

ORGANIZES FOR WAR

Japan Adopts Four Emergency Ordinances to Provide for Sudden Outbreak.

CREATES COUNCIL FOR TIME OF WAR

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RUSSIA EQUIPS ITS FIELD ARTILLERY

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MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—Twelve batteries of the four Grenadier brigades of field artillery, stationed in and around Moscow, have been selected for service in the far east and have received new guns, which the Russian artillery claim are superior to the French field guns.

It is said here that all the volunteers living at their homes, who, as graduates of high schools, are privileged to serve only a year with the colors, have been ordered into barracks.

France Hopes for Peace.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—It was asserted authoritatively today that the French government does not believe that war between Russia and Japan will break out.

It is said here that there is no reason to believe that the negotiations will be interrupted by Russia's reply, but it is understood that they will continue until the details of an agreement is adjusted.

Both Countries Bid for Ships.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It was said at the Japanese legation here tonight that no sale had yet been effected of the Argentine warships to Russia.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Members of the Board of Education of Kansas City, Kan., were charged with soliciting bribes for the appointment of teachers to public schools by witnesses before the grand jury today.

A Thompson, a building contractor, told of a brick company trying to "hold him up for the benefit of someone" when he attempted to purchase bricks in carrying out his contract to build the Carnegie library building for the city.

Prof. J. H. Sawtell, principal of the high school at Emporia, Kan., testified that he was offered the principalship of the high school of Kansas City, Kan., for \$300 by a person who represented himself to be a agent of a member of the school board.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 28.—Although fatally wounded and suffering intense pain, H. G. Edmondson, a real estate man today pleaded with Chief of Police Franks for the release of G. W. Grote, who had fired the shot that will cause Edmondson's death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—In the United States district court today an attorney representing Marshall Field & Co. presented a petition that the firm be made a party to the demurrer in the bankruptcy case of John Alexander Dowie.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—An electrical engineer is in conference here today with prominent railroad men concerning an invention by which it is claimed head-on and rear-end collisions can be prevented by wireless telegraphy.

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CATHEDRAL OF WESTMINSTER

Magnificent New Structure is Given Impetus by Enthronement of Archbishop.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Most Rev. Francis Bourne, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, was enthroned in the cathedra of Westminster today with an impressive ceremony incidental to the enthronement.

The cathedral of Westminster, consecrated today, is the first Roman Catholic cathedral that has stood in the metropolis since the Reformation.

The general view of the inner walls is still one of bare, rough rock. The scheme is to cover the whole of the lower walls and piers to the height of about forty feet with marble.

The total subscription before the laying of the foundation stone was over \$200,000. Since then there have been many large individual benefactions and the total expenditure on the entire edifice up to the end of October was just over \$1,000,000.

The cathedral starts clear of debt.

AGED EMPEROR IS INJURED

Ruler of Austro-Hungary Falls on Floor, Bruising Face and Back.

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COMPANY BARS COLOMBIA

French Canal Concern Will Not Let Government Vote Its Shares.

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But there was exceptionally heavy buying on the decline that seemed to come from nearly all sources, including room shorts, New Orleans and warehouses with southern and western countries, so that the market was soon rallied to about last night's prices, after which it ruled very irregular and unsettled.

Around midday prices showed a net loss of 25 to 27 points, with the market ruling apparently about steady, when suddenly there was an advance of selling orders such as has rarely been witnessed, and March broke to 12.35, May to 13.48 and July to 13.50 cents, the latter going from 12.50 to 13.50 cents on two sales.

There was another abrupt change of front and in less time than it takes to tell it there had been a recovery of nearly 50 points on very heavy buying, and the room was so confused that brokers seemed to be trying to buy and sell at the same moment.

May and July cotton were selling at about 14.25 cents, when the break started selling from some quarter, causing the market to ease off, and by points it went down to near 11.

Then came the rapid decline. It is estimated that there were at least 1,000,000 bales of cotton offered of different options held on stop-loss orders and they all seemed to come on the market at once. The market went down to 10 to 20 points at a drop.

Brokers raised the pit and shouted for places in the inner ring, with brokers shouting at the top of his voice and fighting for a chance to unload the cotton he had been fighting to buy only a few minutes before.

Within a very few minutes the active options dropped about 75 points, representing almost \$4 bales. Then the bulls came to the rescue and there was a rally. The market swung back almost as rapidly as it had dropped.

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STANDING OF WALTER MOISE

Police Board Informed as to His Character and Reputation.

ALMOST the entire evening was taken up at the meeting held last night by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in trying to establish the reputation of Walter Moise as a law-abiding citizen. The attempt was intermittent in character. At some stages of the game the reputation of Mr. Moise was excellent and at others it was rudely dashed to the ground.

The first witness on the stand was Police Detective Savage. He told how the affairs of the police force were conducted in the days of the first exposition, when C. G. Gallagher was chief of police, and everything, according to the testimony of the witness, was wide open. The detective told how he and another member of the force arrested one James McMorris for conducting a gambling device at 152 Douglas street. At the time the arrest was made, according to the testimony, the detective was not "wise," but when he met his chief on Fifteenth street between Farnam and Douglas it did not take him long to learn.

"Why did you arrest that man?" asked the chief.

"Because I thought he was breaking the law," replied the detective.

"Well, are you working under the orders of the chief of police of Omaha or the chief of Council Bluffs?" was the next question.

"I believe I am working for you," replied Mr. Savage.

A legal battle ensued as to whether the law-abiding citizen should be answered or not, and Mayor Moore overruled the objections of the counsel, stating that Officer Savage was acting under the orders of his superior officer at the time the arrests were made and he believed it perfectly proper that the board should know what those orders were.

Gambler's Were Released.

The examination proceeded, and Detective Savage stated how the men arrested were taken to the station and released before being returned from dinner (the arrests were made about 11 o'clock), and how the game continued to run for some time; he could not tell just how long, but thought it was several days at least, and perhaps some weeks.

The witness stated that he did not believe he had any more business with Mr. McMorris after that and he steered clear of his game. When asked why he did not arrest him, he answered that he did not think he could consistently do so and continue to hold his job.

In reply to a question, the witness stated that the arrest of McMorris was made first, that he saw him and before he had received any instructions regarding him or his game. He said he saw the man running a sort of thing game just outside the exposition grounds after that.

When asked if he reported the matter to Mayor Moore the detective answered that he did not know as he knew the mayor knew nothing of the circumstances.

Sergeant Dempsey took the stand and stated that he was actively engaged on the force at the time of the exposition, that he did not, and so far as he knew the department at that time. His story regarding the arrest of McMorris was substantially the same as that told by Detective Savage. He said that he assisted Savage in making the arrest of the McMorris bunch of gamblers and heard the conversation between Savage and Chief Gallagher, in which the chief asked the detective what chief he was working under, and why he arrested McMorris. He stated that McMorris and his gang was running a "sure-thing game."

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