

RUSSIA MAKES ISSUE

Insists Upon Two Alleged Vital Points in Reply to Japan.

WANTS FULL CONTROL IN MANCHU

Declines to Give Japanese Unrestricted Admission to Chinese Province.

WOULD ALSO LIMIT JAPAN IN COREA

Objects to Later Power Building Forts Which Will Command Sea.

PRESENT CONDITIONS LESS HOPEFUL

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PARIS, Jan. 26.—The Russian answer has not yet been sent to Japan and it now develops that the points of difference heretofore mentioned in these dispatches have become the main obstacle in the way of reaching an agreement, even threatening possibility of a general war in the negotiations. These points are:

First—In Manchuria, Russia declines to concede unrestricted admission of Japanese troops to the establishment of Japanese settlements.

Second—In Korea, Russia insists that Japan's privileged position should not permit it to establish control of the Ingha and the sea of Japan by fortifying the Strait of Korea.

Concerning these points and the general status of the negotiations the following semi-official statement, emanating from the highest source is made:

The question is undergoing a process of depression. For three or four days it was believed that final agreement was very near at hand, but yesterday the situation changed.

Although this slightly unfavorable turn continues it is hoped that it will prove a passing cloud for the present situation warrants neither optimism nor pessimism, being so evenly balanced that those intimately conversant with the negotiations are unable definitely to forecast the final result.

Japan is Cautious.

Concerning Korea, Japan is showing caution in accepting Russia's assurance of Japanese paramount authority in Korea.

There are, however, some points which Russia is unwilling to concede, the chief of these being the limitation of the right of entry of Japanese troops to Korea.

There are still strong hopes that the parties may find means of adjusting these points but for the present they constitute the main issues remaining open.

Corea to Be Neutral.

The Korean question, while not officially informed of the declaration of neutrality on the part of Korea in the event of war between Russia and Japan, believes that such a declaration has been issued, as it is in line with information heretofore received.

By its proximity to Japan and Russia our country is under the obligation of maintaining good relations with both powers, consequently it is necessary to be completely foreign to a conflict.

Should war come between Russia and Japan, the Korean government will use its troops to prevent invasion by the Japanese on their way to Manchuria.

The minister of Commerce has 10,000,000 people from whom reinforcements can be raised in case of need.

It must do so by sea. The latest dispatches we have received from Seoul announced that quiet reigns through the territory, particularly in the capital, and the general opinion prevails that war will not occur.

Hopes China Will Fight.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 26.—Referring to the report of the intention of China to remain neutral in case of war between Russia and Japan, the Viedomosti says:

"A direct declaration of war by China would be much preferable to dubious neutrality, compelling Russia to take the same precautions as in war time without permitting a restriction of Chinese territory."

"If war is declared," the Viedomosti further asserts, "the question of Manchuria could be settled forever by its annexation as a conquered country."

Japan Has Enough Money.

TOKIO, Jan. 26.—The cabinet and elder statesmen conferred for an extended period today. They discussed the financial progress in the event of the commencement of hostilities.

The Japanese financiers in general are offering very generous assistance, and it is now fully evident that the government will be enabled to raise an enormous sum of money at home without having to place dependence upon borrowing from abroad.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The far eastern situation, it is realized here, continues grave, but from several sources the State department hears that the powerful influence of the Russian emperor for peace may yet avail to prevent a recourse to arms.

FEIN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Mental strain under which prisoner has been since his imprisonment. Proof Too Much.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26.—Adolph Fein, who yesterday collapsed after telling the federal grand jury what he knew about the fraudulent sale of the St. Louis, was unable to continue his testimony today.

His condition was such that he could not be taken to the federal building. Fein is in the custody of the sheriff, having been brought here from the penitentiary to testify.

TO STUDY CLIFF DWELLINGS

Utah Archeologists Propose to Investigate Remains Recently Found in That State.

SAULT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 26.—An expedition is being planned by the local branch of the American Institute of Archaeology to make a scientific investigation of the ruins of some twelve or fifteen recently discovered cliff dwellings in what is known as Nine Mile canyon, about forty miles northwest of Price and close to the line of Carbon and Emery counties.

These dwellings are the farthest north of any heretofore discovered.

GERMAN COLONISTS BURNED

African Natives Practice Form of Torture Used by North American Indians.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the central news from Cape town says the natives with the rebels in German South-West Africa, are committing terrible atrocities. The limbs of the dead are chopped off and prepared for use as amulets.

It is believed, in the light of today's intelligence, that this force is inadequate to adopt aggressive, crushing operations over a wide territory dominated by 15,000 insurgent tribesmen.

The German transport officers are being taken in Cape Colony for the punitive expeditions. The veterans' societies are asking for contributions for those who are fighting in Southwest Africa.

The Vossische Zeitung says Dr. Steubel is about to resign.

CASTRO VISITS STEAMER

Action of Venezuelan President in Accepting Invitation Regarded as a Significant Incident.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 26.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Frisboe, carrying a party of American tourists on board, anchored off La Guaira this afternoon and a significant incident occurred.

Invited President Castro and the latter's wife to visit the steamer. The president accepted and spent some hours on board.

General Castro and Senora Castro were welcomed by all on the steamer. The acceptance of the invitation by the president is looked on here as demonstrating that no ill-feeling against Germany, as a result of the blockade, any longer exists.

FRANCE ABANDONS IDEA

Project of Ownership of Railroad System Meets with Opposition in Chamber of Deputies.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—As a result of the strong opposition of M. Rouvier, (radical republican) the Chamber of Deputies has practically shelved the proposal that the state purchase the Western railway. This proposal is admittedly the thin wedge of a project for the purchase of the entire railway system of France.

M. Rouvier pointed out that the workings of the existing conventions with the railway companies had been most beneficial to national finances.

Whereas the purchase of the lines by the state would entail great risks and uncertainties.

FAMOUS VOLUMES IN RUINS

Italian Library Catches Fire and Five Halls Entirely Destroyed as an Enormous Loss.

TURIN, Jan. 26.—The University library has been practically destroyed by fire. It is roughly estimated that over 100,000 volumes were burned as well as many rare manuscripts.

The University library was considered the most famous in Italy, the other being the Vatican library, the Marciana library at Venice and the one at Monte Cassino.

Five halls of the library were entirely destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the furling of the balcony and the loss will amount to several million dollars.

SENDS LIONS TO ROOSEVELT

King Menelik's Gift to President in Charge of Consul General Skinner.

PORT SAID, Egypt, Jan. 26.—United States Consul General Skinner sailed today for his post at Marsellus, France, on his return from his expedition to Abyssinia.

The United States gunboat Madinah is expected here January 30 from Jiblah, French Somaliland, with two lions and other gifts which Emperor Menelik is sending to President Roosevelt.

AMERICAN SCHOOL IS BURNED

Mission College at Erzerum, Armenia, Completed Last Year, Destroyed by Fire.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 26.—Mail advices from Erzerum, Armenia, say that the American mission college for girls there was destroyed January 20 by a fire believed to be incendiary.

An inquiry has been opened by the authorities. The college was a fine, modern building, completed in 1902.

Arrests General Lukhan.

MANILA, Jan. 26.—General Vincent Lukhan, formerly of Samar and the instigator of the Balangay and other atrocities, has been arrested here. He is charged with conspiracy, in company with Gomez Ricarte, whose conduct attracted considerable attention during the Smith-Waller campaign.

ADMITS GROFF'S STATEMENT

Court Holds Action of Inspectors Does Not Invalidate Signed Declaration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The question of the admissibility of D. B. Groff's declaration denying any transactions with the Los Angeles occupied much time at the postal trial today. With the view to showing that the declaration was obtained under duress, Groff took the stand and said the number of the inspectors when they called was "overbearing, graft and bullying."

The declaration finally was admitted in evidence against D. B. Groff, the court regarding the jury that they are not to consider the declaration against the other defendants.

The jury will pass on the question as to whether the declaration was a voluntary one. The declaration was read to the jury, the main feature of it being the statement, heretofore mentioned, that only D. B. Groff and Samuel A. Groff had any interest in the steamer.

Ordained Coadjutor Bishop.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The Rev. Dr. David H. Hunter, D.D., was today ordained as a bishop coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York.

WHITAKER WRIGHT IS DEAD

Former London Premier Dies Immediately After Judge Passes Sentence.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The trial of Whitaker Wright ended in a tragedy today. Within an hour of being found guilty and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, the most severe sentence the law allows for the fraud of which he was convicted, the financier whose dealings have created a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic lay dead in the ante room of the court.

Whether Wright's death was due to heart disease, following the excitement of the trial, as announced by the doctor, or by poison, as gruffly hinted by his friends, is still undecided and possibly will not be ascertained until the coroner's verdict.

Standing with his hands in his pocket and looking very pale, Mr. Wright said as during the judge's severe summing up, Wright heard the judge's condemnation and sentence with apparent excitement. He quietly protested his innocence in a firm voice, audible throughout the room, left the court, in company with his solicitor, and was arranged for the night in a hotel and family, when he suddenly fell and expired without another word.

His solicitor, George Lewis, Jr., was with him at the time and said to the representative of the Associated Press:

"Wright seemed to be stunned by the sentence, but he did not give the slightest indication either before or after his sentence of any intention to take his own life."

"Of course," added Mr. Lewis, "no one can really tell the cause of death until the post-mortem examination becomes a matter of fact."

The general opinion tonight is that, while Wright fully deserved the verdict of guilty, the judge's conduct of the case was most partial, and that, while none of his co-directors was punished, Wright alone had to bear the entire punishment.

Mrs. Wright, the widow, is in England. Scene in Court Room.

In summing up Justice Bigham said he would ask the jury to find a general verdict of guilty or not guilty. If they were satisfied that Wright was guilty of one or more of these charges they must not be deterred from finding a verdict of guilty by the suggestion which the defendant claimed to have on the moment of his death.

Loch. It would not do anything of the kind. Their conduct was consistent in their having honestly made mistakes.

Dealing with the evidence Justice Bigham described as singular the way in which hundreds of pounds of money were taken on paper as far as the Lake View shares were concerned. The London & Globe and Standard were gambling concerns which excited his indignation. In the course of his long experience as justice he had never before heard of anything like the transactions which preceded the hopeless bankruptcy of the London & Globe financial corporation.

Justice Bigham concluded his reference to Wright's career by referring to the position which the defendant claimed to have occupied in New York and Philadelphia, and said Wright had built up a fine position for himself in two or three years, and if it was necessary to secure a motive for his actions it would be found in his desire to maintain this position. At the same time it was said that after the crash of the London & Globe financial corporation he found himself with \$150,000 to \$200,000 in worthless shares.

The sentence was followed by a commotion in a part of the court and the faint cry of a woman in the crowd. A man shook hands with Wright as the latter left the court by the private exit, accompanied by his counsel. Almost immediately afterwards Wright was taken suddenly ill and collapsed in the ante room of the court. He grew rapidly worse and in less than an hour after his sentence the financier was dead.

The tragic end of the case created a tremendous sensation.

MAKE HINTS OF JURY FIXING

Chairman of Kansas City Citizens' Committee Indignant at Result of the Investigation.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 26.—Hints of jury fixing were made in Kansas City, Kan., today by M. A. Waterman, chairman of the citizens' committee which investigated the calling of the grand jury that has just adjourned after finding three indictments for alleged hoodlumism against seven for gambling.

Mr. Waterman said:

"The committee is not in ignorance of the jurymen who betrayed their trust and an attempt is being made to bring them to account. The escape of so many notorious professional hoodlums is to be regretted, but another grand jury will be called."

There is to be no letup in this crusade. The official who sells the gamblers and hoodlums the privilege of violating the law and the constitution is an arch criminal, and his indictment is not found against city and county officials for the commission of these crimes is nothing short of an outrage upon an already outraged and plundered public.

Warrants for those indicted yesterday have been held off temporarily. Frank Campbell, a member of the Board of Education, voluntarily surrendered today and was released on a \$2,000 bond. A warrant will not be issued for Charles M. Bowles, the other indicted member of the board, who is dangerously ill, until he recovers. Chris Kopp, the ex-conductor, has disappeared and his whereabouts are not known.

MAY WHEAT IS STILL LOWER

Price Breaks Two and One-Half Cents on Heavy Sales Supposed to Be by Armour.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—A break of over 2 1/2 cents occurred today in the price of wheat. Heavy sales, supposed to be of account of the Armour interest, were responsible for the fall. The price of the May delivery went from 89 1/2 and 89 3/4 cents to 87 1/2 cents. Later there was a recovery of over a cent. The slump today caused much excitement following the sensational decline yesterday due to a similar cause.

FRANCIS NOT A CANDIDATE

Head of Exposition Company Says He is Not After Democratic Nomination.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26.—David R. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, declared today to the Post-Dispatch that he was not a candidate for president of the United States. Further than making that statement he, however, would not discuss the booms that prominent eastern democrats have started for him.

MINERS CLOSE CONVENTION

Present Executive Officers Re-elected Without Opposition by Means of Referendum Vote.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 26.—President John Mitchell, Vice President Wilson and F. V. Lewis, secretary of the United Mine Workers, have been re-elected without opposition, according to the vote of the convention announced today. The full vote of the organization was not cast. Mitchell received 82 1/2 votes, Lewis, 83 1/2, and Wilson 84 1/2.

The report of the scale committee was adopted. Indianapolis was selected for the next national convention, and a committee was appointed to draft memorials in honor of the Harwick mine victims and adjournment was taken until tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The United Mine workers practically completed their work by deciding on the demands to be made for the central competitive field. The report of the scale committee asks the operators to again sign the run-of-mine mining scale in the four districts; that the absolute run-of-mine scale be adopted; that the differential of 7 cents in Illinois be established in Indiana where the differential is 30 to 32 cents and in Ohio and western Pennsylvania, where it ranges from 12 to 25 cents. There is also a demand for uniform wage for all outside laborers. The mine workers also authorized the levying of 10 cents a month in addition to the present 10 cents per capita tax for the support of strikes. This increase will go into effect at once and on a basis of a membership of 200,000 in good standing, being into the national treasury approximately \$70,000 a month.

CORONER ARRESTS MAYOR

Carter Harrison Held Responsible for Iroquois Theater Catastrophe.

LESSER CITY OFFICIALS IMPLICATED

Six Municipal Officers, Manager Davis and Employees of Theater Company Are Taken in Charge.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Bearing eight indictments, issued as the result of the inquest into the Iroquois theater disaster, Coroner Truesher and a number of detectives today left the city hall with authority to arrest Mayor Carter Harrison, Manager Will J. Davis and the six lesser city officials and stage employees who were ordered held to await action of the grand jury.

The first persons taken into custody were William McMillan, operator of the flood light, and Louis J. Mr. Davis was allowed to dress and eat breakfast. Meanwhile his attorney, who had been telephoned for, arrived and the party left on the elevated railroad for the business center.

"Where are you going to take Mr. Davis?" asked the coroner.

"To the city hall, and then to the county jail," responded the arresting officer.

"You don't have to do that," said the coroner. "You can take him to the sheriff's office in the county building."

"We have our orders," replied the officer.

"I planned to bring the accused to the city hall, and after they are booked take them to the county jail, where the question of bonds will be taken up."

Stage Carpenter James E. Cummings was arrested at his little cottage in North Oakley avenue today.

Mayor Harrison Surrenders.

Some time after the arrest of Mr. Davis, Mayor Harrison presented himself at Coroner Truesher's office. The mayor was accompanied by his brother and cousin and by former Mayor Hempstead Washburn.

The coroner greeted them and the party then went to Judge Walker's court, where bonds of \$5,000 were furnished. The mayor then left for his office in the city hall.

Fire Marshal Matham was served with a mittimus at his office. A similar course was pursued with City Building Commissioner Williams and City Building Inspector Leughlin. In custody of two detectives, Messrs. Mustang, Williams and Leughlin walked to the criminal court building and gave bonds to answer any action by the grand jury. The stage fireman, William Sellers, was the last of the accused to be taken into custody.

DISCUSS THE LABOR QUESTION

New York Universalist Club Holds Address by Chairman of Citizens' Alliance.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—John Kirby, Jr., of Dayton, O., chairman of the National Citizens' Industrial association, has been the principal speaker before the 16th regular meeting of the New York Universalist club, which is held at length at the address of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who spoke on labor at the last meeting of the association.

Kirby reviewed conditions among laboring men from his point, declared that the vast majority of workmen had been driven from their homes through fear and confusion. "What shall be said of the claims of Gompers, Mitchell and other leaders of these destroyers of peace and quiet that the unions are not responsible for these acts of lawlessness, violence and murder?"

In the discussion of Mr. Kirby's address, Frank P. Bell of Boston, president of the Universalist general convention, declared that progress is being made steadily toward better conditions, and that the address was "especially good in these things in which only a minority would approve, for a stubborn minority is the hope of the republic."

Rev. Dr. Richard E. Rykes of Denver declared that "employers may not use guns or dynamite, and yet, through superior brains, education and organizing ability they may accomplish their aims just as effectively and just as relentlessly as any labor union."

ALBERS IS FOUND GUILTY

Former Circuit Court Commissioner at Grand Rapids Convicted of the Charge of Perjury.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 26.—Ex-Circuit Court Commissioner Garratt H. Albers, was found guilty by a jury in the supreme court this afternoon of the charge of perjury, committed at the former trial for bribery. Albers' counsel moved for a stay of sentence and the court granted a stay until February 2. Albers was subsequently released on \$2,000 bail.

The penalty for perjury is imprisonment for one year, for a term not exceeding fifteen years. The remaining water doled cases, have been postponed until Monday when Alderman Holl, of the Sixth ward, will be put on trial on the charge of accepting a bribe in the water deal.

IOWA PEOPLE END THEIR LIVES

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown of Reinbeck Leave Note Saying They Are Tired of Existing.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 26.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown of Reinbeck, Ia., were found in the hills south of town today. Mrs. Brown had been shot in the breast and her throat cut from ear to ear with a razor. Brown had shot himself in the head and to make death certain had swallowed poison. The couple left a note, saying that both were tired of life and had agreed to die together. They also left a number of sealed letters, one addressed to Mrs. M. A. Brown of Reinbeck and another to Thomas Brown of Sumnerfield, Kan.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Pair Wednesday and Warmer in East Portion; Thursday Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

5 a. m. .... 58 2 p. m. .... 15

6 a. m. .... 58 3 p. m. .... 16

7 a. m. .... 58 4 p. m. .... 15

8 a. m. .... 57 5 p. m. .... 15

9 a. m. .... 57 6 p. m. .... 15

10 a. m. .... 57 7 p. m. .... 15

11 a. m. .... 57 8 p. m. .... 15

12 m. .... 57 9 p. m. .... 15

—Below zero.

NAMES THE NEW COMMITTEES

Omaha Bar Association Makes Appointments for the ensuing Year.

President Warren Switeler of the Omaha Bar association announces the appointment of the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Legislation—Frank Ransom, chairman; John P. O'Brien, R. H. Olmsted, E. W. Sweeney, E. W. Finch.

Judiciary—E. W. Wakely, chairman; Charles F. Manderover, James R. Sween, John F. Stout, Charles E. Elguter.

Inquiry—Byron G. Burbank, chairman; Thomas W. Blackburn, Elmer E. Thomas.

Entertainment—Howard Kennedy, Jr., chairman; M. A. Hall, John D. Wear.

Harry C. Broome was appointed vice president of the association by the executive council.

The officers of the association as recently elected are:

Warren Switeler, president; Dan J. Riley, secretary; E. Hodder, treasurer.

Harry C. Broome, E. C. Bagan, chairman; H. C. Broome, E. C. Bagan, A. W. Parish and C. J. Smyth.

W. A. PAGE VISITS OLD HOME

Former Manufacturer Who Was Prime Mover in Omaha's Industrial Progress.

W. A. Page of Chicago is spending a few days in Omaha. Mr. Page is well remembered as one of the leading pioneer manufacturers of this city, having been president of the W. A. Page Soap company. He also was one of the organizers and the president of the Manufacturers' and Consumers' association, which did much toward building up the manufacturing industries of this city by creating a sentiment in favor of patronizing home industries.

Prior to the organization of this association in 1882 it was almost impossible for Omaha manufacturers to sell goods in their home city and the liberal patronage now received is due in a large measure to the efforts of Mr. Page and his public-spirited associates.

JAPAN TO SHOW AMERICANS

Takes Advantage of St. Louis Exposition to Demonstrate Progress of Country.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Kiyoshi Sugawa, director of the Japanese exhibition at the World's fair at St. Louis, who arrived here last Saturday, has left for the east, accompanied by his wife and two secretaries. In discussing his mission to the United States, he said:

Japan is taking the greatest interest in the many exhibits at St. Louis. The emperor and every business man is eager to show the United States the results of the work which will make a big display.

The value of the exhibits of the association represented by Director Sugawa is said to amount to more than \$2,000,000.

WILL TRY REMAINING RIOTERS

Russian Government Has Only Disposed of Few Accused of Assaults on Jews.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Further trial of prisoners connected with the Kishinev massacre in the city at St. Louis, says a Times dispatch from Moscow.

The prisoners indicted were divided into three categories. Only the first, comprising those charged directly with murder, have been tried. The number still awaiting a hearing is over 200. A formal appeal against the verdicts already delivered has been lodged with the minister of justice, but the Jews doubt if the appeal will be successful.

WANT MOTHER TO SEE CHILD

Police Search for Mrs. Laura Meader of Lincoln, Whose Daughter is Dying.

Chief Donahue received a telephone message from the Lincoln police at noon asking for information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Laura Meader, supposed to be in Omaha. The Lincoln police report that her 5-year-old daughter is dying at the home of her grandfather in that city and the presence of the mother is desired. Mrs. Meader, the chief was advised, is a domestic and was a member of the Salvation Army. She is not known in local Salvation Army circles and other efforts to locate the woman have thus far failed.

KEEPS GUN TO SHOOT RATS

Police Court Victim Explains to Judge Why He Possesses a Revolver.

Tom Childs, who alleged the pistol found in his possession was kept for the express purpose of shooting rats, was fined \$4 and costs in police court.

"Shoot rats!" ejaculated Judge Berka, "where do you hunt rats?"

"Well, I haven't found any yet, your honor," replied Childs, "but I