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RUSSO-JAP ALLIANCE?

Alleged Statement of a Prominent Russian Statesman.

Cruiser Lena to Diamantle—Republican State Ticket—Death of Prince Bismarck—Complete Returns From Maine—Consul General at Canton Removed—Judge Parker's Letter.

The London Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that a Russian statesman whose name, if revealed, would vouch his utterance with lightning rapidity over the globe, asserted Friday that it was his impression that the war might end sooner than people imagine, not through mediation but through mutual recognition of the ruinous nature of the conflict which would lead to negotiations that would result in a Russo-Japanese alliance.

He continued, the correspondent says, that although Russia in the end could exhaust and crush Japan, yet Japan could hold out long enough to place an intolerable and useless strain upon Russia. Russia therefore was confronted with the alternative either of Japan's ruin purchased by ruinous sacrifices, or of a treaty of cordial friendship, followed in the fullness of time by that offensive and defensive alliance which for years constituted the ideal of the Japanese government.

Reinforcements For Both Sides. St. Petersburg continues without official confirmation of the report that the Japanese are advancing north of Mukden, and the statement is therefore not credited at the Russian capital. General Sakharoff reports that there was no fighting in the vicinity of Mukden Friday or Saturday, but notes the arrival of reinforcements for the Japanese along the whole line of the Japanese front.

Must Leave Port or Dismantle. Russia's auxiliary cruiser Lena, which put into port of San Francisco Sunday, presumably from Vladivostok either will have to leave that port within a brief time prescribed by this government or will have to dismantle. That in brief, it can be stated authoritatively, is the decision of the American government.

The inspection of the Lena's boilers and machinery was completed. The Russian ship was escorted to the Mare Island shipyard by the United States cruiser Marblehead.

Republican State Convention.

The Republican New York state convention nominated unanimously the following ticket for state officers: For governor, Frank W. Higgins of Cattaraugus.

For lieutenant governor, M. Linn Bruce of New York.

For secretary of state, John F. O'Brien of Clinton.

For attorney general, Julius M. Mayer of New York.

For comptroller, Otto Kelsey of Livingston.

For state treasurer, John G. Wallemaier of Erie.

For state engineer and surveyor, Henry A. Van Alstyne of Columbia.

For chief judge of the court of appeals, Edgar M. Cullen (Dem.) of Kings.

For associate judge of the court of appeals, William E. Werner (Rep.) of Monroe.

The unanimous action of the convention in the nomination of Lieutenant Governor Frank W. Higgins for the governorship was made possible by the withdrawal of former Lieutenant Governor T. L. Woodruff at the very last moment as the convention was preparing for the roll call by the individual delegates as called for in the resolution introduced in the interest of Mr. Woodruff's candidacy and at the demand of the Kings county delegates.

Depew at County Fairs.

Senator C. M. Depew addressed 19,000 persons at the Wayne county fair Friday upon agricultural, statistical and social problems. In comparing the conditions in the United States with those in Russia he said: "While the voters of the United States representing 80,000,000 people are getting ready to elect a chief magistrate for four years and representatives in congress, where will be decided questions on the tariff, revenue, circulating medium, standards of value, domestic and foreign policies which will have to be made by the president and congress, 130,000,000 of Russians have their destinies, prosperity and very existence dependent absolutely upon the judgment of one man who cannot be reached by vote or voice."

Complete Returns From Maine.

A Republican plurality of 27,130 is shown by complete returns from the Maine state election. The total vote for governor was Cobb, Rep., 78,460; Davis, Dem., 51,330.

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SARATOGA CONVENTION.

Democratic Delegates Gather to Nominate a State Ticket.

Speech of William B. Hornblower, Temporary Chairman—Duncan C. Lee of Ithaca to Be Permanent Chairman—Attorney General Cullen For Court of Appeals.

Saratoga, Sept. 20.—The 450 delegates constituting the Democratic convention of the state of New York gathered in convention hall here at noon today. Frank Campbell of Bath, chairman of the state committee, called the convention to order, and on motion of John N. Carlisle William B. Hornblower of New York who had been substituted as a delegate for James W. Gerard of the 20th district, was elected temporary chairman.

John A. Mason, Thomas F. Smith, Edward Seligman, W. R. Murphy, F. A. Willard and William F. Kearney were selected as secretaries. The state committee reported that there were no contests for seats, a fact which was noted as being extremely rare in state conventions. Today's session of the convention was devoted entirely to preliminary organization, including the speech of the temporary chairman, William B. Hornblower.

Deputy Attorney General Charles S. Bulger of Oswego, who was slated for permanent chairman, is not to serve in that capacity, owing to his active candidacy for the nomination for attorney general to succeed John Cullen, who it is supposed will be nominated for associate judge of the court of appeals.

It is not generally believed that the convention will endorse the Republican nomination of the present associate judge, William E. Werner of Rochester. There is a feeling that Judge Werner's candidacy in 1902, in opposition to the re-election of Judge John Clinton Gray, justifies a refusal to endorse him as a non-partisan candidate.

There is no doubt of the acceptance of the Republican nomination of Judge Edgar M. Cullen, Democrat, of Brooklyn as candidate for chief judge.

The only things about the platform regarded as certain are that it will in essence be the Democratic national ticket and drastically denounce the state administration of Governor Odell.

GERMAN MOB KILLS 50 JEWS.

Uprising in Sasnovitch Rivals Kishineff Massacre in Horror. Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—A cablegram says at Sasnovitch, a small city in the province of Prisen, in Germany, close to the Russian frontier, more than 50 Jews were murdered one week ago, while more than 100 were seriously, some mortally, wounded. This slaughter was coincident with the celebration of the Jewish New Year.

Referendum Vote on Eight-Hour Day

In accordance with resolutions adopted at the St. Louis convention of the International Typographical union that organization will within a few days begin a referendum vote of the members which will determine whether or not the organization shall pledge itself to the eight-hour day. The resolutions provide that the union shall begin the eight-hour day Jan. 1, 1906 at which time a demand for such a concession will be made upon all employing printers. The vote must be returned to headquarters in Indianapolis not later than Oct. 21 of this year.

Storm on the Atlantic Coast.

A number of lives were lost, much property damaged and several ships were wrecked in the storm which swept up the Atlantic coast Thursday. The greatest loss of life was near Wilmington, Del. The tug Israel W. Durham with a crew of six men and four other men, employees of the American Dredging company, was swamped in the Delaware river early in the day during the height of the storm. Eight of the 10 persons on the little craft were drowned. From farther down the coast—Jacksonville—comes the report that five men were drowned off Charleston.

Consul General Removed.

Robert M. McWade, consul general at Canton, China, was removed from office by President Roosevelt. Charges made against him recently were investigated by Assistant Secretary Pearce, who went to the Orient to make an investigation of several of the United States consulates in China and Japan. Secretary Pearce in his report to the president strongly sustains the charges made against Consul General McWade.

Goodyear Out of Race.

Charles W. Goodyear of Buffalo has issued a letter announcing that he is out of the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination and that he must decline the honor even should the convention be stampeded for him.

Judge Parker's Letter.

It is announced that Judge Parker's letter of acceptance will be published on Sept. 26. The letter of Senator Davis will come a week later. Judge Parker's letter will not be more than half the length of that of President Roosevelt.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Russian Answer to the American Notes Delivered.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 20.—The Russian answer to the American notes in regard to contraband of war has been delivered. It follows generally the lines of the reply to Great Britain.

On the broad question involved Russia recognizes the principle of the immunity of innocent trade with Japanese ports, but she holds to her right to stop contraband destined for the use of the Japanese military or naval forces. The United States is informed that instructions have been issued to the naval commanders and prize courts, recognizing the dual uses and therefore only the conditionally contraband character of the articles of foodstuffs, rice, etc., enumerated in section 16 of article 6 of the Russian regulations, with the exception of horses and other beasts of burden.

But the mere fact that a consignment is intended for private persons or firms, Russia will not accept as necessarily furnishing exemption from seizure, should circumstances, for instance like the shipment of a full cargo of food, create a fair presumption that it is intended for the use of the Japanese government for supplying her army or navy. The circumstances of each case therefore will to a certain extent govern it.

Russia will not undertake at this stage to interfere with the cases of the steamships Arabia and Calcha, of which the courts have already taken jurisdiction, and in which the Vladivostok court found the facts; but upon appeal to the admiralty court will apply its interpretation of section 10, which practically amounts to an assurance that the flour, etc., seized will then be released. It is probable, however, that all the articles confiscated by the lower court will be released.

As far as can be learned the commission's decision, as embodied in the instructions, does not go beyond the articles enumerated in section 16, from which it is inferred that coal, railroad material, machinery and boilers for ships and even cotton are enumerated along with munitions of war, etc., in other articles which remain in the category of absolute contraband. It is understood, however, that private assurances have been given the United States that the American government will be satisfied with the manner in which the contraband rules will be interpreted hereafter.

Parole of Lena's Crew.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Admiral Goodrich has telegraphed the navy department that the agreement he entered into with Captain Berlin of the Russian vessel Lena for the parole of the officers and crew of that ship provides for their freedom of the city of San Francisco, but they may not go beyond the bounds of the city during the continuance of the present war and under no conditions can they be permitted to return to Russia except upon the conclusion of an agreement on that point between the governments of Russia and Japan which would relieve the United States of any responsibility.

NOT A PERSONAL AFFAIR.

Publication of School Paper Subject to Control of Authorities. Albany, Sept. 20.—State Commissioner of Education Andrew Draper has upheld the right of the authorities of a school to exercise control of the policies and business management of a publication which is held out to represent the school.

The matter came before him for decision on an appeal of Helen Clark from the action of the board of education of Monticello Union Free school district No. 1 in the town of Thompson, Sullivan county, in sustaining the action of the principal of the school in suspending from school Mrs. Clark's son Matthew J. Clark, who was the leading spirit in the publication of the "High School Mirror."

Face Blown Off by Shotgun.

Schenectady, N. Y., Sept. 20.—The body of Carl C. Tresselt, a master painter and a former prominent choir singer, was found in Rosa's woods near the city limits with his face entirely blown away. He had used a shotgun to commit suicide. Despondency over business troubles is assigned as the cause. Tresselt came to this city from Hudson, N. Y., a few years ago.

Eleven Passengers Injured.

Topoka, Kan., Sept. 20.—Union Pacific passenger train No. 4 eastbound went in the ditch at Kansas Falls, six miles west of Junction City yesterday. The workmen were ballasting the track and the rails spread, throwing the entire train from the track. The rear Pullman turned over twice. Eleven of the 70 passengers were injured, two seriously.

Believed to Have Been Murdered.

Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Patrick Simon of Oswego, an Erie brakeman, was found dead beside the tracks near Waverly Saturday. The suggestion is that he was robbed and thrown from his train by tramps as all his valuables were missing.

Chinese Girl to Make Debut.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The daughter of Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, Chinese minister to the United States, will make her social debut in Washington some time this winter. She will be the first Chinese girl formally to enter American society. She is 18 years old, and is accounted a decided beauty, according to Oriental ideas, though her feet are not deformed. Miss Cheng has not adopted American dress. Her diamonds and pearls rival in size and beauty the noted jewels of Mrs. Wu, wife of the former envoy.

Killed After Sixty Years Work.

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 20.—Philip Wendling, aged 78, the oldest anthracite miner in continuous and active service, was killed Monday in the mines near Port Carbon. For 60 years he worked at the local collieries and he helped load the first coal which the Reading railway took from Pottsville to Philadelphia. He never met with the slightest accident until that day.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

Japan demands through her consul general at San Francisco that the Russian cruiser Lena be compelled to leave that port within 24 hours. New coal fields in Illinois are to be opened by the St. Paul railroad through the medium of a railway company just incorporated in Springfield. West African natives have broken through the cordon of German troops and escaped to the south, making it likely that the war will be indefinitely prolonged.

Defeat of the Russians at Liao Yang thwarted a plan to overwhelm the Japanese in one battle and raise the siege at Port Arthur, writes a correspondent with Kuroki's army. Nearly 20,000 of the former strikers at the Chicago stockyards have been re-employed by the packers and the strike breakers are leaving rapidly for other fields.

Heroic work by police and firemen saved many lives in New York tenement house fire, but seven persons perished. It was announced that Judge Parker will speak several times in the course of the campaign, and at least once in New York city. Pneumatic tube system to carry mail and packages weighing as much as 500 pounds between Chicago and Milwaukee at a speed of two miles a minute is planned.

Kuropatkin will defend Mukder with 50,000 troops, according to the statements of St. Petersburg officials. His army is said to be 200,000 men having been reinforced. The main body will continue its retreat to Tie pass.

Friday.

Robert M. McWade, American consul at Canton, China, was dismissed from the service by order of President Roosevelt. Judge Parker was the guest of John B. McDonald on his yacht, the Sapphire, on his trip to New York city to meet the Democratic leaders.

Bankers at convention had exciting discussion over plan to organize a bonding bureau for insuring against loss through dishonest clerks, and the controller of the currency was criticized for approving a feature of the idea.

Captain Berlin, commanding the Russian ship Lena, at San Francisco has informed Rear Admiral Goodrich that he desires to dismantle his ship and has asked as to the extent to which this dismantlement should be made.

Saturday.

Japan is making a network of rail roads in Korea, according to a cable dispatch. Halifax, N. S., was being destroyed by fire when a change of the wind saved the city. Two men are killed and five seriously injured at Stillwater, Minn., by the collapse of a bridge, which, weakened by fire, throws 20 persons into Lake St. Croix.

Joseph Basintin, an Italian, shot his wife by mistake at an early hour in Rochester. She was moving about their bedroom and he thought she was a burglar. She died several hours later.

In their determined quest for a winning candidate to head the state ticket of the Democratic leaders turned again to Daniel S. Lamont and urged him to become the candidate for governor.

Monday.

Reports of a secret combination between China and Japan reach St. Petersburg, and a phase in the situation involving the other powers is expected. Political forces in Canada are preparing for the approaching electoral conflict, in which the position of the liberal government is regarded as strong.

In the Democratic campaign book there is a letter from Judge Parker in which he enjoined against any attack being made upon the integrity of President Roosevelt. Two bandits at Thomson, Ill., resist arrest, shoot and kill Mayor W. S. Bennett, and one of the robbers in turn is twice wounded. Both outlaw are captured, and only cool courage by citizens saves the criminals from being lynched.

Tuesday.

According to a dispatch to the London Daily Express from Tokio, the bombardment of Mukden has begun. Family of James Snape, Newark school commissioner, buried from bed by loaded freight car which crashed through house and buried itself in the cellar.

At the New York Democratic state convention today at Convention hall Saratoga, William B. Hornblower of New York city was selected temporary chairman. In a collision between two Long Island railroad passenger trains, on an open switch in the Long Island City yards, both firemen of the locomotives were killed and several passengers hurt.

SURGERY FOR MUSICIAN.

Had His Fingers Cut Short to Play the Violin.

Quakertown, Pa., Sept. 19.—Inspired by his desire to attain premier honors in music to submit to a painful and delicate surgical operation, J. Henry Saylor of Richmond Center, has returned to his home from Leipzig, Germany, where his art won for him the highest distinction ever awarded to a student there.

In order to render his touch on the violin more delicate and perfect, Saylor placed himself under the treatment of a surgeon, who undertook to alter the shape of the digits of his left hand, and at the same time make them pliant and sensitive to an extraordinary degree.

An incision was made in the under side of the tip of each finger, and a small elongated diamond-shaped bit of flesh removed. The incision was then stitched together, and in healing it narrowed the fingers at the tip.

The result make it possible for Saylor to finger the strings of his violin with more rapidity, certainty and fine ease.

MITCHELL DENIES PLAN.

Went to Binghamton to Defend Suit of A. D. Wales.

Wilkesbarre, Sept. 19.—President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers arrived here Saturday and attended a conference of the lawyers engaged for the defense of the case of A. D. Wales, an attorney of Binghamton, who has instituted suit against President Mitchell and the United Mine Workers for \$200,000 for a suggestion which he claims he made to Mr. Mitchell and which, he alleges, was the means of settling the great strike of two years ago.

Mr. Mitchell at the trial, it is understood, will deny that he acted on any suggestion made by Mr. Wales. Mr. Mitchell, accompanied by the district presidents of the mine workers went to Binghamton on Monday morning for the trial.

Forty-Year Electric Franchise.

New Castle, Pa., Sept. 19.—A 40 year franchise will be granted the Pennsylvania and Mahoning Valley electric line for a "turnout" to connect the local traction lines with the Sharon and Youngstown Interurban lines, according to an agreement reached Saturday night by the special conference committee of select and common council. The company, which wants a perpetual franchise, announces that it will not accept a 40 year grant.

Threw Match on Powder Keg.

Du Bois, Pa., Sept. 19.—A keg of powder was exploded at the home of W. E. Snyder, a miner at Rathmel, on Thursday evening, resulting in the death of two children. A third may die and the mother is terribly injured. When the father came home from the mine he set the keg of 20 pounds of powder on the porch. The children discovered the powder, and it was the boy, according to his sister's story, who threw a match on the keg just to see the loose powder burn off.

Man Blown Through Shop Roof.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 19.—George Bailey, an employe of the Pennsylvania freight car shop, met his death in a singular manner Saturday. While working at a valve on an empty tank car he got into the manhole to hold a rivet. When the hot rivet entered the side of the tank an explosion followed and Bailey was blown out of the manhole and through the roof of the shop. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the tank.

A Most Prosperous Year.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 19.—The annual report of the bureau of industrial statistics shows that the year of 1903 was a prosperous one in the production of iron and steel, pig iron and anthracite and bituminous coal and tin plate. In these industries a total of 182,656,843 tons were produced, 435,774 workmen employed, receiving in wages \$241,677,718 and the market value of the production was \$774,963,777.

Suicide by Agreement.

Zanesville, O., Sept. 19.—Nellie Geyer and James Hay committed suicide by agreement. The girl left a letter to her mother foretelling the deed. Mrs. Parker, with whom the girl was staying, was aroused before daybreak by groans, and found Nellie in a pool of blood in her room. Later Hay was found, about three miles outside the city, having shot