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BIG RAILWAY SYSTEM

Japan Contemplates a Combination Which Will Include Europe and Asia.

SEA TO SEA ROUTE AROUND RUSSIA

Many Nations to Be Brought Into Scheme for Rapid Transit.

PLANS WERE OUTLINED BY AMERICANS

War Stopped the Work of the Man from California.

FEAR OF RUSSIA CAUSES CAUTION

Year's Government May Object to Plan Which is to Keep It from Part in International Routs.

TOKIO, Jan. 26.—(Special)—It is interesting to note that the railway extensions projected by the Japanese through Manchuria, for which expenditures running up to more than \$300,000,000 yen have already been arranged, are only the beginning of a vast system of railways which will in the not far distant future rival the great Siberian railroad of Russia. The Japanese will look after the Manchurian and Chinese branches of this system, but the Indian branches and some of the Afghanistan lines will be to a large extent under British control. French capital is to fill in the gap in the vicinity of Persia and Tibet, while German energy and German enterprise will become responsible for the lines to the south of the Caspian sea and the Black seas and on to Constantinople. From Constantinople lines will be developed through the Balkan states, the methods and in all probability the routes of the Orient Express being followed in a large measure. Swift connections will be made with Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London, and it is hoped that eventually British military prejudices can be won over to a point where permission will be given for a tunnel under the British channel between Great Britain and France, so that it will be possible to travel without change of cars from London to the orient and the western shore of the Chinese seas.

This plan, which was originally laid out by an American named Crater, is said by engineers to be less daring than the Cape to Cairo road at the time of its inception. When Crater first appeared in Paris he found his plans blocked by a play of world wide international forces which he could not understand. His chief trouble appeared to be in getting Persian concessions. Russian interests finally blocked all Persian franchises; there was a big row in Paris and Crater finally returned to California in disgust. Then came the war between Russia and Japan, and of course the execution of an international enterprise of this character became a matter of absolute impossibility. The recent death of the shah of Persia will, it is believed, remove all obstacles toward the construction of the central section of the trunk line through the southern and central portions of Asia.

Plan Not Impossible.

It should be remembered that the program is not so stupendous as might appear at first thought, as far as the European interests are concerned, it is only necessary to remember that they are fairly well developed and that it would not be difficult to establish connections to the north with a line of this character. With the Japanese pushing on toward the west of Manchuria and with the Germans pushing on east through the Turkish empire, it would appear to be a matter of only a few years before the gaps in the undertaking would be pretty well filled.

Of course the significance of the movement lies in the fact that once the railway is completed by this international chain Russia will be pretty well penned up for all time in the frozen north. From a military and commercial point of view, of course, this paralleling of the Siberian railway becomes a matter of grave importance. It is even believed in governmental circles here that some movement of this nature is behind the Anglo-Japanese alliance, which has puffed the diplomats of the world.

Once the trunk line through Asia is decided to be a strategic and commercial necessity, once the wisdom of such a policy is admitted by the governments of London, Paris and Berlin, it is admitted that the necessary loans would not become a matter of financial impossibility. Relatively, it is believed that it would be an undertaking no greater than the dream of Cecil Rhodes or a railway from the north of Africa to the south, or that the Americans are now undertaking, single handed, in the building of the Panama Canal.

It is only necessary, at any rate, to read between the lines of the speech of the emperor at the opening of the Diet, where he laid emphasis on the increasing cordial relations that existed between Japan and the other powers and the necessity for the development of their national resources in general and the resources of the new Asiatic possessions of Japan in particular, to understand that important movements of a world wide nature may be expected during the next twelve months.

Some Fear of Russia.

It is said here that the only reason why the news in connection with some of these railway plans have not been made public before this is because of the negotiations now going on between Russia and Japan. Though the Russian government is fully aware of the nature of some of these plans and is prepared to acknowledge the disposition of the nations of the world to keep that empire penned up in the ice-bound harbors of the frozen north, nevertheless it is feared by all concerned that a storm of indignation might sweep over this country, which would be difficult for the czar to arrest prior to the settlement of all difficulties now pending. After these difficulties are settled it is asserted there need be no alarm over possibilities of international complications.

According to the explanation just made by the Russian government itself, the main points at issue are the interpretation of certain phrases in the treaty of Portsmouth, which differ in French and English and the fishery question. According to this statement the negotiations are making no progress, but Japan has made certain demands, which Russia cannot grant. The two principal difficulties appear to turn upon the detailed matter of the Sungari river and the definition of fishery rights. The subject matter of the negotiations had not in most cases been exhausted when the Japanese minister M. Motozo left for Paris a fortnight ago. He is expected to return to St. Petersburg the first of next week when the negotiations will be resumed and other problems dealt with, among which probably the easiest to be settled will be the Japanese estimate for the keep and the medical treatment of the medical prisoners

SUMMARY OF THE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1907						
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POPE NO DIPLOMAT

Relations Between Church and the State Go from Bad to Worse.

ANTI-CLERICALS ACTIVE OVER EUROPE

France's Attitude May Soon Be that of Spain and Germany.

SERIOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONT VATICAN

Has Greater Need for Wise Action Than His Predecessor.

FRICITION IN COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

Rampolla and Gotti Not in Position to Give Advice and Spanish Prelates Have Greatest Influence.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Cloudy and warm Sunday; probably snow. Monday, cold and clear.

FORECAST FOR IOWA—Local snows and warmer Sunday. Monday fair in west, clearing in east portion.

FORECAST FOR JAMAICA—Cloudy yesterday.

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WASHINGTON.

President sends message to congress explaining his action in public land matters as effort to put a stop to frauds in securing title to the public domain.

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House discusses distribution of garden seeds and postpones action until Monday.

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DOMESTIC.

Report of president of Kansas City stock yards company shows that during the last five years the corporation has sold more feed than it bought.

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Cold wave sweeps over country, with snow as far south as Kentucky.

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Reports of serious differences in the Thaw family over friendship of Mrs. Harry K. Thaw for Miss Mackenzie.

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Modern inventions are rapidly extending the use of telephones for long distance.

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FOREIGN.

Japanese plan to build a railroad across Asia to Europe which will cross no Russian territory.

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Present pope is a poor diplomat and as a result relations of Vatican with the powers is less favorable than for years.

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Emperor William greatly pleased with the result of the German elections. Chancellor von Buelow's position greatly strengthened.

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NEBRASKA.

Attorney General Thompson returns from arguing railroad tax case before the supreme court and is confident verdict will favor the state.

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LEGISLATIVE.

Practice of regents of the University of Nebraska in meeting behind closed doors is objectionable to many members of the legislature, who demand a reform in this.

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It is also desired that the appropriation for the university support be expended under control of the state auditor.

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LOCAL.

Civic Federation has filed with the Board of Fire and Police commissioners a reply to Chief Donabue's statement regarding charges filed against him. The reply insists that the chief's duties are so plainly outlined that he cannot mistake them. Hearing of charges against the chief are set for Wednesday.

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Witnesses in the Connell contempt case tell of language and attitude of lawyer and are examined by Judge Sutton.

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Omaha now claims to be the only real primary corn and oats market in the west.

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Club women endorse the Burne's pure food bill and get word that equal inheritance bill will have a hearing before the Nebraska senate judiciary committee on Monday evening.

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Senators Millard and Burkett, whose duties keep them in Washington, only ones of invited guests to McKinley club banquet who will not be present.

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Going and coming of people in Omaha suburbs.

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Regiments at army posts in Department of Missouri preparing to depart for the Philippines.

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GOUVERN BLUFFS AND IOWA.

Anti-Saloon league causes raid on the Elk's club rooms at Des Moines and liquors are taken in charge by the constable.

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Southwestern Iowa Independent Telephone companies organize an association.

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REPORTS.

Universities of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Chicago sign foot ball conference of states to meet in Chicago.

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