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ADVISE CHINA TO KEEP OUT OF IT.

American Government Takes Up the Question of China's Position in the Present War--Russia Claims the Neutrality Pledges Have Been Broken--Causes Much Comment.

Washington, Jan. 17.--China's attitude has again been indirectly invited by the American government to the necessity for a faithful maintenance of her neutrality, not only in her personal interest but in the interest of the world's peace. Secretary Hay, on the receipt of the full text of Count Lansdorff's note expressing Russia's belief that China's neutrality had been repeatedly violated, prepared instructions for the American charge at Peking directing him to make inquiry of the Chinese government regarding the situation. It is specifically declared that this attitude in any way be construed as indicating that this government assumes responsibility for the charges made by Russia. Indeed, this government has received no information through its legation at Peking nor through the various American consulates in China that the Chinese are violating the rules of neutrality. Nevertheless, in view of Russia's expressed anxiety over the situation in China which her investigation discloses, it is deemed prudent to advise the Chinese government that it is ready to do what it can to save China and the other neutral powers from the far-reaching consequences which it is feared would follow an extension to Chinese territory of the zone of hostilities. This is the second time Secretary Hay, in a friendly spirit, has urged on China the advantages which a strict observance of neutrality holds, not only for her people but the remainder of the world.

Causes Much Talk. China is the object of conversation in diplomatic circles. At the State Department yesterday Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador among the earliest callers. He had a long conversation with Mr. Loomis, who is acting Secretary, while Mr. Hay is confined to his house by a cold. Shortly after Sir Mortimer left, Baron Buschle, the German Charge d'Affaires, saw Mr. Loomis for a few moments on the same subject. As representative of the government which annexed the suggestion that the American government involve the powers concurrently to urge on Russia and China the respecting of China's neutrality, his visit was naturally significant. Later in the day came the Japanese minister. He brought, however, no communication from his government, although he was enabled to say very positively that Japan desired sincerely to adhere to her engagement regarding China's neutrality. Sir Cheng Liang Cheng, the Chinese minister, called on Secretary Hay at his home. Although suffering from a cold, the secretary is keeping in close touch with the situation and it can be stated that this government by no means has abandoned the hope that an extension of hostilities across the borders of Manchuria.

The Russian Note. The long-heralded Russian note reached Secretary Hay from the Russian embassy direct. It was in French and its substance was given the secretary several days ago by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, during a call at the State department. The text of the Russian note is regarded as confidential and for this reason the State department has not made it public. The associated press has obtained an approved synopsis of the note, which, without purporting to give the language, presents in accurate sequence the subjects which Count Lansdorff refers. The Russian ambassadors to the several powers are invited by Count Lansdorff in the circular note, to call to the attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the government to which they are respectively accredited, the fact that at the beginning of the war the Russian government for humanitarian reasons agreed to the proposal of the Washington cabinet regarding the localization of the military operations and the recognition of the neutrality of Chinese territory and announced its decision to the powers last February. That Russia, however, distinctly specified, as a condition precedent to her agreement, a strict observance on the part of China of the duties of a neutral, and also a loyal attitude on the part of Japan toward the spirit, the purpose and the intent of the Washington cabinet's proposal as expressed in the circular note which Secretary Hay addressed to the powers last February.

China Has Broken It. That the experience of the past seven months had made it evident that China either is unable or does not wish to adhere to her given pledges, that without going further

HAS PROVED A GOOD JOB.

Arbitrators in the Case of Reid vs. Newfoundland Government to Get \$15,000 Each.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 17.--(Special.)--P. S. Archibald, G. E., chairman of the arbitration board to the Newfoundland Railway Co., vs the Newfoundland government, arrived home this morning from Toronto where the arbitration court has been sitting. The arbitrators were unanimous in their award to the Reid Co. for the telegraph system expropriated by the Newfoundland government. Sir Edward Morris, minister of justice for Newfoundland and others engaged in the case passed through enroute home. It is understood that the arbitrators consisting of P. S. Archibald, Moncton; chairman, Sir Edward Blake, and Donald McMaster, K. C., will receive fifteen thousand each for their services.

J. J. McKenna, the well known C. P. B. travelling passenger agent, returned this morning from a trip to Mexico. Mr. F. Hissell, a Boston hotel man, arrived here yesterday to take the management of the American, which has recently been leased for him by Bigelow and Hood of Halifax. Hon. A. B. Morine, the leader of the opposition in Newfoundland, is a passenger on the Atlantic express today en route home from Toronto, where he was attending a meeting of the arbitration committee in connection with the dispute between the Reid Steamship Co. and the Newfoundland government. The decision was unanimously in favor of the government, but the amount of the award has not yet been made public.

Asked as to the sentiment in favor of the confederation between Newfoundland and Canada, Hon. Mr. Morine stated there was an emphatic "no" on the part of the people of Newfoundland. Continuing, Mr. Morine said: "There is no sentiment in favor of confederation in Newfoundland. The people in Newfoundland are happy and contented." In connection with the Hay Bond treaty, Mr. Morine said he thought the people in Newfoundland would accept it, although he was personally opposed to it.

IMMIGRANTS ARE DEPORTED.

In Sixteen Days 1100 Were Sent Back From New York. New York, Jan. 17.--Deportation records show that in sixteen days 1100 persons were sent back to their native countries. The immigration officials have received information from a number of English consuls that the United States is making it impossible for others than those directly interested to bring suits for action under the interstate commerce act.

REMARKABLE DIFFERENCE.

Snow in the Riviera and Earthquakes in Mexico. New York, Jan. 17.--A Paris dispatch to the Herald says: The Riviera has been unusually cold and stormy weather, causing great discomfort and damage. At San Remo alone, flowers to the value of \$1,200,000 have been destroyed. In the city of Jalapa, the capital of the state of Vera Cruz, the whole of one section of the infantry barracks collapsed, but at the time the building was unoccupied.

THE TIMES' NEW REPAIRER.

A telephone message from the Hospital this morning stated that the Times newspaper was resting comfortably, and had dictated a number of paragraphs to be sent down to this office. They arrived shortly afterward, and will be read with much interest. They are as follows:--

MORTON WOULD REGULATE RATES.

Government Supervision Should Be Accompanied by Protection--Suggests Special Court of Appeals and Continuance of Commission.

Washington, Jan. 17.--(Special.)--The Outlook publishes an article by Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, on railroad rates, rebates and discriminations. In the course of the article Mr. Morton says: "In no sense must my views be considered the views of the administration and in no way should it be interpreted that they are to be pressed upon members of Congress. There are very few complaints of railroad rates in the United States. Rates are generally reasonable. Over 90 per cent of rates as between markets, Railroad rates without doubt, lower by much more than one-third in this country than anywhere else in the world. The regulation of the rates of the railroad companies is a matter of the federal government. With that regulation should come proper protection. I believe that one of three things is sure to take place in the conduct of our railway system. "First--Legalization of pools--the right of the railroads to make enforceable contracts between themselves as to a division of earnings so that they can resist the temptation of big shippers and be assured of a fair share of the business, moving at stable rates, which shall apply alike to all patrons. "Second--The further identification of entire railway ownership of the country in the hands of a few individuals or one syndicate. "Third--Government ownership, the worst of the three evils, if such they may be called. Government ownership of railroads would be the beginning of industrial and political chaos."

IKE VAIL, THE KING OF BUNCO MEN

Passed in His Checks in New York on Sunday. New York, Jan. 17.--"Ike" Vail, for almost half a century the so-called "King of Bunco Men," and whose name was known from one end of the country to the other, died at the home of his nephew in the Bronx on Sunday, says the World. He was buried yesterday at Flushing in the Hudson, where he was born 70 years ago. Vail was five feet six inches high and weighed nearly 200 pounds. His family was well thought of about Flushing, and he started life under favorable auspices. When about fifteen years of age he ran away to Albany and joined a gang of confidence men. His father disowned him. When his father died some years ago, it was found that "Ike" had been disinherited.

FIRE LOSS WAS COVERED.

London, Oct. 17.--(Special.)--Fire did heavy damage to the stock of E. Marx's retail dry goods store on Dundas street, last night. The premises were considerably damaged. The stock is valued at \$40,000 and is insured for \$32,000. The loss on the stock will be materially below the insurance.

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COUN. SCOTT NOW WARDEN.

York County Municipal Council Unanimously Elected Him to That Office This Morning.

Fredericton, Jan. 17.--(Special.)--York municipal council convened this morning in semi-annual session. Coun. John Scott of Dumfries, who has occupied his seat at the board for twenty-two consecutive years was unanimously elected warden. The statement of the accounts submitted by Secretary Treasury, Blais showed receipts up to November 30 of \$81,238.10, and payments of \$24,421.20 up to January 14. There were additional receipts of \$5,905.25 and additional payments of \$2,714.48 leaving a snug balance of \$58,007.27 in the treasury. As there is a lot of business to be transacted the session of the council will likely last three days. The race for the position of county auditor is becoming more interesting. Wm. P. Taylor who has all along been slated for the position by the conservative majority in the council has unexpectedly dropped out of the race and a dark horse in the person of R. B. Hanson has loomed up with every prospect of capturing the prize. Harry F. McLeod, who has for years been an active worker in the conservative ranks here is an applicant for the position but is not being supported by the conservative bosses in the council and is naturally very much displeased. The job is worth \$150 per year.

Nothing Doing Yet.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.--The government has not renewed the state of siege in many Russian cities at the opening of the new year, civil rule in such places replacing military rule. The Russian papers protest against the impatience that General Sushchenko's cavalry violated Chinese neutrality even if, of which there is no present evidence, they crossed the Liao River above New Chwang, claiming that a small strip on the west bank is distinctly reserved as included in the sphere of hostilities. While the daring cavalry raid on the line of Japanese communications was welcomed as a happy augury of the operations of the new year, the general staff does not entertain any agreement to the idea that it is a precursor of a serious Russian movement.

Building New Cruiser.

Tokio, Jan. 17.2.30 p. m.--A first class armored cruiser is now being constructed at the naval dock of Kure.

EQUITY COURT.

Mr. Justice Barker Heard an Interesting Case This Morning. The case of Wood vs Le Blanc was heard before Mr. Justice Barker in the Equity court this morning. It was an action against Mr. Le Blanc and a number of the French settlers in Monmouth to restrain them from cutting lumber and poles on Sackville rights until the decision had been reached at law. The injunction was dissolved and the Supreme Court of Canada decided in favor of the defendants.

POLICE COURT.

Ferocious Dog Ordered Shot--Cigarette Case Heard This Morning. David Koefo of 15 Clarence street was before the magistrate this morning charged with keeping a ferocious dog, the animal having attacked Constable McLeod, tearing his overcoat. Mr. Koefo testified that he never owned the dog but it had belonged to his son, who had given it away some months ago. The animal had returned and he would be glad to have it shot. The court ordered that the dog be destroyed. The case against Ernest A. Friars for selling cigarettes to Michael Howard, a minor, was taken up and Mr. Friars testified that he had furnished the goods for a customer, and not for the boy's own use. Sergeant Hastings said that on Saturday last he saw Howard coming out of Mr. Friars's store on Mill St. carrying a package. He asked the lad what the package contained, and on being informed that there were cigarettes in the parcel took Howard back into the store, and asked Mr. Friars if he had sold him the cigarettes, to which he replied that the goods were for a customer. He had not a written order for the goods, and taking back the goods he returned the money. The case was resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The McMan assault case was indefinitely postponed.

ANOTHER SWINDLE.

This Time It is Paris Capitalists Who Were Easy and Were Touched. Paris, Jan. 17.--The police are investigating an alleged great financial swindle connected with the circulation of the Paris Bourse of \$200,000 of fictitious shares of a South African mining company. The discovery was made when a woman endeavored to negotiate a heavy loan from a Havre banker, offering bogus shares as collateral. When arrested she asserted that she had received the bonds from Baron de Chalprey, who recently was tried and acquitted on the charge of financial irregularities. A search of the baron's residence is alleged to have resulted in the discovery of a quantity of the fraudulent shares. He was arrested.

A GREATER MANITOBA.

Resolution to Extend Boundaries of That Province Adopted by Legislature--To Petition Ottawa. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 17.--(Special.)--The attorney general for Manitoba moved his resolution on the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba to the local legislature last evening and after some perfunctory remarks by more or less critical nature, by the leader of the opposition, Hon. D. Mickle, the resolution passed, the government unanimously. It is in the form of a memorial praying the Dominion government to extend the boundaries of the province northward to Hudson's Bay and westward including a considerable portion of the territories of Assiniboia and Saskatchewan.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

Manifests for the following United States products were received at the Custom House today--19 cars cattle, 12 cars pork products, 10 cars meats, 8 cars corn, 10 cars apples, one car lard, one car tobacco, for shipment to United Kingdom by winter port manifests. Steamship Aides of the Donaldson line sailed last night for Glasgow, she took 400 cattle and a large general cargo.

NOW THEY WANT TO HAVE PEACE.

St. Petersburg Citizens Are Starting an Agitation Toward That End--Will Present an Address to Czar Pointing out That Further Fighting is Useless.

New York, Jan. 17.--A despatch to the Times from London quotes the London Times' Russian correspondent saying that an agitation in favor of peace is being started by a number of eminent citizens of St. Petersburg, who have drawn up an address to the Czar representing the uselessness of the war and urging that as the government has not provided itself competent to carry the war to a successful issue, it should not be allowed to continue to prove its incapacity at the cost of blood and tears of the nation. The address will be largely signed by people of all classes in the capital and principal towns of Russia. The liberal paper, Nasha Zvezda, says "it is high time that the myriads of men sent to Manchuria should return to peaceful pursuits and the life of Russia resume its normal course." Advice from St. Petersburg says it has been hinted in certain quarters that the fall of Port Arthur might possibly render Russia more receptive to a proposal of mediation with a view to the termination of hostilities. The answers by the Russian foreign office to all inquiries on this subject however, are in the negative. Tokio, Jan. 17. 2.30 p. m.--

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A NEW STEAMER.

To Go on the Bay Chaleur Route in the Spring. A beautiful model of the new steamer Lady Ellen is on exhibition today at Messrs William Thomson & Co's office. It is a fine piece of marine architecture. The steamer is being built by Russell & Co of Port Glasgow. Her dimensions are as follows: 168 feet long, 31 feet beam, depth, 19 feet, 6 inches. She has a flush main and hurricane deck; will carry 106 passengers, besides the crew, has a steel hull with twin screws. She will be completed on the 1st of April and delivered at Glasgow, and will when she arrives at Campbellton go on the North Shore route. She was built for the Inter-Provincial Steam Navigation Co. of Campbellton.

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