

ORIENTAL WAR ENDED

China and Japan Come to an Understanding.

TERMS OF PEACE ARE NOT KNOWN

What Extent Has Not Been Announced --What Caused the Delay in the Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Official advices received at the Japanese legation today from Japan, indicate that an understanding has been reached between the Japanese and Chinese plenipotentiaries, and news of the definite conclusion of peace may be expected at any time.

As brief as the foregoing official message is, it marks the close of the Japan-China war, barring the possibility, of course, of some unexpected hitch at the last moment.

First—The independence of Corea. Second—The permanent cession of the island of Formosa to Japan.

Third—An indemnity of 300,000,000 taels, Chinese money.

Fourth—The permanent occupation of Port Arthur and immediate surrounding territory.

Fifth—A new Japan-China treaty, opening China to commerce.

The two conditions which have caused trouble are the permanent occupation of Port Arthur and the payment of 300,000,000 taels. While no official information is available, and no statement whatever regarding the terms of peace can be obtained, probably these are the only conditions in which the Japanese plenipotentiaries have yielded.

The Assault on Chang.

TOKIO, March 29.—Correspondence of the United Press, per steamer Coptic: On March 24, the third conference of the peace plenipotentiaries took place. It began at 3 p. m., and lasted until 4:30, and when the plenipotentiaries separated a satisfactory termination of the war was within sight.

When more than two-thirds had been traversed of the 600 yards separating the conference building from the viceroy's, a pistol was fired by a man standing under the eaves of a sandal-maker's shop.

The excitement and indignation caused by the event were indescribable. The Japanese plenipotentiaries hastened to the viceroy's lodging to inquire and console.

Count Ito telegraphed to the emperor in Hiroshima asking that the two chief court physicians be despatched at once to attend the illustrious patient.

The emperor issued a rescript declaring that the country had been dishonored, and invoking his subjects everywhere to guard against such national disgrace.

telegrams of condolence and delegates to express their profound sorrow.

The viceroy's assailant proved to be a youth of 26, by name Koyama Rokunosuke. Of small stature, meager frame generally insignificant appearance, and wearing the shabbiest of garments, he seemed the last person in the world to be plotting, single-handed against the life of a foreign empire's greatest statesman.

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Discuss the Income Tax.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A conference was held yesterday between representatives of several transatlantic steamship companies to discuss the subject of the 2 per cent exaction on incomes, and, if thought best by the majority, to organize for the purpose of attacking the constitutionality of the new law.

The companies, it is said, take the stand that as the principal lines are foreign corporations, their shares being held by foreigners, and the earnings of each voyage not being credited until the arrival of vessels on the other side, they are not liable to the income tax.

The agents present were loath to talk on the subject, and beyond the fact that the meeting adjourned without taking any action as to whether concerted action should be taken against the enforcement of the law, no information could be obtained.

Against Judge Fields.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent sends the following: "The advocates of the income tax are clamoring for the retirement of Justice Fields from the supreme court so as to permit the president to appoint as his successor some one who will be less hostile to the measure.

Truce Will Not Be Extended.

YOKOHAMA, April 12.—It is stated here on reliable authority that unless peace is concluded within the period of the armistice, the truce will not be extended and the Japanese armies will, in May, advance upon Peking.

Movements of Warships.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Admiral Mead's squadron sailed yesterday from Port au Prince, Hayti, for Colon. The Charlestown arrived at Che-Foo, China, and the San Francisco at Smyrna. The Mohican has sailed from Port Townsend.

An Alleged Robber Arrested.

DENVER, April 12.—A special to the Times from Florissant, Colo., says a man was arrested there when boarding the train who is believed to be one of the Cripple Creek express robbers.

Lambert Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Walter F. Lambert, the defaulting police clerk of Oakland, who returned from Honolulu yesterday, was arrested late last night, and taken to Oakland.

MUST AGREE OR FIGHT

One Day the Ultimatum of the Japanese.

DECISION MUST BE MADE AT ONCE

Concessions Made By Japan Will, It Is Thought, Prevent Interference of the Powers.

SHANGHAI, April 13.—The Mercury today reported that the Japanese have presented an ultimatum to Li Hung Chang, the Chinese peace commissioner, demanding that China accept or refuse the terms offered by Japan no later than tomorrow.

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Nellie Bly Was Wedded.

NEW YORK, April 13.—"Nellie Bly," who is one of the best-known newspaper women in this country, is no longer Miss Elizabeth Cochran. She is now Mrs. Robert Seaman. Her husband is one of the directors of the Merchants' Exchange bank and a multimillionaire.

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An interesting question arises as to whether the unmistakable threats of Russia, and the appeal of that nation for intervention by the powers, was antecedent or subsequent to the peace understanding reported yesterday between Japan and China.

As Port Arthur is within the limits of the great province of Manchuria, this demand, if persisted in, would conflict directly with the Russian ultimatum delivered at the very beginning of hostilities, and repeated more than once since in a semi-official manner, to-wit:

A French Steamer Burned.

PARIS, April 14.—The small French steamer La Heva, which was used in the petroleum trade, burned last night at the pier in Havre, where she was unloading. A part of the pier was destroyed.

On Hogsback Rock.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The steamer Continental, which plies between this city and New Haven, ran on the Hogsback rock off Ward's island this morning. The vessel is still on the rock.

Charged With Smuggling.

EL PASO, Tex., April 14.—Webster Flanagan, ex-collector of customs at this port, generally known as "What-are-we-here-for" Flanagan, is on trial charged with assisting A. G. Dawson to smuggle some 20,000 sheep from Mexico.

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fortress of Belfort until the indemnity was paid. The practical effect of this in that case was to cause the French to pay the war indemnity in a space of time far shorter than was allowed by the treaty, in order to escape the humiliation of foreign occupancy of French territory.

Of course, if Japan follows a similar course in respect to Port Arthur, the Russian government will make sure that she has ample guarantee that the occupied port will be evacuated within a fixed period of time.

On the whole, officials here, assuming that Japan pursues a policy of moderation, see nothing in this news from Russia calculated to prevent the consummation of peace, unless it should perhaps encourage the Chinese to endeavor to recede from the terms already practically agreed upon, in the hope of securing better treatment from Japan while the latter nation is under apprehension of Russian intervention.

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DURANT GETS NERVOUS

Formally Charged With Murder Today.

THE CHAIN IS LENGTHENING

His Name Stricken from the College Rolls--Generally Believed to Be Guilty.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—W. H. T. Durant, suspected of the murder of Blanch Lamont and Marian Williams, has lost his former calmness of demeanor. He is excited and nervous, and whether innocent or guilty realizes his serious predicament.

Chief Crowley is satisfied that Durant is the man who outraged and murdered Blanch Lamont and Marian Williams. That Blanch was murdered and afterwards carried to the belfry is evident because the thick dust in the belfry shows only a man's footprints, and no evidence of a struggle.

Stories of Durant's Jekyll and Hyde character are coming out. In Emanuel church he was noted for his religious fervor. Other residents of the mission district say he was a frequenter of saloons, and played cards and billiards in the wine rooms, nightly visiting with other youths, saloons with side entrances for women.

It was rumored that members were organizing to burn down the desecrated church, and police were sent to guard the edifice. No attempt was made to carry out the threats.

Durant when seen in his cell this morning, said that he had been advised to make no further public statement until the preliminary examination. "I am innocent of the death of the girls," he said, "and hope to be able to prove that fact."

When he was told of the marked similarity between his writing and the address on the package containing Blanch Lamont's rings, Durant said: "The writing may be similar, but I state most solemnly that I know nothing of the person who sent the rings to Mrs. Noble."

When Durant's admission as to the writing was followed by the information that the police had used portions of the catalogue for the purpose of connecting him with the warning of the address mentioned. Durant qualified his admission with the nervous statement: "I only wrote part of the catalogue. Four other persons were engaged in that work."

When pressed to give the names he took refuge in silence. At the close of the interview his nervousness was very apparent. His lower lip trembled visibly, and during the entire talk he continued interlocking his fingers in a way that indicated extreme agitation.

Still, on the whole, the prisoner displayed marvelous nerve and self-control. The police are fully satisfied that the evidence now in hand fixes the responsibility for the crimes upon Durant, but they will withhold a formal filing of the charge of murder until after the inquest has been held.

Against the United States.

PARIS, April 15.—Echo de Paris advises Europe to form an economic and industrial defense against the United States. Referring to the expression of sympathy by the senate of Florida with the Cuban rebels, echo de Paris protests against the manner in which the United States interprets international laws, and declares that American intervention in Asia and Europe regarding Armenia should attract the vigilance of Europe.

Fort Dir Taken.

CALCUTTA, April 15.—Later news from the Chitral campaign states that the British have captured Fort Dir, on the north bank of the Pankjorn river, together with the garrison, including Mohammed, Umra Khan's brother. Colonel Kelley's march to Chitral has been retarded by rains and freshets.

Factories Burned.

BERLIN, April 15.—Blumenthal's immense cloth works have burned. Two firemen were killed.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

ability for the crimes upon Durant, but they will withhold a formal filing of the charge of murder until after the inquest has been held. It is said however, at police headquarters that it is by no means certain as yet that Durant did not have an accomplice.

News of a disquieting nature reached police headquarters about 11 o'clock last night, and it was feared that an attempt might be made to break into the central station and take Durant from the authorities. Crowds gathered around the bulletin boards, and talked of lynching him, and it was thought that an attack might be made on the prison. Officers were stationed around the entrance to the prison and the heavy barred doors, that have never been used before, were examined by a locksmith to see that they were firm and in condition to resist attack.

Every point of possible attack was carefully examined, and the officers of the prison felt more assured when informed that no weak point had been found. At midnight several officers were detailed to keep a sharp lookout along the streets leading to the station, in order that no mob could approach without the officers on duty being warned.

There is one clew in the case which the detectives have overlooked. On the left side of Durant's chin two small pieces of skin are torn off. The scars were quite red this morning. When questioned Durant promptly explained that he got them while out riding yesterday. The police surgeon, however, after examining the wounds with a view to determining when they were inflicted, said three days ago. This would coincide with the murder of Marian Williams Friday night, and as the scars look like nail scratches, it is not improbable they were made by Marian in her struggles with the murderer.

Durant last night made several statements which investigation has proved incorrect. He said that on Friday night he left home at 8 o'clock, and after taking a short ride on the cars, went to Dr. Vogel's house, arriving there at 8:30 o'clock. The fact is that Durant did not arrive at Vogel's till almost 10 o'clock, and then his appearance betokened a struggle. His hair was disordered, his linen crumpled, his face in a perspiration. He asked to rearrange his toilet.

This morning Durant refused to talk for publication, but conversed with friends who called, to each proclaiming his innocence. Even among his fellow church members his guilt is believed.

Astoria Hopeful.

ASTORIA, Or., April 15.—The committee for securing the right-of-way through the city started out this morning, and at night had fully one-third of the deeds. By Wednesday night it expects to have the entire right-of-way through the city. The line from Goble to Astoria has been secured, with few exceptions, and suits will be entered at once to condemn the rest of the right-of-way.

Few fish are being caught just now, this morning's haul being very light. One of Kinney's boats was found bottom up on the sands late this afternoon. It has not been reported who the occupants were or whether they were saved.

Coming down the river Saturday night the steamer Signal went over a net, which became entangled with the propeller. She was beached yesterday and had the net removed.

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