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PROSPECTS ARE THAT PEACE DELIBERATIONS WILL CLOSE BY MONDAY OR TUESDAY

Question of Indemnity and Disposition of Sakhalin Island to Be discussed Last

ALL RUSSIA IS OPTIMISTIC

By Scripps News Association
 Portsmouth, Aug 17.—When the conference began at 10:30 Witte recovered from his slight indisposition of yesterday.
 Korosevitch, the Russian secretary said: "There are splendid prospects and the deliberations must surely close by Monday or Tuesday. There are still two great questions to yet be considered, those of the amount of indemnity to be paid and the disposition of the island of Sakhalin. The latter may take longer to dispose of than the other questions."
 Sakhalin is a long narrow island west of Japan of 47,000 square miles with a population of 13,000, and which has heretofore belonged to Russia.
 Portsmouth, Aug 17.—M Witte, before leaving for conference said, "We expect to take up today, articles 9, 10, 11, 12 and perhaps article 6 which was passed over the other day. The matters in manner will be correlated so it is believed we can handle them together. I can give no idea how long the conference may continue. I am not a good guesser." He would give no idea as to the nature of the articles nor his opinion as to what action will

be taken. For the first time since the arrival of the commission Suto expressed a positive opinion of the outcome of the negotiations and said "I am satisfied with the progress made. It is getting along fast and I think we will have peace. This however, is just my personal opinion. Protocols of the articles have been agreed upon and will be part of the treaty. They are drafted with a view of being embodied in the treaty if any is to be made. It is intended for conference to take up all problems before going back to discuss Sakhalin."
 While the envoys maintained the greatest of cordiality this morning at the conference it is known that M Witte discussed the indemnity with much earnestness and declared with much feeling that he favored peace but that he could not agree on the terms as it would be humiliating to his government.
FAILED TO AGREE
 Portsmouth Aug 17—Bulletin, Korosevitch telephoned at 1:15 this afternoon, following from the conference rooms. "The morning session was taken up with the discussion of article nine but they failed to reach a decision and they decided to take note of the divergence of views and proceeded to a discussion of the later articles. They will resume at 3 o'clock

CONCERNING INDEMNITY
 It is believed that article nine concerns indemnity. There is hope from the fact that the envoys are continuing negotiations after facing the indemnity problem and further that the fact is announced that it is to be discussed again leaves the impression that the question has not yet been abandoned but has been left for final discussion. Other authorities say that a failure to reach an agreement on article nine sounds the death knell of the negotiations and that later discussions are to be of mere formality.
 Articles ten and eleven discussed this afternoon concern the limitation of the Russian naval strength on the Pacific and article twelve pertains to opening of the Siberian fisheries to Japan.
RUSSIA OPTIMISTIC
 London Aug 17—A dispatch from St Petersburg says a prominent banker of that city has confirmed the report that the Russian loan was made by America. It is stated that supplementary telegrams were sent Witte yesterday and the feelings regarding the outcome of the peace conference are more optimistic.

DEADLY TRAIN WRECK

By Scripps News Association
 Norfolk Va Aug 17—Bulletin—An excursion train on the Atlantic coast was ditched at a water station named Boone. Many are reported to have been killed and injured. All available physicians have been rushed to the scene.
 The wreck occurred at Bruce station. Five hundred excursionists on a train ran into a draw bridge, which either was open or broke under the weight of the engine, one car being entirely submerged in water. At 3 o'clock two dead and thirty injured have been taken from the wreck.
 Seven bodies have been recovered and it is said that twenty seven are missing.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS

(Scripps News Association)
 Portland Aug 17—Today's program of the Trans Mississippi Congress was presided over by Hon John W Noble. Addresses were made by Major W O Langfitt, U S A, taking for his subject the "Columbia River", T B Wilcox of the Portland Chamber of Commerce spoke on the "Oriental Trade", and Minister to Columbia John Barrett's topic was "Future Markets." Hon F B Thurber of New York handled the subject of "Merchants and Marines", and G W Dixie of San Francisco, on "Improvement of Rivers" and a few other short addresses were the feature of the day.

Stage Held Up

Scripps News Association
 San Francisco Aug 17—The stage running between Half Moon Bay and San Mateo was held up by one lone high-wayman. He secured the Wells & Fargo express box and made the passengers pass the hat. An approaching teamster with a heavy load was driven from his team and chased down the road. A second teamster appeared and the robber made his get away.

38 New Cases

Scripps News Association
 New Orleans Aug 17—At three o'clock this afternoon there were thirty eight new cases and three deaths reported.

Iroquoise Won

By Scripps News Association
 Rochester Aug 17—Iroquoise won the fourth race for the Canadian cup this afternoon.

Recind Action

(By Scripps News Association)
 Yokohama Aug 17—Japanese merchants have recinded the order to boycott American goods.

Champion Defeated

(By Scripps News Association)
 Chicago Aug 17—E E Giles of Pittsburg, defeated the national champion, Fgan, for the Exmore leap on the Exmoor links this morning.

Chicago Ashore

(By Scripps News Association)
 San Francisco August 17 Bulletin—The cruiser Chicago with the Bennington arrived from San Francisco this morning and is reported to be ashore on Angel Island. Tugs have gone to her relief.
PULLED OFF
 San Francisco 313—The cruiser Chicago was pulled off undamaged.

NEW GRAND JURY

The federal grand jury, which is to resume investigation of the land frauds and related matters, is to convene in Portland next Tuesday. United States Circuit Judge Gilbert said this morning that the order directing the grand jury to be drawn would be issued tomorrow.
 Francis J Heney, the district attorney, is expected next Monday to attend the sessions. Since Heney's departure for San Francisco, Secret Service Agent Burns and his assistants have been busily engaged in gathering evidence for submission to the jury.
 Owing to pressure of business in his own court, Judge Hunt of Montana, who is to preside at the remaining land fraud trials, will not be able to reach Portland until September 5. The third trial of Congressman Williamson and his co-defendants, which was set for August 28, will therefore be postponed until September 5, and a corresponding change will be made in the date of the trial of the conspiracy case against Senator Mitchell, Congressman Hermann and others, originally set for September 5.
 The grand jurors to be drawn tomorrow will be taken from the new grand jury list, which has been compiled in accordance with an order made by Judge Delhaven a few weeks ago.—Portland Journal.

Trouble Feared

(Scripps News Association)
 London, Aug 17—There is a feeling here that there will be serious trouble between Germany and France. The news that the official contract for a loan to the sultan has been signed by the head of the German mission at Fez intensifies this feeling.

FOREST FIRES IN MONTANA

(Scripps News Association)
 Helena Mont Aug 17—Advices today from the western portion of the state are to the effect that the forest fires are on the increase. The greatest damage is being done in the vicinity of Clinton where a large number of men are working under the directions of the federal officers, fighting flames. The burning forests cover an area of five miles and presents a solid wall of flames before the fighters. It is impossible to estimate the damage at this time although it will reach a large figure.

Great Fire

Scripps News Association
 Vienna, Aug 17—A great fire is raging at Kissheff as a result of explosives collected by the revolutionists.

Chairman Shonts Ill

Washington August 17—Chairman Shonts of the isthmian canal commission is sick with dysentery contracted on the ship en route home from Panama. He is at his summer home at Greenwich Connecticut and will not be in the city for several days.

Take Notice

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Bock and Thomas are requested to call at the old stand at the market where they will find Mr G W Thomas or Miss Cora Harding who will make settlements.
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Discharged

Justice of the Peace Hough yesterday discharged Henry Belmer who was tried on Monday charged with assault to kill on the person of his little son, who was about ten years of age. The indictment was too strong as there was no evidence to show that he intended to kill. The evidence to show that the boy was unmercifully whipped with a buggy whip and that Belmer should have received some kind of punishment. Not a few expressed themselves that possibly the child should be taken from under the immediate direction of the parent until such time as he learns to hold his temper.

UNITAH LAND OPENED

By Scripps News Association
 Provo, Utah, Aug 17—Thousands gathered here this morning to witness the drawing for the Unitah reservation land. The drawing was held upon an elevated platform in plain view of the entire gathering, and was held under the supervision of a committee appointed by the secretary of the interior. Envelopes containing the names of all those who had registered at Provo were placed in the box by Vernal Price of Grand Junction, the number of envelopes being 5772. The first five names to be drawn were Ray Daniels of Provo, Noah M Baldock of Vernal Utah, Bary L Hall of Salt Lake, John H Partridge of Goshen, and Frank C Moyle of Salt Lake
 Daniels, who is but twenty one years of age, is reported to have been offered one hundred dollars per year for five years and five thousand dollars for his selection when he proves up. The excitement is very intense, but there is no disorder.

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