

RUSSIA WILL CONTINUE THE WAR

She Will Pursue It in the Far East Until She Has Conquered.

SO DECLARES COUNT CASSINI.

Thinks Stories of Mediation Are Started to Help Along Japanese Loans.

Washington, Nov. 14.—"Russia will pursue the war in the far east to the bitter end; that is, until Russia has conquered." These are the opening words of an emphatic statement made at the Russian embassy today by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador.

Several times recently the ambassador, in the name of his government, has categorically denied the possibility of any intervention in the war, but the recurrence of rumors that the powers contemplated mediation has caused the ambassador to reiterate on behalf of his government its position regarding intervention or mediation of any kind. The statement continues:

"I deem it my duty to reiterate what I have so often said, that Russia will not suspend in any case her military operations in the far east. All rumors and reports regarding the possible success of the direct overtures for peace which Japan is said to have made to Russia and regarding the mediation of the powers, in my opinion, are started for the purpose of convincing the public that the end of the war is close at hand. In this way it is hoped that the public may be led to believe that Japanese loans offer attractive investments."

"Russia can no more admit of it than Great Britain in the Transvaal or the United States in her war with Spain. Where the prestige of a country is at stake all other considerations are must be put aside. Some people may think that financial difficulties will influence Russia to end hostilities. Such an opinion is based on the false assumption of Russia's financial resources."

"There is no doubt whatever that Russia, whose annual income exceeds one billion dollars, can not be influenced in her attitude toward the outcome of the war by the amount of war expenditures. Is it not altogether out of the question that Russia, who did not expect war, should in the moment when she was mobilizing her army and sending corps after corps in fighting readiness to the far east, suddenly call a halt on hostilities, particularly after she has for nearly a year, without any difficulty or recourse to extraordinary measures, been able to carry all the extra expense?"

"It is not within my scope to comment upon the new Japanese loan. That is an affair for the bankers and for the public, who are able to decide what advantages or non-advantages the investment offers. But there can be no necessity for commenting upon Russia's credit. Anyone acquainted with the Paris exchange is able to convince himself of the solidity of Russia's finances."

DENIES JAP CHARGES.
Kuropatkin Says Russians Have Not Dress as Chinese.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.—Gen. Sakharoff reports that the night of Nov. 13-14 passed quietly. Gen. Linovitch has assumed command of the First Manchurian army. Gen. Kuropatkin, in a telegram to the minister of war, denies the Japanese charges to the effect that Russian troops disguised themselves in Chinese clothing, and makes countercharges against the Japanese of wearing Russian uniforms in the attack on Shakhoe Oct. 14.

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whereby they were enabled to approach close to the Russian batteries and capture several guns of the Thirty-seventh brigade.

JAPS TAKE A RIDGE.

But its Capture Cost Them a Thousand Men.

Headquarters Third Japanese Army in the Field Before Port Arthur, Nov. 14, via Pusan, Nov. 14.—By a general attack on the eastern fortified ridge on Oct. 20 the Japanese gained the mastery of the principal forts assailed. These were wider, deeper and stronger than had been supposed, and were defended by companies of garrison troops, the north of the Keokean forts. Most desperate fighting underground, Japanese casualties in this engagement were 1,000.

LIVESTOCK RATES.

Commerce Commission Examines Superintendent of U. P.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The interstate commerce commission today began testimony in three cases involving rates on livestock from western and southern points to Chicago and terminal points on the Mississippi river. About \$1,000,000 a year in freight rates is said to be at stake.

J. W. Crocker of Omaha, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railway, was a witness today.

"The heaviest cattle shipments are made about the same time of year as the dead freight shipments," said Mr. Crocker, and in the same direction. This makes the empty mileage of our cars, which must be returned, very great. We can not rarely attain the schedule of speed fixed for stock trains and there is the added expense of carrying for stock which is on the road longer than it should be."

Mr. Crocker was closely questioned regarding his inability to run the stock trains through on time, on account of density of traffic, when, by his own admission, passenger trains maintained a schedule of twenty-eight to forty-two miles an hour.

"Which is the more expensive, to run these trains fast or slow?" asked Mr. Prouty.

"Of course fast running is more expensive, on account of fuel and wear of machinery," replied the witness.

"Then you are really saving money by this inability to keep up to the schedule with these trains, are you not?" was asked.

"No; the trains run as fast as required between stations, but are compelled to wait at sidings and stations for other trains to pass."

BROTHER'S TELEPATHY.

A very remarkable case of telepathy between two brothers is reported from Hungary. A landed proprietor, Mr. Anton Reman, died at Seutouren, in the Torontal Comit, at the age of 74. Just before his death he told the relatives who were standing around his bed that he had been dreaming of his brother Joseph, that they had both died, and had been buried together. Anton died at five o'clock in the afternoon.

An hour afterwards a telegram arrived from Glad, where Joseph, who was 78 years of age, lived announcing that he had died at five o'clock that afternoon.—London Leader.

HOUSE EMPLOYEES GREATLY PERTURBED

Fear Great Republican Majority Means Many Changes and Displacements.

WILL PUSH CRUMPACKER BILL.

Means Reduced Representation for The South—There Will Be Many New Faces in Senate.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13, 1904.—There are several officials connected with the house of representatives who would have preferred to have a smaller Republican majority in the next Congress, if they could have had their way. Whenever a new house is organized, there is invariably a great deal of strife over the distribution of the patronage. Just as soon as the clerk, sergeant-at-arms, postmaster and doorkeeper are elected, their troubles begin. Every member of the majority side of the house assumes that he has a right—especially if he is a new member—to name several clerks, messengers, pages and laborers, and there are never enough such offices to supply the demand. In recent years, since Gov. Stinson of Pennsylvania, junior brother of New York, and Representative Tawney of Minnesota, formed the celebrated patronage combine in 1895, in arrangement has existed whereby each state delegation has been assigned a certain number of positions in the house of each.

The delegations usually get together and hold meetings and parcel out the patronage among themselves. Then the officials are notified of the selections and the appointments are made. When the majority of the party in power is small it is a comparatively easy matter to divide up the political plums, but with a majority of a hundred, as the Fifty-ninth Congress will have, the task is an exceedingly difficult one.

SPEAKER CANNON.

It is a foregone conclusion that Speaker Cannon will be re-elected at the first meeting of the new Congress in December, 1905, and thus far nothing like opposition to the re-election of Major Cannon, the clerk of the house, and Frank B. Lyons, the doorkeeper, has developed, nor is it likely that they will be opposed. But it stands to reason that many of the employees under these officials must give up their places to make way for the friends of the new men who are to come in with the tidal wave. The most important employees in the patronage lists are the official stenographers. There are five of these gentlemen who report the house proceedings and two others who are assigned to the committee work. They receive annual salaries of \$5,000 each, and in addition receive a month's extra pay each year by resolution of Congress. Every one of the present force of the house and committee reporters has had long experience, and because of the technical knowledge of parliamentary procedure required of them they are not likely to be disturbed. In fact, the floor reporters are never changed even when a party goes out of power.

But nearly all the other employees are retained only so long as their backers remain in Congress. There is a force of several hundred of them in all, ranging from laborers at \$50 to \$60 per month, pages at \$75 to clerks at from \$2,000 to \$3,500. It is among this class that great anxiety is felt over the phenomena of the new Congress. The Republicans will have for their key men who they cannot all stay on the rolls and no one can guess where the axe will fall.

THE CRUMPACKER BILL.

It is almost certain that one result of the great Republican tidal wave, landslide and avalanche combined will be

the early attempt of Congressman Crumpacker of Indiana, to press to passage his bill to readjust the method of representation in the electoral college and in the house of representatives. The Republican platform of 1904 declares in favor of such a program and while there are many Republicans who doubt the wisdom of antagonizing the southern states it appears to be the party policy to push the Crumpacker bill. There is little probability of success with this measure in the senate this winter, but it is understood that the Republican party is determined to force it through during the next two years even if they are compelled to adopt the cloture rule in the upper branch of Congress as a preliminary.

SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION.

Success in this direction will result in cutting down the representation of every southern state which has disfranchised the negro. Just what the total curtailment of southern representation will amount to as a result of the enactment of such a law is at present a matter of conjecture, but the whole thing is a matter of great importance in the electoral college which will be lost to the "solid south" will be somewhere between 25 and 40. Of course there will be a bitter fight before such legislation can be enacted and the Republican party is so strong in the present house that there is no doubt whatever as to the outcome in the popular branch, and a persistent campaign is very likely to result in success in the Senate as well before the next Congress is to be elected.

NEW FACES IN SENATE.

There will be a number of new faces in the United States senate when that body meets in extraordinary session at noon on the 4th of March. Of the thirty senators whose terms expire with the close of the legislative day of March 3, 1905, a great many will be re-elected. But at least 10 will be succeeded by new men and in addition Senator Fairbanks, elected vice president, will retire to make way for another. There are not less than a dozen aspirants for the seat to be thus vacated, including Congressman Landis and Gov. Durbin. But Harry New, for many years a leading Republican of Indiana, and a son of John C. New, former treasurer of the United States, has announced his candidacy, and it is believed here that he is likely to give all the rest a very lively hustle for the honor.

DEADLOCK IN DELAWARE.

On Wednesday morning last the press reports indicated that a deadlock in the Delaware legislature was being secured by a majority of the legislature of Delaware, favorable to his election to the senate, but later reports show that he has again failed, and that there may be a deadlock once more. Now, however, word comes from Wilmington that Col. Dupont has been decided upon as the candidate of the United Republicans, and he will probably be elected.

CONTEST IN WISCONSIN.

In Wisconsin the bitter contest between the La Follette and Spooner factions is certain to result in the retirement of Senator Quayles. But who his successor will be is a problem which no one is yet able to solve. La Follette doubtless has the control of a majority of the Republican members of the legislature, and some of the political prophets believe that he will try to reach the senate himself. But such an attempt on his part would be likely to result in creating a deadlock such as deprived Utah, Delaware, Montana and Washington of representation in the senate for a considerable period in the past.

IN MISSOURI.

In Missouri the venerable Cockrell, who will have rounded out a term of 30 years on the 4th of next March, gives place to a Republican. The candidates for the seat include Secy. Hitchcock, "Dick" Kerens, and the late candidate for governor, Cyrus P. Wallbridge. But there are many others in hiding and the contest in Jefferson city, when the legislature meets, will be as entertaining as a Republican convention in the District of Columbia—and there are few political gatherings in the country so interesting as these quadrennial political functions.

Gov. Odell will, beyond doubt, dominate the legislature, which will meet in Albany in January, to choose a successor to Chauncey M. Depew. Edward Lauterbach of New York City declares that the governor will not come to the senate himself. But it is also asserted that he has pledged himself to forward the re-election of Mr. Depew. Ex-Gov. Black has a host of friends here as well as throughout the state who hope for his election and Ellib Root is mentioned as a possibility. But after all New York is considered a "doubtful state" so far as its election of a senator is concerned and no one among the politicians here can guess at the outcome.

NEBRASKA SENATORSHIP.

On the other hand Nebraska is classed among the states whose action in this respect is a foregone conclusion. Elmer J. Murkett, the present member of the house from Lincoln, is hailed as the successor to Senator Dietrich and now that the legislature is safely Republican on joint ballot it is believed that Murkett will have no opposition. He is wonderfully popular with the members of the house who have served with him and his character and abilities are such as to assure him a brilliant career in the senate. Nebraska, by the way, has had many brilliant men in the upper branch of Congress and it is doubtful if there is a western state with a better record in this regard.

SENATOR HAWLEY'S SUCCESSOR.

Senator Hawley of Connecticut might succeed himself but for the feeble state of his health. He has had four full terms and was at one time a power in legislative matters. But today his physical condition precludes the possibility of his entering the fight, and another and a younger or more vigorous Republican will don his toga next March. No one can guess intelligently who it will be, but Connecticut has plenty of material and trouble will come only from the difficulty in making a choice.

SENATOR KEARNS' SUCCESSOR.

Utah will in all likelihood send ex-Congressman Sutherland to succeed Mr. Kearns, and Montana is practically pledged to return "Tom" Carter to occupy the seat which he lost as a result of the elections in Montana in 1900.

MARYLAND.

McComas of Maryland is the only Republican who will retire to be succeeded by a Democrat. His state legislature chose Isidor Rayner as his successor last winter. Foster of Washington, and McCumber of North Dakota, will probably pass out, but at present the guessers have not been able to name their successors.

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WEBSTER'S REMEDY.

Once, when Daniel Webster was riding along a New England road in a stage coach, so the story runs, he was annoyed by the jolting and poked his head out of the window to yell to the driver.

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"No," responded the coachman, "the horses are running away, sir."

"Run 'em into a fence corner," advised Daniel.

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