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## PEACE OR WAR

OUTCOME OF PEACE CONFERENCE SEEMS TO HANG IN BALANCE.

Russians Still Unyielding in Reference to Payment of Indemnity Negotiations may Fail —Other News.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 26—As indicated in these dispatches last night there was no rupture in the peace negotiations today. Peace is by no means assured, but an important crisis has been tided over, and the fact that the life of the conference has been prolonged into next week adds materially to the chances of a favorable issue.

According to the Russian version it was Japan and not Russia which weakened this afternoon, Mr. Witte publicly announced after the sitting that it was Baron Komura who asked for an adjournment until Monday, in order to have time to submit a new proposition. Yet it is known that Mr. Witte has received instructions after the president's intercession at Peterhoff through Ambassador Meyer, to agree to the division of Sakhalin, and to permit liberal compensation for the Russian prisoners of war and the cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad, but to continue absolutely to refuse to pay war tribute under any guise. This was described as Russia's "ultimatum" leaving the same old question of money the stumbling block to an agreement.

In the regular course of procedure, after the presentation of the Japanese compromise proposition on Wednesday, the diplomatic move passed to Russia, and it was Mr. Witte's turn naturally to present the counter-proposition of his government. If he succeeded as is intimated, in withholding his card and forcing the Japanese to play again, he undoubtedly gained a point in the game.

But no adequate account of the proceedings of today's meeting is forthcoming. The plenipotentiaries, by agreement, excluded the secretaries. There were no minutes. There are no records. This in itself, is extremely significant. When men who are fighting a desperate battle lock themselves in a room alone, it is the best evidence that they are terribly in earnest. It is a hopeful sign. All that is formally announced is that the minutes of the last session were approved and upon Baron Komura's motion the conference adjourned until Monday at 3 o'clock, but whether or not the counter-proposition of Russia was submitted at this afternoon's session, it seems to be up to Japan to formally renounce her demand for the cost of the war and try to obtain a partial recompense in another way—for instance, by a bona fide sale of the northern half of Sakhalin.

Emperor Nicholas' reply to Ambassador Meyer and his instructions to Mr. Witte are regarded as his last word, as form as indemnity is concerned. A compromise by which Japan can secure a comparative moderate sum of money is open.

But the gulf to be spanned is still

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wide between the two adversaries. Russia is now willing to divide Sakhalin. Japan on Wednesday, claimed the entire island by right of occupation, offering only to sell back the northern half at the price of the cost of the war. And it should be borne in mind that the elimination of articles 10 and 11, surrender of Russia's interned warships and limitation of Russia's sea power, was conditional upon her acceptance of this proposition. Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira want time to consult their government before agreeing to yield further. The most competent Japanese authority said tonight:

"The question of peace or war still hangs in the balance." For the first time there appears to be some dissension in the Japanese camp as to the advisability of making another conciliatory step. Many of the attaches are strongly of the opinion that they should not recede another inch. The most prominent of them said tonight to the Associated Press:

"We only offered one half of Sakhalin upon condition that we should receive for it the price we fixed. The island is ours by right of conquest. If Russia imagines we will give up half of it for nothing, she is much mistaken. Our answer should be, come and take it."

The main hope of peace rests, as before, upon the fact that both sides are at heart seriously endeavoring to end the war. All the principles involved in the war have been settled in favor of the victor, and with each day's prolongation of the negotiations the pressure on both sides will increase not to allow a mere question of money stand between them.

Portland, Aug. 22—The embryonic science of aerial navigation scored a point at the Lewis and Clark Exposition yesterday morning when the airship City of Portland, made the most successful flight yet effected at the Exposition. From every standpoint the flight was satisfactory, and the performance yesterday must rank with the best flights ever made.

The vessel was in the air for half an hour during which time the machinery worked without a hitch. The vessel changed its course at will of the navigator, describing circles and loops and traveling against the wind and with it. The craft, in making a spurt, covered a distance of one mile in a trifle more than three minutes. It made

this record traveling with the wind which recorded a velocity of five miles an hour at the time. Returning against the wind the vessel made from two to five miles an hour.

Thousands of people saw the flight and joined in cheering the successful feat as Aernaut Lincoln Beechey made a safe landing in identically the same spot from whence he had ascended.

New York, Aug. 23—Five thousand men, women and children turned in terror to stampede on the grounds at South Orange Park last night, when an enormous African lioness, an attraction at the Greater Electric Park Amusement company, dashed through an open door in her cage, after knocking down her keeper, and sprang snarling across the platform toward the audience, standing shoulder to shoulder for 200 feet back from the stage.

Many had the clothing torn from their backs in the rush to the main entrance, and only the promptness with which the guards threw open the big gates, prevented a tragedy, for the great mass of people rushing around would have hurled themselves against the barrier and scores would undoubtedly have been trampled to death.

The lioness, one of the largest of her species, was enraged when she left the cage. Strange to say, she did not pursue the flying throngs, but leaped to the ground from the end of the platform and made off down the pike carrying terror in her mad run down the thoroughfare.

She took refuge at 11 o'clock behind one of the buildings at the southern end, where Carl Gorman, her trainer, responsible for her escape, with half a dozen employees, is trying to dislodge the beast. A cordon of 200 men, armed with rifles, revolvers and pitchforks has been thrown across the park to prevent the escape of the animal.

Portsmouth, Aug. 23—Meetings of the peace envoys were resumed this morning after an interval of four days. Since they adjourned Friday they were apparently almost hopelessly divided. Many things have happened, and much has been accomplished, which leads to the belief that today's session may result in something definite. Special arrangements have been made to keep the president informed on de-

velopments. A telegraph wire has been placed directly in connection with the navy yard and Oyster Bay, with Assistant Secretary Pierce has been provided with a cipher which he and the president only understand.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 26—The vicinity of Big Otter Creek in Clay county, 65 miles north of this city, was visited by a cloudburst yesterday afternoon, in which five lives were lost and much damage was done to property. The tremendous downpour of rain raised Big Otter Creek so rapidly that the home of John Pickering was surrounded by water before the occupant's were aware of their danger.

The family consisting of father, mother and four children, the eldest a daughter 17 years old, was swept away by the flood, the mother being the only one saved, she having clung to some floating debris.

Salem, Or. Aug. 26—Al Downs, of Silverton, charged by his brother, Robert Downs, with the offense of hunting without a license, was brought to the Marion county jail today and will spend five days behind the bars. He refused to pay a fine because he felt an injustice had been done him.

The story told here is that Al Downs sent to Salem for a hunter's license but for some reason it was not procured and he went to the mountains in company with Ray McKinley to hunt deer. On their return they told Robert Downs that they had killed two deer. Robert unknown to them is a deputy game warden and immediately made complaint against his brother and his friend. Both pleaded guilty, declined an offer of being let off with the minimum fine of \$25, and were given the minimum sentence of five days in jail.

McKinley and Al Downs say Robert Downs knew they were going hunting without licenses and if he is willing to send them to jail under such circumstances they are willing to serve their time.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Aug. 26.—Another massacre of Jews marked by atrocities worthy of savages, has occurred in Bialistok, about 50 miles southwest of Grodno. Little is known outside of Russia of this slaughter, while even in continued on page 4

OFFICE OF J. W. BAILEY STATE DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER ROOM 19, BREEDEN BLDG.

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 25, 1905

The two Mason Jar caps has been examined. Upon examination the metal of the new Mason cap was found to be pure zinc. The small pin holes in the old Mason cap were undoubtedly caused by the action of vegetable acids. As a result the fruit in the jar must have been greatly contaminated with poisonous zinc compounds.

I regard the use of jars with zinc caps as very unsanitary and even dangerous.

Yours very truly,

J. W. BAILEY,

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