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# DESERET EVENING NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY

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One Ad. in the Home is Worth a Hundred on the Highway. Our Circulation is Home Circulation.

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FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.

## DIRE TRAGEDY AT MOAB, UTAH.

E. D. Empey Shot and Killed By  
Town Marshal Bohny This  
Morning.

### VICTIM WAS UNDER ARREST

Particulars are Meager and it Appears  
He Might Have Been Resisting  
The Officer.

### NEWS VIA THOMPSON SPRINGS.

Scene of Shooting Thirty-five Miles  
From That Point on The  
Grand River.

(Special to the "News.")

Moab, Utah, via Thompson Springs,  
Jan. 12.—E. D. Empey was killed at  
this place at 2 o'clock this morning  
by Town Marshal Joseph Bohny, while  
under arrest. Particulars will follow.

It will be seen from the above dis-  
patch that information is very meager,  
and that the cause of the killing can  
only be surmised—that the prisoner  
probably resisted arrest and was killed  
during the encounter. There is no tele-  
graphic communication with Moab and  
the presumption is that the news of the  
tragedy was brought to Thompson  
Springs by mounted courier who must  
have ridden with all possible haste to  
the railroad station from which point  
the brief statement herewith given was  
telegraphed to the "News."

Moab is situated on the Grand river  
in the southern part of Grand county  
of which it is the county seat. It is 35  
miles southeast of Thompson Springs,  
on the Rio Grande railroad, the near-  
est traffic point, and is about 225 miles  
from this city.

On receipt of the dispatch the  
"News" immediately wired for the full  
details of the story so far as they are  
known at Thompson's, and these may  
come at any moment.

### THE CORRECT VERSION.

Officer Shot Empey Down in Brutal  
Manner and is Now in Jail.

(Special to the "News.")

Thompson Springs, Jan. 12.—Moab,  
the county seat of this Grand county  
was the scene of a murder last night.  
Town Marshal Joseph Bohny, who was  
recently elected, has attempted to re-  
form the city with the result that the  
tougher element of the place have it in  
for him, he being the third marshal the  
town has had since its incorporation  
about a year ago. At about 11 o'clock  
last night Marshal Bohny entered Col-  
lier's saloon, and ordered Jesse Max-  
well, a minor, out of the saloon. The  
bartender, A. A. Empey, commonly  
known as Sandy Empey, began to  
quarrel with the marshal and struck  
him upon the forehead with a poolball.  
Bohny left the saloon at once and re-  
turned in a short time with H. Day and  
Bert Newell, whom he had deputized to  
assist him in placing Empey under ar-  
rest. Empey refused to come out from  
behind the bar, saying that he would  
not be locked up. The marshal left the  
saloon. At 1 a. m. Empey and A. Day  
were walking down the street, toward  
the W. O. W. hall, where a  
wedding dance was in progress. Empey  
was heard to say that he did not have  
it in for the marshal in particular,  
when Bohny came up behind them and  
said:

"Then why did you strike me with  
that pool ball?"  
Empey only laughed at his query  
when the marshal pulled out a 44 cal-  
iber six shooter and fired, the ball en-  
tering the right shoulder and coming  
out on the left side, Empey dying  
instantly.

Empey was a member of the W. O.  
W. and will be buried with their hon-  
ors. He was at the time of his death,  
about 26 years of age and unmarried.  
Marshal Bohny was placed under ar-  
rest at 6 o'clock this morning by Sher-  
iff J. C. Taylor and cannot be inter-  
viewed until the inquest is held after  
the arrival of County Atty. Corbin,  
from Castleton at 6 o'clock this evening.  
Bohny was married about three  
months ago to a daughter of Moss  
Peterson, a well known fruit man, who  
was a member of the Constitutional  
convention and at present a member  
of the state board of horticulture.

### MRS. TREMAYNE DEAD.

Passed Away at Residence of Daughter,  
Mrs. William Stanton.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tremayne, widow of  
William H. Tremayne, died this morn-  
ing at the residence of her daughter,  
Mrs. W. A. Stanton, 552 east South  
Temple street, of general debility, at  
the ripe age of 87 years. The deceased  
was a native of England, where she  
was born July 23, 1816. She came to  
Utah in early days and was a highly  
respected resident of this city. Mrs.  
Tremayne leaves a number of children,  
among them Mrs. W. A. Stanton and  
William H. Tremayne, the well known  
essayist and chemist. The funeral will  
be held from the residence of her  
daughter on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

## PERSONNEL OF THE NEW BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS NAMED LAST NIGHT.



## INTERESTING SCHOOL FIGURES

Supt. Christensen Compares Salt  
Lake With Other Cities of  
Like Size.

### TABLE SHOWING EXPENSES.

With a School Enrollment of 13,562 the  
Outlay Here Amounted  
To \$435,967.

City Superintendent of Schools Chris-  
tensen has compiled some interesting fig-  
ures in regard to the school population  
and expenditures of Salt Lake City as  
compared to a number of other cities  
throughout the United States of nearly  
the same size as this. Salt Lake has a  
population of 120,000, while Dayton ex-  
pended \$49,428. In Evansville, Ind., with  
a population of 59,000 there are only 8,500  
school pupils, and the sum of \$207,352 was  
expended last year on the school work.  
Following is a table showing interest-  
ing school statistics in a number of cities  
of about the same size as Salt Lake:

CITY.	Population.	School Enrollment.	No. of Teachers.	School Expenses.
Salt Lake City	120,000	13,562	448	\$435,967
Savannah	54,244	9,164	193	140,000
Peoria	56,100	9,847	217	364,287
Evansville	59,000	8,500	245	207,352
Kansas City	52,800	7,750	192	184,094
Portland	50,145	8,848	245	150,174
Grand Rapids	52,550	14,010	426	489,400
Dayton	52,800	8,500	245	207,352
Manchester	56,087	9,013	146	138,461
Elizabeth	52,130	6,800	132	155,060
Wilmington	47,531	7,821	222	286,241
Dayton	52,800	8,500	245	207,352
El Paso	52,723	11,500	225	181,808
Wilkesbarre	51,721	9,010	152	219,212
Hartford	51,000	11,560	225	351,740
Lancaster	41,459	6,114	121	192,705
San Antonio	53,321	8,300	150	140,400
Seattle	50,871	14,214	389	712,400

### THEATER MAN'S VIEWS.

How He Sees and What He Says of the  
Results of Iroquois Fire.

The theatrical man's side of the Iro-  
quois theater disaster is set forth very  
clearly in a letter received here this  
morning from Charles B. Goetz, presi-  
dent of the Goetz Lithographing com-  
pany of Chicago, which furnishes about  
30 different attractions with show  
printing. The letter is addressed to  
Dan McCoy, manager of "Maloney's"  
ENTERTAINMENT, the current attraction at the  
Grand, and reads in part, as follows:  
"I presume that you know from the  
papers that every playhouse in Chicago  
is closed, even the Auditorium, which  
can be emptied on any occasion in  
three minutes. They will not allow them  
to open even for a band concert.  
"Our audience and mayor have be-  
come erratic and if they keep up this  
gait they will become the laughing  
stock of the world. I believe that it  
will be to the mutual interest of all  
mankind that a little stringency be  
used with the theaters and all places  
in which there are public gatherings.  
The idea of them closing every  
house and then coming to the conclu-  
sion that their laws are not strict  
enough! So after every house has been  
closed a number of days the audience  
get together and appoint a committee  
to formulate a new code of ordinances.  
"To work out these ordinances will  
take the committee at least two weeks  
to make it become a law. After that  
the house managers will get the new  
laws and then go to work rebuilding  
their theaters to comply with all of  
these new requirements. One of the  
audience told me last night that he  
was of the opinion in ABOUT SEVEN  
ENTERTAINMENT of the theaters WOULD  
NEVER BE ABLE TO RE-OPEN, as it  
would be impossible for them to  
comply with the requirements without  
tearing down the entire building and  
rebuilding. SOMETIMES ON NEW  
SITES.  
"Regarding the effects of this fire on  
business outside of Chicago, I this day  
received a letter from Springfield,  
Mass., and another from Washington,  
D. C., in both of which the writers say  
they do not think the Iroquois fire will  
affect business in the east, as the ex-  
citement has died out already. But  
there is no question in my mind that  
through this fire the theatrical business  
will suffer considerably."

## NATIONAL LIVESTOCK AND WOOL GROWERS' ASSNS.

Meet in Joint Session, Nearly a Thousand  
Members Being Present This  
Morning.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—The members  
of the National Live Stock and the Na-  
tional Wool Growers' associations met  
in joint session in the Baker theater  
this morning. Nearly a thousand mem-  
bers of the two organizations, includ-  
ing some of the most prominent sheep  
and cattle raisers of the United States,  
were in attendance. Gov. George E.  
Chamberlain, Mayor George H. Wil-  
liams, and other prominent men of Ore-  
gon and Portland were present to ex-  
tend a welcome to the delegates and  
visitors. Responses were made to the  
greeting extended by the city and the  
members of the two great organiza-  
tions. Addresses were the order of the  
morning. In these Oregon extended her  
best wishes to the sheep and cattle men  
and in response visiting speakers ex-  
pressed the appreciation of the dele-  
gates to the heartiness of the reception  
given the delegates to the two conven-  
tions. The Lewis and Clark exposition  
project received no little friendly men-  
tion and was given hearty endorsement  
by the speakers who predicted its suc-  
cess and resulting immeasurable bene-  
fit to the northwest.  
The convention was called to order a  
little after 10 o'clock.  
President John W. Springer of the  
National Live Stock association. In a  
few appropriate words welcomed the  
large audience that crowded the the-  
ater to the doors and introduced Gov.  
Chamberlain of Oregon. His appear-  
ance upon the stage was the signal for  
a burst of applause from the audience  
and music from the orchestra. Gov.  
Chamberlain's address was enthusiastically  
received by the delegates with  
prolonged applause.  
At the close of the governor's address  
President Springer introduced Mayor  
Williams, who extended a welcome on  
behalf of the city of Portland.

Another Telegraph and Cable Co. for  
Salt Lake This Spring.

The annual meeting of the Postal  
Telegraph and Cable company was held  
yesterday afternoon, in this city. The  
Utah stockholders were represented by  
A. L. Thomas, W. S. McCormick, J. J.  
Daly, T. G. Webber, O. W. Powers, and  
the eastern stockholders were repre-  
sented by proxies. The old board of di-  
rectors were re-elected in A. L. Thomas,  
W. S. McCormick and T. G. Webber.  
President T. G. Webber, vice president;  
W. S. McCormick, treasurer; Eugene  
Gaylord, secretary.

A communication was received from  
the home or parent company to the ef-  
fect that its wires are now in Chey-  
enne, and contracts are being made so  
that the wires will reach Salt Lake  
City some time during the coming  
spring. It is understood that on reach-  
ing this city, the wires will be extend-  
ed north to Butte.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Sunday School Workers of Five States  
To Gather Here Next Week.

Arrangements are being made for the  
district Sunday school convention to be  
held in this city the 23rd and 24th inst.,  
at which occasion it is expected that a  
goodly representation of Sunday school  
workers will be present. The stakes par-  
ticipating are the Salt Lake, Granite,  
Davis, Jordan and Tooele, each of which  
has promised to do everything possible to  
make the proposed meeting a success.  
The program will include a discussion of  
the Outlook as well as Sunday school  
work generally, and will doubtless prove  
of great value to all present. Besides,  
there will be special musical exercises  
and other interesting features.

### PATENT FOR A CLIP.

(Special to the "News.")  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—A patent  
for a clip has been issued to Edgar De-  
lamater of Oregon.

### MORE APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Morris Expected to Send in a  
Number on Monday Next.

It is anticipated that Mayor Morris  
will send in the names of several new  
heads of departments on Monday eve-  
ning next. Whether they will meet  
with the same ready approval, how-  
ever, that greeted the board of public  
works named last night, is not known.  
Should the present program be carried  
out, it is stated that such a policy has  
been decided upon and that the majority  
members of the council propose to dic-  
tate the terms upon which all future  
confirmations will be based.  
When asked if this was the case  
Mayor Morris said he hoped not, and  
believed that there would be a disposi-  
tion of fairness manifest all along the  
line. He stated that that was the  
course he expected to pursue and that  
he had no reason to think that the ma-  
jority members would do anything to  
obstruct his work.

### SAVED EIGHT PEOPLE.

An Elevator Man Runs His Car at  
Risk of His Life.

New York, Jan. 12.—Blinded and  
choked by smoke by a fire in the cellar  
of a building at 616 Thorne street,  
this city, at 2 o'clock this morning by  
cutting her throat with a pocketknife  
and then turning the weapon on him-  
self, ended his own life in a similar  
manner. The deed was committed in  
the presence of their four-year-old son,  
who was awakened by the sounds of  
the struggle and gave alarm, but too  
late to arouse assistance. Both were  
dead before medical aid could be sum-  
moned. Boka was supposed to be ten-  
porarily deranged over religious mat-  
ters and to have committed the crime  
in a moment of irresponsibility. He  
had been acting queerly for about a  
week and on one occasion recently kept  
his family up all night praying, exhib-  
iting a revolver at the time and threat-  
ening to take their lives.  
Boka came to Los Angeles from  
St. Louis about two weeks ago, ac-  
companied by his 9-year-old son, and  
was followed a short time later by his  
wife and other members of his family.  
He was apparently possessed of con-  
siderable means and had intended to re-  
main here with his family during the  
winter and possibly to take up a per-  
manent residence here.

### MURDERED HIS WIFE.

A. A. Boka, an Iowa Farmer, Cuts  
Her Throat at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12.—A. A.  
Boka, a well-to-do farmer of Sioux  
City, Ia., murdered his wife in a  
boardinghouse at 616 Thorne street,  
this city, at 2 o'clock this morning by  
cutting her throat with a pocketknife  
and then turning the weapon on him-  
self, ended his own life in a similar  
manner. The deed was committed in  
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manent residence here.

### KILLED SEVEN INDIANS.

James Little Plume Sentenced to  
Forty Years.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 12.—James Little  
Plume who killed seven Indians on the  
Blackfoot reservation while intoxicated  
last October, was sentenced to 40 years  
in the penitentiary today by Judge  
Knivies in the United States court.  
He is 24 years of age.  
Reyes in New York.  
New York, Jan. 12.—Gen. Reyes, the  
special Colombian envoy, arrived in  
New York today from Washington, ac-  
companied by J. D. Angulo. Gen. Reyes  
is expected to sail Saturday from this  
port for Colombia, but said today that  
he did not know positively when he  
would depart.

### Ex-Gov. Bushnell Rallies.

Columbus, O., Jan. 12.—Ex-Gov. Bush-  
nell has rallied slightly, but is unable  
to speak or move. He is able to re-  
cognize his family.

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meets in Washington to Decide on Time  
And Place for Holding the Next  
National Convention.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Demo-  
cratic national executive committee met at  
the Shoreham hotel today for the pur-  
pose of deciding the time and place  
for holding the next national conven-  
tion. The committee was called to or-  
der by Chairman James K. Jones of  
Arkansas.

Among those present with proxies  
were Senator Gorman of Maryland and  
Senator Dubois of Idaho.  
After the committee went into ses-  
sion the appointment of Edward Sefton  
as a member of the District of  
Columbia committee was taken up.  
Chairman Jones explained why he  
made the appointment and a member  
of the committee moved to substitute  
James L. Norris for Sefton. Senator  
Stone of Missouri, vice chairman, de-  
fended the action of Chairman Jones  
in appointing Sefton, claiming that he  
had the right to make the selection.

About the time the committee went  
into executive session, there was a re-  
port that the New York contingent  
would throw its strength to St. Louis  
after one or two ballots. The general  
talk is that the time of the conven-  
tion will be fixed for the first week  
in July.

At 3 o'clock, when the various cities  
which are applicants for the convention  
will be given 30 minutes each to pre-  
sent their claims. This will in-  
clude New York, Chicago and St.  
Louis.

The greater portion of the executive  
session was devoted to the contest for  
membership on the committee between  
James L. Norris and Edward Sefton,  
from the District of Columbia. Mr.  
Sefton, in the interest of harmony, de-  
clined to serve on the committee and  
by resolution the whole matter was re-  
ferred to a committee to be appoint-  
ed by Chairman Jones.

The New York claim was presented  
by former Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck,  
who submitted a statement signed by  
himself, John Fox, Robert B. Roose-  
velt, Daniel O'Day, Randolph Guisen-  
bauer and John P. O'Rourke, as a  
committee of the Democratic club.

"We contend that from every point  
of view, from a consideration of the  
members to the far more important one  
of the encouragement of the national  
unity and enthusiasm our city has ad-  
vantages over every other.

"In local accommodations it far sur-  
passes all others. Two large auditori-  
ums are at the disposal of the conven-  
tion. The Central Palace which will  
accommodate 6,000 and Madison Square  
Garden, which will seat 10,000.  
"The city has just indicated itself  
from malicious slanders which came  
from partisan opponents of its political  
majority by a vote of over 69,000 above  
that of its detractors. And it would  
be well for the representatives of our  
people from all parts of the Union to  
see for themselves how well this vindi-  
cation was merited and how ground-  
less have been the base charges against  
the Democracy of the great empire  
city.

"Without those votes, without the  
city of New York, the Democratic party,  
we fear, cannot carry the country  
to elect its candidate. We Democrats  
are always in the past and in the  
present and are prepared to do it in  
the future, but we hope that our efforts  
shall be appreciated by our fellow  
Democrats. We have by our late tri-  
umphant election infused confidence in-  
to the party everywhere; we look to  
you to keep up that enthusiasm.  
"Will you do it? Will you assist us  
in bringing about harmony in all ranks  
of the party regardless of minor past  
differences? Will you give your ap-  
proval to our efforts and your expres-  
sion of good will and thus encourage  
and confirm Democrats everywhere and  
make success at the polls assured?"

### Corbett-Britt Fight.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The glove  
contest between "Young Corbett" and  
Jimmy Britt will be fought under the  
auspices of the Coloma Athletic club if  
present arrangements are carried out  
by offering a guarantee of \$15,000, with  
the privilege of 75 per cent of the gate  
receipts. A check for \$1,500 has been  
deposited with Eddie Graney, the ref-  
eree, to bind the guarantee. The en-  
tire \$15,000 must be in his hands by to-  
morrow night or the \$1,500 will be for-  
feited and the arrangement declared  
off.

## ADMINISTRATION'S ISTHMIAN POLICY.

No State of War Exists and No  
Inauguration of Hostilities Is  
Contemplated.

### NOT EVEN PREPARING FOR WAR.

President Does Not Believe That Any  
Occasion for Using Troops on  
Isthmus Will Arise.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Shortly after  
the cabinet meeting today Secy. Root  
issued the following statement regard-  
ing the isthmiian policy of his adminis-  
tration:

"The publication in various quarters  
of news indicating that the government  
is preparing to send troops to the isth-  
mus to carry on military operations  
against Colombia has been the source  
of considerable annoyance to the exe-  
cutive and to the war department. No  
state of war exists between the two  
countries; no inauguration of hostili-  
ties is contemplated by this govern-  
ment; no preparation for war is being  
made. It is not believed by the presi-  
dent, nor by the secretary of state, that  
any occasion for the employment of  
troops on the isthmus is likely to arise.  
They have used their utmost efforts to  
convince Gen. Reyes and the Bogota  
authorities of the friendly intentions of  
this government toward Colombia, and  
of their readiness to use their good  
offices in the settlement of any ques-  
tion in dispute between Colombia and  
Panama.

"It is difficult for them to believe  
that the authorities in Bogota can be  
so blinded by passion and prejudice as  
to declare war against us; and even if  
this rashness against us be taken  
by Colombia, this government would  
be in no haste to respond to her  
challenge. The president makes all pos-  
sible allowance for the natural excite-  
ment in Bogota over a state of things  
for which the Colombian government is  
alone responsible, and of which it was  
fully forewarned. But they must soon-  
er or later recognize the irresistible  
force of accomplished facts and the  
policy of this government toward the  
parties. We have done them no wrong;  
we would like to be of service to them;  
if they are wise, they will not put it  
out of our power to help them by any  
act of rashness and violence."

### Philippine Currency Discussion.

Manila, Jan. 12.—A public discus-  
sion will take place tomorrow of the  
proposed act for maintaining the parity  
of the Philippine currency by prohib-  
iting the importation into the islands  
of Mexican, Spanish, Filipino or any  
other metallic currency which is not  
upon a gold basis. Since their first in-  
roduction Mexican dollars have fluctu-  
ated from 204 to 214, much to the in-  
convenience of the mercantile class.

### Want Big Trees Preserved.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The Calaveras  
big tree committee of the Outdoor  
Art League of California has just for-  
warded a mammoth petition to the  
president of the United States, asking  
him to aid in preserving the Calaveras  
grove of the big trees. The petition  
carries 1,400 names of people in all  
parts of the United States.

### Driggs Gets One Day.

New York, Jan. 12.—Ex-Congressman  
Edmund H. Driggs of Brooklyn was to-  
day sentenced to imprisonment for one  
day in Raymond street jail and to a  
fine of \$10,000. Driggs was convicted of  
accepting money while a congressman  
elect for securing a government con-  
tract for the purchase of automatic  
cashiers from the Brandt-Dent com-  
pany for the postoffice department.  
There will be no appeal.

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off.

## WAR MAY BEGIN AT ANY MOMENT.

At Port Arthur Russians Are Ap-  
prehensive of a Daring Dash  
By the Japanese.

### RUSSIA'S FLEET READY TO FIGHT

Seventh Brigade Goes to Taku, Estab-  
lishing Camps and to Con-  
centrate Troops.

### JAPAN'S REPLY EXPECTED SOON.

Believed It Will Be So Worded as to  
Prevent an Immediate  
Rupture.

Port Arthur, Jan. 12.—It is reported  
here that owing to threatening news  
received from Korea the commanding  
officer of the Seventh Russian brigade  
has gone to the Yalu river to select  
temporary camps and effect a concen-  
tration of troops. Owing to the appre-  
hensions of a daring dash on the part  
of the Japanese at Port Arthur, the au-  
thorities here have taken extraordinary  
precautions in and about the town and  
along the whole line of the Manchurian  
railroad.

Rumors were circulated some time  
ago that the Japanese intend to take  
advantage of the festivities incident to  
the Russian Christmas and surprise the  
warships here. Consequently a vigilant  
watch was kept night and day.

The whole Russian fleet is now in  
fighting trim.

### CHINESE NEUTRALITY.

London, Jan. 12.—Baron Hayashi, the  
Japanese minister to Great Britain, said  
today that he had communicated to the  
British foreign office the action of Ja-  
pan in urging Chinese neutrality. The  
minister added that the words "promptly  
resort to arms" used in the London  
Times' dispatch from Peking today ap-  
pears to be a misreading which he at-  
tributes to mistranslation by the Chinese  
officials.

"What we have done," said the min-  
ister, "is to urge neutrality upon China  
in the event of war so as to minimize  
the disturbance of trade, avoid inter-  
nal disorders in China, guard foreign  
residents in the interior and avoid un-  
necessary complications of China's  
finances, and for the purpose of limit-  
ing so far as possible the theater of  
war, should war result.

"I have not yet received any intima-  
tion as to what action my government  
intends to take or what is the result  
so far of the deliberations of the elder  
statesmen."

Baron Hayashi's view of the Russian  
circular referring to treaty rights in  
Manchuria is that it is contradictory.  
"No treaty rights," the minister said,  
"can be of any real good unless Russia  
recognizes China's sovereignty in Man-  
churia. By this last declaration Russia  
appears to do this but at the same time  
she persistently refuses Japan's re-  
quest for a formal recognition thereof.  
That is the point on which such a  
grave issue hangs."

### JAPAN'S REPLY.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—Japan's reply  
is expected in two or three days, ac-  
cording to reliable information received  
here and there is good reason for be-  
lieving that the reply will be so worded  
as to prevent an immediate rupture,  
believing that the reply will be so worded  
to continue negotiations looking to a  
peace settlement.

### DECIDING ON ANSWER.

Tokio, Jan. 12.—The final conference  
before the throne to decide upon the  
response to Russia began at 2 o'clock  
this afternoon. It was attended by all  
members of the cabinet, five of the  
elder statesmen, Admirals Ito and Ijima  
and Gen. Kodama.

Previous to the conference Admiral  
Yamamoto, vice premier, Premier Kat-  
sura, who is indisposed, had private  
audience with the emperor. Foreign  
Minister Komura and Marquis Ito also  
conferred privately.

The formal conference before the  
throne was of long duration and its  
result is unknown. It is said, however,  
that the response which was drafted  
yesterday was approved and that it will  
soon be delivered to Baron de Rosen,<