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CHINA TAKING A HAND

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Shanghai, Jan. 4.—Chinese cruisers here are preparing for active service. They are taking on board ammunition and supplies. They will remain here for orders.

Tokio, Jan. 4.—War with Russia is regarded here as unavoidable, and the press is urging the immediate opening of hostilities.

All of the banks are withholding funds, and it is believed this is the result of official instructions.

The government has completed and perfected arrangements for the trans-



MUTSUHITO, MIKADO OF JAPAN.

portation of troops and supplies, and the people calmly await developments.

The continued dissemination of optimistic views from Berlin causes genuine surprise and regret here.

Pekin, Jan. 4.—In the various foreign legations here the opinion is prevalent that war between Japan and Russia is inevitable. This opinion is based on the latest dispatches from Tokio and on the conviction that it is not a question of detail which separates Russia and Japan, but the vital principle as to whether Japan possesses the right to a voice in the settlement of questions connected with the Russian occupation of Manchuria. Russia all along has denied this right and unless her reply shows that she has receded from this position, which is not expected to be the case, it probably will provoke an ultimatum from Japan, whose determination to resort to arms in support of her claim is unquestioned.

Advices from Manchuria represent the Russian officials there as being surprised at Japan's readiness to fight. They expected that she would submit at the last moment, as she did in 1895 when she surrendered Port Arthur at the bidding of the European coalition. The Russian officials rely for support on the same powers which aided the Russian government on that occasion. Moreover, the Russians have confidence in their ability to win in the event of war. Among the junior officers this feeling takes the form of despising the enemy.

General Yuan Shai Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy, has memorialized the throne, praying to be relieved of all his minor offices, so that he may devote all his energies to the reorganization of the army. While the government is determined to remain neutral as long as possible, it fully recognizes the possibilities of becoming involved in the event of war.

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ACTIVE PREPARATIONS

Indiana Republicans Getting Ready for the Campaign.

Indianapolis, Jan. 4.—The mailing bureau which is to be established in connection with the Republican state headquarters will probably be opened here inside of the next two weeks. It will not be delayed after the reorganization of the state committee, at any event. Chairman Goodrich has well developed ideas for making this mailing bureau an important part of the organization, and to it will be entrusted the early campaign work. Until it is time to begin working actively on the organization the mailing bureau and the press bureau will be the only means of reaching the voters. Chairman Goodrich is a careful leader, and while he does not put any faith in the boards of the Democratic chieftains that they can carry Indiana, he does not propose to take any chances in allowing them to reach the people first. Campaign material of the unanswerable sort, speeches by Republican congressmen and senators in which the issues of the day are clearly set out, are to be put right in the hands of the voters. To the farmers especially these papers will be sent. Chairman Goodrich knows that during the long winter evenings still to come these documents will be read carefully and thoughtfully and that their perusal will mean Republican votes. So he proposes to get his mailing bureau in working order right away and thousands of documents will be distributed in the next six weeks.

Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge and Representative Overstreet of this city have all started back to Washington and by this time nearly all of the congressional delegation are back in the capital city. Senator Fairbanks was one of the first men to leave. He started back on the Thursday following the levee-feast. Senator Beveridge left Sunday morning accompanied by his secretary, Thomas Shipp. Mr. Shipp was left here before by the junior senator to keep an eye on the progress of events in the committeemanship races, but as the time for the election of these officers has come close the senator is willing to allow them to take care of themselves and Mr. Shipp goes back to Washington with the senator. Congressman Overstreet also left yesterday morning. His committee on post offices and post roads is to meet on Tuesday and he will be kept busy with national affairs for months then.

The report of the Marion criminal court, which has just been made public, shows that Indianapolis' criminal record for the year 1903 was the worst in history. During the year eleven murder trials were held and a twelfth prisoner who is awaiting trial on the charge of murder in the second degree, brings the total up to twelve. In 1902 several cases were brought here from surrounding counties, yet the total then was only eight. Some people are drawing a conclusion as to the increase from the fact that of the eleven prosecutions the death penalty was inflicted in just one case, and that was of willful, deliberate murder. If the limit of punishment were given often, they argue, there would be fewer murders to record each year.

A novel suggestion and one which may be put to a practical test soon has just been made by Felix T. McWhirter, who will be pushed by the Prohibitionists of this city as their candidate for vice president. Mr. McWhirter is one of the prominent real estate dealers of the city. His suggestion is that an apartment house should be erected in which rooms would be furnished to young men of good character at reasonable rates. Such a building could be equipped with conveniences which would make it attractive to young men who have to find homes in the city. He believes such an institution could be made a paying investment, while it would do a world of good as well.

Child Fatally Burned.

Indianapolis, Jan. 4.—Laura Bass, a thirteen-year-old girl attending the St. Joseph's Industrial School, was so seriously burned in the basement of the school building on Saturday morning that she died Sunday. The child had been playing around the furnace in the basement and her clothing caught fire. Before the flames could be extinguished she had received fatal burns.

Fugitive Still at Large.

Fontanet, Ind., Jan. 4.—Andrew Patterson, who shot down Ira L. Parrott and George Heine in the Coal Bluff Mining company's store at Fontanet Saturday evening, is still at large. Robert Tyree, a companion of Patterson, is under arrest and in the county jail, charged as an accessory before and after the fact.

Senator Depew's Brother.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 4.—Lawrence Depew, brother of United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York, and one of the most prominent citizens of Detroit, fell dead at the threshold of his home Sunday. Death was ascribed to heart disease.

Butler's Awful Scourge.

Butler, Pa., Jan. 4.—The ninetieth death from typhoid fever occurred Sunday and three new cases were reported.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 4.—The Citizens' State bank of Luton, Ia., was robbed of \$700. There is no clue to the burglars.

THE GRIND BEGINS

Congress Resumes Its Labors After Two Weeks' Relaxation.

NO DEFINITE PROGRAM

Besides the Matters Already in Committee There Is Little to Engage Attention of Solons.

Panama Canal Treaty Is One of the First Things On Which Senate Will Act.

Washington, Jan. 4.—After a recess of more than two weeks the senate resumed business today without any definite program. Indeed, it may be stated that the senate has no program for the entire session beyond the passage of the appropriation bills, the consideration of the Panama canal treaty, the determination of Senator Smoot's case and the disposition of some other comparatively unimportant matters.

Only one of the appropriation bills, namely the pension bill, has reached the senate and that has not yet been considered in committee. It is probable, however, that it will be reported at an early date. The Panama canal treaty also is in committee, and it also probably will be reported to the senate during the present week. The Smoot case will be proceeded with by the committee on privileges and elections, but the indications are that some weeks will elapse before the question can be brought before the senate in regular order.

Notwithstanding the fact that the canal treaty is not at present in the senate, there is little doubt that the canal question will form the leading topic for discussion during the week. Senator Lodge will speak on this subject tomorrow and it is quite certain that he will be followed by other senators, especially by some who antagonize the attitude of the administration. The committee is expected to report the canal treaty by the middle of the week, and it is the intention of the friends of the administration to press consideration of the treaty by the senate as rapidly as possible.

A BARE CALENDAR

In the House There Is Little Business Pressing.

Washington, Jan. 4.—When the house reassembled today after its vacation it was confronted by an almost bare calendar. Only a few items of legislation have been reported by committees, and all these are of comparative insignificance. It therefore will be necessary for the house to wait for a few days upon its committees before beginning the transaction of important business. The disposition in the house is to take up no matters of general interest outside of appropriation bills, and there is no appropriation measure in shape to be reported from committee. The legislative, executive and judicial bill will be the first to receive attention by the house, but there is no expectation that it will be reported from the appropriations committee before Friday or Saturday. In the meantime the house will consider private pension bills and other questions of not much importance, unless some matter should be taken up for general discussion. The week, however, will be one of great activity in the committee rooms, and the general understanding is that after the present week there will be enough business before the house to keep its members occupied.

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handles the theme in a similar manner. The Novoe Vremya expresses ill-will toward the United States in a long leader about the alleged instructions given American consuls in Russia to report on the prospects of revolution and anti-Semitic disorders, and in a curious editorial opposes the sale of the Manchurian railway, whether to the United States or to China, which it declares is advocated in some quarters here.

John Bull Getting Ready.

London, Jan. 4.—No little excitement prevails among the officers of the British home squadron, who are under the impression that they may at any moment be ordered to replace the channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the far East. In the home squadron, which is usually regarded as a reserve and training unit of the navy, all leaves of absence have been stopped. Extra supplies of ammunition have been taken on board and the men and ships are kept in a state of alertness such as has not existed for years.

Taking a Gloomy View.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Cablegrams received here from Tokio show the situation in the far East to be unchanged. It is declared at the Japanese legation that nothing has occurred to dispel the gloomy view taken there for the prospects for peace.

A SAD SUNDAY

Chicago's Mourners Had Difficulty Burying Their Dead.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Sunday was a day of funerals in Chicago, and for the first time in the history of the city all of the people who desired to bury their dead were unable to do so. The unprecedented demand for hearses and carriages would have been enough in itself to tax to the very utmost the resources of the undertakers, but the heavy snow that had fallen during the last two days, had increased their difficulties enormously. All of the cemeteries in Chicago are miles from the business center and residence districts and with good weather and with the streets in passable condition it is a matter of several hours to reach one of them. Yesterday when every hearse was in urgent demand it required about twice as long to reach a cemetery as under normal conditions. The cemeteries were compelled to keep men at work all Saturday night digging graves, and in some of the larger cemeteries they barely managed to make them with sufficient speed. At one time in the afternoon fourteen burials were in progress in Rosehill cemetery, and all of them were the interments of victims of the fire of Wednesday afternoon.

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