

Japan Denies Allegations of Russia

JAPS TO BUILD A RAILROAD

An Effort to Restore Old-Time Friendship Between Russia and United States

Washington, March 1. — The Japanese minister to-day gave out an authorized statement from his government relative to Russian allegations that Japan was guilty of a breach of international law in not declaring war and of treachery in attacking Russia who was bent on peace. The statement says Russia, while delaying negotiations, extended her naval and military preparations, increasing her Far Eastern fleet by nineteen vessels and augmenting her forces by 40,000 men, besides fortifying strategic points. The statement says:

"From these military and naval preparations of every description, made during the progress of the negotiations, it is quite evident that Russia was not inclined to a friendly settlement of the questions then under discussion between Japan and herself, but sought solely by her military preponderance to force Japan into submission. During the part of January and up to the beginning of February, Russian military activity was still further intensified.

"Seeing that the situation had become so critical that it admitted of no further delay, the Japanese government was compelled to break off negotiations that had proved abortive and to take the necessary steps for self-protection.

"It is the almost unanimous opinion of international jurists that a declaration of war is not an indispensable prerequisite to the opening of hostilities. Indeed, it has been the common practice of the recent wars to declare war after hostilities have begun. Japan's action, therefore is not open to the least criticism in this regard. From the standpoint of international law, it must be acknowledged that the charge made against her does not come with good grace from Russia, inasmuch as there are many historical instances of Russia herself resorting to hostilities without declaring war."

TO BUILD A RAILROAD FROM SEOUL TO WUJI

Tokio, March 1.—According to the stipulations of the protocol, the Japanese minister at Seoul has notified the Korean government that the building of a railroad from Seoul to Wiju for military use will be commenced forthwith. Engineers and surveyors have already left Seoul.

SEARCH OF VESSELS BEARING CONTRABAND OF WAR

Port Said, Egypt, March 1.—The five Russian torpedo boat destroyers which arrived here to-day have already left in the direction of Algiers. It is rumored that they intend to search for vessels bearing contraband of war in the Mediterranean. The Russian cruiser Aurora will follow them.

NO MENTION OF BOMBARDMENT ON PORT ARTHUR

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Direct telegraphic advices received here from Port Arthur to-night make no mention of the bombardment of that place reported by the London Daily Telegraph to-day. On the contrary, these advices say the Japanese fleet has disappeared from the horizon of Port Arthur.

JAPANESE TROOPS LEAVE FOR KOREA

Tokio, March 1.—The general staff and a regiment of the guard left Japan to-day for a port on the west coast of Korea, probably Chemulpo.

WILLIAMS

March 1, 1904.

Mr. Jim Riddick, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Miss Louise Hopkins, who has been sick, is improving.

Miss Claudie Hardison spent Sunday night with Miss Mary Manning.

Miss Claudie Hardison, of Jamesville, is visiting Miss Lottie Andrews.

Miss Emma Griffin spent Thursday and Friday with Miss Lucy Riddick.

The farmers of this section are very much behind in their work owing to the rain, hail and snow.

Tom Riddick, who is employed by The Everetts' Mercantile Co., spent Sunday with his parents here.

Preaching at Riddick's Grove Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. R. D. Carroll.

The young people of Williams were delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. Joseph Manning on last Friday night. Those present were: Misses Lonnie Harris, Lucy Riddick, Claudie Hardison, Lottie and Emma Andrews, Annie Green, and Messrs. Otis, Sam and Roy Andrews, Sam Hopkins, Gib Riddick, Will Mizell, Lawrence and Tom Riddick.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured

William Shaffer, a brakeman, of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to get to work as happy as a clam." For sale by S. R. Biggs.

JAMESVILLE

March 1, 1904.

There was one herring caught here to-day.

It is rumored that we are to have a marriage here real soon.

Misses Maybelle Savage and Dare Hassell returned from Washington Saturday.

There was preaching at the Christian church Sunday by Rev. J. J. Harper, of Smithfield.

Mr. J. R. Robertson, of Williams, was here to-day getting ready to put the seines in.

The smokehouse is now open, and we hope to see plenty of North Carolina "robbers" in a few days.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Mrs. W. W. Davis, wife of our friend, Mr. William W. Davis, fell down stairs last Saturday and broke her hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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PARMELE.

Mr. Ben Daniels has gone to Tillery to spend a few weeks.

One more big fire like Parmele had last week, will ruin the looks of the city.

We are still having bad weather, it looks like the farmers are going to have a very hard year.

Mr. Charlie Harrison is enjoying train rides, he spends the days in Parmele and nights in Greenville.

A quiet, but pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. W. A. Bright on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the 24th of February. When his niece, Miss Maud Dickinson, of Winter ville, became the wife of Mr. Benj. F. Griffin of Washington N. C.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. Ben. Jenkins. The bride was becomingly attired in a dark blue gown, and carried a fragrant bunch of white hyacinths. The only attendants were Misses Rosalie and Mabel Hill, as flower girls. The bride came in leaning on the arm of Mrs. W. A. Bright, Dame of honor. The groom came in leaning on the arm of Mr. W. A. Bright, his best man. Miss Pearl Bright at the organ played softly the wedding march. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with the choicest evergreens and holly. At 8:30 o'clock the guests repaired to the dining room, where they enjoyed cake and wine. The guests from a distance were, Miss Emily Edwards, Misses Rosalie and Mabel Hill and Capt. Bob. Griffin, brother of the groom, all of Washington. The couple left on the morning train Thursday morning for Washington their future home.

"Pineapple."

Tragedy Averted

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases Guaranteed by S. R. Biggs and all Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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Raise Price of Lumber

Norfolk, March 1.—At the eighth annual meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association, held in Norfolk to-day at the Monticello Hotel, it was decided to make an advance in the price of the cheaper grades of lumber of from 50 cents to one dollar. A persistent increase in the cost of production is given by the Association as the ground for the increase. No change will be made in the prices of higher grade lumber.

Forty of the largest lumber manufacturers in Virginia and North Carolina were reported at the meeting and ten officers were elected.

John L. Roper, president; H. C. Fournier, vice-president; R. S. Hohen, treasurer; John R. Walker, secretary.

The new directory is composed of John L. Roper, Frank Hitch, R. S. Cohn, J. S. Deal, E. C. Fournier, of Norfolk, E. M. Wiley, of New York, George T. Leach, of Washington, N. C., R. J. Camp, of Franklin, Va., Geo. W. Truitt, of Suffolk, Va., J. D. Biggs, of Williams, N. C., George W. Jones, of Berkeley, Va., and W. P. Jackson, of Salisbury, Md.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be averted off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by S. R. Biggs.

A Double Tragedy

Elkins, W. Va., March 1.—Jealousy and whiskey were the cause of a double tragedy here to-day. Louis Toureville, who resides within the city limits, is dead, as also the infant child of John Moyer and Mrs. Toureville and Mrs. Moyer are seriously injured. About 5 o'clock this afternoon Toureville went to his home and began berating his wife and threatening to shoot her. She took refuge on the roof of the house, but being discovered by Toureville the woman jumped to the ground and started for the woods, Toureville shooting at her as she ran. When opposite the home of John Moyer's, Toureville encountered Mrs. Moyer with her infant child in her arms. His anger turned to her and accusing her of his trouble, he raised the pistol and fired. The ball struck the child in the neck, ploughed clear through it and wounded its mother in the cheek.

Officers Simons and Kochenderfer immediately started to place Toureville under arrest, but he held them at bay until his ammunition was exhausted when he fled into his own home and blew his brains out with a shot gun.

Moro Riots

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News From The Capitol City

A. & N. C. RECEIVER APPOINTED

Stedman Apparently Leads the Race for the Gubernatorial Nomination

The "sensation" of the week is the appointment of a receiver for the A. & N. C. Railroad by Judge Purnell of the U. S. District Court, upon the application of a Mr. K. S. Finch, of New York, who is said to have recently acquired a small amount of the private stock of the road. Being a non-resident and a citizen of another state, his application was made through the Federal Court. Mr. V. E. McBee, who is named as temporary receiver, is a representative of one of the several "syndicates" that has lately been trying to lease this road. The hearing on the question of making the receivership permanent is set for April 4.

In the meantime the State (which owns 12,666 shares out of a total of 17,972 shares of the stock) is fighting the action of Judge Purnell, and on Saturday Attorney-General Gilmer assisted by special counsel, accompanied by President Bryan to Charleston, for the purpose of asking Judge Simonton, of the U. S. Circuit Court, to overrule Judge Purnell and set aside his order. A lively fight in the courts looms up as a result of all this. No one here, from the Governor down, had any intimation that a receiver was to be asked for until he was appointed. Many think that the final outcome will be the leasing of the road on good terms to some syndicate at an early date, and some insist that these proceedings are part of a plan to bring about such a result. Much curiosity as to who Finch is has been manifested. Two or three years ago he lived in Charlotte where he was a freight agent of the Seaboard Air Line, at the time Mr. McBee was with that road.

The fact having been announced that there are 100 empty beds in the female department of the latest addition to the insane asylum at Morganton, while several hundred demented white women of this State are confined in jails and poor-houses of the various counties without proper care or medical treatment, has aroused renewed criticism and indignation, but not as much denunciation from the press of the State as those responsible for such a state of affairs deserve, to wit, the legislature of 1903. The superintendent of the asylum says the beds are "empty" because the amount appropriated by the legislature for maintenance is inadequate, and that he has not a dollar available to feed and clothe and otherwise care for the additional number of patients for whom there is room. It is a shame and a disgrace to the State—and all the more so because ample provision could have been made. I say this COULD have been done, and if any one questions the statement let him examine into the present good financial condition of the State's affairs and get the proof.

The truth is, too many small calibre men and shyster politicians, utterly devoid of patriotism and charitable impulses, and without any breadth of statesmanship, are chosen for our law-makers. We need better and broader-minded men in the legislature—both branches of it—and it is to be hoped that we will select more men of that character for the next General Assembly.

The selection, by the College of Bishops of the M. E. Church, of Rev. Dr. C. Kilgo to be Fraternal Messenger from the church South, to the general conference of the Northern Methodist Church

which meets in May at Los Angeles, California, is very pleasing to his churchmen. This is one of the highest honors the church can bestow, and the address of the Fraternal Messenger, always one of the principal events of the General Conference, will this year be an especially interesting and eloquent one.

Raleigh is enjoying the unusual distinction of listening to the preaching of a Hebrew—a "converted" Jew—from the pulpits of the leading Christian churches here, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches. His name is Mark Levy, he has been here a week already, his work being under the direction of a religious organization. He hails from Richmond, and (can you realize it?) he does not take up collections!

There is some talk among the Democrats of the 8th district of sending Hon. John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, to Congress, if he can be induced to serve again. There is not a man in North Carolina that could better and more advantageously serve the State at this time. Mr. Henderson represented this district 10 or 12 years in Congress. This writer resided in Washington five years, during three of Mr. Henderson's term, and my duties as a newspaper correspondent for the News and Observer, Norfolk-Virginian and half-dozen other papers kept me in close touch with our Congressman in the "eighties."

I remember very distinctly that Mr. Henderson was then the acknowledged leader of the N. C. delegation; that his ability and prominent committee assignments made him also the most useful and influential of all our Congressmen. If he could be induced to go back again, he would at once become an important factor in National legislation, and would again be given important committee assignments on account of his past experience. "They say" that R. Don Laws, the editor of the "Yellow Jacket," printed at Moravia Falls, is to be an independent Republican candidate for Congress in the 8th, and ex-Congressmen Limey and Blackburn and J. W. McNeil will contest for the Republican nomination.

The race for the gubernatorial nomination continues to grow in interest. There is apparently no change in the position of the several racers. Stedman appears to be in the lead still. In sounding political prophets and listening to representative business men and others who come to the capitol from the various sections, it is noticed that most of them think it probable that Stedman will be nominated. These same men, however, when asked the question whether it would be Glenn or Turner or Davidson, if Stedman should not win, almost invariably say, "Well, you can keep your eye on Turner, in that case," or some similar remark. The Lieutenant-Governor is almost universally regarded as a safe and growing public man, with and without regard to this year's contest for the governorship. Judge Frank Winston seems to be meeting with a flattering reception in his candidacy for Lieutenant-Governor. He is an able man and has been a hard party worker for many years, and the robes of this office would very properly and becomingly grace his intellectually broad and legislative shoulders. It is said there will be contests for the nominations for

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