

SEE ENGLAND'S HAND

Russian Diplomats Feel That Great Britain is Preparing for War Talk.

IS ACTIVE IN THE YANG-TSE VALLEY

While Japan and Russia Quarrel English Push Plans in Thibet.

CZAR SAID TO DESIRE NO HOSTILITIES

Believer, However, That Preparation for War May Avoid Trouble.

JAPAN ARRANGING WAYS AND MEANS

Feels Confident of Its Resources and Anticipates No Danger in Providing for Necessary Extraordinary Expenditures.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The consensus of unofficial opinion among those associated with the government, but not responsible therefor, is that the czar is so peacefully disposed that he will make such concessions to Japan as are necessary to prevent war, provided that no unforeseen events force the hands of the government concerned. At the same time the czar, it is pointed out, agrees with those who believe that preparations for war is the best safeguard of peace, and that apparent willingness to allow matters to be submitted to the test of arms is more likely to lead to a satisfactory compromise than an exhibition of over-much peevishness. This unofficial opinion, however, believes the controlling party in Russia regards Korea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the far east and therefore is determined to prevent the peninsula falling into Japanese hands, and that any concessions Russia now makes to Japan will only be with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time.

There is not likely to be much difficulty in finding money in case of war. Loans on acceptable terms is probably impossible, but the Russian banks and merchants have ample funds on which the government could draw.

Suspect English Motive.

One reason which the British alarmist news falls to convince the Russians is the perfect understanding here of the benefits Great Britain derives from a continuance of the strained situation. It was known a year ago that Great Britain was planning to occupy Thibet and extend the railroad to a point in the Yang Tse valley, which is reachable by gunboats from the sea. Great Britain's forward movement at this time excites the alarm of the czar, the former for the clever political move, the latter because Russia is so preoccupied in the far east that it is unable to prevent Great Britain from creating its own Manchuria in the Yang Tse provinces. It is pointed out here that the present situation affords Great Britain the same opportunity as actual war between Russia and any third power.

In official circles here the delay in presenting Russia's reply is not regarded as ominous. On the contrary, the fact that Russia is not presenting a formal declaration, is actually reviewing the matter in dispute is regarded as a favorable sign. It is pointed out that if Russia replied immediately unfavorable deductions might have been drawn and, although Russia believes its proposals were extremely conciliatory, containing all the concessions it can make, this does not exclude the possibility of finding alternative propositions in some portion of the scheme of settlement which may closely coincide with Japan's wishes. It is pointed out that it is not the possibility of such a course it is said that there is every reason to believe that it will gladly be embraced.

Cannot Leave Manchuria.

PEKING, Dec. 28.—Lien Fang, first secretary of the board of foreign affairs, visited Russian Minister Lessar today and requested information concerning the intentions of the Russian government regarding the evacuation of Manchuria. Minister Lessar in reply said that nothing could be done at present with a view to evacuation for two reasons. In the first place, the minister pointed, out the cold weather made it impossible to remove the troops from their present positions, besides which there were no satisfactory accommodations to be had elsewhere; and, in the second place, he said, it would endanger Russian interests to undertake evacuation during the progress of the negotiations between Russia and Japan, for the reason that Japan might seize the opportunity to invade Manchuria.

The Chinese government is so alarmed at the prospect of becoming involved in the seeming prospective war and would prefer that Russia should remain in control of Manchuria. As an alternative the Foreign office has indicated to the minister that a settlement satisfactory to China would be that Russia and Japan should retain their respective treaty rights in Korea and Manchuria if they agree not to attempt to obtain further advantages in either country. The Russian commander imperatively requested the Tartar general to disband his militiamen and to disarm them. The Tartar general issued an order in accordance with this request, but it is understood the men are concealing their arms, supposedly with the Tartar general's connivance.

Buys Three Million Pounds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The Bulletin says that the firm of Getz Bros. & Company has contracted with the Russian government to supply the latter with 3,000,000 pounds of beef and that Getz Bros. & Company are making demands upon all the big packers in the west, having already placed an order for 1,000,000 pounds with Cudahy & Company, to be delivered in this city.

Considers Ways and Means.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—An important joint meeting of the cabinet and privy council will take place today to consider ways and means in view of the grave situation, but no difficulty is anticipated in providing for the extraordinary expenditure, including the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railway. It is believed that unless Russia modifies its reply Japan will immediately safeguard itself, though such a step will not necessarily mean war with Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—An admiralty order issued at Portsmouth requires the officers and men of the British naval reserve to notify the authorities of the addresses where the telegrams can be sent in case of emergency should they be required for active service. The order is generally connected with the rumors that the fleet in the far east is to be strengthened, concerning which, however, the authorities profess ignorance.

Arriving Ships Sold.

Japan is negotiating for the purchase of the Argentine warships Morone and...

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San Domingo Sees New One Born to Fight That at the Capital.

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Carnegie Plants Will Do Some Cutting. While Others Will Resume at Old Figures.

WHEN THE CRAFT WAS GOOD

Criminals Tell Tales of When Walter Moise Was in Omaha.

SOME STARTLING TESTIMONY GIVEN

"Protection" Paid for by Pickpockets and Surething Gamblers in 1898 and the Money Was Given to Moise.

Hearing of the protest of T. A. Donahoe against a liquor license for Walter Moise & Co., at 214-216 South Fourteenth street before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners last night, carried a big crowd of auditors back to the exposition year, and was a liberal revelation of methods then prevailing in the local world of graft, which The Bee exposed at that time. With a professional pickpocket, a "sure thing" gambler and an ex-lender on the stand some very nasty things were said about the "protection" money alleged to have been paid over to Walter Moise and Jack Norton in 1898. This was done, according to Attorney Connell, to show the firm is not a fit one to hold a liquor license.

The testimony of Robert, the pickpocket, and Kirchbaum, the gambler, was interesting in the extreme. They never minced matters nor sought to deny their role in the game, but condensed very plain statements in the flat language. Other witnesses and other developments are to be given in the trial on additional grounds on which to secure a divorce.

Story of a Pickpocket.

The real sensation of the proceedings was when Attorney Connell called the name "Robert Roberts" just after Flynn had left the stand. A thrill of expectancy ran over the crowd, as they were not expecting to see a genuine pickpocket, professional in his nature. The proceedings in the line of graft and speak of his robberies of twenty-five years as his "business." Such a person was found in Roberts, who is a medium sized man, with rather plump cheeks and a blond mustache, when he presented himself to the witness stand. The name of his father, as he said, was William Robert Roberts and he had arranged with Moise and Norton for protection in case he and his pals were arrested, and for which he was to pay \$75 a day. Moise had a hand in the matter, as the pickpocket's testimony and lighted a cigar.

"Is this the man Moise," asked Attorney Rush.

"He is the man," answered Robert. Moise puffed his cigar, looked steadfastly at Roberts and said nothing.

"What name do you want?" asked the witness to the question, adding apologetically that he had a good many. He said that he was known as Robert Roberts and was the man referred to by Flynn. He said his place of abode was where he found circumstances and conditions the best, although he had, nominally, been in Chicago. Throughout his frank replies, caused alternate mirth and consternation.

Details of the Transaction.

"I came in here with a mob of pickpockets for the opening day of the exposition," related Roberts. "We were four strong, because it takes four to get the money. The first thing to do when you get in a strange town is to fix it so you'll be safe if you are apprehended, by arranging for a bond for a consideration or in some other way. In gambling towns there is generally a 'fixer.' Norton, I understand, was the works here. Sure thing men had told me this, and I understood there were half a dozen strong arm women working the town.

"A strong arm woman," explained Roberts. "One that throws her arms around you, tells you that you're it and takes your money."

"I came here expressly to follow my business—to lift money, a watch or a stone—a stone is diamond—from the suckers. Norton, as I have said, is a racketeer. He had a bond for \$100,000 with him and more to pay \$75 a day to be cared for in case of arrest. We were to be cared for in that case and Moise was to go our bonds. Fortunately I paid only one \$75. We worked the first day and made no money to speak of. I told Moise that business was not good and I thought I would leave town. He had been a pickpocket for twenty-five years, but didn't go around with the sign on his back; that he had mixed up in 'sure-thing' graft and everything to get the money, but that the 'dip' was a little the quietest."

"This is the man," asked Assistant United States District Attorney Rush, who appears for Moise, pointing to his client, "who agreed to protect you in stealing from the people?" and the grafter responded in the affirmative. Roberts said he had been told to come to Omaha by Tom McGuire, of a detective agency in Chicago, to testify in the case. He said he arrived Monday morning.

Sure Thing Gambler.

Jake Kirchbaum told the board that he came to Omaha a few weeks prior to the opening of the Transmississippi exposition in 1898 to operate a gambling establishment in 1898. He could make the proper arrangements. He succeeded in making the arrangements, which he said was to pay over \$60 each Monday and half the profits of the game for "protection." This money was to go to either Moise or Norton. Kirchbaum's name was in a blackbook shop on North Sixteenth street, the building being owned by a man named Allen. Kirchbaum related that Norton appeared to be running a saloon next door to the Moise wholesale liquor establishment on South Fourteenth street and that an unlocked door connected the two places.

"Moise said he could give me protection," narrated Kirchbaum in reply to questions put by Attorney Connell. "He said he had the power with the city officers; that he gave his orders and the police submitted to his orders. As to just how he managed this I do not know, and do not think I was ever informed. I believe that one of the members of the police"

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