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## RUSSIA STANDS IN FEAR OF THE UNITED STATES

That Treaty With China has Materially Affected Russia's Prestige, While France Seems to be Indifferent to Her Cause.

Irritation in St. Petersburg—Japan Will not Wait Long—The Czar Gives Important Audience Today to Japanese Ambassador.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 18.—"Private advices from St. Petersburg indicate," says The Times-Dispatch from Paris, that the Japanese note has not helped to fortify optimistic anticipations. As long as there was room for further negotiations, Russian diplomacy helped Russia to gain time. But Japan, having given her final answer to the latest Russian note will not, it is expected, wait indefinitely for a decision on Russia's part. There is said to be a great deal of irritation in St. Petersburg over the failure of Japanese diplomacy. The recognized conclusion of the Chinese-American treaty has materially affected Russia's prestige. It is reported that Russia stands in greater fear at the present moment of the United States and Great Britain. Another source of chagrin is the indifferent attitude of France.

Important Audience.  
Cologne, Jan. 18.—The Japanese minister to Russia will be received in special audience by the Czar at Tsarko-Selo today, according to a dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg. Great significance, it is added, is attached to the incident as pointing to a possible early settlement of the far Eastern dispute.

Japanese Leave Manchuria.  
Port Arthur, Jan. 18.—The Japanese banks are rapidly closing up their accounts in Manchuria and are stopping business. Japan is seeking for agents in Manchuria and Korea to supply the government with information as to the Russian movements in view of the hurried departure of the Japanese resident. Russian occupation of Sin Min Tun thirty miles west of Mukden is now reported to be an accomplished fact.

The Czar for Peace.  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—The Czar's assurance, given at the winter palace, January 14, on the occasion of the New Year's reception, that he desired and intended to do all in his power to maintain peace in the Far East, is regarded by foreign diplomats as a promise given to the world for the preservation of peace, while the guarantee that Russia will recognize open ports and other concessions in Manchuria, will, it is thought, place the onus of the rupture on Japan. Most of the newspapers here have joined in a respectful chorus, one paper remarking that it is strange that Russia should first hear of the Czar's words by way of America. The Novoye Vremya, referring to the reports of the offer of the good offices of the United States, Great Britain and France, asks how it is possible to render such service to the cause of peace after the Czar announced that he will do all in his power to maintain it.

## UNITED MINERS HOLD CONVENTION

A Thousand Delegates From the Miners' Union—After the Union Meeting a Conference Will be Held for Fixing Scale for Next Year

(By Associated Press.)  
Indianapolis, Jan. 18.—The fifteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America opened in Tomlinson Hall this morning. Approximately a thousand delegates were here from various districts of the country, Canada being also represented. The convention will continue for ten days and be followed by the annual joint conference between the miners and the coal operators of the States of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and western Pennsylvania. It is at this joint conference that the wage scale for the ensuing year is fixed. The convention opened with an address of welcome to the delegates by Mayor John Holtzman, which was briefly responded to by President Mitchell.



SENATOR REED SMOOT.  
Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, has been spending the past few days in conference with his attorneys in preparation to make upon him in the United States Senate during the early part of the new year. It is known to the member from Utah by business and other ties, and it is certain that this leader of the Mormon Church cannot be unseated without a hard fight.

TO REPORT THE TREATY.  
The Republican Committeemen Decide to Report to the Senate  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations today directed Senator Cullom to report the Panama treaty with three amendments. The Republican members voted for the treaty, but only two Democrats, Morgan and Money, were present. The former voted against the treaty, and Mr. Money stated that he had not had time to consider it, as this was the first meeting he had been able to attend. The three amendments relate to the sanitation, limitation of citizenship, and control of the harbors. The United States, by the amendment relating to sanitation, is granted more power directly in all sanitary regulations. The amendment concerning the limitation of citizenship more especially defines the limits of Panama and Colon in relation to the canal zone. The harbor amendment gives the United States control of the harbors for the purpose of improvement.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.  
The Official Call Issued Today in the Name of the Committee.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—The following is an official call issued to-day for the assembling of the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis, July 6, next:  
"The Democratic National Committee having met in the City of Washington on the 15th of January, has appointed Wednesday, the 6th of July, as the time and chosen St. Louis as the place for holding the next Democratic National Convention. Each State is entitled to representation therein equal to double the number of Senators and Representatives in Congress and each territory, Alaska, Indian Territory and the District of Columbia, shall have six delegates. All Democratic citizens of the United States who can unite with us in the effort for pure economical and constitutional government are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention."

GERMAN SOUTH AFRICA.  
The Herros Murdering German Citizens and the German Troops Not Able to Cope With the Natives.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Jan. 18.—Further advices from German Southwest Africa say that the Herros are murdering settlers, and burning homesteads over wide areas. The German colonial troops are wholly insufficient to meet the attacks, and re-enforcements have been ordered out.

The House Today.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 18.—When the House convened today the speaker announced the resignation of Mr. Griggs (Dem. Ga.) from the committee on coinage, weights and measures and of Mr. Hardwick (Dem. Ga.) from the committee on revision of laws and appointment of Mr. Hardwick to committee on coinage, weights and measures and Mr. Garber (Dem. Ohio) to the committee on the revision of laws.

Fleet at Honolulu.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Manila, Jan. 18.—Rear Admiral Evans, in command of the United States Asiatic fleet, arrived today from Honolulu.

## COTTON BRINGING 14 CENTS TODAY

Another High Water Mark was Established Today—Holders of Fleecy Staple Seem Well Satisfied at the Ruling Price.

The highest price in over thirty years!  
This is the record of the local cotton in Charlotte today and the end is not yet.  
For several weeks the Charlotte bulls have been talking about fifteen cents cotton and this was considered a very high estimate but today the local bulls have changed the figure to 17 cents and from present indications the fleecy staple may go even higher.  
Notwithstanding the fact that the price today exceeded anything that has been known for over thirty years, or nearer forty years. There was little excitement on the exchanges. The market has been gradually climbing breaks and declines since early fall and when spots today took an upward turn of some 25 to 30 points there was no unusual demonstration for there have been longer jumps than the one today on previous days during the last few weeks.  
The rise has been so gradual, in fact that when 14 cents was paid on the local market today, the matter passed by almost unnoticed and the fact that cotton has never been at such a figure since about 1868 seemed to have escaped the notice of many of the buyers.  
Fourteen cents has heretofore, during the present season, been the limit fixed by speculators and others, including the farmers, to which it was expected that the fleecy staple would go, but there were very few who dared to talk about fourteen cents cotton, this year on the local market for this season.  
Today there has been a strong bull movement noted among the loyal buy-

## GREAT CAUSE, GREAT SPEECH, GREAT AUDIENCE

The "Moral Forces" Turn out in Large Numbers at the Academy to Hear the Gifted Chairman of the State League.

His Address an Eloquent Appeal to Vote out the Saloon—A Local League Organized With Four Hundred and Twenty Members.  
That was a great occasion at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon, a great audience, seemingly in full sympathy with the cause, a great opportunity and a great speech. It was the beginning of a great campaign.  
A half hour before the appointed time a stream of men, with here and there a woman, began converging toward the Academy building, and when the meeting was called to order, promptly at five o'clock, there were half a hundred men on the platform; the lower floor was filled to the doors, and the first balcony nearly full. The spirit of earnestness that pervaded the meeting, and this response to the invitation to begin the battle against the saloon, were rightly considered a fine augury of ultimate success.  
Mr. Heriot Clarkson, Chairman of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Charlotte, called the meeting to order, and Rev. E. A. Osborne, the hero of many a fight for his country's welfare, led the assembly in prayer, beseeching the divine blessing upon the movement thus inaugurated. After the singing of a familiar hymn, the music being led by Rev. J. A. Dorritee, Mr. Clarkson briefly introduced Mr. Easley as "a man who is doing more good, as I believe, than other men in North Carolina."  
Mr. Easley is a magnetic speaker, with an inclination to the dramatic on occasion, clear in his statement, moderate in his appeals, logical in his array of fact and argument, and the punctuation of his address by spontaneous applause was the best testimony to the sympathy of the audience with his presentation of the case. He is not a fanatic, not an extremist, and the State Anti-Saloon League is fortunate in having him as its head.  
The proposition that he sought to establish was that the saloon is no solution at all of the perplexing liquor problem. The man who is actuated by principles of Christianity or of humanity, the man who regards the public welfare, knows that there is such a thing as the drink evil. All classes of men; physicians, business men, newspaper men, fathers and mothers, all testify to this evil. There is not born into any home a boy across whose cradle there does not fall the shadow of this curse.  
Now the saloon bears a relation to the drink evil. It has had a fair chance; it has been long on trial, to demonstrate what this relation is. And all history and experience testifies to the fact that it aggravates the evil. Under the administration of the bar-room it is a growing evil. It is ruining more homes, breaking more hearts, causing more crimes than ever before. It is sending half a million drunkards to their untimely graves in America

ers and this afternoon one of Charlotte's leading cotton buyers said that he expected to see seventeen cents cotton before the first of March.  
An interesting fact in connection with the above is that many farmers in this county had seriously set 14 cents as the high water mark and were only waiting for this figure to be reached before they sold. Many of the farmers, in fact, who have had cotton stored in the warehouses of the city have been coming to the city daily to watch the market, waiting for 14 cents and today their hopes were realized.  
"If the facts were generally known throughout the county today," said a local buyer "I believe that there would be a great movement from all parts of the county of farmers bringing what cotton is left, to the city to sell for 14 cents, the highest figure since previous to 1870."  
It is learned today that a lucky holder of cotton disposed of 275 bales on Saturday when the price was only about thirty points below today's figures.  
Most of the buyers in business here today have never known of such a price as that which prevailed on the streets today, as there are few if any buyers who were in active business prior to the year 1870.  
One aged citizen states to a reporter today that he sold cotton here at 47 cents shortly after the war but he was about the only one who could speak from experience in regard to the matter.

## URUGUAY REVOLUTION.

The Report is That the Revolutionists Have Met Defeat in a Big Battle.  
Buenos Ayres, Jan. 18.—It is announced in dispatch from Montevideo that the Uruguayan revolutionists have been defeated after a sanguinary battle at Illescas.

## SEVEN NEGROES KILLED.

Boiler Explosion in Saw Mill at Newberne Has Fatal Results.  
Newberne, Jan. 18.—Seven negroes were instantly killed here today as a result of an explosion of the boiler in the saw mill of S. E. Sullivan in James City, across the river. The entire mill, valued at \$5,000, was demolished. All the employees of the mill were killed except one negro woman, who brought meals to one of the men. The bodies were fearfully mangled, being blown some distance.

## WILL HARRIS IS AGAIN ON HIS OLD CAMPING GROUND

Will Harris, the negro who has caused no end of trouble in Mecklenburg county and on whose head there is a \$25 price, has paid another visit to his old camping ground, near Derita.  
While old man Cal. Houston and his family slept Thursday night, Will Harris walked in with his gun on one shoulder and his pockets bulging way out with well-loaded pistols.  
He walked in, spoke to his father-in-law, put his gun in the chimney corner and made a bed down before the fire. In a few minutes this black desperado was enjoying the rest that sleep brings to the tired individual.  
Friday Harris remained about the premises of Cal Houston with his keen



eye always on the door to the cabin. Sometime Friday night he picked up his gun, buckled on his pistols and went out in the night to again roam the forests over.  
Word came to Charlotte yesterday afternoon that the children of Mr. Pink Hunter while rambling through the woods near Derita, ran up on Harris. He had made a fire by a deep ravine and was passing the daylight away. Beside his shoulder was his old gun that he has been carrying since he escaped from the penitentiary and in easy reach of both hands were his favorite pistols.  
At the sight of the children, Harris made his escape through the tangled undergrowth that bordered the ravine. The Hunter children went back home as quickly as possible and informed their father of what they had seen. In

## SCHOONER ASHORE.

Unknown Schooner Off Cape Lookout—Negro Woman Burned to Death.  
(Special The News.)  
Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 18.—An unknown schooner is reported ashore off Cape Lookout. A strong northwest wind is blowing. No further particulars have been received. Wilmington tugs have been telegraphed for.

Lucetta Bowden, aged 45 years, and living in the section of the city called "Drossneck," was burned to death early Sunday morning. The woman sat in front of a fire and fell asleep, her clothing caught fire and she was burned to a crisp before any one arrived to assist her. Every stitch of clothing was burned from her body. Remarkable to state, she lived several hours in her terrible condition and was even half conscious.

## THAT NEGRO REVOLUTION.

The Government, Whichever it is at This Time, Takes Puerto Plata.  
(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 18.—The government troops which have just captured this city, says as Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo dispatch to The Herald, are commanded by Gen. Limardo. Six hundred men were engaged in the government side. Commanders of the United States cruiser Detroit and the British cruiser Pallias agreed to the surrender on the condition that the troops put down their arms and disband.

## THE UNION STATION TO BE DISCUSSED

Witnesses Summoned to Appear Before the Corporation Commission That Meets in the County Court House Tomorrow.

The matter of Charlotte's union passenger station will be discussed before the members of the North Carolina Corporation Commission tomorrow.  
The meeting of the commission for the hearing of this question will convene in the Criminal court room at the county court house tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.  
Hon. Franklin McNeil, chairman of the commission, will preside and Commissioners Beddinfeld and Rogers will be present.  
The advocates of a union station have summoned a number of witnesses who will appear before the commission and set forth the many reasons why a union passenger station is needed in this city.  
Those who have been summoned to appear before the commission are as follows: J. S. Spencer, W. S. Alexander, D. H. Anderson, J. F. Robertson, J. H. Weddington, W. C. Dowd, Wade H. Harris, J. P. Caldwell, C. O. Brown, Frank Alexander, E. L. Keesler, George Stephens, F. C. Abbott, Dr. Geo. W. Graham, R. H. Jordan, D. E. Allen, James Hart, A. H. Washburn, S. W. Cramer and E. L. Torrence.

## CORPORATION COMMISSIONERS

They Leave for Charlotte This Afternoon to Hear the Discussion of the Union Depot Matter—Wadsworth Co. of Concord, Chartered.  
(Special to The News.)  
Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Members of the Corporation Commission left this afternoon for Charlotte where they will tomorrow hear the matter of the Union Depot proceedings instituted by citizens of that city to compel the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern to join in building a union station.  
Certificate filed in office of the Secretary of State this morning for the dissolution by mutual consent of the New Era Building Co. of Burlington.  
The Wadsworth Company of Concord was chartered with \$20,000 capital to conduct a general livery business. M. J. Cord and J. C. Wadsworth are the principal incorporators.  
Another charter was to the John Flanagan Buggy Co. of Greenville, incorporated with \$15,000 capital; incorporators are J. A. Long, E. A. Moyer and others.