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NO COMPROMISE FOUND

Two Points Upon Which Neither Japan Nor Russia Will Yield.

War a Question of Only a Few Hours If Russia Moves Her Black Sea or Baltic Fleets—Correspondent Making Trouble and Killing People—Japan Have Secured Assurances of the Korean Court.

London, Jan. 18.—In what it claims as an authoritative statement, The Daily Graphic this morning announces that the negotiations relative to the Far East have arrived at a stage leaving two points upon which neither Russia nor Japan is inclined to yield, and as to which no means of a compromise has yet been found. While both of these points concern Manchuria, their adjustment would not in the slightest modify the legal status quo or change the administrative situation in Manchuria, but Japan insists "that they be embodied in a treaty between Japan and Russia, while Russia, as a matter of amicable compromise, refuses to accept such dictation at the hands of Japan. Much, however, is still hoped from the czar's influence."

What Might Occur in Few Hours. This statement adds: "Of course, any attempt of Russia to increase very largely her naval forces in the Far East by moving her Black Sea or Baltic fleets would make war a question of only a few hours." This statement is borne out by the Associated Press despatch from Tokyo yesterday, that Japan has received Russia's communication relative to the treaty rights in Manchuria, which shows that negotiations are continuing on the question of Manchuria.

At the Japanese legation last night it was said that no fresh news had been received and the situation remained unchanged.

Correspondent Breaking Out. The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent says that M. Pavlov, the Russian Minister at Seoul, has notified the Korean Government that the Korean troops have crossed the Chinese boundary repeatedly and committed excesses against the inhabitants. The Russian customs officials on the extreme northwestern border report similar occurrences, and assert that the Koreans are burning villages and killing people. Minister Pavlov warned the authorities that such proceedings will necessitate severe measures.

The correspondent says that riots have broken out at Ching Chyong-do, in Korea.

According to The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, the Seoul correspondent of the Jiji Shimpu learns that a similar rising is imminent at Phong Yang, and that Korean soldiers are co-operating with the rebels. Phong Yang was the scene of the rising, which led to war between Japan and China.

The Daily Mail's Seoul correspondent says that an armored cruiser with quick-firing guns from the ships is ready at Chemulpo to rush men to Seoul at a moment's notice.

Japanese Have the Court.

The correspondent says that the Japanese have secured control of the Korean court, and that the Emperor has wired Peking and Tokyo, advising a triple offensive and defensive alliance, and promising not to leave Seoul.

According to the correspondent, McLeavy Brown, supervisor of the Korean customs, secured possession of Korean field guns on the pretence that they needed repairs and locked them up in the customs house.

The Daily Mail's Port Arthur correspondent estimates that the total number of Russian troops now in Manchuria is 200,000, half of whom are guarding the railway. The correspondent says:

"China's firm stand since the re-occupation of Mukden has caused the Russian arrangements in Manchuria for defence and doubled the difficulties of guarding the long line of communication between the boundaries and the coast."

"The Council of War is sitting daily. The port of New Chwang and ports on the Yalu River are ice-bound."

Will Respect Rights.

Tokyo, Jan. 18.—The Associated Press correspondent is reliably informed that Japan has received a Russian communication saying that Russia will respect their rights and privileges already acquired by the treaty with China, excepting the establishment of foreign settlements, and in so far as these rights and privileges are not prejudicial to Russia's future in Manchuria. These reservations are regarded as nullifying the value of the assurance.

War Talk Diminished.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Emperor Nicholas' pacific utterance made during the New Year's reception at the winter palace in St. Petersburg Thursday last, together with the favorable comments of the foreign press, have created a splendid impression and have also a good effect in perceptibly diminishing the war talk in army and navy circles, which were quick to take their cue from the assurances coming from the throne. The newspapers which have been discussing the Far Eastern situation with considerable freedom, have grown almost silent, and what they do say is commendatory of the improved prospects of peace.

Asked For 15,000 Troops.

London, Jan. 18.—The Standard's Tien-Tsin correspondent says it is reported that Russia has asked China to send 15,000 troops to Manchuria to protect subjects.

To Protect Trade.

Rome, Jan. 18.—Although twenty sailors from the Italian cruiser Elba have been landed to protect, Signor Monaco, the Italian Minister at Seoul, the Legation building cannot be easily defended, and Minister Monaco has been instructed in case of danger to take refuge in the British Legation, where the Italian sailors will join the British blue-jackets.

WOMEN FROM ENGLAND.

Twenty Factory Girls Leave London For Montreal This Week.

London, Jan. 18.—(C.A.P.)—Twenty factory girls of the east end of London will leave for Montreal this week under the British Women's Immigration Association. One thousand tailoresses, the association says, are about to be discharged in the north of England, and likely many will be sent to Canada. The Montreal correspondent says there is a great demand in Montreal for factory hands; some English girls are making \$12 weekly.

Boys and Girls to Canada.

At the annual meeting of the Barnardo's Homes on Saturday, the statement was made that 1,200 boys and girls were sent to Canada last year, and 15,000 since work began.

Wants to Find Mother.

A missionary of the Marlborough Police Court has received a letter from E. O'Connor, who twenty years ago was a London waif, telling him he had made a fortune in Canada, and saying his happiness would be complete if he was able to find his mother.

Rosebery-Devonshire Coalition.

The talk of the Rosebery-Devonshire coalition steadily gains in volume. This alliance, if carried out, will increase the dissatisfaction of the Radicals and irritate the Nonconformists. The Liberals are already sorely embarrassed by labor dissensions. The rupture of partnership involves the exclusion of politics from drawing-rooms and dinner tables. Political discussions have not been so bitter since Gladstone raised the Home Rule question.

Can Feed Motherland.

Rudyard Kipling says South Africa is able not only to feed its Motherland with corn, but the United States too. Victoria Falls, with 35,000,000 horse-power is able to furnish electricity enough to make the dark continent a blaze of glory to illuminate the earth.

Protests Against Athletics.

Premier Seddon, speaking on Saturday, said whatever view was taken by the other members of Greater Britain, New Zealand would protest against Asiatic labor dominating the country for which New Zealand's sons bled and died. The appearance of a Russian naval power in China seas was a danger to the British colonies, involving an increased Imperial expenditure to meet altered conditions.

One thousand English navies landed at Plymouth Saturday, who had just returned from South Africa, their work being completed. The colored labor experiment cost £80,000.

IS CARTWRIGHT TO BE SHELVED

Thought that Hyman is to be Put in Training to Take Sir Richard's Place

Ten By-elections to be Brought on as Soon as Possible and on Same Date

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—There is but one reasonable explanation of the report that Mr. Charles Hyman, M.P. for London, is to be taken into the Cabinet without portfolio, and that is that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has determined to shelve Sir Richard Cartwright, and put Mr. Hyman in early training for the portfolio of Trade and Commerce.

Sir Richard's own announcement that he will not again be a candidate in South Oxford gives point to this view of the situation.

It is believed to be the Government's intention to bring off all ten by-elections on the same date, and just as soon as possible, so that Parliament can be called together in the first week in March to revamp the Grand Trunk Railway bargain, which was heralded as the crowning achievement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's life.

"ROBIN HOOD"

A full rehearsal of all interested in the production of the opera "Robin Hood" will be held this evening, commencing at eight o'clock, in the auditorium over the Standard Bank. A full attendance is specially requested.

IS CALLED KING JOSEPH

British Free Trade Press on Chamberlain's Commission.

Announcement Expected of a Royal Commission to Consider Best Means of Including Colonial Representatives of National Defence Committee and Making Colonial Statesmen Life Peers—Only Way For Canadian Free Traders.

London, Jan. 18.—King Joseph's commission is the description of the contents of the bills in the Liberal newspapers of the first meeting of the Chamberlain Tariff Commission. Punch's cartoon represents them all blowing trumpets, each man facetiously a replica of Chamberlain, who is conducting what is called "Joseph's orchestra."

The Commission numbers sixty-five and, although the official Tory Standard dubs them plutocrats and nonentities, they include a remarkable number of chief manufacturers, railway shipping managers and economists.

A Royal Commission.

The statement by Premier Balfour at Sheffield last week that he wasn't now sure that fiscal methods were the best for securing a closer Imperial union is believed to prepare the way for the announcement in the King's speech, Feb. 2, when Parliament meets of a Royal Commission to consider the best means of including colonial representatives on the National Defence Committee, making it Imperial, and adding colonials to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which is the ultimate court of appeal for the Empire, and making colonial statesmen life peers.

Balfour's friends say such a policy is complimentary and not antagonistic to Chamberlain's though they admit it may be difficult to so persuade the latter.

The Only Way.

London, Jan. 18.—Chamberlain, writing to a correspondent, says that the so-called Canadian free traders know perfectly well there is not the slightest indication of any desire on the part of the Canadian people to leave their principles. Preferential tariff is the only way to increase commercial intercourse.

His Supporters Wholehearted.

London, Jan. 18.—(C.A.P.)—Postmaster-General Austen Chamberlain, speaking at Bolton Saturday said his support of Premier Balfour was wholehearted, but if Mr. Chamberlain carried the field, he would follow the party implicitly, though probably not as a Cabinet minister. Mr. Tillett's victory in Norwich is causing unbounded jubilation among the Liberals. Mr. Tillett has been flooded with congratulatory telegrams. Mr. Wilton, M.P., writing: "What a corrective is Mr. Chamberlain's address to his vice-regal commission."

LOST HIS WAY.

Had End of a Farmer Near Lucknow in Newmarket.

Listowel, Jan. 18.—About 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, A. W. Maybury, a well-to-do and highly respected farmer, who lives about five miles southeast of here, started for home with a load of chop. The roads were so heavy that he left his horses at Haddow's, about three miles out, and went forward on foot in a blinding snowstorm. He was found dead in a field about 6 o'clock Sunday morning, a mile from home, within fifteen rods of a farm house. He had apparently missed his way and had been overcome by the cold. He was 32 years old and leaves a widow and small child.

Prof. Mills is Unwell.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Prof. James Mills, the newly appointed member of the Federal Railroad Commission, arrived in Toronto from Trenton, N. J., yesterday, and is the guest of J. C. Creelman, 63 Prince Arthur avenue. Prof. Mills is seriously indisposed on account of a cold. He is confined to his room during the day and denied himself several callers. Mr. Creelman said last night that Prof. Mills, if able to get out to-day, would call on the members of the Ontario Cabinet.

Dr. Murphy Dies Suddenly.

Brockville, Jan. 18.—Dr. J. B. Murphy, superintendent of Brockville Asylum for the Insane, died suddenly at noon yesterday for heart disease. He attended services at St. Francis Xavier Church as usual, walked part way home and was driven the remainder of the distance. He did not complain of ill-health until after reaching his home. After removing his overcoat, he lay down on a couch and expired in a few moments.

Plugging and Persuasion.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Newspaper charges of plugging and persuasion in connection with the recent municipal elections in Toronto have stirred up a hornet's nest in the city. There will be a judicial investigation undertaken to clear the matter up, and if any aldermen, as charged, be guilty, to bring them to justice, which is six months in jail.

Many a married man envies the bachelor his independence who would not know what to do with it if he had it.

MODEST COL. MAIDER.

Commended Others Bravery, But Didn't Mention His Own.

London, Jan. 18.—Several months ago Victoria Crosses were awarded Capt. Walker and Rolland for gallantry during action at Harat Fort in Somaliland, in carrying a wounded officer back under a heavy fire.

The announcement Saturday that Major J. E. Gough, commander of the column, had got the Victoria Cross for gallantry in the same action caused surprise and wonder why it was so belated.

It seems that Gough, as commander, recommended the other two, but made no mention of his own conduct. A private letter from Rolland first brought the news to England, with the result that it was called to the attention of the King recently.

Gough is but 32 years old. He has been mentioned three times in despatches for services in South Africa, and is now promoted to be brevet lieutenant-colonel.

TROUBLE AT CAPE HAYTIER.

Gen. Deschamps Takes Refuge in the American Consulate.

Cape Haytien, Jan. 18.—The Government troops, which disembarked recently at Soua, were Saturday ordered to march on Porto, Plata. A brisk attack supported by the guns of a Dominican war vessel began in the evening. Operations were resumed yesterday morning, and the Government troops entered Porto Plata, causing the flight of Gen. Deschamps, who took refuge in the United States Consulate. The British cruiser Pallas has landed marines to protect the Consulate. The United States cruiser Hartford has arrived.

Revolt Over Anti-Slave Measures.

Rome, Jan. 18.—The company governing Benadir, in Italian Somaliland, has reported to the Government that the measures adopted to stamp out slavery have produced a rebellion in the tribes, and that the colony practically is in revolt. In order to put down the trouble, 10,000 men are necessary, and the company only has 1,000.

STRONG MAN WAS CHOSEN

North Oxford Conservatives Will Put up the Fight of a Life-time

Rose, the Prohibitionist Candidate, Withdraws From the Field—Straight Contest

Woodstock, Jan. 16.—At the Conservative convention here to-day Mr. R. E. Butler, of the firm of Butler Bros., lumber dealers, Woodstock, was nominated as the Conservative candidate. There were several other nominations, but all withdrew in favor of Mr. Butler, who accepted.

Mr. Butler is well known here as a respectable business man, and will make a splendid run. One thing is certain, and that is that the Conservatives will put up such a fight as has never been seen before in North Oxford. Several prominent speakers are already announced, and it is said that three meetings a night will be held during the campaign. It is not yet known whether or not Mr. Gamely will come into the riding, but the prospects are that he will.

The Conservatives here are determined to make the fight of a life-time. The meeting to-day was the largest in the history of the riding, and would have been much larger if there had been more room.

After a preliminary address by the president, Mr. J. C. Wallace, Mr. C. A. Muma, of Drumbo, was heard from. It was thought at one time that Mr. Muma was to be the candidate. He had already contested the riding, and his name was prominently mentioned this time, but he declared that the state of his health forbade his entering into a winter campaign. He moved the nomination of Mr. E. Butler, which was seconded by Mr. John Youngs of Youngville, West Zorra, another gentleman whose name has been freely mentioned in connection with the candidature. The others nominated were Dr. Youngs, Dr. Walford, Edward Gaiser and J. B. Wallace. All withdrew in favor of Mr. Butler, whose nomination was made unanimous.

Mr. W. J. Hanna, M.P. for West Lambton, made a very effective speech. He drew a parallel between his own case and that of North Oxford. He had turned a big minority into considerable of a majority, and he thought the candidate in North Oxford might be trusted to do the same thing. He made something fierce to the corruption of the Ontario Government, recalling the West Elgin and South Waterloo episodes, and denounced very strongly the conduct of the Government in the Soe election, when he said, the workingmen were compelled to sign receipts for pay with one hand and furnish

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The Government with information required to ensure the registration of voters with the other. He condemned particularly the part that Hon. J. M. Giblin had played in the campaign. He referred to the Liberalism of such men as Mackenzie and Mowat, and contrasted it with the Liberalism of the present day. He declared that the only thing that could purify modern Liberalism was a return to the old shades of opposition. Mr. Hanna's speech is regarded as one of the finest efforts ever heard here in the Conservative interest.

Mr. Donald Sutherland, M. P. of South Oxford, was given a fine reception. He dealt at some length with his own case, with the effort that had been made to deprive him of the fruits of his victory. J. B. Jackson, he declared, was the man who should be in prison; instead of that he had been appointed to a fat office. He declared that the election was brought on at this juncture in North Oxford for the express purpose of taking the Conservatives to a disadvantage.

The convention passed a wisely-worded resolution of condolence in reference to the death of Andrew Pattullo, and ordered it to be forwarded to his brother.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

There was some hot stuff at the convention in the North Oxford Prohibition Association, which was held here on Saturday afternoon. D. R. Ross, who had already announced himself as a candidate, running as a Liberal-Prohibitionist, withdrew from the contest, and no nomination was made. His conduct came in for some warm criticism. He voluntarily announced his candidature the day before the Liberal convention, and a good many people are at a loss to understand his conduct. His own explanation is that he has the assurance that the government will introduce legislation of which every temperance man will approve. If the Government failed to keep its promise, then he would be a candidate at some future time. Rev. Dr. Mackay withdrew from the presidency of the association—a position which he had filled continuously for fifteen years. Rev. Mr. Bell declared that the promises of the Ross government were a farce. Rev. Dr. Mackay thought that Oxford county could be carried for prohibition. Rev. Mr. Bell jumped on Dr. Hottel, of Lambton, for inconsistency in attending the convention after he had already been pledged to the support of the Liberal candidate, and he moved the Doctor's name be withdrawn from the list of officers. The doctor put up a strong defence, and there was a hot interchange of opinions for a time. The resolution was finally lost on a tie vote. The impression here after yesterday is that the usefulness of the North Oxford Prohibition Association is at an end. It has been sacrificed to the interests of the Liberal party. D. R. Ross was elected president of the association, to succeed Rev. Dr. Mackay.