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WAR WILL CONTINUE

Emperor of Russia Decides to Continue the Fight with Japan. Campaign to be pressed with energy. All Dispatches from the Front are Mutilated by the Censor.

NORTH SEA CASE IS ENDED

Commission Will Make an Official Report of Its Verdict Saturday—Gossip as to Its Tenor. PARIS, Feb. 23.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North Sea case has today announced its verdict, which will be publicly announced at the closing session to be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

WITNESS TAKEN FROM STAND

Jury Returns Verdict of Not Guilty in Case of St. Louis Official Charged with Boodling. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—A special to the Times from Butler, Mo., says: The jury in the case of Charles Kratz, on trial for alleged boodling while a member of the St. Louis city council, returned a verdict of not guilty after being out an hour and thirty-four minutes.

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BURTON HOLDS WHIP HAND

Useless to Try for Money for Missouri River Improvement in the House. SENATE EXPECTED TO AMEND THE BILL.

Representative Curtis of Kansas endeavored to amend this clause so that a portion of the amount might be expended in Kansas City, but Burton had the majority in hand, and it rode rough-shod over Curtis.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Colder in West Portion; Rain in East Portion Friday, Saturday Fair.

HOUSE TAKES A REST

Adjourns Until Monday to Allow the Senate to Catch Up. TWO MORE DAYS TO INTRODUCE BILLS.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—(12:15 p. m.)—The emperor of Russia has elected to continue the war. His position is absolutely firm and the German court has been advised in that sense.

Those who have advised peace and suggested inquiries for Japan's terms, the French and British governments, are for the present silent and are likely to remain so unless events of an extraordinary character shake the Russian emperor's resolution.

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Second—All the forces of criticism now directed against the government for having fought rather than yield to legitimate interests and for having failed to win victories, would be continued with added fury against the government that accepted war and then betrayed the country.

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First Witness for Defense. Alva Snyder, a witness for the government, testified Tuesday regarding his knowledge of the bootlegging transactions of Lulkhart, Ennis, Orr and Featherlegs, who were indicted for bootlegging.

Four Bodies Taken Out. Foul Odors Hinder the Work of the Rescuers in Birmingham Mine.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 23.—At 8 o'clock tonight two bodies had been recovered from the Virginia mine and the rescue work continues.

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Annual Dinner of American Association at New York—Officers Elected in Afternoon.

New York, Feb. 23.—The nineteenth annual dinner of the American Newspaper Publishers' association was held tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria.

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