

WAR CLOUD DARKER

Announcement Made That Russia Will Not Accept the Latest Proposal by Japan.

And Unfounded Rumors Add to Complications--The Situation as Viewed at Washington and in Europe.

Petersburg, Jan. 16.—It is now generally certain that Russia will not accept Japan's latest proposition as an ultimatum.

The officials are of the opinion that the way is open for continuing the negotiations, and there is no indication that Russia will seek to delay her answer.

Czar continues to talk peace, and Poverger-Czarina, in conversation, declared: "War is a horrible thing which will not be war."

The meantime Viceroy Alexieff and Prince Rosen, as well as the foreign ministers, are studying the Japanese document, and navy circles are pessimistic.

The feature of the situation is that the Japanese reply has sense the character of an ultimatum. It is couched in pacific terms, but it is a time limit, and the acceptance by Russia of certain of the conditions therein marks an advance in settlement.

Rumors are afloat, including a report that an actual naval fight has been at Vladivostok.

The rumor, industriously spread, is that the czar, on paring with the London and Paris cabinet, remarked to him: "The peace of Russia is almost exhausted."

Secretary of the Japanese legation said: "Neither Russia nor Japan desires Japan has no interest in understanding the international prestige of the central point of the difficulty is on the subject of which, how it is quite possible that an understanding will be reached at no distant date."

Japan does not claim a protectorate over Korea. She only demands the free trade in Korea and Manchuria.

IROQUOIS INQUIRY.

Coroner's Jury in the Chicago Theater Disaster Still Probing—Another Victim Dead.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—But one witness was heard in the Iroquois theater inquest today and the jury then adjourned to inspect the interior of the theater.

A lively dispute took place when Deputy Coroner Buckley and the jurors entered the building. A force of detectives employed by the owners of the building followed them around and insisted upon listening to all that was said.

The lone witness today was James G. Cummings, stage carpenter of the Iroquois theater. He was exasperatingly evasive in his replies and Coroner Traeger rebuked him sharply several times.

Cummings' testimony did not differ materially from that of other stage employees, save that he testified that he had shown a dozen of them how to open the ventilators, and they unanimously swore that nobody had ever shown them anything about the ventilators.

Rev. Charles L. Roberts, pastor of the Hamlin Avenue Methodist church, died today of injuries received in the fire. His death brings the total to 57.

As a result of orders issued by Building Commissioner George Williams only eight of the twenty-nine churches closed for violations of the building law will remain with closed doors tomorrow.

While Chicago theater managers are organizing to meet existing conditions and Chicago is full of road managers and actors, some organized and some not, yet all heavy losers through the closing of the theaters, and all are talking of taking action.

A mysterious meeting has been called tomorrow in New York City, and rumor has it that the affair will be a general conference of the Iroquois.

Counsel for Klav & Erlanger denied today all knowledge of the conference or its purpose.

TOO MUCH PIG IRON. Seymour R. Church of San Francisco Fails—Liabilities Estimated at \$350,000.

SMOOT'S BATTLE FOR A SEAT IN THE SENATE

Attorneys on Both Sides Open Their Batteries.

CHARGES ARE FAR-REACHING

What Anti-Smoot Attorneys Expect to Prove.

Senate Committee on Elections Listens to Arguments, and Smoot Takes a Hand.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections met today for the purpose of hearing the presentations of the attorneys on both sides of the case involving the right of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah to occupy his seat.

The first presentation was made by Mr. Taylor, who began his statement by saying that he did not know that any proof would be presented in support of the charges that Mr. Smoot was a polygamist.

On this point of testimony Mr. Taylor said the protestants expected to prove the following charges: First—The Mormon priesthood, according to the doctrine of the church and the belief and practice of its membership, is vested with and assumes to exercise supreme authority in all things temporal and spiritual, civil and political.

Second—The first presidency and twelve apostles, of whom Reed Smoot is one, is supreme in exercising the authority of the church and in the transmission of the authority to their successors. Each of them is called prophet, seer and revelator.

Third—As shown by their teachings and by their lives, this body of men has not abandoned belief in polygamy and polygamist cohabitation. On the contrary (A), as the ruling authorities of the church, they promulgate in the most solemn manner the doctrine of polygamy with reservation; (B), the president of the Mormon church and a majority of the twelve apostles now practice polygamy and polygamist cohabitation, and some of them have taken polygamist wives since the manifesto of 1890.

Fourth—Though pledged by the compact of Statedhood and bound by the law of their Commonwealth, this supreme body, whose voice is law to its people and whose members are individually directly responsible for good faith to the American people, permitted without protest or objection their legislators to pass a law nullifying the statute against polygamist cohabitation.

DOES AN ELECTION PURIFY. In reply Mr. Worthington said the statements made by Mr. Taylor differ (Continued on page 8.)

BLACKMAILER FOILED.

Chicago Coachman Who Attempted to Extort Money From a Society Woman Comes to Grief.

BIG REVOLUTION IN LOCAL ATHLETICS

University of Utah Makes a Radical Move.

OLD COLLEGE MEN TO HELP

Determined to Have Callahan for Physical Director.

POSTOFFICE EARNINGS.

Report of Auditor Shows an Increase in the Deficiency for the Quarter.

TOOLEE AND DAVIS COUNTIES WOULD BE GLAD TO GET THE SURPLUS WATER SUPPLY AT ADVANCED RATES.

At the meeting of the canal company officials held yesterday afternoon to consider the Government Improvement project for Utah lake a wholly unexpected "complication" was encountered.

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THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.—Senator Smoot begins his fight for a seat in the Senate. Machen case cause of little interest; initials "A. W. M." figure in the case. Memorial of the Iroquois dead in Chicago. Walking delegates to go in New York. Chicago coachman foiled in a blackmailing attempt. Former President and Mrs. Cleveland express their appreciation of sympathy. Salt Lake now a port of delivery. Executive Board of Mothers' congress denounces Mormonism. Senator Hanna has issued call for the Republican National convention to meet in Chicago June 21st. Report of Auditor of the Postoffice department shows an increase in deficiency for the first quarter of the fiscal year. Florida passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line was held up near Sanderson, Fla.; the bandits dynamited the baggage-car in mistake for the express-car.

FOREIGN.—Russia will not accede to Japan's latest demands, and war situation is more threatening. Japanese Minister to England fears his country would be beaten in case of war. Germans in South Africa desolved by rebels. Prussian Diet meets in scenes of splendor.

MOUNTAIN AND COAST.—Seymour R. Church, the California pig-iron merchant, fails. Fire in the Oregon Short Line yards at Pocatello destroys freight cars.

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The quarter's business was: Expenditures, \$37,829,206; gross receipts, \$32,501,430; deficiency, \$5,327,776. The expenditures increased \$1,114,127; receipts, \$2,285,967; and the deficiency increased \$378,293, compared with the corresponding quarter for 1902. On the basis of the increase in deficiency the deficit for the entire fiscal year would be \$5,205,000, which is more than \$5,000,000 less than the estimate of the Postmaster-General, made two years ago. The explanation of this, the auditor says, probably that while the expenditures have enormously increased, owing to the extensions of the rural free delivery, etc., the postal revenues have increased in a still more gratifying and an entirely unexpected ratio.

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