGHT, were no ladders that could be used when the escapes were once reached, the persons responsible for the care of the scenery during the play were absent from their posts, the asbestos curtain was made of exceedingly flimsy material—so flimsy, in fact, that it would probably have been little protection had it been entirely lowered.

On the first floor, the exits to be used in case of emergency were not only shut but bolted, and evidence of neglect and evasion were visible in all parts of the theater. And this in a playhouse which has been called the very best in the country.

Members of the coroner's jury and the officials of the Iroquois inquest have been astounded by the evidence of utter incompetence, criminal neglect and proof of violation of existing laws for the protection of human life brought out during the examination of witnesses.

The witness told one long story of pitiful neglect. At a dozen points in his testimony those who heard it were struck with the fact that one man with a thorough understanding of his business in charge of the employees of the theater, including the engineer, would have made the playhouse a safe place for public attendance.

Gates of Death

George Dusenberry, superintendent of the auditorium of the Iroquois Theater, admitted on the witness stand there was utter lack of discipline at the theater, and he testified that at least one exit was locked, that two iron gates across stairways were closed and that there was no way for people to distinguish exits.

A double set of iron gates at the turn in the grand marble staircase, near where the dead were found piled a dozen deep, held back the fleeing audience and reduced by half the avenues of escape. Heavy padlocks kept the gates in place.

Curran is the building inspector who visited the Iroquois Theater just before the fire and pronounced everything in order. He told the coroner he had no real business there and had just dropped in. In fact, the most rigid examination failed to discover exactly where the inspector did have business.

GOES TO ST. LOUIS.

Democratic National Convention Will Meet on July 6.

The next Democratic national convention will meet in St. Louis on Wednesday, July 6. The world's fair city will be the prize when the national committee, in session at Washington, on the second ballot, by a vote of 28 to 21, decided against Chicago.

NEBRASKA NOTES

Jesse B. Fulton of Beatrice and Miss Enid Jackson of Kansas City were married at Kansas City.

Henry D. Ewao, formerly a member of the Lincoln city council died of pneumonia at Havelock.

Mrs. Annie S. Lundgren, aged 19 years died at her home near Mead. She had been ill but a short time.

The Burlington has a large force of men at work putting in a new trestle between Plattsmouth and Pacific Junction.

R. D. Thomas of Howe suddenly dropped dead while driving with a friend at Odele. The remains were sent to Stella for burial.

Judge Jesson at Plattsmouth ordered the Nebraska Telephone company to pay to the city of Plattsmouth \$250 back taxes.

A claim of \$2,435 has been allowed the Western Electrical company of Omaha for installing the electric light plant at the penitentiary.

The new union depot at Fremont does not meet the approval of the railroad and will not be opened for some time until changes can be made by the contractor.

Nebraska City will send a delegation of six to the annual convention of Fremont at Fremont January 19, and will try to land Mike Baur as president of the association.

Albert Powers was found dead in his bed at Memphis when his daughter returned from a visit in the country. He probably died from apoplexy. He leaves four children.

The firemen of Norfolk are making big preparations to attend the state convention at Fremont January 19, 20 and 21. They will go in a special car.

Arthur B. Allen private secretary to Governor Mickey, has denied that he has any intention of becoming a candidate for state auditor on the republican ticket.

The Nebraska Historical society will hold its annual meeting at Lincoln January 12-13. The various constitutional conventions held in the state will be discussed.

While preparing to go to Arizona to spend the winter with her son, Mrs. Elizabeth Thurston of Fremont died suddenly. She was 72 years of age.

S. W. Schooley was struck by a mail sack hurled from a Union Pacific mail train last night and badly bruised. The sack struck Schooley with such force that he was thrown to the ground.

Invitations are out at Plattsmouth for the wedding of Miss Mary Abble H. Baird to George L. Farly, proprietor of the Plattsmouth Evening News. The wedding will take place January 19.

Mrs. J. A. Sawyer has resigned as member of the advisory board at the Millford Industrial home. The governor has accepted the resignation, but no vacancy has been appointed to fill the vacancy as yet.

The Rev. T. C. Downs of Kansas City Kas., died suddenly on a freight train while on his way to Prestos from Falls City. He was a presiding elder of the Methodist church South. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

C. S. Benton a prominent farmer and member of the county board of supervisors of Hall county, was stricken with paralysis last week and will be unable to perform his duties upon the board for six weeks or two months.

H. Macleod, representative at Beatrice for the Scranton, Pa. schools, has disappeared. He was under \$500 bonds, furnished by a fidelity company, and his accounts are thought to be straight. He owed some money to a roommate.

The exhibition of the Garrison Poultry Fanciers' association closed after two days' of good attendance. Officers chosen are: President C. R. Hammond; secretary, J. L. Housery superintendent, C. E. Kidney treasurer, J. C. Ely.

John McCool and Mike Denny, convicted of horse stealing, were taken from Dakota City to the state penitentiary and the reform school at Kearney. Kenny will remain in the reform school until he is of age in 1907.

At Beatrice Miss Mabel Starn was elected as teacher in the schools to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Gertrude Warren, who has accepted a position in the Omaha schools. An invitation was extended to the Southwestern Teachers' association to meet in Beatrice next spring.

At a meeting of the military board at Lincoln, a resolution was passed asking the governor to appoint General Barry, Colonel Talbot, Colonel McDonald and one other man, delegates to the Interstate National Guard convention at Jacksonville, Fla. this month.

Mrs. Calloway Anlock, who was Miss Mary McQuinn before her marriage two weeks ago died suddenly at Plattsmouth. She was but 28 years of age.

Humorous News Items.

Panama sleeps as soundly as a man with a big dog in his yard.

Russia should take off its skates and stop sliding down the map.

Eggs cannot be classed as mere luxuries now. They are tantalizing dreams.

Hereafter, it is believed, the fireproof drop curtains in Chicago will be fireproof and will drop.

Whatever Weyler's reasons were for not invading the United States, they were good ones.