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JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Efforts Toward a Pacific Adjustment Hampered-Mutual Distrust and Hatred.

The Elements That Are Keeping the War Clouds Hovering Low in the Far East.

Paris, Jan. 25. Considerable tension is again observable in governmental quarters concerning the Russo-Japan situation. This is due principally to the fact that the efforts toward a pacific adjustment have not made the progress which the officials hoped and expected. The general view of those highest in authority is summed op in the statement that the negotiations have reached a point where practically no progress is occuring in any direction. It appears that one of the most dicfiult features is the mutual mistrust and hatred which have grown up between the parties. It is said that every stage of the present exchanges developes Japan's suspicion of Russia's good faith and Russia's antipathy to Japan. Owing to this bitterness diplomatic efforts to secure a middle ground are proving unusually difficult. It is understood that Rusisa is now seeking to secure the neutralization of the strait of Corea. The strait of Corea is claimed to be a vital outlet for the commerce of northeast China and it is therefore asserted that it will be in the interests of Europe and America to secure the neutralization of the strait.

The attitude of Corea in the event of war between Russia and Japan has been the subject of much comment among the diplomats here, as it is believed Corea's giving aid to Japan might constitute two powers attacking Russia, thus bringing in France under the terms of the Franco-Prussian agreement. One of the ambassadors therefore asked Foreign Minister Delcasse what the result would be if Corea joined Japan and the minister answered in substance that Corea is not considered to be that kind of a sovereign, independent power, whose assistance of Japan against Russia would bring about the contingency contemplated by the Franco-Russian agreement. Although the answer was conflicted

in Corea, it is understood that a similar view prevails that China's joining | the express carried the mails, to such Japan would not constitute two powers an extent that the greater part of it attacking Russia.

not permit her to establish control of TRAGIC END OF the egress and ingress of the sea of Japan by fortifying the straits of Corea.

Concerning these points and the general status of the negotiations the following semi-official statement, emanating from the highest source, is made:

"The question is undergoing alternate phases of depression and encouragement. For three or four days it was believed that a final agreement was very near at hand, but yesterday the situationn became a little less hopeful.

"Concerning Corea, Japan is showing great caution in accepting Russia's assurance of Japanese paramount authority in Corea. Therefore, Japan feels that her safety requires the right to fortify the coast of southeast Corea, particularly Fusan, the point opposite the Japanese island of Tsu-Shima, but Russia is unwilling to concede this, believing the effect will be to make the sea of Japan a closed sea.

Concerning Manchuria the chief difficulty still open is the limitation of the right to establish Japanese settlements. Russia does not appear to object to the full liberty of Japanese coming or going individually for purposes of trade or otherwise, but she is unwilling to concede rights permitting Japanese settlements in villages, similar to foreign settlements in Shanghai.

"There are still strong hopes that the parties may find means of adjusting these points, but for the present they constitute the main issues re maining open."

The Public be Damned.

A private citizen, of moderate income, concerned in affairs of importance at least to him, was hurrying North, a fortnight or so ago, due in New York on Sunday afternoon. Unexpectedly the express on which he was traveling from Florida was switched on to a sidetrack, where it remained an hour and a half. What was the reason. Surely it ought to be a good one, for the consequences were Fearful Mine Disaster Near Pittssevere. Connections were missed all along the line, and our friend did not reach New York until Monday. He was but one of many whose arrival at their business or their homes was thus grossly postponed. With all the many connections through the South, thousands must have suffered. Moreover,

Manila, Jan. 25 .- It has just been

learneed that Lieut. Campell W. Flake,

peditionary forces. The estimated loss

London, Jan. 25 .- The Daily Tele-

manded the Irish brigade against the

British forces during the war in South

Africa and who was afterwards con-

victed of treason and sentenced to im-

prisonment for life, was liberated yes-

terday morning "on license." Lynch

Colombian Natives.

of logs, with bamboo plaited sides and

mud filled chinks. The windows have

wooden shutters, but no glass. Sleep-

woven by the women. Gourds of vari-

ous shapes and sizes do duty for dishes.

spoons and knives. Chairs and benches

are hollowed logs of wood. But the

peons get their living easily and enjoy

life well. They delight in music and

In Colombia the buts of the poor are

ENGLISH PROMOTER.

Whitaker Wright Dies in an Hour After His Conviction---Suicide Suspected.

London, Jan. 26 .- At 3 o'clock this afternoon Whitaker Wright was sentenced to seven years penal servitude. At 4 o'clock he lay dead on the floor of a small room in the , law courts. Whether he took his own life by poison

or whether death in its natural course robbed the law of its fulfilment, will not be known until a post mortem examination is held; the indications, however, point to poisoning.

The career of this man, who was known on three continents, closed in a startling tragedy. All London tonight is thrilled with the news of it. No such human tragedy has been enacted in England for many a year.

Until nearly 8 o'clock tonight the body of the man who formerly had controlled many of the world's markets, and who had been courted by royalty, remained upon the floor of the room where he fell, for, as a convicted felon, Wright's person had become the property of the crown.

The home office finally gave permission for its removal and the body was given over to the jurisdiction of the coroner. It now lies at Westminster mortuary, where almost all the corpses taken from the Thames are laid out. The inquest probably will be held on Thursday.

Mrs. Wright, the dead man's wife, is an American. She now lies ill at the magnificent country home which Wright had in Surrey.

An examination of the body, made at a late hour tonight, points strongly to the fact that death was caused by poison. The post mortem examination will be held on Wednesday.



burg Kills Many Miners.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.-An explosion in the Harwick mine, of the Allegheny Coal Company, at Cheswick, sixteen miles from Pittsburg, promises to add one of the greatest tragedies of years to the already long list of mine

WHY WINE FIRST TO HOST.

In America a Mere Formality, but In Italy a Real Necessity.

The wine was opened dextrously by the waiter, who before serving the guests poured a few drops into the host's glass.

"Why did this waiter give you a lit tle wine before helping the rest of us?' asked a man of curious mind.

"Oh," said the host. "that's always done."

"I know it's always done. That does not answer my question, though. Here. waiter," the man persisted. "you tell me why when you open a bottle of wine you pour a few drops into the host's glass before serving the guests." The waiter smiled and answered:

"It's a matter of form, sir; an old custom, a politeness. Its origin lies in the fact that after the removal of the cork there might be left in the neck of the bottle a little dust or a few specks of cork. The first drops poured out would in that event contain the dust or the cork, and thus the guest were he served first might get this refuse; hence the host is given the first drops.

"As a matter of fact, if you know how to open wine you have no difficulty in keeping the bottle's neck clean. The custom, therefore, is a formality in America. In Italy, though, it is a real necessity, for over there they pour a little oil in the necks of their bottles of native wine before corking on the ground that this makes the wine air tight. No doubt it does, but it also in some cases gives to the first glass from the bottle a decidedly oily flavor. Therefore the first glass the host gallantly takes."-Philadelphia Record.

HE WON THE AUDIENCE.

The Way Fred Douglass Got the Best of Captain Rynders.

The inexhaustible sense of humor in Frederick Douglass kept him clear of any sense of gloom, as was never better seen than on the once famous occasion when the notorious Isaiah Rynders of New York, at the head of a mob, had interrupted an antislavery meeting, captured the platform, placed himself in the chair and bidden the meeting proceed. Douglass was speaking and, nothing loath, made his speech only keener and keener for the interference, weaving around the would be chairman's head a wreath of delicate sarcasm which carried the audience with it, while the duller wits of the burly despot could hardly follow him. Knowing only in a general way that he was being dissected. Rynders at last exclaimed, "What you abolitionists want to do is to cut all our throats!" "Oh, no." replied Douglass in his most dulcet tones; "we would only cut your hair." And, bending over the shaggy and frowzy head of the Bowery tyrant.

THE ISLE OF NOBLES. A Famous Historic Site, the Cradle of Saxon Liberty.

The isle of Athelney, or the "isle of nobles," as the name signifies, is one of the most famous of historic sites. A thousand years ago it was a low islet covered with willows and alders and surrounded by fens and overhowing marshes, altogether inaccessible except by boats. There King Alfred sought refuge with a swineherd, and there he lay concealed from the invading Danes for the space of a whole year. The resort of his chieftains to this place caused it to be known as the "isle of nobles," which may be regarded as the cradle and stronghold of Saxon liberty. After Alfred regained the possession of his throne he erected a Benedictine abbey on this spot and "endowed it with all the lands in the isle of Athelney." The monastery has entirely disappeared, but its site is marked by a stone pillar efected in 1S01 by the owner of Athelney. The pillar bears this

the year of our Lord 879, having been defeated by the Danes, fied for refuge to the forest of Athelney, where he lay concealed from his enemies for the spell of a whole year. He soon after regained possession of his throne, and in grateful remembrance of the protection he had received under the favor of heaven he erected a monastery on this spot and endowed it with all the lands contained in the isle of Athelney. To perpetuate the memory of so remarkable an incident in the life of that illustrious prince this edifice was founded by John Slade. Esq., of Maunsell, the proprietor of Athelney, A. D. 1801."-London News.

inscription: "King Alfred the Great in

THE MAN WITH THE ADZ.

Wonderful Accuracy of His Aim at the Butcher's Block.

Outside a butcher shop twenty or thirty persons stood watching a maa at work with an adz. He stood on a large oaken block, such as meat is chopped on, which he had taken from its legs and placed on the curb, sloping toward the street. The surface of the block had become scarred and roughened from use. With clean, accurate strokes of the adz the man soon made it as smooth as a mahogany table. It was the wonderful accuracy of his aim that made passersby stop to look at him. He paid no attention to them. A single false blow would have ruined the block. When the job was done, the man helped the butcher mount the block, collected \$5 and went off to keep another appointment.

"It has taken me twenty-three years to learn to chop like that," he said to a reporter. "My charge is from \$5 to \$10, according to the size of the block. block requires evening off in that A

THE REGION OF UNREST.

Alarming Rnmors Come From Corea.

Riots of Daily Occurrence and Japan Said to be Landing an Army.

American Marines Kept Down a- Riot in Seoul.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.-Reports of an alarming nature continue to pour out of the far east. These include the statements that the Japanese are landing an army at Ma-Sam-Po, Corea, and that 300 Russian troops are crossing the Yalu river. The reported dispatch of a Chinese army of soldiers trained by European officers beyond the great wall to observe order in Manchuria cannot be confirmed here. and the reports of the Japanese at Ma-Sam-Po and the Russians at the Yaln are discredited at the foreign office here and by M. Kurino, the Japanese minister to Russia.

While the Russian government anderstands the situation in Corea to be disturbed and possibly threatening. it has no information of a situation grave enough to warrant the landing of a large Japanese force there there. Russia freely admits Japan's right under existing conventions to land in Corea a reasonable number of soldiers to preserve order, but the landing of an army at this stage of the negotiations could not be viewed with equanimity. M. Kurino is in no way anxious because of the delay in Russia's response to the latest Japanese note, and says that Japan is not pressing for an immediate reply.

NORWEGIAN CITY WIPED OUT.

Trondhjem, Norway, Jan. 23.-The town of Aalesand was completely destroyed by fire today, the buildings burned including the church, school and shops. The damage is estimated at \$4,000,000.

The entire population is homeless. Provisions and medical stores, which are greatly needed, have been sent from here and Bergen.

Aalesund is a busy seaport trading own of Norway with over 8,000 inhabtants.

Two persons perished in the flames, one steamer was burned in the harbor and it is feared that others will be destroyed. Supplies of money, clothing and provisions are being sent from all parts of Norway.

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Intimation to Russia That Early Reply is Wanted---Decisive Action is Expected.

Tokio, Jan. 26.-The Japanese govtrain was stopped for his convenience. ernment has diplomatically intimated to Baron de Rosa, the Russian minister, that an early response is desired to Japan's recent note to Russia. It is calculated here that the Japanese note losses and discomforts of hosts of comreached the Russian cabinet on the mon men? He is a member of the same afternoon of Jan. 16 and it is felt that sufficient time has elapsed for its conwho recalled a train a few months ago, sideration and the preparation of a refor himself also, in the result that sponse. The Japanese government is suits are now pending against the railconscious of the possible necessities of way for the damages inflicted on the the military and naval situation and is unwilling to permit evasions and connected in the public mind with the delays which are designed to gain bistoric declaration which we have time. The course of the Japanese used as caption to this paragraph. It government is a carefully guarded secret. The length of time that Japan feel rather sad about it .- Collier's is prepared to await the pleasure of Weekly. Russia is unknown. It seems probable that it has been determined to act decisively within a few days. The popular temper has long opposed of the 22d infantry, was killed while further delay. While many obected to trying to enter Moro Cotta, Mindnao, Japan's taking the initiative a majorfor the purpose of examining the ity would now welcome the issuance of locality. He was accompanied by a brie! ultimatum and a declaration Private Foy of the same regiment. of war if that should prove ineffective. Lieut. Flake was shot treacherously, Some outside opinion here inclines to the Moros firing on the party while the belief that the activity of the Major Bullard was parleying with them Japanese will be limited to the seizure Moro Cotta was at once taken by of Cores, which enterprise, it is assault, with no further loss to the exthought, Rassia would not oppose. The Japuese government proceeds with among the Moros is twenty killed. such absolute secrecy that the people of Japan are not even informed of the graph this morning says it understands exact nature of the demands made on that Col. Arthur Lynch, who com-Russia.

THE CRASH IN SIGHT.

Tokio, Jan. 26 .- The cabinet and elder statesmen conferred for an extended period today. They discussed has not received the royal pardon. the financial programme in the event of hostilities. The Japanese financiers in general are offering very generous assistance and it is now fully evident that the government will be enabled to raise an enormous sum of money at home without having to place dependence apon borrowing from abroad.

THE POINTS. OF DIFFERENCE.

Paris, Jan. 26 -The Russian answer has not yet been sent to Japan and it now develops that the points of difference threaten the possibility of a deadlock in the negotiations. These points

Allegheny Coal Company, the owners seemed to consist of mail cars. Who of the mine, do not know at this time can measure the possible consequences the number of men entombed in the of holding up these letters, not to chambers of the mine, 220 feet below speak of the awful majesty of Uncle the surface, but a conservative esti-Sam? The train had been on time. mate places the number at 184. Everything was all right. Suddenly

General Manager George Scheetze, the word came to step aside. It was of the coal company, who is in charge reported, we hope inaccurately, that of the mine, gives little hope that the reason was the desire of a member many of the men will be brought to of a certain family to pass. He was the surface. The first ray of hope that going South, for his pleasure, and the any of the men had escaped the tremendous concussion of the explosion Had his wife or child been sick, percame at 6 o'clock tonight, when haps not a single passenger would have Adolph Georgie was brought to the protested, but was his whim, his mere surface still living. The explosion trivial convenience, worth the serious occurred at 8.20 this morning at the bottom of one of the shafts, and was presumably caused by fire damp. It family which boasts the young man was 4 o'clock this afternoon before it was possible to make the first attempt at rescue. Robert North and Jack McCann, one of the engineers employed by the Allegheny Coal Company, passengers. It is the family which is tried to get into the mine by way of the stairs through the air shaft. They managed to grope their way some distance, but were finally driven back is a comprehensible doctrine, but we by the foul air.

The main shaft into the mine, 220 feet deep, was made useless by the explosion, which hurled both cages, one of which was within thirty feet of the bottom of the shaft, through the tipple, thirty feet above the surface.

THE COLOMBIANS.

They Are Hospitable Fcaple and Like Good Living.

The Colombians are a hospitable peo ple and receive strangers cordially. It is customary for a stranger to send cards to those whose acquaintance he desires, and etiquette demands that the recipients of the cards call within a few days.

The dining tables of the rich are spread with fine linen and set with handsome cut glass and china. Among their beverages, in addition to wines. are cebada, barley water; orchada. which contains almond juice and sugar; agrass, the juice of unripe grapes; naranjada, orangeade and a preparation of chocolate thick as gruel. A dish for invalids is sopa de pan. A raw egg is broken upon a slice of toast, and a beef broth is poured over it. A breakfast offen consists of several coursesfor instance, fruit, poached eggs, with stewed tomatoes and rice; fish, chops fried in eggs and herbs and a tortilla con seso, brain omelet, sweet potatoes ing places are bambeo benches with or other vegetable and coffee. Safhide thrown over them, or hammocks fron is a favorite flavoring for soup. Chicken or game pies centain a variety of vegetables, hard boiled eggs and other ingredients. A common dish among the poor is a stew called sin coche. Another standby is rice and red beaus. Rice cooked in lard, with a litdancing, and women as well as men are | the tassado (dried beef) for a relish, is a tidbit among the lower classes. The

fatalities. Even the officials of the he gave a suggestive motion as of scissors to his thumb and forefinger with a professional politeness that instantly brought down the house. friend and foe, while Rynders quitted the chair in wrath and the meeting dissolved itself amid general laughter. It was a more cheerful conclusion perhaps than that stormier one-not unknown in reformatory conventions-with which Shakespeare so often ends his scenes, "Exeunt fighting." - Thomas Wentworth Higginson in Atlantic.

Which Is the Larger Income?

Here is an interesting problem inmathematics: Two clerks are engaged, one at a salary which begins at the rate of \$100 a year, with a yearly rise of \$20, and the other at a salary commencing at the same rate, but with a half yearly rise of \$5. In each case payments are made half yearly. Which of them has the larger income?

Who is not tempted to say the former :

Yet the latter is the correct answer, for in the first year the first clerk receives \$100; but the second clerk receives \$50 and \$55, which amounts to \$105 in the year. The first clerk in the second year gets, to be sure, \$120; but No. 2 gets \$60 for the first half year and \$65 for the second, or \$125 in all.

Gin In England In the Old Days. Before intoxicating liquor was made dear by taxes and its sale was regulated by licenses the use of it in England was astonishingly common. Not only were there in London 6,000 or 7,000 regular dramshops, but cheap gin was given by masters to their work people instead of wages, sold by barbers and tobacconists, hawked about the streets on barrows by men and women, openly exposed for sale on every market stall. forced on the maidservants and other purchasers at the chandler's shop. until, as one contemporary writer puts it, "one-half of the town seems set up to furnish poison to the other half."

In the Nursery.

"Mamma, why do landladies object to children?"

Mother-I'm sure I don't know. But go and see what baby is crying about and tell Johnny to stop throwing things at people in the street and make George and Kate cease fighting and tell Dick if he doesn't stop blowing that tin trumpet I'll take it away from him .- Tit-

Their Celebrations.

Hicks-Going to celebrate your wooden wedding, are you? Wicks-Yes.

Hicks-Well, I guess I'll celebrate my wouldn't wedding. It was just five years ago that that girl from Chicago said she wouldn't marry me .- Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

Properly Diagnosed.

Lushman-I'm troubled with headaches in the morning. It may be on account of my eyes. Perhaps I need

way every three or four years. I have customers now that I had when I first began business, twenty-five years ago. In all that time I have spoiled only two blocks, and they were during the two years of my apprenticeship. The butchers can get their chopping blocks put in condition by sending them to the sawmill. But it is more expensive, and they can't spare them so long from the shops. There is enough work of this kind in New York to keep myself and half a dozen others busy."-New York Press.

Korean Men's Hats.

The quaintest feature of the picturesque costumes of the Korean men is their hats. They are mousetrap-like arrangements made from the hair of the wearer's ancestors. This priceless possession is handed down from father to eldest son, who reaches the goal of his ambition at the moment when the family hat is placed upon his head. Another grotesque form of Korean headdress is the mourning hat that is worm in rural districts by the eldest son for three years after the death of either of his parents. This conical shaped affair of rushes or rice straw is as large as a bushel basket and extends to the shoulders.

The Value of Exercise.

The brain that never calls upon itsel. for work must become dull and stupid, and it is the same way with the museles of the body. They are filled with blood vessels that should be up and coing. The blood has several purposes, and one is to carry away the waste fluids of the body. The lungs are a sort of refinery, and the blood is a distilling agent. If the blood becomes thick and unhealthy and singgish the body does not keep its youthful state. Eyes grow dull, lips lose their redness. and the complexion is sallow and unlovely. It is an easy and simple matter to make exercise a habit.

Wart Cares.

Vinegar and cooking soda in solution are said to make a capital cure for warts. If the wart is kept moist with it for ten minutes several times a day it will disappear in the course of a week or so in ordinary cases.

Another cure is to touch frequently with acetic acid or nitric acid, but one must be careful not to irritate the surtounding skin by dropping either acid.

Why They Spoke.

"We had known each other slightly." said Miss Evry Waite, "but never to speak to until one day while out skauing I fell down quite near him, and"-"Ah, yes!" replied Miss Peppery. That broke the ice, of course."-Philadelphia Press.

Choosing a Minister.

Dean Everett used to say that parish committees had no more ability choos ing a minister than a minister showed in buying a horse,-Boston Christian Register.



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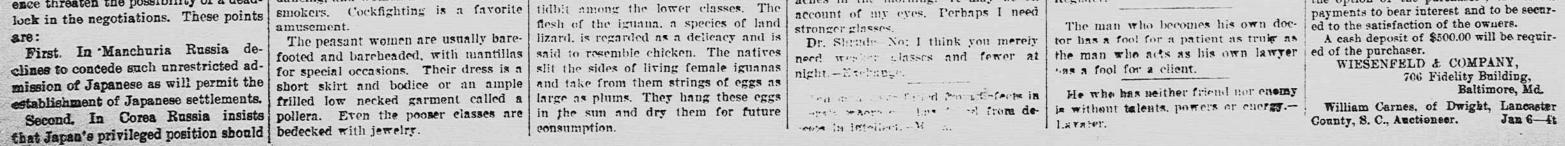
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