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JAPAN TO ACT IN KOREA

Is About to Take Steps to Assert
Her Position There.

Will Complete the Seoul-Fusan Railway
Next Year—Criticism of the Tokio
Government's Reticence.

LONDON TIMES—NEW YORK TIMES
Special Cablegram.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There are indications, says the Tokio correspondent of the Times, that Japan will soon take active steps to assert and consolidate her position in Korea.

As one of such steps the Government, without waiting for the consent of the Diet, will guarantee the principal and interest of the Seoul-Fusan Railway funds for the purpose of completing the line next year instead of in 1906.

By The Associated Press.

TOKIO, Dec. 25.—It is reported that at an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet to-day it was decided to issue an emergency ordinance authorizing the guarantee

kle, an ex-policeman, until an inquest is held.

The woman's body was removed from the Clauder house last night and taken to the home of her stepfather at Bethlehem. The police say that the body was removed without notice to the Board of Health. It is said her face was more or less bruised. Kunkle was arrested because he was said to have been with her when she died.

It was said at the Clauder house that Kunkle merely assisted in administering medicine to her, and that the bruises were due to Mrs. Leiby falling against a bed while weak from her illness. Mrs. Leiby was twenty-six years of age, and left a four-year-old daughter. Her husband deserted her several years ago.

THREATEN SANTO DOMINGO.

Insurgents Under Jiminez Said to be
Marching on the City.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dec. 25.—It is reported that a large body of insurgents, headed by Gen. Jiminez, the ex-President, is marching on this city.

It is rumored that the greater part of the republic now under arms is in favor of Gen. Jiminez.

The Provisional Government is making active preparations for the defense of the capital.

San Pedro de Macoris has declared in

CAME OVER SEA TO FIND FIANCE DEAD

Railroad Wreck Victim Had Ar-
ranged for Christmas Wedding.

English Girl, Arriving on the Cedric, Is
Prostrated When the News Is
Broken to Her.

News which transformed the Christmas which she had expected would be the happiest of her life into the saddest, came to Lillian Bennett, a blue-eyed English girl, who arrived here yesterday on the Cedric. She was the betrothed of Ambrose Good, the young ironworker who was killed on Wednesday night in the wreck of the express train near Connellsville, while hurrying here to meet her.

Gently as possible the truth was broken to the young woman, but when she realized the import of the words she fainted. She was revived, only to become hysterical, and it was deemed wise to put her under the influence of opiates.

The trip itself on the Cedric this time

the fatigue of her tempestuous voyage they would go to Springfield, Mass., to visit cousins of the bride, whom she has never seen. After that they will go to Los Angeles.

COTTON ENRICHES SOUTH.

Unprecedented Prosperity Follows Rapid
Rise in Price of Staple.

Special to The New York Times.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was celebrated here with great enthusiasm. In this section of the cotton belt almost unprecedented prosperity has followed in the wake of the rapid rise in the market price of the fleecy staple, and many fortunes have been won.

The mania for chance-taking has never been so apparent in the South as it has been since the natives were impressed with the shortage of the cotton crop. Men, women, and children have bought March futures. Men who scorn to cross the threshold of a gambling house have entered into operations in cotton futures, and hundreds of leading citizens are present each day on the floor of the Cotton Exchange. The bucketshops have done a tremendous business. The legitimate brokers have been forced to double their clerking and accountant forces. Telegraph operators in the news bureaus and in newspaper offices have deserted their old posts to pick up better salaries offered by the

HANNA M'KINLEY'S CHOICE

Perry Heath Declares the Late
President Confided in Him.

Secretary of National Committee Says
Mr. Hanna Has Arranged His Af-
fairs for Any Contingency.

Special to The New York Times.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 25.—In connection with the Hanna boom for the Republican nomination for the Presidency next year, an interesting statement was given out here to-night by Perry S. Heath. He declared that it was the belief of President McKinley, just before he met his death at Buffalo, that Senator Hanna would be the next nominee of the Republicans and would be elected. He also said that while Mr. Hanna does not desire the office, such a statement is not to be interpreted as meaning that he does not desire the nomination.

The declaration of Mr. Heath is regarded as significant, as he is the Secretary of the Republican National Committee, of which Senator Hanna is the Chairman. Mr. Heath is close to Mr. Hanna and is regarded as the originator of the Hanna

AIRSHIP AFTER BUYER

Inventors of North Carolina Box Kite
Machine Want Government to
Purchase It.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The inventors of the airship which is said to have made several successful flights in North Carolina, near Kitty Hawk, are anxious to sell the use of their device to the Government. They claim that they have solved the problem of aerial navigation, and have never made a failure of any attempt to fly.

Their machine is an adaptation of the box kite idea, with a propeller working on a perpendicular shaft to raise or lower the craft, and another working on a horizontal shaft to send it forward. The machine, it is said, can be raised or lowered with perfect control, and can carry a strong gasoline engine capable of making a speed of ten miles an hour.

The test made in North Carolina will be fully reported to the Ordnance Board of the War Department, and if the machine commends itself sufficiently, further tests will be made in the vicinity of Washington, and an effort made to arrange a sale of the device to the Government. The use to which the Government would put it would be in scouting and signal work, and possibly in torpedo warfare.

SAY SULLIVAN POWER IS NOW ON THE WANE

Tammany Men Believe That Con-
gressman Has Little Influence.

Appointment of William McAdoo as Po-
lice Commissioner Only One of
Several Evidences of This
Condition.

Because Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan and his big following have been ignored by Mayor-elect McClellan and Charles F. Murphy in dealing out the patronage of the incoming administration, it is said that secret, but none the less bitter, protests have been made by friends of the Bowery politician to the powers of Tammany Hall. These protests have availed little, and last night men high in the councils of the Fourteenth Street organization gave it as their opinion that the power of Sullivan is on the wane.

As one of the results of the recent election Murphy has set himself up as the sole dictator of the Wigwam, and it is understood that he will not even brook the in-