

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER

VOLUME IV

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1905

NUMBER 149

## UNITED STATES MAY BE ASKED TO ASSUME PROTECTORATE OVER ISLAND OF SAKHALIN

President Roosevelt Has Asked Members of Foreign Relation Committee Their Opinions.

## ROOSEVELT GREAT FACTOR IN AFFAIR

Indianapolis, Aug 21.—The correspondent to the Sentinel at Portsmouth says: "I am able to state authoritatively that the last few days have brought to a focus a number of important phases in the peace conference and as a result these developments may be that the United States may be on its own initiative or through the request of one of the belligerents, assume protectorate over Sakhalin island." It is reported that this phase of the question was discussed by Roosevelt and Rosen, and that the President discussed the situation with Kaneko today. It is not positively known whether the suggestion was made by the President or the envoys of Russia and Japan.

"It is said that the President sent messages to every member of the committee on foreign relations of the senate, asking their opinions as to what would be the result if this country took this stand," said Chairman Cullom of that committee, as he had received a telegram to that effect yesterday.

VISITS PRESIDENT  
Oyster Bay, Aug 21.—Kaneko made his fourth visit to the President this

morning. It is believed that the President asked him to secure greater concessions from Japan to Russia, notably the lowering of the indemnity a few millions.

### RESTS WITH RUSSIA

Before Kaneko left this place he said: "Japan has offered Russia the fairest terms any victorious nation could be expected to make." He did not say in so many words that these terms would constitute an ultimatum but his manner bore out the impression that the question of war or peace rested with Russia alone. Kaneko was asked if he brought to the President a message from Tokio on the question of indemnity. He answered that he did not and denied that the President communicated anything of importance to him. Secretary Loeb returned today from his vacation in Yellowstone Park.

### PRESIDENT A FACTOR

Witte stated this afternoon that Roosevelt had tendered his good offices through Baron Rosen in the interests of peace. Had as the Japanese terms of peace may be and as unyielding as the Russians may be, it is said that the influence of the President is the most powerful brought to bear as yet. There have been a number of situations just as difficult to cope with heretofore but have

always been smoothed out by the President's tact, so it is believed that he will do much in this crisis.

### WANT NO INTERFERENCE

Portsmouth Aug 21.—Witte said this morning that it was idiotical to talk of submitting to the Hague tribunal the question of indemnity and the disposition of Sakhalin. Sato said, "It may be that the concessions will be final in the adjustment of the details in bringing the negotiations to an end but neither side will submit to the Hague tribunal any question involving the principals of the treaty. Japan and Russia will settle the present differences without the aid of European countries or there will be no settlement."

### REGARDED AS ABSURD

Portsmouth, Aug 21.—The reports published in the west to the effect that this country will assume the protectorate over the island of Sakhalin are regarded here to be a diplomatic absurdity. A high Japanese official says "It belongs to Japan and no other country can have an interest in it."

Portsmouth, Aug 21.—The peace envoys today discussed over cable with their governments the suggestions made by President Roosevelt. The president did not interfere with the negotiations but whatever actions he has taken are upon the initiative for the Japanese. The reason for the circuitous route is the natural hesitation of the Japanese envoys to approach the Russians directly as their effort might be misconstrued.

## TERRIBLE STREET CAR ACCIDENT

Butte, Mont., Aug 21.—Eight killed, one fatally injured and 13 more or less injured are the result of a street car collision with a freight train on the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific railroad. The street car was returning with a carload of merry makers from the Columbia gardens when the accident happened. The dead are: Maggie Harrington, Maud Johnson, Mrs. Jacobs, Maggie Keeve, Vera Haughton, Christina Wold, Mrs. Saddle Smith, all of Butte and one unidentified man.

### Reporter Shot

San Francisco Aug 21.—Clarence Edwards, acting city editor of the Chronicle, appeared this morning before Judge Morgans to answer a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, the complaining witness being Charles Harwood, a newspaper writer, who charges that he was shot by Edwards last night in the editorial rooms of the Chronicle. The shooting is the result of an old feud. The bullet deflected on a button incapacitating Harwood so he could not appear in court to press the charges. It is believed that he will prosecute.

## TO COURT MARTIAL ENSIGN

Washington Aug 21.—The court of inquiry which has been investigating the explosion of the gunboat Bennington, recommends that Ensign Charles T Wade, who was in charge of the engineering department of the ship be court-martialed.

It is alleged that Wade failed to see that the safety valve on the boiler had been overhauled at the proper time and kept in good working order, but accepted the verbal statement of the subordinate that the valves had been overhauled in March 1904, and that he had failed to cause all of the safety sentinel valves on all boilers to be tested in accordance with the regulations. With these charges of negligence, the court recommends that the trial be held before a general court-martial.

## La Grande Man a Hero

Arthur Perkins, a young man from Rock Creek, went out to the natatorium yesterday about four o'clock accompanied by two or three friends. They arrived just as all the afternoon bathers had retired, says the Baker City Democrat. The water looked so pleasing to the young man that he divested himself of garments, donned bathing attire and from the big spring board splashed into the huge tank. He had never done a natatorial stunt before and evidently had not reckoned up the depth. His friends, who had not sought the diversion were in a second horrified to see that he was beyond his depth and unable to swim. They sent up a stenorian call. Joseph A Velthans, a La Grande young man, responded, and throwing off his hat coat and vest, plunged into the water. Perkins was evidently sinking for the third time when he reached him. There was a fierce struggle for a few minutes, but the rescuer got control and hauled him to the rope. Perkins' friends, as well as himself recognized that he had a narrow escape.

## NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS CONVENES

Irrigation Experts of United States Discuss Feasible Plans

## ANNUAL ADDRESS

Portland, Aug 21.—The thirteenth session of the National Irrigation Congress was called to order this morning in the exposition auditorium this morning by Governor Pardee of California presiding. The address of welcome was delivered by Governor George E Chamberlain, with Mayor Harry Lane of Portland, Governor McDonald of Colorado and Governor

Mead of Washington, and H D Loveland of California. The annual address was delivered by Governor Pardee of California. "Forestry" was the topic of Gifford Pinchot's address, and "Engineering and Mechanical Work" by Frederick Newell of Washington, "Climatology" by H B Williams of Washington, and C W Eberlin of San Francisco spoke on "Rural Settlement."

### Trouble Again

Warsaw Poland Aug 21.—A general strike throughout Poland has been declared as a result of the disregard of the Poles in the legislative assembly. The strike commenced today beginning at Vistula where the train crews left the trains standing at the stations at all intermediate points. Martial law has been declared in the entire Baltic province of Courland.

### Honor Dead

San Diego Aug 21.—The captain, officers and a detail of twenty men from the Italian cruiser Umbria this morning visited the Point Loma cemetery and placed a floral crown over the graves of the Bennington victims.

### Protested Innocence.

St. Louis, Aug 21.—Henry Haussack was hanged here this morning for the murder of his cotigerian father-in-law on March 20, 1904. He protested his innocence to the very last. Mrs J V Colt, accompanied by Miss Smith of Utah, left last evening to visit friends in Portland.

### Seventeen New Cases

New Orleans Aug 21.—Seventeen new cases of yellow fever and five deaths are the records for today.

## 4 HEADACHE FACTS

I Headache is an almost universal ailment; 86 per cent have it, at least occasionally.

II Headaches could be relieved by means of strong opiates, but drugging a pain is not curing it.

III It is now possible to cure a headache quicker than an opiate will relieve it, and to cure harmlessly by removing the cause.

IV Newlin's Instant headache cure is a perfect remedy. It can't harm. It relieves the severest headaches in from 20 to 40 minutes. Price, 25 cents.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

## THE CITY GROCERY AND BAKERY

E. POLACK, Prop.

Go to the City Grocery and Bakery for groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables.

FRESH BREAD, CAKES AND PIES, EVERY DAY

Give us a call one time and you will be sure and come again. We keep the best and freshest of everything the market affords.

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Big Shirt Waist Sale

FOR

THREE DAYS

Commencing Monday, Aug. 22, we will place on Sale our entire stock of Shirt Waist. No reserve

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Per Ct.

Less than ACTUAL VALUE

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

## FEVER NOW IN MISSOURI

Keokuk, Ia., Aug. 21.—A Greek laborer who came from Natchez with a railroad construction gang is quarantined at Gregory, Mo., under the suspicion that he has yellow fever.

Keokuk Aug 21.—The yellow fever patient died today. All trains and boats have been ordered not to stop at Gregory. All of the workmen who were exposed have been quarantined.

## WILL FIGHT BEEF RUSTS

Chicago Ill Aug 21.—It has developed that the butchers, hotel men and restaurateurs here organized in 20 cities to erect and operate packing plants in opposition to the beef trust. The plants are to cost over \$500,000. It was planned in this city and it is said the plants have been quietly erected in San Francisco, New York and other cities.

### Wheat

Chicago Aug 21.—The market closed today at \$1.80 1-8, corn at \$1.52 1-8, and oats at \$1.25 5-0.