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POOR PEACE TALK

By Scripps News Association
New York Aug 2.—The Japanese conditions are too intolerable to admit of discussion, but I am happy to visit America also to have personal intercourse with President Roosevelt, and am glad to offer greetings from Emperor Nicholas to President Roosevelt," said M. Witts, the Russian peace envoy at midnight in an interview by wireless telegraph on board the Wilhelm der Gross, while the ship was 100 miles east of Nantucket lighthouse. He further stated: "It has been said that I am to lead the ground for floating Russian loan in America, and discuss the relations between the two countries, especially the commercial affairs. My only mission here is to look after the negotiations for peace, but I am quite ready to express my personal opinion upon questions relating to Russia and America with the view of strengthening the traditional friendly feeling of the two nations."

Rio Grande Strike

Scripps News Association
Denver, Colo., Aug 2.—By order of president Wilson of the international brotherhood of way employees, all members of the order will strike at six this evening. Eight hundred will be affected, and the entire system of the Denver and Rio Grande. General manager, Ridgway, states that there will be no recognition of the organization, and that the men are unreasonable in their demands. He also stated that the company had plenty of men to take the places of the striking workmen.

New Member Appointed

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington D. C. Aug 2.—E. L. Robinson, of Louisiana, has been appointed a member of the permanent board of statisticians to complete the work of the cotton crop report.

THE STRIKE IS ON

Scripps News Association
St. Paul, Aug. 2.—The strike of the telegraphers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific went into effect this morning. President Perham says the men are standing firm and obeying orders. All men of the Minnesota division are out except those at Wadena and Detroit and the Montana division is deserted except the manager at Billings. According to Perham, the Montana Central is tied up and the system on the Dakota division is abandoned. The strikers have established headquarters at all division points. Trains on both routes arrived and left on the St. Paul schedule at 2 o'clock and at ten this morning.

Duluth August 2.—Twenty operators of the Great Northern offices at Superior and five at Duluth struck. Their places have not been filled.

SUPT. SLADE TALKS

St Paul Aug. 2.—General Superintendent Slade of the Great Northern and Gen. Supt. Horn, of the Northern Pacific in their statements made at noon says: "men are being secured to take the places of the strikers."

OBEYED IN MONTANA

Helena Mont Aug 2.—The strike order was generally obeyed throughout Montana. Practically every man including the train dispatchers on both systems are out.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Missoula Mont Aug 2.—The Rocky Mountain division on the Northern Pacific is tied up tight by the strike, not a wheel is turning here. All wires are down, but whether from storm or from interference is not now known.

QUIET AT PORTLAND

Portland Aug 2.—Only three operators here are effected by the strike. These three are under the employment of the terminal company and are not directly involved.

TO CALL GRAND JURY

(By Scripps News Association)
New York, Aug. 2.—At the request of District Attorney Jerome, Justice Davis, of the criminal court, of the supreme bench, today adjourned court until September 11. Attorney Jerome said that in all probability he then would ask for an order to impanel a special grand jury to investigate the Equitable insurance society. The result of the investigation discloses an extraordinary number of cases. He said that the superintendent of insurance was, of course, the prosecuting officer, and there are certain features of importance to the criminal investigation which is not adequately covered, while the legislation and investigation is for the view of remedying the existing evils.

Zangwel Accepts

By Scripps News Association
Basi, Aug. 2.—Israel Zangwel, the well known Jewish author has decided to accept the presidency of the new Jewish International League and will negotiate with Premier Halford for the English offer of the East Africa tract, for colonization which was rejected by the Original congress.

In Open Court

Scripps News Association
Woolar, O., August 2.—Men prominent in army circles are here today to appear as witnesses in the sensational divorce case of Capt. Elmer Taggart against his wife. Mrs. Taggart came here to file a cross petition upon statutory grounds. The court house was thronged with women who came to hear the testimony. At noon there was no room in the court room. When the trial was opened, Captain Taggart requested through his attorneys that the case be heard behind closed doors. The request was denied by the judge.

MORE FEVER CASES

By Scripps News Association
New Orleans, Aug. 2.—The Louisiana state board of health was notified officially today that a case of fever exists at Montgomery Ala., and is that of William Mibbitt, a planter. He was taken ill Friday at the Capitola hotel, coming from Kentwood, La., five miles from New Orleans. The hot weather of Tuesday is given by experts as the cause for the increase in number of new cases.

ASSISTANCE WANTED

New Orleans La. Aug 2.—It is more than likely that the Federal government will within a few days, be asked to send Surgeon general Wyman to direct affairs at this place. A petition has been circulated on the cotton exchange requesting that Federal action be taken, and it received a majority of the signatures of the members of the exchange.

MORE COMPLICATIONS

New Orleans Aug 2.—More complications have arisen over the quarantine and the ordering out of the troops in Mississippi to enforce the same. Baldwin, a banker, who owns a handsome home just beyond the Louisiana line, alleges that the Mississippi troops applied for admission to the "Baldwin Lodge", and when refused by the keeper, forcibly took charge of the premises. Baldwin's son then notified the troops to vacate and the captain refused. Baldwin then applied in the United States district court for an injunction. Judge Pardee is now in Atlanta. If the injunction is granted, the U.S. marshal for that district of Mississippi must serve the papers.

TERRIFIC STORM

A terrific storm last night destroyed the work of the seventeen "Clean up and Oil Clubs" of seventeen wards. The rain caused the overflow of the cisterns and loss of the oil covering them. An extra force of men were put to work this morning to go over the territory and re-oil each cistern.

The council passed an anti-mosquito law providing a penalty of \$25 for every property owner failing to have their cisterns screened.

SIX DEATHS

New Orleans Aug 2.—At noon the official report states that six deaths occurred at the emergency hospital, all Italians, and only two cases reported today. A telegram states suspicious cases at Memphis.

TWO MORE DEATHS

New Orleans, La., Aug. 2.—Up to ten thirty today there had been two deaths reported from yellow fever, and one new case, by the board of health. The weather is against the patients, as it is cloudy and sultry.

GOVERNOR INVESTIGATING

Jefferson Miss. Aug 2.—Governor Vardaman left this morning for the Gulf coast to investigate the report that Mississippi troops infested Louisiana. He declines to discuss the matter in the meantime.

NIGHT NEW CASES

New Orleans Aug 2.—Two o'clock reports eight new cases today. Governor Blanchard wired secretary Shaw a strong protest against the action of the revenue cutter Winona, charged with interfering with Louisiana fishing boats. Capt. Hostick, of the naval brigade has been ordered to proceed to the scene of the trouble with his command to protect the right of citizens. Blanchard demanded of the commander of Ship Island to release all boats held. Gov. Vardaman disclaims issuing orders for trespass. Matters are extremely serious.

New Ministry

Scripps News Association
Stockholm, Aug 2nd.—The new ministry has been formed with M. Landsburg as minister of state and Count Wachtmeister of foreign affairs. The new cabinet seeks a peaceful solution of the problem presented by Norway's withdrawal.

NOW WITH JURY

By Scripps News Association
Portland August 2.—The closing arguments in the land fraud trial were finished today at noon. This afternoon the court delivered the charge to the jury which was identical with the charge delivered to the jury in the first trial. The jury has retired to deliberate.

BLEW UP THE JAIL

By Scripps News Association
Seattle Wash Aug 2.—A desperate attempt to blow up the county jail was made early this morning by Jack Chesterfield, now serving sentence for criminal assault. His wife smuggled to him five sticks of dynamite and a revolver yesterday afternoon. At four o'clock this morning Chesterfield touched off the dynamite, tearing a huge hole in the cell. Guards rushed to the scene where Chesterfield held them at bay until the police and fire company was sent for. The latter turned the big hose on him, nearly drowning him. Chesterfield then fatally shot himself. He was married two weeks ago in jail to the same woman who helped him to escape two years ago in Vancouver, B. O. by smuggling pepper into his cell with which he blinded the guards.

EIGHTY TEACHERS PRESENT

The annual teachers institute now being held in this city is one of the most successful ever held in this part of the state. When County Supt. Bragg called the institute to order this morning he was greeted with nearly eighty of the prominent teachers of the state. Three addresses were delivered at the morning session, one by Mrs. J. J. Hookenberry, of La Grande, subject, English; another by State Superintendent Ackerman, subject, Arithmetic; and the other by Prof. J. M. Martin, principal of the La Grande public school. All three of these addresses were received with apparent interest.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was held in the court room at the court house on account of the High School auditorium not being large enough to accommodate the visiting teachers. The opening address was made by Attorney C. E. Cochran whose subject was "Meagerness of Teachers Salaries." Prof. French, who was on the program for two papers, was unable to attend, and Prof. J. M. Martin and H. J. Hookenberry occupied his time. State Superintendent Ackerman also delivered an address, taking for his subject, Arithmetic, which he handled in a way to assure his hearers that he is a chief master of his subject.

This evening Prof. H. J. Hookenberry will deliver his famous lecture "The Old Play Ground and the New." This lecture is without doubt one of the finest ever heard in this city. Tonight's session will be held in the Presbyterian church, and will be free to all.

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