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RUSSIA'S REPLY STILL IN DOUBT

But Both Sides are Preparing for War Russian Troops in Korea—Four New Cruisers for Japan—Great Socks of Supplies.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—According to the Japanese legation here Minister Giron's cable message from Tokyo to the state department at Washington, any reply on the authority of the British ambassador at St. Petersburg, telegraphed to the British legation at Tokyo that the Russian reply to Japan would be satisfactory, was based on the following facts: On Jan. 28 the British ambassador at St. Petersburg telegraphed to foreign secretary Lansdowne, at London, that he had interviewed the Russian foreign minister, Count Lamsdorff, and that Count Lamsdorff had said the Russian reply would be satisfactory to the Japanese. These facts were re-telegraphed to the British minister to Japan, Sir Claude Macdonald, and were also communicated to the diplomats who attended Lord Lansdowne's reception January 27. Count Lamsdorff's intentions, however, evidently misapprehended, for the foreign office and the Japanese legation both confirmed the statements made in the Associated Press despatches on the subject from St. Petersburg and Tokyo yesterday that no reply had yet been sent and that there is nothing to indicate what its real nature will be, except what must have been a most obvious assertion on the part of Count Lamsdorff.

The Daily Graphic today re-asserts that the Russian reply was communicated to Japan January 27. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, made minute inquiries at the foreign office yesterday and declared the situation is unchanged and presumes that Minister Giron's cable in some way attributed to the British ambassador at St. Petersburg what really emanated from Count Lamsdorff.

RUSSIANS IN KOREA. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Small parties of Russian soldiers are beginning to appear on the banks of the Yalu river, cables the Seoul, Korea, correspondent of the Herald. Twenty mounted troops crossed into Korea at Samsoo, near the headwaters, and twenty-four reached Antung. They were officers, said to be investigating sites for barracks. JAPAN BUYS MORE SHIPS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Advices have been received here by the local agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Company, operating four speedy liners between Seattle and the Orient, that the steamers had just been taken over by the Japanese government for conversion into military transports. This is the second fleet of liners to be taken from the merchant service by the Japanese government. Only recently the three steamers of the Toyoko Kisen Kaisha line, running to this port were withdrawn from the service and turned over to the Japanese government.

SUPPLIES FOR BOTH SIDES. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Railroad freight officials have additional advice relative to Russian and Japanese mess and canned beef shipments from the east by way of this port to their respective military depots in the Orient. Japan is ordering for shipment to Manila for 15,000 cases of mess beef. The same company is taking from a Chicago firm, in sixty thousand monthly shipments, 80,000 pounds of mess beef. By February 15th next, Japan will have taken from this country as food for her war forces about seven million pounds of mess and canned beef.

Russian shipments up to February 15th next from Chicago to the east and Omaha will have amounted to an aggregate of about thirty million pounds, inclusive of the 15,000 cases of mess beef now loaded on board ship in this port.

A. P. B. ISLANDER. Drowned a Chinaman in a Tub—Stole His Money to Marry Charlotteville Girl. BOSTON, Jan. 29.—Cyrus L. Ryan, aged 26, of Charlotteville, P. E. I., was arrested today charged with murdering a Chinaman at Hanover street yesterday. He pleaded not guilty and was held without bail.

It is alleged that Ryan, after drowning the Chinaman in a tub, got his money to marry Catherine Murray, at Charlotteville, next Thursday. Ryan was formerly a cook on the str. Olivette.

HARD TO SELL PROPERTY. At Chubb's corner today two pieces of property were offered for sale, but in neither case did the owner consider the bids high enough. Auctioneer Gerow offered the leasehold land and dwelling at 183 Guilford street, West End, occupied by John Montgomery, and Mrs. Gregory. This was withdrawn at \$500.

Auctioneer Lantallum offered the freehold land and dwelling on Seely street, owned by Herbert J. Smith, and occupied by Rev. J. Smith. This was withdrawn at \$2,500, and will be disposed of by private sale.

VITAL STATISTICS. There were only six deaths reported to the Board of Health this week. The following were the causes of death: Heart disease, 2; Phthisis, 1; Convulsions, 1; Natural causes, 1; Rheumatic fever, 1. Nine cases of infectious disease were reported, as follows: 6 of measles, 2 of scarlet fever, and 1 of diphtheria.

DEATH OF MONCTON MEN. Two Well Known Residents of the Railway Town Pass Away This Morning.

(Special to the Star.) MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 30.—James W. Brewster, a well known citizen, died here this morning. The deceased had been in failing health for some years and suffered from a stroke of paralysis, which gradually affected his whole system. He was born in Harvey, Albert county, sixty years ago, and had been a resident of Moncton for about 35 years. He was for many years foreman of the Times office, but gave up that employment to engage in the grocery business, in which he was very successful. He leaves a widow, two sons, Henry and John, and one daughter, Maud.

Edward McLean, the well known I. O. B. train despatcher, whose critical illness was recently noted, died at 4:30 this morning at his home, Springhill Junction, after a lengthy illness, of pneumonia. Dr. Cameron, of Macan, and Dr. McQueen, of Amherst, were called during his illness, but their efforts were unavailing. Mr. McLean was 28 years of age and leaves a father and mother and two brothers, residing at Springhill Junction. He was well known by followers of the turf, having formerly owned the speedy trotting mare, Ade, etc.

EDDIE HANLON'S VICTORY. Kid Broad Quit at the End of Round 14 of a Fierce Contest Last Night.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Exhausted at the end of the 15th round, Kid Broad, the Cleveland, shamed his contest last night with Eddie Hanlon, of San Francisco, and the referee called the contest to a halt. Broad had but a few days' preparation for the fight, and was, according to his own claim, in no condition to fight. Hanlon gave him a terrible punishment about the body. The winner fought a fast and aggressive battle and directed most of his blows against the body of his opponent, misapprehending his own capacity for absorbing punishment to be great, but his showing against the boy with a number of heavy blows, so he all through the 14 rounds Hanlon was in fine condition and rarely received a blow that even jarred or hurt him. With the exception of one blow on the eye, which split open the lid and for a moment caused him confusion, Broad was apparently outclassed and was at no time able to penetrate the peculiar defense put up by Hanlon.

A GOOD EXCUSE. Colored Boy Charged With Theft Says Somebody Stole His Coat So He Stole It.

The only prisoner in court today was a fourteen year old colored boy, named Lewis Jones, who lives in Union alley, and who was charged with stealing a number of heavy coats, and an evening last an overcoat, the property of Blair Reid. Jones was represented by A. M. Skinner and pleaded not guilty.

Reid said he had left his coat on a bench in the rink and when, after skating, he went to look for it, it was gone. He waited until everyone had left the rink, but could not find the coat. Later, on the street, he saw Jones wearing it and gave information.

Detective Eileen told of arresting Jones, who at the time had the coat on. The witnesses for the defence were the prisoner and his mother. The boy said that he, too, had left his coat on the bench, but could not find it again. He said a number of times that he took the one over which the trouble has arisen. He had no season ticket for the rink, no money to pay admission, and no time to go, or otherwise he might have gone back to look for his own coat. He was willing to return the stolen coat to its owner when asked, after his own turned up.

MILLS SHUT DOWN. The Cushing pulp mill stopped work this morning and by so doing caused quite a lot of anxiety among Fairville people who persuaded themselves that work would not be resumed for some time. The management of the mill state that they are only making some necessary repairs and will resume work by Tuesday morning at the latest. They have plenty of stock on hand and lots of orders to be filled.

The Cushing saw mill is also having some slight trouble and has been shut down at intervals during the past ten days. Minor accidents to the machinery have caused the stoppage, and the starting several times has had to be stopped.

There is no scarcity of work in Fairville for any of those who may be idle at times on account of the closing of the mills. The lots to do in snowdrifts around the C. P. R. yards and tracks, where large crews of men are employed.

DEATHS. HAMM—At Visalia, California, on the 1st of January, Charles F. Hamm, fourth son of the late Capt. Andrew Hamm, of Grand Bay in the 5th year of his age.

LIBERALS MAY OPPOSE McKEOWN. An Independent, Anti-Machine Candidate May Run.

Revolvers are Making Overtures to Possible Candidates — Local Gov't., Possibilities Discussed.

From present indications it is possible that Hon. H. A. McKeown is not going to have everything his own way, even with the liberals, in the coming by-election. There are a large number of good liberals who resent the direct interference of the new minister of railways in the choice of a candidate for this constituency, who prefer that contractors, their employees, lawyers and others in the pay of both governments should leave the work of the party to those who serve it faithfully and who do not like packed conventions.

This number of voters is increasing. The revolt against the machine and the machine made candidate is steadily spreading and from the talk today Mr. McKeown will not be the only liberal in the field. Two possible independent liberal candidates are mentioned. These are Timothy O'Brien, editor of the Monitor, and George McSorley, of Carleton Place, who is a member of the New Freeman.

The New Freeman this morning asks the following questions: Col. Tucker, M. P., representing the city and county, will not be an aspirant for the party nomination in the general election. He is to be otherwise provided for. Can you guess how?

Following are a couple of guesses: Guess 1.—By being appointed to succeed Lord Dundonald as general officer commanding the militia of Canada. Guess 2.—Admiral in command of government dredges at Sand Point. Colonel Tucker's qualifications for either of these positions are good.

\$150,000 FIRE. Large Silk Factory in New Jersey Destroyed — Fifteen Hundred Hands Out of Work.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 30.—Fire started by the explosion of chemicals in the large silk mill of Ashley and Bailey, on River street, employing 1,500 hands, destroyed the whole of the mill. The loss is estimated at \$150,000, partly insured.

The plant occupied an entire block. It comprised several story brick structures, and included a large quantity of valuable machinery. The heavy fall of snow delayed the fire companies. Frozen hydrants and bursting hose also interfered with their work.

TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY. More Discussion About the Plan for Running a Pipe Across the Bridge. Engineer Murdoch is looking up further information as to the possibility of carrying a line of pipe from the asylum corner across the suspension bridge and connecting with the present eight inch main on the River Shore road. This proposed line is for the purpose of giving an improved service in the North End.

Down at St. Stephen a pipe is laid across the bridge to Calais, and the latter town supplied with water from the Canadian side. The bridge there is only about half as long as the St. John suspension bridge, and rests on piers. The officials at St. Stephen are being asked what measures are taken to prevent the freezing of water in the pipe on the bridge. Aid. Millidge is of the opinion that the pipe is not protected in any way, but that the continual flow of water prevents freezing.

Another point now being considered is how the pipe could be arranged, so that the motion of the suspension bridge would not cause trouble. It is thought the flexible joints could be made, and that the plan might be successful in this as in other respects.

ST. JOHN MAN ELECTED. KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 29.—The National Association Marine Engineers in convention here today elected the following grand officers: President, Thomas J. Milne, Kingston, Ont.; vice-president, N. Dunlop, Montreal; secretary-treasurer, N. J. Morrison, St. John, N. B.; conductor, Chas. Robertson, Owen Sound, Ont.; doorkeeper, A. Marchand, Montreal. The next meeting of the grand council will be held at Collingwood, Ont., the fourth Wednesday in January, 1905.

Rev. W. O. Raymond, of St. Mary's church will address the gospel temperance meeting in Union hall on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL. Annual Meeting of Local Branch Today—Good Reports From Various Officers.

The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women is being held this afternoon. Reports from the different societies affiliated are to be submitted, and the work during the past year reviewed.

The report of the secretary, Miss Harriet Peters, will show that during the year the Fabian League asked for the support of the council in the efforts to obtain a Factory and Shop Act passed for New Brunswick, and that such support was heartily tendered. The assistance of the council of other provinces has been instrumental in obtaining the passage of such acts, and it is thought that the New Brunswick council will be equally successful.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Allan, shows a balance on hand of \$28.34.

J. P. MORGAN WILL RETIRE. Report that the Famous Financier Will Shift His Burden Upon His Son.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Rumors of practical retirement from active business by J. P. Morgan, circulated and denied a day or two ago, when J. P. Morgan, Jr., arrived from London, are reiterated today by the American, which declares that Mr. Morgan, Sr., has determined to shift the burden of his great interests to his son, and spend a large part of his time hereafter in England.

POSSSESSED BY A WITCH. Remarkable Story of Medieval Superstition in Nova Scotia.

A remarkable story has come to hand of a young girl of Black Point, N. S., who is alleged to have recently been possessed of a witch. The girl is said to have followed the witch home from a neighbor's house one night last week, and tried to seduce her away, and it was with some difficulty that the victim succeeded in getting into the house, without being followed by the witch, who, however, managed to touch the girl. That did the deed, and the girl possessed of the witch, raged all night in hysteria called by a "witch master," who was summoned, "the workings of the evil spirit." All kinds of incantations and rites were practiced, but in vain, until a pig was killed and its heart thrown into the fire, when, according to the story, the evil spirit was destroyed along with the heart, and the patient began to recover.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. No Opposition Presented to Hon. H. R. Emmerson in Westmorland.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Jan. 30.—There being no other nomination papers filed, the sheriff has declared Hon. H. R. Emmerson to be elected a member of the house of commons for this constituency.

SWORN AT A POLICEMAN. Officer Ward, this morning laid information against Harry Clark, reserant keeper, for abusive and insulting language used yesterday. Ward alleges that Clark and a friend were in a sleigh and he considered them incapable of managing the horse. He was about to take charge of the rig when a young man named Murphy offered to drive the others and Ward allowed him to do so. Then Clark made use of obscene and abusive language complained of. The case will come up on Monday.

ORCHESTRA TROUBLES. Mr. Bowden will have charge of the instrumental part of the opera, Yoomen of the Guard, and is now forming an orchestra for this. There was some little friction for a time, as both Mr. Eville and Mr. Bowden were asked to furnish orchestras. Mr. Eville is leader of the York Theatre orchestra, but he and the committee in charge of the opera could not come to terms for the music.

LARGE AMERICAN EXPORT. This was another big day at the customs house for United States exports in transit, manifests being received for no less than 131 cars. The following is the list of goods:—100 cars of flour, 12 cars of cattle, 21 cars of meat, 4 cars of lard, 1 car glucose, 1 car canned beef.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS. The customs receipts for the month of January are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Customs, 495,638.32; Marine fees, 1,158.32; Total, \$100,856.64.

Mr. and Mrs. George Black of Kennedy street were waited upon last evening by a large number of their friends and presented with a purse. An enjoyable evening was passed.

THE WEATHER. Jan. 30. Highest temperature, 14; lowest temperature, 4; temperature at noon, 12; barometer at noon, 30.15 inches; wind, N.; velocity, 8 miles per hour. Clear.

Forecast—Today and on Sunday, light to moderate winds, fair, not much change in temperature. Synopsis—The Atlantic disturbance has passed to the southward without affecting the maritime provinces. Winds to the Banks and American ports, light to moderate, variable today and on Sunday.

10 p. c. to 30 p. c. REDUCTION IN FURS.

Our annual January Sale of Furs begins on MONDAY, Jan. 18th. This is a splendid opportunity for bargains.

ANDERSON'S, 17 Charlotte St. After Holiday Prices!

Sleds, Framers and Snow Shovels, DUVAL'S. Umbrella, Repairing and Chair Caning Shop, 17 WATERLOO STREET.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF Toys, Carts, Express Wagons, Sleds, Framers, Skates, Etc. Also, a nice line of Cutlery, J. W. ADDISON, 44 Germain St. Phone 1074.

DON'T FORGET TO CALL ON US. For your Holiday Goods.

WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER GOODS, CUT GLASS, OPERA GLASSES, CANES, UMBRELLAS, CLOCKS, BRONZES, ETC. A great variety.

FERGUSON & PAGE At 41 King St. 4 lbs. DATES, 25c.

These are new dates of good quality, and are very cheap at the above price. Every one knows dates are a healthful food. Get the cheap ones at CHAS. A. CLARK'S, Tel. 608, 40 Charlotte street. Glad to call for orders.

GROWING TRADE. Over seven millions of dollars of exports have passed through the customs house during the past month. This is regarded as something phenomenal, and is strongly indicative of the growing trade of the winter port.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Str Tritonia, 2,720, Hull, from Glasgow, general cargo.

Coastwise — Str Harry Morris, McLean, from St. Martin's. Cleared. Coastwise — Str Harry Morris, for St. John. Str Oruro, 1,240, Seely, for Bermuda.

POTTS Grand Evening Auction Sale!

At store corner Mill and Main streets, commencing Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and continuing every evening until whole stock is sold. The goods comprise Fancy Lamps, Crockeryware, Glassware, Cups, Saucers and Plates, Fancy Goods, Knives, Forks, Spoons and a general assortment of fancy and useful articles.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer. NOTICE OF SALE! The estate of the late Mr. P. P. Raymond, situated at Bon L'Amour, together with the well known summer resort, Glen L'Amour, will be sold at Chubb's Corner, St. John, N. B., April 2, 1904. F. L. POTTS.