

WILDEST RUMORS

Are Current In Tokio Concerning the Imminence of War.

FOR DECISIVE ACTION

The Japanese Press Is Unanimously In Favor of Bringing Russia to An Instant "Show Down."

Dilatory Tactics of the Czar's Government Giving It a Decided Advantage.

Tokio, Jan. 9.—The wildest rumors are current. The press unanimously demands that the government take decisive action, thereby preventing Russia from gaining advantages by further dilatory tactics. The people repose confidence in the government's ability to rise to the opportunity.

Tokio, Jan. 9.—The Japanese government has practically determined to continue negotiations. It is dissatisfied with Russia's terms, but does not feel warranted in issuing an ultimatum or breaking off negotiations, and will make another effort to secure their modification before resorting to force. It is anticipated that the discussion will consume a few weeks, during which interim a breach of the peace is improbable.

KOREA HAS HOPES

That Uncle Sam's Good Offices May Be Exerted On Her Behalf.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Min Yaung Tchan, the Korean minister, says that he would not be surprised should Korea appeal to the United States for good offices in her behalf in case of invasion of Korean territory by one of the other powers. Under the treaty between the United States and Korea this is permissible. Moreover, continued the minister, the people of Korea regard the United States in a most



EMILY BROWN, EMPRESS OF KOREA.

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KING OF KOREA.

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ley and, further, owing to the fact that it was the first country to sign a treaty with the "Hermit kingdom." It is noteworthy, too, that the wife of the emperor of Korea is an American woman, Emily Brown, a native of Indiana.

Not Worthy of Credence.

London, Jan. 9.—The Kobe correspondent of the Daily Express sends a scare rumor to the effect that a collision between the Russian and the Japanese fleets has taken place near the Islands of Taushima in the strait of Korea. This rumor is not mentioned in any other source, and in view of the fact that the Japanese government is exercising a censorship over all news concerning naval matters, it may safely be disregarded.

Guards Pouring Into Seoul.

Seoul, Jan. 9.—Guards for the foreign legations are still arriving here. Twenty British, forty American and thirty Russian guards have already arrived.

No International Complication.

London, Jan. 9.—M. Daeschner, first secretary of the French embassy in London, in an interview said that the present arrangements between France and Great Britain were such that it would be impossible to disturb them. The secretary said that even if Korea and China joined Japan they would not be considered powers within the meaning of the Franco-Russian treaty and that therefore it was not likely that France would be called upon to interfere.

What Russia Proposes.

Paris, Jan. 9.—It is learned that the French government has been informed that Russia's answer to Japan makes far-reaching concessions respecting Korea and that these concessions are equivalent to permitting the occupation of Korea by Japan on lines somewhat similar to the position of Great Britain in Egypt, but that Russia firmly rejects any right of Japan to mingle in affairs in Manchuria.

HE WANTS DAMAGES

Louis, implicated in Postal Finding, Doesn't Like Report.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Michael W. Louis, formerly superintendent of the division of supplies in the postoffice department, but who was removed on Oct. 21, 1903, as a result of the postal investigation, has entered suit for \$50,000 damages against Joseph Bristow, former assistant postmaster general; Henry C. Payne, postmaster general and the Washington Post Newspaper company.

The basis of the charge for which damages are asked is an extract from the report of Gen. Bristow, dealing with the award of contracts in the division of which Louis was at the head that he contracted for ink, ink pads, etc., at alleged excessive prices, etc. The defendants are charged with having composed, written and published concerning the plaintiff the extract of the report referred to with the intent, it is alleged, to injure the plaintiff in his good name. By reason of the committing of the grievances complained of, the plaintiff says he has been brought into public scandal, ridicule and disgrace.

Suits of a like character for similar amounts were brought against the postmaster general, Mr. Bristow and the Evening Star; and against the postmaster general, Mr. Bristow and the Washington Times.

THE STATE OF TRADE

War Talk Has Proven a Factor in Certain Lines.

New York, Jan. 9.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade today says: The new year opens quietly, but with satisfactory features predominating. Cold, stormy weather has retarded business and transportation, but in some sections has stimulated sales of heavy goods, shoes and rubbers at retail. Wholesale business in seasonably quiet at leading eastern and central western markets, but it is worth noting that spring demand and shipments have begun at the southwest. Collections show a slight improvement and money is easing, supplies of that commodity being in better supply than heretofore. Preparations for spring are going forward actively and with a good show of conservative confidence.

War talk has been a stimulus to many markets, notably those for cereals and provisions, but securities and cotton have been depressed thereby. Iron and steel in the cruder forms have shown steadiness, and though quiet at the east, are in better demand in the more finished forms at the west. Western and southern plow manufacturers are buying more freely and interests catering to southern trade have begun to run overtime to fill orders based upon an expected enormous acreage in cotton the coming spring.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

Vehicles killed 365 persons in the streets of New York last year. It is estimated that by the end of this month over 1,000 Japanese will have gone back from California to Japan.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 202, against 209 last week, 836 in the like week of 1903.

The house by an unanimous vote has passed a bill to appropriate \$225,000 to be used to stamp out the Texas cotton boll weevil.

Insurance rates have jumped from less than 1 to 15 per cent. on cargoes carried between the Pacific coast and Japan in Japanese vessels.

It is persistently rumored in diplomatic circles that the recall of Charlemagne Tower, American ambassador to Berlin, is imminent.

A POINT AT LAW

Omaha Judge Sustains Demurrer In Senator Dietrich's Defense.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

Court Held That Dietrich Had Not Taken Oath of Office When Alleged Offense Was Committed.

Not Actually a Member of Senate and Therefore Not Amenable to the Law Governing.

Omaha, Jan. 9.—Judge Vandevanter has handed down a decision sustaining the demurrer interposed by counsel for United States Senator Dietrich. The demurrer was made to the introduction of evidence on the ground that Dietrich was not actually a member of the senate when the al-



SENATOR DIETRICH.

leged bribery took place. The effect of the decision is that a man is not an actual member of congress from the time of his election until he shall have taken the oath at the bar of the house to which he was elected, and that he is not amenable to the law as a member of congress.

Dietrich was released from custody after the decision was announced. Judge Vandevanter, after delivering his opinion, instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, and the district attorney entered a nolle in the other cases against Senator Dietrich. Jacob Fisher, postmaster at Hastings, Neb., was also released, a nolle having been entered in each of the indictments against him. In summing up the case at the beginning of the trial, the district attorney said he would show that Dietrich had accepted a large sum of money from Fisher for securing the latter's appointment as postmaster.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Appropriation Made to Fight Cotton Boll Weevil.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The house has made available the sum of \$250,000 to be used to meet the emergency caused by the ravages of the cotton boll weevil and other insects and diseases affecting cotton. The measure was adopted without division, meeting general support. The sum is to be diverted from the half million dollars appropriated last year to eradicate the foot and mouth disease among cattle. Alleged postoffice frauds are still under discussion in the senate, the subject being opened in a set speech by Mr. Simmons (N. C.) who insisted there should be an investigation by the senate into the charges. Mr. Platt (Conn.) denied that the Republicans were trying to cover up any wrong doing in the postoffice and said they simply were contending that the postoffice committee should ascertain what was to be investigated. The Republican contention was that there has been a thorough investigation by the postoffice department, and that a senate investigation was now being pressed by the Democrats for partisan purposes. The Democrats insisted that they wanted the facts and charged that the Republicans were trying to smother them. Perry S. Heath was bitterly assailed and former Postmaster General Smith was criticised by Democratic senators.

A Pension Ruling.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Commissioner of Pensions Ware has decided that all rights to pension are barred by conviction of crime and sentence to prison for life. The decision is made in the case of William B. Marsh, a convict in the house of correction in Detroit, serving a life sentence for robbing the United States mail in Idaho.

Left His Accounts Straight.

Prescott, Ariz., Jan. 9.—W. J. Allen, for many years in charge of the offices of Senator W. A. Clark's United Verde mines, at Jerome, but who recently resigned, committed suicide in a fit of despondency by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. As far as known his accounts are straight.

Warships Gathering at Colon.
Colon, Jan. 9.—The remaining force of marines from the United States cruiser Dixie were landed here and went by train to Bas Obispo. All the United States marines now on the isthmus are in camp at Empire and Bas Obispo stations on the Panama railroad. All the warships now patrolling the coast are expected to assemble in the harbor of Colon early next week.

Held On Old Murder Charge.

South McAlister, I. T., Jan. 9.—Jasper Simpson, for whom United States officers have been searching since 1898 on a charge of killing Deputy Marshal L. S. Hill and Boley Grady, a son of the United States marshal of the central district, has been captured.

Watch Factory Destroyed by Fire.

Elgin, Ill., Jan. 9.—Fire destroyed the factory of the Star Watch company. The loss will aggregate \$60,000.

A Philosopher.

The old man was sitting on the roof gazing placidly across the rushing waters.

"Washed all your fowls away?" asked the man in the boat.

"Yes, but the ducks swam," smiled the old man.

"Tore up your plum trees?" "Don't mind it much. They said the crop would be a failure."

"But the flood! It is up to your windows!"

"Well, them windows needed washing anyway, my friend."

Tough Cases Cost More.

"Salvation seems to be mighty costly to some, while it's free to others," growled the man who was asked to contribute to the church.

"Of course," replied the deacon. "It's a bigger job to save some people than it is to save others."—Chicago Post.

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