

AS TO MEDIATION

JAPAN NOT IN POSITION TO LISTEN TO IT JUST NOW.

WANTS TO WIN HER VICTORY

She Must First Secure Strategic Point, But Even Then Former Terms Would Not Be Acceptable—England Ready to Mediate.

LONDON.—The news from Washington that steps were believed to have been taken looking to the mediation between Russia and Japan creates great surprise here. The British government not only has taken no part in such measures, but apparently is ignorant that they are in progress. Official opinion here from Premier Balfour down is that the time is not yet ripe for any offer of mediation, but to quote a person in Mr. Balfour's confidence:

"Great Britain has kept the door open for any such contingency. It is not likely that this government would be acceptable in the role of arbitrator, but it would at the right time use all of its influence to urge the belligerents to accept the offer from a suitable mediator. There seems to be no reason for thinking that the government would not fill that role suitably, but Russian opinion is always a rather unknown factor."

From the highest official sources here and from the Japanese legation comes the positive statement that nothing whatever has resulted from the interviews between King Edward and Emperor William at Kiel in any way connected with the Russo-Japanese war. There seems to be no doubt that responsible ministers seriously warned King Edward that he must not initiate any step in that direction with his imperial nephew.

The Japanese legation, it appears, made discreet inquiries as to whether or not this advice was carried out, and it was stated there tonight that there was every reason to believe the war was not discussed at Kiel, except in the most informal and conversational way.

It was also pointed out at the Japanese legation, which was entirely ignorant of any news concerning a movement toward mediation, that the present moment would be the most inopportune, so far as the Japanese are concerned, for any such step. Japan, it was maintained at the legation, must first secure some such strategic point as Liao Yang before she is in a position to maintain such advantages as she has already won in Manchuria. Without a commanding strategic base, Japanese officials here believe their forces would be unable either to rest on the present laurels or to push forward.

Whether this is accomplished by a decisive battle or by the retirement of the Russians, the Japanese here say mediation cannot be dreamed of until that phase of the struggle is settled one way or the other. Subsequent to the Japanese achieving or falling in this objective, it was thought that mediation might be possible, but Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, reiterates that the terms Japan was willing to accept prior to the hostilities cannot possibly be considered now.

Kiel Meeting Little Discussed.

BERLIN.—Few of the newspapers here have discussed the political importance of the meeting at Kiel between King Edward and Emperor William, and those who have discussed it confined themselves to general terms. When they particularized at all it was in connection with the relations between Great Britain and Germany, the editors looking upon the meeting as a evidence that these relations were "normally cordial." No mention has been made of the Russo-Japanese war in this connection.

TRAINS WILL SUE FOR LAND.

Heirs of George Francis Contemplate Action to Recover Vast Property.

OMAHA.—A suit to obtain possession of 500 acres of valuable city property in Omaha, covered by streets, homes and buildings of various kinds, is to be started in the federal court by heirs of the late George Francis Train. The property involved is estimated to be worth from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000, and is bounded, roughly, by the Union Pacific tracks, Twentieth street, Vinton street and the Missouri river. It is an immense section of the most thickly populated of the south side.

The property was bought in 1865 by George Francis Train, then in the zenith of his career as a financier of the Union Pacific railroad and boomer of Omaha and the west. It passed out of his hands on mortgage foreclosure proceedings, and now the heirs propose to recover the value of the land or its equivalent in money on the ground that George Francis Train was declared a lunatic by the New York courts, and no provision made for the protection of his property rights.

RUSSIANS NOW WANTING COREA.

No News Taken to Indicate That Battle is Imminent.

ST. PETERSBURG.—No further word has come from General Kuropatkin later than June 27 and not a single newspaper dispatch has been received from the front during the last twenty hours. This silence in the theater of war is regarded as a sign of the coming storm.

The Bourse Gazette this morning says:

"We are on the eve of a battle which may settle the fate of Manchuria and Corea. Both must become Russian—the former because Russian blood was shed there, the latter because it is essential to the safety of our commercial interests between Vladivostok and Port Arthur."

JAPS CARING FOR RUSSIANS.

Wounded Are Treated by the Mikado's Nurses.

LONDON.—The correspondent of the Standard at Matsuyama, Japan, cabling under date of June 30, says:

"Today I visited the Russian prisoners here. Five hundred and eight of them were admitted to the army hospital, practically all of whom suffered from wounds inflicted by small arms. Two hundred and nine have been discharged as completely cured. At present there are twelve officers, thirty-seven non-commissioned officers and 245 privates under treatment here, and all of them are likely to recover, with the exception of one who has been paralyzed.

"There are five temporary hospitals in Matsuma, in which Japanese ladies, women missionaries and members of the Red Cross assist in the nursing."

Money for the Militia.

WASHINGTON.—Acting Secretary Oliver of the war department has made the usual annual allotment of the \$1,000,000 appropriation providing arms and equipments for the organized militia for the United States. Of the money apportioned Arkansas will receive \$17,952; California, \$19,947; Colorado, \$9,973; Idaho, \$5,984; Illinois, \$53,858; Iowa, \$25,932; Kansas, \$19,947; Missouri, \$35,905; Montana, \$5,984; Nebraska, \$15,958; Nevada, \$5,984; North Dakota, \$7,979; Oregon, \$7,979; South Dakota, \$7,979; Texas, \$35,905; Utah, \$5,984; Washington, \$9,973; Wyoming, \$5,984; Arizona, \$5,767; New Mexico, \$5,234; Oklahoma, \$13,104; Hawaii, \$7,500.

Tangier Settles Down to Quiet.

LONDON.—The Tangier correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the city of Tangier has resumed life as nothing had happened. The Perdicaris affair is over, he says, and no developments are expected.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

NEBRASKA DRAWS ATTENTION

Antelope State Makes an Attractive Exhibit at the World's Fair.

That the Nebraska pavilion at the St. Louis exposition is one of the popular resorts of the great fair, is apparent from this extract from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat:

Saturday was the banner day in the attendance at the Nebraska pavilion in the palace of agriculture. Over 2,500 persons visited this pavilion. It was found necessary to give the free exhibition of moving pictures of Nebraska industries every half hour in the day from 10 to 6 o'clock. At 12 and 12:30 o'clock special exhibitions were given to over 300 concessionaries and their employes in the agricultural building. Among the distinguished visitors during the day were Hon. Matt Miller, one of the Nebraska commissioners, and family; Mrs. J. H. Mickey, wife of Governor Mickey of Nebraska; several members of the imperial Japanese commission and Mr. Ernest Holmes, assistant editor of Success, with a party of friends from Austria and Germany. Hon. W. J. Bryan of Lincoln, Neb., was also a visitor at the Nebraska pavilion on Friday.

On next Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock the Agricultural Exhibitors' association will hold its regular weekly meeting in the Nebraska theater by invitation of the Nebraska commission. On the same day a special moving picture exhibition of college football games, trotting races and scenes on the western ranches will be given for the members of the official guide corps. Later in the week the Jefferson guards will be entertained in the same manner.

DEATH IN STORM.

Tornado Wrecks a Home Near Holmesville.

BEATRICE.—Two members of the family of Robert J. Harris, near Holmesville, were killed during a tornado between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and six others were more or less seriously injured. The storm devastated a strip of country south of Holmesville, over which it passed, causing damage to buildings roughly estimated at \$15,000 to \$25,000, while stock was killed in some instances and trees were scattered promiscuously for some distance along the banks of the Blue river. Surgeons from Beatrice and Blue Springs were called to give medical aid to the injured.

The dead are: Two children of R. J. Harris, 6 and 9 years old. Badly injured: Mrs. R. J. Harris. Injured: R. J. Harris, badly bruised about head and body. Mrs. Harris' mother, an aged lady, leg broken, body mangled, contusion on head, may not recover. Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Harris severe, but not serious.

The tornado followed a sultry afternoon and came in the shape of a funnel-shaped cloud. It struck and demolished several buildings before reaching the Harris home.

Remarkable Recovery of Patient.

TAMORA.—Walter Grimes, a 9-year-old boy, had his left leg amputated below the knee as a result of bone disease. The amputation was made by Dr. Williams of Tamora. The boy's recovery was the remarkable feature of the operation, he being up with the wound healed in nine days.

Tried to Commit Suicide

LINCOLN.—Mrs. Augusta Sides, wife of a member of the Lincoln police force, tried to commit suicide by taking wood alcohol. A physician arrived in time to remove the poison from her system, and it is thought that she will recover. Ill health was the cause.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Lightning struck the farm residence of George McFarland, just north of Alma, burning it to the ground. Nothing was saved. It was partially insured.

John E. Carlson, a single man, aged 20, residing near Malmo, was adjudged insane by the examining board and was taken to the hospital for the insane at Lincoln.

The assessor's returns show that the assessed valuation of Adams county property, exclusive of railroad, this year is \$4,012,583, as against \$2,101,823, the valuation last year. This is a gain of 99 per cent. While the valuation given has not yet been equalized, it is not expected that the figures will be materially changed.

An Ogalalla dispatch says: Mat Daugherty came in on the train from the west yesterday and was shaking hands with his many friends. He was met here by his brother, and they went to their ranch in the North river country for a vacation. Mat is living at Salt Lake, and the western country seems to agree with him, as he is looking fine.

Roy Osborn and Dan Banum are the names of two youths, 19 and 18 years old, respectively, who are making their way from Denver to the World's fair in a sixteen-foot boat, five feet wide, passing Grand Island last week. The lads expect to reach the Missouri before the water falls materially and within two days. They have been on the way three weeks.

At the urgent request of the city board of Papiillon, R. F. Barton, city clerk, has resigned his position. This request followed upon the examination of the books and the discovery of a shortage in the accounts. There were two warrants, amounting to about \$25, which, it is alleged, had been forged by Barton, also another warrant that had been raised several dollars above the original figures.

The acceptance by Paul Morton second vice president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, of the position of secretary of the navy, was a complete surprise to his many friends in Nebraska City, where he was born and reared. He has repeatedly stated to them that he did not want nor would not accept any public office, and desired to be left out of all political combinations.

Dallas Fortner, an insane man captured near Fairmont Decoration day, was brought to Geneva and placed in jail. It was found that he had been in the asylum in Iowa, from which he had been paroled some time ago. Sheriff Page will take Fortner to Omaha, where he will meet an officer from Jackson county, Iowa, who will take charge of the man and return him to the Iowa asylum.

The Ministerial association of the United Evangelical church, Lincoln district, which closed a three days' session at the church in Dawson, selected officers as follows for the coming year: President, Rev. S. J. Shupp of Lincoln, vice president, Rev. W. L. Dillow, Dawson; secretary, Rev. G. P. Netherly, Beaver Crossing. Immediately after the adjournment of the Ministerial association the K. L. C. E. convention opened and held an interesting session.

New Haven, Conn., dispatch: Announcement will be made tomorrow at Yale university of the senior appointments, and the list will include thirteen for philosophical orations, twenty-five for orations, twenty-nine for dissertations, fifteen for disputes, thirty for second disputes, twenty-nine for first colloquies and thirty-five second colloquies. Among the winners in philosophical orations is Guy B. Morrison, Lincoln, Neb.