

## TROUBLE IN COREA BECOMES SERIOUS

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## LANDING OF TROOPS DISCUSSED

Japan Will Not Do This Without Obtaining Consent of Russian Government.

Paris, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Seoul, Corea, says: "Numerous conflicts have occurred at Chemulpo and Masampho between Japanese and Korean inhabitants. The Japanese telegraph operators have charge of the line from Seoul to the coast."

"The possibility of Japanese troops landing to preserve order is discussed but it would only be done with the consent of the Russian government."

Reports received here from both centers of the Japanese-Russian controversy lead the officials to conclude that the situation, while serious, does not involve an extension of the present crisis. A dispatch received today from Tokio, dated yesterday, says that Japan has not yet answered Russia's first proposition. The officials say this shows, first, that the alarmist rumors of the English war correspondents saying Japan has answered in the negative are incorrect; second, that Japan continues to seek means for meeting Russia's overtures.

On the other hand, another Tokio dispatch frankly sets forth the agitated state of Japanese public sentiment and the intense feeling against Russia, and also forebodes the possible dispatch of Japanese troops to Corea, but it is added, if this is done, it will be with the assent of Russia, which will relieve the expedition of having the significance of a war move against Russia.

The official advices from St. Petersburg continue to have a hopeful tone and with advices from Tokio of the same tenor, the authorities here assert they have good reason to believe that the situation, although serious, has not reached the point of a war crisis being imminent.

### WAR NOT IMMINENT.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—War in the far east is regarded in official quarters as improbable for several weeks for the reason that Japan will continue to negotiate, and Russia's policy is understood to be simply "sit tight and hold on" to make no specific promises concerning the territories in dispute and meet an attack if Japan will be satisfied with nothing else. Russia will let nothing go. Japan must be content with that or fight. This attitude, it is believed, is approved by the czar, who is not willing that Russia should take the aggressive. The czar's advisers believe that Great Britain will not be involved.

The financial editor of the Tagessblatt says neither Russia nor Japan can hope for a loan in Germany, because the German bankers never engage in foreign government loans without consultation with and the consent of the foreign office, and the foreign office will not give this consent. Russian securities are not in favor in Berlin.

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now. A fresh loan to Russia would not in any case be made without excellent terms and not at all without government approval. The bankers here think the greatest security of peace is the difficulty, perhaps the impossibility, of either Russia or Japan obtaining a loan.

### WHAT ROTHSCHILD SAYS.

London, Dec. 21.—Lord Rothschild, while declining today to venture an opinion as to the outcome of the Japanese-Russian crisis, said to the Associated Press: "One of the most important factors is whether America will seize the opportunity to press her claims for open ports in Manchuria. If she does it would certainly help toward a peaceful solution. I have heard of no suggested loans, either Japanese or Russian. What they would have to do in case of war is a hypothesis I do not care to discuss. So far there is no war and the present conditions are quite puzzling enough without endeavoring to prophesy."

### ENGLISH PRESS ANGRY.

Because Kaiser Says Blucher Rescued English at Waterloo.

London, Dec. 20.—Considerable resentment is shown in the English press over the reference to Waterloo made by Emperor William on Saturday at a banquet in Hanover in honor of the anniversary of the Hanoverian regiments, when the emperor said he raised his glass "to the health of the German legions in memory of their incomparable deeds which, in conjunction with Blucher and the Prussians, rescued the English army from destruction at Waterloo."

The Chronicle, the Standard and other papers protest this morning against what the Chronicle calls the emperor's "preposterous claims."

**U. S. Marines Landed at Colon.**  
Colon, Dec. 21.—Thirty-five of the United States steamship Prairie's marines were landed today and took a train for Bas Obeyapo station, near Emperor. They will occupy the canal company's houses at Bas Obeyapo.

**The Amur's Passengers Landed.**  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—The steamship Farrallon reached Seattle this morning, having on board the passengers of the overdue C. P. R. steamship Amur. The Amur left Skagway on Saturday, Dec. 13, and on Monday, the 15th, ran on to Harbor reef at the entrance to Port Simpson. At high tide she pulled off, but in doing so broke her tail shaft.

## WHAT TO EAT.

Valuable Suggestions for the Kitchen and Dining Room.

This matter will be found to be entirely different from and superior to the usual run of food articles, in that every item is a nugget of culinary wisdom and eminently practical. Conducted by Katherine Kurtz, Marquette Building, Chicago, to whom all inquiries should be addressed. All rights reserved by Manning Co., Chicago.

### Menus for Next Four Days.

#### WEDNESDAY.

##### BREAKFAST.

Cereal Fruit Cream  
Fried Oysters Hashed Potatoes  
Flannel Cakes Maple Syrup

##### LUNCH.

Potato Chowder  
Lamb's Liver and Bacon  
Combination Salad

##### DINNER.

Cream of Corn Soup  
Lamb Fracas Boiled Rice  
Brussels Sprouts  
Lettuce Coffee

#### THURSDAY.

##### BREAKFAST.

Cereal Fruit Cream  
Plain Omelet Sweet Potato Stew  
White Muffins Coffee

##### LUNCH.

Hot Canned Salmon Sauce Hollandaise  
Brown Bread Baked Apples  
Chocolate

##### DINNER.

Vegetable Consomme  
Lamb Chops Purée of Peas  
Baked Sweet Potatoes Spinach  
Nuts and Apple Salad  
Cheese Coffee

#### FRIDAY.

##### BREAKFAST.

Cereal Fruit Cream  
Oyster Omelet German Fried Potatoes  
Waffles Maple Syrup

##### LUNCH.

Oysters on Half Shell  
Bouillon à la Royale  
Planked White Fish Potato Border  
Olives Radishes Celery

##### DINNER.

Roast Turkey Giblet Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes Caramelized Sweet  
Cauliflower  
Oyster Pie Potato Balls  
Cheese Christmas Salad  
Little Mince Pie Hard Sauce  
Plum Pudding Nuts, Fruit, Candies  
Coffee

She succeeded in reaching the wharf at Port Simpson and on Friday the Farrallon went in and took off her passengers. She will probably have to be towed to Vancouver.

**Chicago Alderman Sent to Prison.**  
Chicago, Dec. 21.—Alderman John J. Brennan was today sentenced to one year in the house of correction on a charge of complicity in ward election frauds. A sentence of six months was given Charles McClellan, and three months to Robert E. Kenton on similar charges.

**Heinze Guilty of Contempt.**  
Helena, Mont., Dec. 19.—F. Augustus Heinze, J. H. Therie, the Montana Ore Purchasing company, Albert Frank and the Johnstown Mining company have

been found guilty of contempt of the United States court by Judge James H. Beatty of Idaho, sitting in the hearing in Judge Knowles' court. The contempt was in disregarding an order of inspection and survey granted Nov. 3, directing that the Butte & Boston company be allowed to inspect the workings of the Michael Devitt and remove from a cross-cut a quantity of debris and waste with which it had been filled. The order was directed to the parties adjudged guilty of contempt.

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