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FOR THE NATION

Review of the Legislation Before Both Houses of Congress.

OUTLINE OF DAILY ROUTINE

Special Correspondents Tell of the Business Transacted by Senators and Representatives in Session at the Capital.

Wednesday, Jan. 13. Panama again was the principal subject of consideration in the senate. Mr. Carmack opened with pointed criticism of the president's course.

The session of the senate began with the passage of a number of bills on the calendar and closed in like manner. The intervening time was given over to a speech by Mr. Teller on the Panama Canal question.

The postoffice resolution and the Panama Canal question divided the attention of the senate. Mr. Hale made a plea for the reference of all postal investigation resolutions to the committee on postoffices.

THE EFFECT ON THE MARKETS.



On the revenue of railway corporations during the years 1901, 1902 and 1903. The senate at 5:30 adjourned.

The House devoted a brief session to District of Columbia business. While in committee of the whole the postoffice question was discussed.

Thursday, Jan. 14. The senate listened to speeches by Mr. Newlands attacking the Panama affair, and by Mr. Dewey in defense of the administration.

Robbers Knock Contractor Senseless in New York Snow Pile. New York special: Frederick W. Farquhar, a contracting engineer, is at the point of death at his home in Mount Vernon because of a beating two robbers gave him.

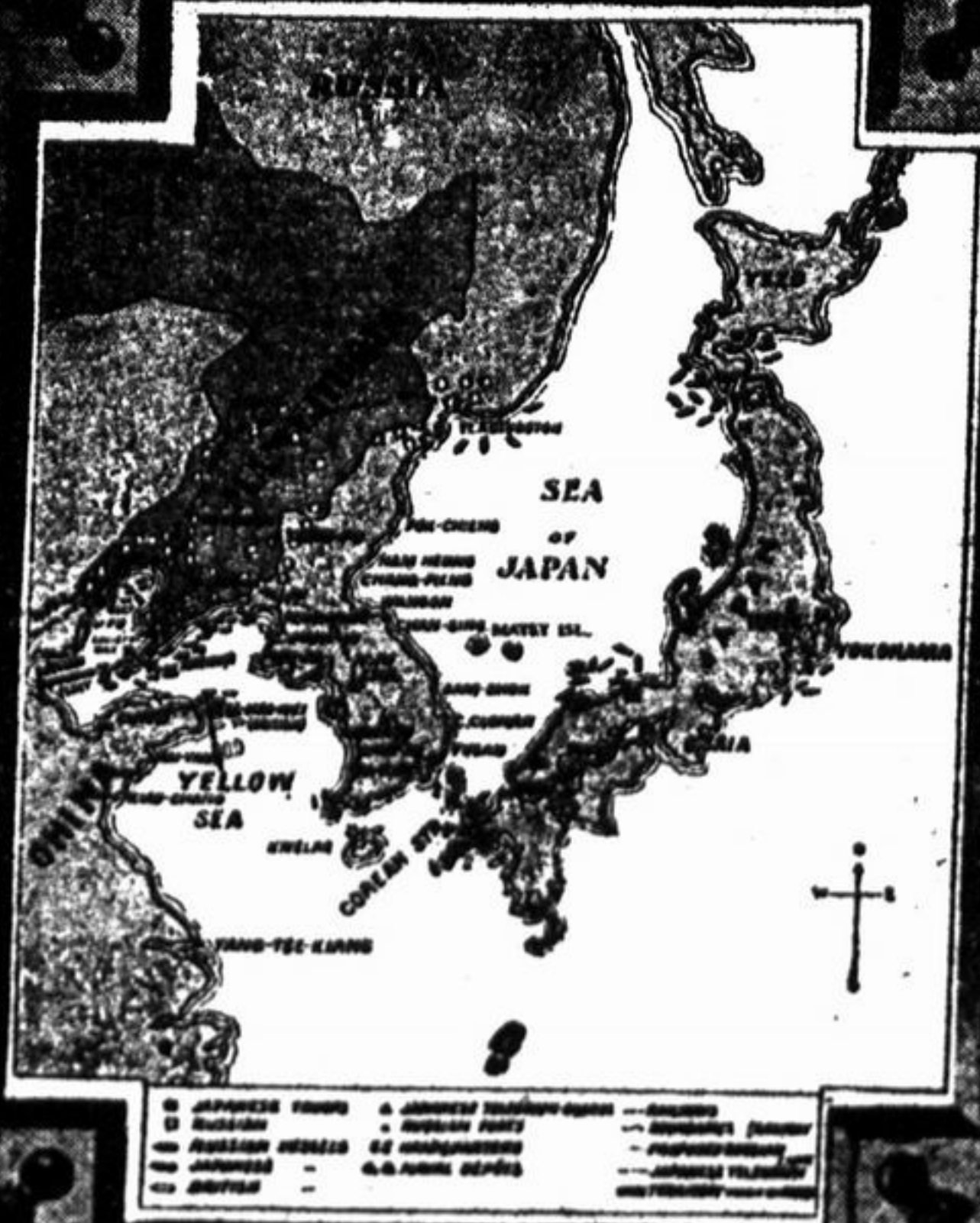
YOUNG ROBBER LEAVES PRISON. Police Catch Him, but Fail to Recognize Him, and He Escapes.

INDIANA BANK CLOSES DOORS. Run Causes Institution at Auburn to Go Out of Business.

John Robinson was hanged for the murder of his father-in-law, George O'Connell, at Kirkville, Mo. He died before he had made his peace with God.

Run Causes Institution at Auburn to Go Out of Business. Auburn, Ind., special: The Farmers' bank failed to open its doors Thursday morning and a notice posted on the doors promised that the bank would pay out dollar for dollar.

THE WAR CLOUD IN THE FAR EAST: THREATENED RUSSO-JAPANESE HOSTILITIES



JAPAN. Field Artillery, Cavalryman, Infantry Skirmishing. RUSSIA. Cossack of the Line, Dragon, Field Artillery.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Seoul says that M. Pavloff, the Russian minister at Seoul, has notified the Korean government that Korean troops have crossed the Chinese boundary repeatedly and committed excesses against the inhabitants.

The Port Arthur correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the public there is strongly in favor of war. China's firmness in reoccupying Mukden has complicated Russia's arrangements for the defense of Manchuria.

Asked whether the signature of the Chinese-American treaty had not complicated matters, he replied: "Certainly not. It simplified them all the more. It gave Russia the opportunity at once for expressing her readiness to accept the open door policy."

Both these points concern Manchuria and their acceptance would not in the slightest modify the legal status quo or change the administrative situation in Manchuria, but Japan insists that they be embodied in a treaty between Japan and Russia.

One of the diplomats who is regarded as quite one of the most intelligent in St. Petersburg, who two weeks ago gave an optimistic opinion of the prospects for the maintenance of peace, and was distinctly pro-Russian, is now in quite a different mood.

Referring to the innumerable rumors of war being inevitable, he said: "If the people outside knew more about what is going on inside, they would not prophesy war with such persistence."—Special Cable to Chicago Tribune.

"The cables are full of pacific news, but remember what I have previously said, Russia is not ready for war, and cannot be for several months to come. Therefore the protraction of the negotiations is convenient to her."

"How do you find opinion?" meaning in Russian political circles. "Intensely irritated, and especially annoyed by the attitude toward this country adopted in the American press. Russia can never forget it. All I am told, are equally bad in printing that which may come under the heading of adding fuel to the fire, which it should be the duty of every one to quench."

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"At the dinner given by the leading Japanese bankers, the chairman, in the course of his speech, said that if war occurred it would be much more a serious affair than the war with China. Japan, he said, could meet the cost. Japan's volume of trade was now fourfold greater than it was then. She need not borrow money abroad, but would be able to arrange without doing so for a two or three years' struggle."

His attention was drawn to the fact that the St. Petersburg dispatches merely reflect a series of opinions—diplomatic, political, military, and commercial—taken from as high and representative sources as possible. While those from Washington are often pro-Japanese, they merely reflect the sentiment predominating in the United States, which it may be useful to Russia to know and which it is impossible to conceal.

Seeks Way to Back Down. A communication of considerable significance was made at the German foreign office in London, which suggests an impending change in Russia's attitude which may after all avert war. The statement says: "No attempt has been made by Germany to influence the negotiations between Russia and Japan. This statement is applicable also to all European powers not immediately concerned. So far as our knowledge goes, Russia is inclined to make concessions, because she clearly recognizes that Japan, armed as she is and feeling as she does, cannot possibly withdraw from her position without danger of overthrow of her government."