# CZAR HAS THE SA' OF PEACE OR WAR

Japanese Have Indicated How Much They Will Yield in Demands.

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Russian Commander-in-Chief Has Sent Message From His Generals Imploring That They Be Given Chance to Fight.

### GOSSIP ON THE TERMS.

PORTSMOUTH N. H., Aug. 20 .- According to current gossip, Baron Komura told the President that Japan would yield on articles 10 and 11. That Japan would yield on these two points if Russia would accept 5 and p (indemnity and Sakhalin) is considered certain, but reports pretending to describe with exactness the character of the President's proposal to Baron Rosen are probably simply shrewd guesses. Mr. Witte has never communicated it to the members of his entourage and the Japanese are absolutely stient.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 20.-The. proved by President Roosevelt's action in stepping into the breach in a last heroic endeavor to induce the warring countries to compromise their "freconcilable differences," but the result is still

The ultimate decision of the issue has, de facto if not de jure, passed from the plenipotentiaries to their principals, from Portsmouth to St. Petersburg and perhaps in a lesser extent to Tokio,

Although there are collateral evidences that pressure both by President Rooseand neutral powers, including Japon's ally. Great Britian, whose Minister Sir Claude MacDonald, according to a dispatch received here, had a long conference this afternoon with Mr. Katsura, the Japanese Premier, is still being exerted at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her demands, there is also reason to believe that President Roosevelt was able at his interview with Baron Rocen practically to communicate to the latter's senior, Mr. Witte, Japan's irreducible minimum, what she would yield, but the point beyond which she would not go.

Whether an actual basis of compromise was proposed by the President cannot be stated definitely. The only thing that can be affirmed positively is that if Russia refuses to ast upon the suggestion or proposal of President Roosevelt, the peace conference will end in fallure

### Russians Review the Situation.

And in the Russian camp little encouragement is given. Baron Rosen reached here after an all-night ride from Oyster Bay just before noon and immediately went into conference with Mr. Witte. They remained close together for almost three hours, during which the whole situation was reviewed. Baron Rosen communicated to his chief the President's message and it was transmitted to the Emperor, together with Mr. Witte's recommendations.

No clew to the nature of this recommendation has transpired. But it can be said that Mr. Witte, no matter how he personally may view the proposition, is distinctly pessimistic as to the character of the response which will come from St. Petersburg. To confidential friends this afternoon, he offered little hope of a change in the situation.

The Japanese, it is firmly believed, cling to the substance of the form of their demand for remuneration for "the cost of the war." Perhaps they are willing to decrease the sum asked, but substantial compensation, under whatever guise it is obtained, they declined to relinquish. And they also are firm upon the cession of Sakhalin. By the transfer of the southern branch of the Chinese Eastern Ratiway first to Japan for relinquishment to China, payment for the maintenance of ssian prisoners and the surrender of the Russian warships, it is possible to figure out a toul transfer to Japan in money and property of about \$250,000,000. But this is the limit.

### Japanese Are Reticent.

The Japanese, as usual are very reticent, and it is impossible to obtain from them the least indication of their view of the change in the situation produced by the President's action. It is appeal was made to Japan, as it was to with him. Russia, but the Japanese side of the negotiations looking to a compromise is

alfost completely in the dark.
It is understood that Baron Kaneko was able to explain the Japanese views to the President. If the President is uncessful with Russia, it may be that he will turn to Japan. That would be the Russia what he regards as a fair com- a motor car from Portsmouth today. Japan to accept. The Japanese view of to newspaper men and retired early. the situation is authoritatively, but rather humorously, stated thus;

The result will be known soon. It is useless to speculate, as well for the plenipotentiaries to give their opnion of the sex
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According to the best informed Russians evitable. it depends upon conditions at home, and these conditions they do not believe are propitious. The main factors are the internal conditions and the reports from the front as to the military situation, residence in Vares,

Saturday's manifesto and the character of the reports received by His Majesty from Manchuria, are known to be good

Confidence of Russian Commander

General Linievitch has expressed abso te confidence in victory and since th onference began he and his Generals have not only reassured His Majesty that his army was never in better condition but they have sent messages to Mr. Witte imploring him not to make peace. They demand an opportunity to retrieve the honor and prestige of the army and in a countdy where the army is the bulkwark of the government, the wishes of its Generals are not likely to be disregarded by their Severign, not only to make peace, but to pay tribute to the

peace, but to pay tribute to the enemy. It is significant in this connection that Mr. Witte took occasion today formally to deny through the Associated Press the published reports from St. Petersburg to the effect that after a meting of the Council for the national defenses, pre sided over by the Grand Duke Alexis, the Emperor has telegraphed Mr. Witte to come to an understanding with the Japanese. Mr. Witte said:

### Witte Denies a Rumor.

"The report is a pure invention. There is not a word of truth in ot. The nation. at council for defense has held no meet ing. The Grand Duke Alexis never uttered a statement like that attributed to General Linievitch is entirely reassuring. am not a military man and I cannot therfore give advice or express opinions on military affairs, but what I know is that the whole Russian army, and especially General Linievitch, his officers and the soldiers under their command, are most insistent that peace should not be

The issue will not necessarily be decided Tuesday. Indeed, it is quite likely that there may be some delay in the answer from St. Petersburg, in which case an excuse will be found to adjourn the meetings over from day to day. The chances of peace have undoubtedly been Japanese will not be impatient, but the final decision will without doubt come this week. One of the members of the Japanese mission tonight expressed the opinion that whether a treaty was signed r not the conference would complete its labors by the end of the week.

"Once the bases are agreed to," said he "few fietalis remain to be arranged." He added that he did not believe any member of the mission would go to Oyster Bay. "The President fully understands our position," he said.

### How Envoys Spent the Day.

After his conference with Mr. Witte, Baron Rosen went to Magnolla in an automobile and will not return until tomorrow. Several of the Japanese and Russian attaches made a cruise on the Mayflower in the afternoon as guests of Commander Winslow.

Mr. Witte took an outing in an autom blie. When he was about '0 miles from the hotel, one of the tires burst and there was some delay in getting a conveyance most cases, but late-sown Spring wheat to bring him to the hotel. The Russian was either burned into fodder or else so

### ARBITRATION PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

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PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 20 .-The Associated Press is able to announce that the feature of the proposal of President Roosevelt, communicated through Baron Rosen to Mr. Witte and by the latter to Emperor Nicholas, was based on the principles of arbitration. Whether the President contemplates arbitration of all of the articles on which the plenipotentlaries have falled to agree or only on stated with positivoness but is is more than probable that it relates only to indemnity or to indemnity and the cession of the Island of Sakhalin. Neither is it possible to say whether the President has yet made a similar repeat to Japan.

The customary diplomatic proceedings in such a case would be to submit the proposal simultaneously to both countries but there might be an advantage in securing the adherence of one before submitting it to the

To Emperor Nicholas, author of The Hague peace conference, the suggestion of arbitration, which will neces sarily immediately command the sympathy of public opinion of the world, will be particularly hard to reject. If he agrees, Japan, if she has not already done so, will be all the more bound to submit her claim to the decision of an impartial arbitration. Acceptance by both sides would involve great extension of the principle of arbitration, as nations have heretofore declined to arbitrate questions involving their "honor and dignity."

Both Mr. Takahira and Mr. Witte, in the early stages of the conference, absolutely rejected the idea of arbitration, and only presenday both reiterated their disbellef in such a solution. It was noticed, however, that Mr. Witte's opinion was not expressed as strongly as it was last week

chief plenipotentiary complained that he duced by the President's action. It is was not feeling very well tonight, but taken for granted, that the President's said there was noting serious the matter

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### Rosen Is Much Fatigued.

MANCHESTER, Mass., Aug. 20.-Baron Rosen, accompanied by his secreta Prince Koudacheff, and Baron Schlippe secretary. Russian Consul at Chicago, will turn to Japan. That would be the rived at the Ambassador's Summer resinatural course, if he has suggested to dence at Coolidges Point, Magnotia, in promise and has undertaken, if Russia Baron, who was evidently much fatigued accepts, to use his influence to induce by his trip to Oyster Bay, denied himself

### Japanese Cabinet in Session.

is born we will be able to tell whether it is a boy or a girl."

Emperor Nicholas' decision upon the fate of the conference seems now to hang fire. The conference seems now to hang fire. The conference is in-

### Famous Tenor Is Dying.

MILAN, Aug. 20.-Francisco Tamagno the tenor, is in a dying condition at his in evidence in the Palouse again this year.

Will Turn Out Very Good Crops.

### THRESHERS ARE BLOWN UP

Oats and Barley Are Yielding Immense Returns in Sections of the Palouse-O. R. & N. to Haul Much Grain.

COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 20.-(Staff Correspondence.)-Whitman, the banner wheat county of the State of Washington, will not break any records this year with him. On the contrary, the news from the size of her crop. If all of the reports coming out of the Big Bend are about

shead of what is known as a short crop. The most pessimistic are willing to con cede 7,509,000 bushels, and some very good authorities who have traversed the width and breadth of the county expect a yield of 8,500,000 bushels.

The numerous "fat" years since 1896 have enlarged the expectations of the Whitman farmers, and while the present crop, taken as a whole, is an excellent one, it is falling so far short of early predictions that it is proving a disappointment to some of the people who were too optimistic early in the season.

Several times in the past ten years I have been subjected to much criticism at the hands of patriotic Whitman County boomers because I was unable to find within 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels of the amount of wheat they assured me was produced in the county. This year I feel reasonably safe from such criticism, for the damage in Whitman County was so plainly in evidence that it could not be disputed or argued away.

### Hot Weather Cut Down Yield.

Fall wheat, and even the Spring grain that was sown early on Summer fallow land, withstood the acorching weather in most cases, but late-sown Spring wheat hadly shriveled that it hardly paid for harvesting.

of Diamond, Endicott and St. Johns, the weather man laid a heavy hand on the crop, while both east and west of this illfavored strip some excellent yields are reported.

In the territory mentioned it need not be inferred that the crop is anything like a fallure, for there are still plenty of fields that are turning out from 15 bushels to I bushels per acre. This would not be so unsatisfactory if the farmers could forget that they harvested from 30 bushels to 50 bushels per acre in the same district

### Red Russian Wheat Picntiful.

While Whitman County may lose a little prestige in the amount of the wheat crop. she has the distinction of producing more red Russian wheat than was grown by all other counties in the state combined. At least 40 per cent of the crop of the county is of this inferior variety of wheat, and some dealers place the amount as high as 60 per cent of the entire crop of the county.

The Red Russian is a good yielder, and stands the climate better than Walla Walla or bluestem, but as a "seller" it is way below par and steadily going lower. The heavy increase in this variety is due to the high prices paid for it by Eastern buyers last year. The gentlemen from the other side of the Rockies liked the color of the wheat, and they bought it to mix with the No. 2 red and thereby increase the visible supply of contract wheat.

From a color standpoint, the mixture was not so bad, but as a milling proposition, it was unsatisfactory, and the attempted delivery of most of it brought on a volume of litigation sufficiently imposing to prevent buyers having anything more to do with it, except at a heavy discount. It is now quoted at 5 cents per bushel under Walla Walls, and unless a dumping ground is found for it, a still greater difference will be made.

Whitman County has considerable new land in crop this year, and as most of it Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira at-tended church in Portsmouth today. where the yield is best, it is materially siding in holding the output up to last year's figures.

There is a much larger acreage of oats and barley in the county than ever before, and some very fine yields are reported. A 26-acre patch of oats near Oaksdale averaged 165 bushels per acre, and the entire field of 126 acres averaged slightly better than 80 bushels per acre

### Garfield Has Good Crop.

Sixty-bushel wheat yields have been less common in Whitman County this TOKIO, Aug. 20.-The Cabinet met at year than they were a year ago, but over with a number of crops running from 50

The smut nuisance, which played such havoc with the profits of farmers and threshermen two years ago, is very much Three machines were destroyed by explo-

### the Palouse last Monday, and the total number of disasters of this nature is said already to exceed a dozen, with the returns still coming in. Most of the complaint of smut comes

rom the eastern part of the Palouse, it being less noticeable in the new-land districts further west. Rust has made its appearance at a

number of points in the Palouse, but the iamage from this source is not serious, Lincoln and Garfield Counties when the total area in wheat is considered, although it has caused the abandonment of a few fields west of Colfax. Scarcity of Labor.

Labor seems to be scarcer and more independent than usual this season, and the effect of the scarcity is intensified by the fact that the abnormally hot weather hurried the wheat along to the ripening stage so rapidly that there was a much greater amount than usual to be taken are of early.

There has, undoubtedly, been some loss through the inability of farmers to secure help. Although a serious matter, it is amusing to watch a farmer stop in the middle of a yarn which he may be telling to a group of fellow-sufferers, and strike out to meet an individual who may have the appearance of wanting a job. No hotel-runner in search of guests for

is house ever threw more earnestness into his efforts than is displayed by these armers in rounding up help.
As there is nothing in the situation to
ndicate that the 1905 wheat crop will be diverted from the old route to market by way of the tidewater ports of Oregon

two-thirds truth, there is a strong probability that Lincoln County may give Whitman a close race for first place in the ranks of the wheat counties.

Even at this, Whitman, which embraces such a large portion of the select wheat lands of the famous Palouse, will run far about of what it has been at the formula probability of the famous Palouse, will run far about of what it has been at the formula probability of the famous Palouse, will run far about of what it has been a select wheat a select wheat lands of the famous Palouse, will run far about of what it is necessary at the formula probability of the tidewater ports of Oregon and Washington, it is interesting to note that the best yields in the Palouse are nearly all in O. R. & N. territory.

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## SLUGGERS ARE IN CONTROL

DOLD OUSTED FROM OFFICE IN CHICAGO FEDERATION.

President Elected Last Sunday Was Given a Hint to Stay Away From the Meeting.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The Toloago Federation of Labor election held one week ago, was today annulled, the Dold faction ousted and the "Skinny" Madden faction, representing the slug-gers, installed in office. Notice was served upon the decent element that when the "flandy men" returned from the Philadelphia meeting there would be trenuous deings.

Both sides made elaborate preparations for today's election. The Dold faction and secured more than 100 Turners. proved fighters, and had also asked the police for a detail of E men. The Madden faction gave out no information of its sians, but they were eminently effectual,

harvesting.

It is somewhat singular to note that the poorest crops in Whitman County are den man, a motion was made to annul the election held last Sunday, which went through without a dissenting voice. The Maiden forces then elected an entirely new set of officers from their own ranks. The police were notified that their serv-

ices were not required and that their presence was extremely distasteful to the "proper" union men. The Turners the "proper" union men. The Turners were also dismissed and the Federation has passed completely under control of the interest of the new organization, the slugger faction. This means stormy it is desirable that I should be relieved of times for Chicago, the calling of many strikes upon the slightest protext, and incidentally the disintegration of the Federation, as many of the more conserva-tive unions had given warning they would withdraw if the violent faction secured The only explanation the Dold forces

give for their complete lay-down is that they have a desire to live a few days longer, nor do they care enough for conionger, nor do they care enough to con-trol to jeepardize the lives of their wives and children and invite the burning of their homes. None of them will say whom they fear would do these things, but shrug their shoulders and admit that everything that has been done is for the

Today's action is expected to mark the rapid crumbling of the central labor body, once the most powerful in the entire country, but now badly torn by internal

# VICEROY OF INDIA

Acceptance of the Resignation of Lord Curzon Was Announced Yesterday.

Appointment of Major-General Sir Edmund Barrow to the Council Was Refused by the Indian Office.

The correspondence shows a decidedly India Office and Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the forces in India, over the new plan of army administration in India. Lord Curgon's dissatisfaction came to a head with the refusal of the mendation, military supply member of

Replying, August 2, to the refusal of Mr. Brodrick, Secretary of State for India, to make this appointment, Lord Curzon requests that the government reconsider its decision, "in order for me to accept the responsibility which I infer His Majestr's government still desires me to

replied as follows:

attach a fundamentally different interpretation of myself to the medifications, upon the acceptance of which alone I tion, therefore, remains where it was when I resigned in June. If the government is unable to accept my views, I re-Some time between last night and 16 quest the Premier to place my resignation

To this Mr. Brodrick replied that there poorest crops in Whitman County are found in the localities that had the best out-turn last year. Down in the vicinity over to a vice-president, who was a Madout-turn last year. Down in the vicinity over to a vice-president, who was a Madout-turn last year. gust 12. Lord Curson says:

an individual, but one of the principles underlying a future change in our administration. I am driven to the conclusion that the policy of His Majesty's government is based on principles that I could not conscientiously carry into execution. my duties with as little delay as pos-

### Resignation Sent to King.

he had "with the most profound regret submitted Lord Curzon's resignation to the King."

celpt of the resignation, show firstly that Lord Cusson and Lord Kitchener were unable to agree over the details of the reorganization, and, secondly, that Lord Curzon, at the time, he left England, expressed his entire disagreement with the plan.

# arise between the commander-in-chief and

### BITTER FEELING IS SHOWN

LONDON, Aug. 20.-The resignation of Lord Curson of Kedleston as Viceroy of India and the appointment of the Earl of Minto as his successor was announced at the Indian Office today. According to the correspondence, which is issued in the form of a white book, it appears that Lord Curzon's resignation was cabled to that office, August 12.

bitter feeling between Lord Curson, the Cabinet to appoint Major-General Sir Edmund Barrow, on Lord Curzon's recomthe Council.

### Confidence Is Denied.

Mr. Brodrick again refused to comply with the request for the appointment of Major-General Barrow, and Lord Curzon

"It is apparent that His Majesty's government denies me that confidence which alone can enable me to serve them, and consented to remain in office. The situa-

"The main question is not the choice of

To this Mr. Balfour himself replied that

Supplementary dispatches, after the re-

"But," he says, "I loyally commenced the undertaking and resigned only when I realized that conflicts were certain to

### the rest of the government of India." His concluding sentence read: "I regret with sorrow how little justi fication there has been for the claim that you have rendered me your constant sup-

LONDON, Aug. 21.-The resignation of Lord Curzon as Viceroy of India, which is the chief theme of the morning newspapers, was discounted by previous reports that a disagreement was impending, or that his resignation had been tendered. all of which had been steadily and flatly denled by Mr. Brodrick, Secretary of State for India. The correspondence given in the White Book, however, makes it clear that the situation has been an impossible one for some time, and that the breach between Lord Curzon and Lord Kitchener could not have been

Praise for Curzon's Work.

Curzon All of the editorial articles praise Lord Curzon's administration unstintedly, and credit him with having done as great service in India as any of his predeces sors, if not greater. It is conceded that the Earl of Minto takes the reins at a difficult stage, but he is credited with ability equal to that of any man in England to grasp quickly and masterly the difficult administrative work,

patched up by minor concessions to Lord

CHICAGO MAYOR'S CHAUFFEUR EXCEEDS SPEED LIMIT.

Arrested With a Friend While Speeding Through a Suburb of the City.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.-Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, was arrested this afternoon in the suburb of Evanston for violation of the ordinance regulating the speed of

The Mayor, in company with his friend, John Boyleston, was riding through Exanston, when he was stopped by a policeman, who accused the chauffeur, Edward Sykes, of going too fast. All three were taken to the police station. The Mayor remained outside in the automobile while the other two went in to appear before the Justice.

"I don't know anything about the spe of these things," said the Mayor, "but I do not think we were going very fast. However, we may have been, and I guess we will have to pay our fines like any-Sykes was unable to decide whether he

should pay the fine of \$10 which was placed against him by the Justice, and came out to consult the Mayor about it. "Go ahead and pay the fine," advised It was paid, and the machine move away, after Mayor Dunne had solicitous-ly inquired concerning the speed limit in his own city, saying that he did not de-

### sire to be arrested again.

Ownership of Diamonds. ST. PAUL, Aug. 30.-A man to whom tinued the services after some sort of diamonds are sent with the option of buying any or all of them is, according to es of the customs laws, the owner of the gems. This new and most important principle of law has been laid down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in a decision by Judge Walter

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# PLUNGED INTO CHURCH CELLAR

Hundreds of Men, Women and Children in Struggling Mass at Pittsburg.

### PLATFORM FALLS

Many Are Injured at the Exercises Incident to Laying the Cornerstone of a Russian Hebrew Orthodox Synagogue-

PITTSBURG, Aug. 20 .- More than 500 men, women and children were precipitated 15 feet into a cellar by the ollapse of a platform today during the exercises incident to the laying of the corner-stone of the Beth David Russian Hebrew Orthodox synagogue on Miller street, near Washington, Nearly all of them were cut and bruised, but it is believed no one was fatally hurt. Three rabbis were among those who went down, and although injured, they concluded the ceremony after the panic had subsided. Among the more seriously injured are Rabbia Ashinsky, S. Graffman and A. Bloom, Abraham Nathanson, pastor of the congregation, and Policeman Adam Leftewenki.

The platform, which was 50 feet square, had been constructed over the foundation walls for the accommodation of the rabbis, officers of the church and invited guests. Just prior to the corner-stone ceremony, a brass band ending 800 Zionists arrived.

When the Zionists were invited to ass over the platform in order to sign their names to the roll to be placed in the stone, a mad rush was made by the thousands of persons gathered to secure the same privilege. The police-men were overwheimed. In a moment the platform was packed and the frail structure collapsed.

The panic that followed attracted thousands of persons to the spot and the police had great difficulty in extricating the screaming and greaning victims from the wreckage.

When the cellar had been cleared, it was found that scores were hurt their injuries consisting of bruises and cuts about the head and body. Some of the injuries were due to the panie that followed the crash, many being trampled on in the wild rush to escape. Rabbi Ashinsky was trampled upon and suffered severe injuries, but

there were no fatalities is a marvel, as when the platform broke it closed up like a jackknife, throwing the people into a struggling mass in the cellar. The policemen had an exciting time in handling the great crowd. A rumor gained credence that several children were buried in the ruins and frenzied fathers and mothers who could not locate, their children were restrained

order had been restored. The fact that

with difficulty.

### JAMMED ON NARROW SPACE Crowd Caught Between Two Trains

on Panhandle Road. M'DONALD, Pa., Aug. 20.-Hemmed on a narrow platform between two trains at the station of the Panhandle Railroad station, three of a crowd of 50 jammed in the narrow space were seriously injured and a others are suffering from the shock of the panic and crush caused by the accident. The injured are:

Miss Lulu Nesbit, of Oakdaie; foot mangled and later amputated. William Harper, of McDonald; badly bruised and internally injured. Samuel H. Ridail, of Wilkensburg; arm crushed and bruised about body. A crowd was awaiting the arrival eastbound passenger train on a small platform which separates the eastbound passenger track from a freight siding. As the passenger train drew up an eastbound freight train ran through the switch onto the siding and caught the crowd between the two trains. Those standing near the edge of the platform near the siding were struck by the freight train.

### and the panic-stricken people surged back and forth on the platform in an effort to escape out of the trap.

The accident caused great excitement

Fourteen Bodies Taken From River. NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 20.-Two more odies of the wreck of Thursday were found in the Elizabeth River, near the scene of the accident, today. One of these was Thomas Ferguson, the drawbridge keeper, who was knocked off the bridge and drowned when the train plunged through the draw.

The other is being held for identifica-tion. This makes it bodies in all that have been recovered from the river, with two that died in the hospital be making 16 known dead. It is believed that more bodies are in the river. of the excursionists who returned home, not finding their friends there, have come back to Norfolk to make further search It is thought that seven persons are yet missing.

### Buried Under Falling Wall.

PITTSBURG. Pa., Aug. 20.-Fifteen tailan laborers were carried down by the falling of a wall this evening in the ruins of the Avenue Theater, which was destroyed by fire a month ago. Thirteen of them were taken from the wreckage a badly battered condition. None will die, but five of the number are seriously

Fortunately the men were not buried by the failing debris, and in a short time all were extricated.

### Street-Car Accident Near Lansing. LANSING, Mich., Aug. 20 .- George

Burton, manager of the John Hicks Dry Goods Company, was killed and ten persons were seriously injured in miles from Lansing, this evening,



LORD CURZON, OF KEDLESTON,

## RESIGNS AS VICEROY OF INDIA