Russia Will Then Join in Peace Congress.

REPLYS TO AMERICAN NOTE

Proposition of Roosevelt Is Accepted in Principle.

CASSINI CONFERS WITH HAY

Ambassador Informs the Secretary His Government is in Hearty Sympathy With Movement-President Will Rest.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.-Russia is unwilling to join the powers in a second peace conference at The Hague until her war with Japan is ended

The Russian reply to Secretary Hay's circular note to the powers of October 23 last, inviting them "in the name of the President, to reassemble in conference at The Hague, to complete the postponed work of the first conference," was deliv-ered verbally to Secretary Hay today by Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador. The Ambassador was requested by his government to say that Russia heartly accepted in principle the invitation to a second conference at The Hague, and readily associated herself with the American Government to complete the mission of the first assembly convened under the leadership of the Russian Emperor. The Ambassador was further requested to say that while the Russian government very sincerely cherished these views, it did no the moment opportune for the convening of such a conference, and it therefore must withhold its formal ac-ceptance of the invitation until the war

in the Far East was at an end. Secretary Hay and Count Cassini were in conference for nearly an hour. The Ambassador was careful to assure the Secretary that his government welcomed the invitation of the President as an admirable evidence of the American Gov-erament's appreciation of the beneficent results of the first conference, and regretted the necessity of suggesting a post-ponement of the work then begun—a work in which the Russian government no less than the American, is keenly interested.

Thanks the Ambassador.

cretary Hay thanked the Ambassador for the cordiality with which the declara-tion of Russia's adherence in principle to the proposition had been conveyed to the American Government, and assured him he would forthwith transmit the reply to the President. Although different in form, the Russian reply does not differ in effect from that of Great Britain, France and the other European powers, practically all of which already have answered the While Russia is the first power specifically to suggest a postpone-ment until the close of the war, all the powers in expressing their approval of the proposition reserved for future pourparleurs the time when the conference should be held.

It can be stated this Government is well with the reception its note has re-The powers signatory to The convention have been officially ed to a second conference at some future time. In his note Secretary Hay purposely omitted suggesting a date for the assembling of the conference, realiging that certain powers might hesitate to take up for final definition such complicated questions as the rights of neutrals at a time when a great war was in prog-

So far as the Russian government is concerned, it is stated it is naturally averse to discussion of the many important questions which would come before the conference at a time when its at-tention is devoted to a foreign war.

tention is devoted to a foreign war.

In diplomatic circles the news of Russia's conditional reply caused some surprise. The caution which characterized even the consideration of the note at St. Petersburg made several Ambassadors here doubtful about the favorable reception of the American note. This doubt has been removed, however, by the friendly terms in which the note today was courbed.

For the present it is probable the American Government will rest on its oars. When the Far Eastern war enters on its final stage this Government will be ready to follow up its proposition. In the mean-time, should Russia's attitude change, she will find the American Government to lead the powers immediately to The Hague for the second conference.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT OPENS.

King, in His Speech, Declares for Liberal and Peaceful Principles.

ROME, Nov. 30 .- King Victor Emmanuel, who was accompanied by Queen Helena, reopened Parliament today. From his seat in the Senate at the Piaszo Madama he read the speech from the throne, expressing liberal and peaceful principles, which were enthusiastically applauded.

The weather was magnificent. The passing of the King to and from the palace of the Senate was a gorgeous The streets through which the royal cortege passed were lined with troops, and behind them the people were packed, while the windows, balconies and terraces were crowded with sightseers.

The sovereigns were accompanied by Prince and Princess Francis Joseph of Battenburg, Princess Xenia of Mon-tenegro and Elenea of Servia, the Count of Turin, the Duke of Genoa and the Duke of Urbano. The King and the Duke of Urbano. The King and Queen rode in beautiful gaia silver-mounted carriages, escorted by a guard of honor of mounted cuiras-seurs, whose helmets, breast plates and swords sparkled in the sun. As the procession proceeded through the streets, the cannon of the castle of St. Angelo hoomed, the historic belie of Angelo boomed, the historic belis of the capitol rang out a welcome, the men shouted "Long live the King," and the women waved their handkerchiefs. The hall of the Senate was crowded, and there was an especially brilliant

gathering in the diplomatic tribune, where the United States was represent-ed by Ambassador and Mrs. Meyer. The whole assembly stood and applauded for several minutes when the sover-

for several minutes when the sovereigns entered. Premier Giolitti called
the roll-call of the members of the
Senate, who took the customary oath,
and then the King, sitting on the
throne, read his speech.

The speech began by greeting the representatives of the nation, and the King
then referred to the birth of the crown
prince as "a much-desired event which
has rejoiced my house, while the general manner in which the poople joined
in the good wishes and felicitations
showed that the joy of my family is the
joy of the nation, and demonstrated the
indissoluble union between the monarchy
and the people which has formed so

great a part of the success of the coun-

Continuing, he said: "When for the first time I spoke before Parliament I affirmed my strong belief in liberty. My experience since then has confirmed my belief and has persuaded me that only with liberty can the ponderous problems now standing before all the peoples of the world, raised by the new aspirations and new attitudes of the social forces, be

"My government will continue to follow the policy of granting ample liberty within the limits of the law, which should be strongly defended, and which has met with such strong approbation from the

country."

The King then announced the introduction of bills having the object of progressively elevating the condition of the working classes, facilitating an equitable and peaceful solution of the conflicts between capital and labor, substituting co-opera-tion among all classes for sterile struggles, and replacing strikes, "which mean victory for the strongest, by arbitration

which means victory for fustice."

The King then referred to the conclusion of commerical treaties with Germany. Switzerland and Austria-Hungary, and re-

'Italy has been the first to demonstrate that the protectionist current deminating the world does not prevent commercial agreements when governments are guided by sentiments of equity and solidarity." He insisted on the necessity for maintaining the balance of the budget and the strength of the army and navy, and said

The economic condition of Italy is making evident progress. This happy condi-tion has been reached chiefly through peace, assured by solid alliances and sin-cere friendships, and emphasized by the affectionate demonstrations which octhe German Emperor, the King of Eng-land and the President of France. Arbi-tration treatles have been concluded with France, Great Britain and Switzerland. while negotiations for similar agreements with the United States and other countries are well advanced. Thus Italy con her mission of peace."

FINDS AUSTRIA TOO STUBBORN Germany Breaks Off Negotiations for

a Commercial Treaty. RERLIN Nov. 20 .- The negotiations for a commercial treaty between Ger-many and Austria-Hungary have been broken off completely, and in the present mood of the German governmenter will not be resumed unless t initiative. comes from Austria-Hungury. Interior Secretary Count von Posadowski-Wehner, who has been conducting the negotiations at the Austrian capital for the last four weeks, returned here today. The semi-official newspapers are exasperated over what is de fined here as "Austro-Hungary ob-stinacy," and threats are made to dethe existing treaty and open tariff hostilities as a means of sho Austria-Hungary that reciprocity is better than a tariff war.

Situation Considered Grave.

VIENNA, Nov. 30 .- Count von Posa dowsky-Wehner, the German Secretary, having failed in the negotiation of an Austro-German treaty, left Vienna today, returning to Berlin. There was not a single representative of Austria-Hungary at the station to bid him farewell. The situation arising out of the collapse of these negotiations is considered grave, and at the Foreign Office an earnest hope is expressed that economic differences will not be extended to the po-

RUSSIA IS SUSPICIOUS.

Looks With Misgiving on Acts of Britain in Southwestern Asia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 3.-The state ment that Ruesia is concentrating troops on the Afghan frontier is denied. Nevertheless, it is undoubtedly true that Ruesta is watching with some misgivings the British plans for the reorganization and increase of the Indian army, as well as the dispatch of a deputation to Persia. Coming on the heels of the Thibetan expedition, these moves naturally create the suspicion that Great Britain is taking advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the Far East to strengthen her position on the Judien Footier of Parties

on the Indian frontier of Persia. Russia seems keenly alive to situation, but no open move has yet been made, and the authorities are not disposed to admit that any is in contemplation as a counter-move in Per-sia. The deputation from the Shah of Persia, headed by Ariza Kahn, ex-Minister to Russia, which goes to Constantinopie in a similar capacity, is receiving considerable attention. The deputation is now on its way to St. Petersburg, and its ostensible purpose is to visit and congratulate Emperor Nicholas on the birth of an heir to the While it is not admitted here. the idea prevails generally that the mission is not devoid of political significance. The Emperor will give a state dinner to celebrate the visit.

WILL HARASS MINISTRY.

Radicals Will Make Fruitless Objection to Military Programme.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—Though it is practically certain that the government's new military programme will be accepted by the Reichstag by a good majority, it is evident the Radicals will not neglect the opportunity to harses the Ministry upon it. One of the many points of attack will be the provision to increase the cavairy by 38 squadto increase the cavalry by 28 squad-rons, forming, with the 17 existing squadrons of mounted riflemen, nine

new cavalry regiments.

The general staff declares that the increase is necessary in order to provide all corporations with a proper complement; but the opposition will complement; but the opposition will claim that the proposed increase is due to the Emperor's fondness for this spectacular arm of the service.

Approves Big War Credit.

SOFIA, Nov. 30.-The National Assem bly, behind closed doors, today discussed and approved the demand of the War Minister for an extraordinary credit of \$8,400,000 for the purchase of \$1 field and nine mountain batteries, and for the extension of the coast defenses on the

Earthquake Shock in Bay City. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning. Three other lighter shocks were felt a few minutes later in quick succession.

London Exchange Closes.

LONDON, Nov. 30 .- The London Paris Exchange, which did a large business in stocks, closed its offices in London today. The fallure had no effect on the market. The exchange dealt largely in the provinces, where small investors utilized its numerous branch offices.

After a meeting of the creditors this afternoon it was announced that efforts were making looking to a tiding over of the difficulties. A statement will be issued tomorrow.

Citizens' Association Again Goes on Record.

PARRY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Convention Also Holds Question of Hours is Matter for Mutual Agreement-San Francisco Speaker Describes Conditions.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.-Plans for organizing the employers of labor in this country to combat the labor unions were condered at today's session of the Citizens industrial Association convention. Among addresses delivered was one by Daniel Davenport, of Bridgeport, Conn., executive agent of the American Anti-Boycott Association. Mr. Davenport's subject was "The Purposen and Work of the
American Anti-Boycott Association."

It was in the employment bureau of the
country that Frederick W. Job. secretary
of the Chicago. the Chicago Employers' Association, nd hope of a future settlement of all

sides must return in the end to find re-

troubles between employes and employ-ers. To that bureau he declared both

lief.

John Beattle, a representative of the Master Painters and Decorators' Association, speaking of the labor situation in New York, said:

"I don't want you to think the men of New York are held up with strings willingly or for lack of sand. We have in this city an organization that has successfully fought the labor unions. We censfully fought the labor unions. organized our association 18 months againd made a strong fight. We formed a alliance with jabor after a lockout last-ing 16 weeks which paralyzed business. "Recently I asked President Roosevelt

as an American citizen to use his influ-ence to put the responsibility on labor unions, and he said: "That's the thing that The report of the committee on resolu-ions, which was adopted, reaffirmed the

objects as adopted at Chicago and In-dianapolis conventions of the Citizens' In-dustrial Convention, and again declared for continuance of the open shop. Continuing, the resolutions say: "Demanding only good faith and fair ealing, we discriminate against neither

union nor independent labor.
"We demand the freedom of the apprentice and the right of the individual to have a trade and follow it; also, "The right of private contract, with equal obligation upon employer and em-

The right to work, limiting the hours of labor, whether of brains or of the hand, is a matter of mutual agreement, not a subject for arbitrary legislative en-The enforcement of the law.

The resolutions direct that the executive committee take the necessary steps to secure a proper channel of activity for the co-relation of interested organiza tions with the Citizens' Industrial Association of America. They conclude as ciation of America. follows

Destruction of Industry.

"Whereas, The limitation which the trades unions set upon the number of apprentices in any shop is largely re-sponsible for the disappearance of skilled labor, is destructive of in-dustry and is one of the greatest dis-turbing factors in the industrial de-velopment of the country, in that it limits the right of the individual to

learn a trade; and "Whereas, The effort made by employer to increase the number of ap-prentices in a trade is necessarily prentices in a trade is necessarily hampered by the above limitations;

"Resolved, That the Citizens' Indus-trial Association of America recommends the establishment by boards of education of artisan schools, under the control and direction of the state, giving a diploma which shall be the evi-dence of the right to begin to practice a trade. "Resolved, further, That it be recom

mended to individual employers, so far as practicable, to establish training schools in their own shops, and as rapidly as possible to increase the number of apprentices desiring to learn the

Washington declared a 'well-regulated militia necessary for National defense; "Whereas, Organized labor through

out the country seeks to discourage and practically prohibits membership in the state militia; therefore, be it "Resolved, That this association con-demns this policy of labor unions as disloyal and dangerous, destroying the natural nucleus of republicanism, weakening the attachment of the citizens to the state, impairing a patriotic inspiration to our children and ulti-mately necessitating an increase in our

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he was proud of what has been done for the "open shop" in the East. He said: "In its fights the Metal Trades Asso-ciation has won all the strikes without

clation has won all the strikes without the sacrifice of principles. Our employes have admitted that they were mistaken and we were right.

"I am not an enemy to labor," he continued, "and I want every laboring man to get fair play. Labor unions have as much right to exist as your organisation. Every one knows that the prevailing rate of wages and the eight-hour labor law have done serious damage, and I am glad it has been declared unconstitutional. It drives busiciared unconstitutional. It drives busi-ness to other states. I am in favor of eight hours, but I want at the same time to work as long sg I like. I am in favor of paying the highest rate of wages and giving the shortest work-

Conditions in San Francisco. James A. Emory, counsel of the Citisens' Alliance of San Francisco, told of the system of organization on Pacific Coast. He said that in Francisco labor was so well organized that it had unions of the chicken-pickers, ten-pin men and the sandwich or

These were the conditions we had to meet when the Citizens' Alliance was formed," said Mr. Emory, "and then we realized that what we wanted was one single unifying principle to bring the people together. The political slivapeople together. The political situa-tion was such that at first the police would not enforce the law or protect willing workers. Then we supplied these men with guns and told them to protect themselves. We stand for class or clique, but united we drove the representatives of the ers from power, and in their place elected men who will enforce the law." On the report of the nominating com-mittee, David M. Parry, of Indianapolis, was re-elected president of the asso-ciation; J. C. Craig, of Denver, was elected first vice-president, and Major A. C. Rosencrans, of Evansville, Ind.,

The convention adjourned tonight The place of next meeting will be se-lected by the executive committee.

PRESIDENT DID NOT SAY IT. Never Held -Unions Responsible for

Paralyzing Business. WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 .- It was authoritatively stated at the White House today that the President has no recollec-

tion of a visit from John Beattle, the representative of the Master Painters' and Decorators' Asociation, who, at the con-vention of the Citizens' Industrial Association in New York today declared that the President had indorsed a proposition to put upon labor unions the responsib also was anounced that the President did not make the remark attributed to him by

ALL IS QUIET AT ZEIGLER.

Adjutant-General Does Not Say

More Men Are in Mines. SPRINGFIELD, III., Nov. 20.-A gram received tonight from Assistant Adjutant-General Reece, at Zeigler, states that all has been quiet at Zeigler today. He did not say whether any more men had been taken into the mine to work.

PLANS FOR CHURCH FEDERATION Commission Representing Presbyterlan Bodies Takes Important Action.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30.-The commission representing the seven branches of the Presbyterian Church in this country, meeting here, decided today on a plan of federation for the various churches. the most important step yet taken towards ultimate goal of organic union. Rev. J. D. Steele, secretary of the comon, says the plan provides for the lishment of a council which will be called "The Federal Council of Reform in the Churches in America, Holding the Presbyterian System."

Each church belonging to the federation will retain its own identity in all things. sented on the commission are: The Re-formed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, the Reformed Church in America, States of America, the Presbyterian Church of the United States, the United Presbyterian Church, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Reformed

Thurch in the United States.

The plan of the federation, as decided on by the commission, contains 17 ar-ticles. It is the desire of the commission that these articles shall not be published until after they have been passed on by the supreme judiciary bodies of the various churches.

BUSINESS MEN FIGHT DUEL.

Wyoming Merchants Take Up Old Grudge, and One Is Shot.

CODY, Wyo., Nov. 30.-William Arneld and H. F. Newell, both prominent business men of this place, engaged in a pis-tol duel on the streets here today. Ar-nold was shot in the thigh, but is not standing army, repugnant to our tra-ditions and institutions."

Wallace Downey, president of the New York Metal Trades Association, said growth of an old grudge. dangerously hurt. Newell was placed under arrest. The trouble is the out-

ARE TO REMODEL THE LAW

LOCAL OPTION ACT IS TO BE PLANNED AFTER OHIO.

Legislature Will This Winter Make Vigorous Effort to Gain This End in State of Oregon.

In the Legislature this Winter a vigorus effort will be made to remodel the Oregon local option law after the Ohio act, which passed the General Assembly of that state last April, and was ap-proved by Governor Herrick. The Ohio act differs from the Oregon in four es-sential particulars, namely:

First, the Ohio act applies only to residence districts of municipal corporations, whereas the Oregon law applies to any precinct and group of contiguous precincts and any county in the state. Second, the Ohio law requires petitions

for prohibition elections to be signed by at least 40 per cent of the qualified elec-tors of the residence district; whereas in Oregon but 10 per cent of the registered electors of the affected precinct or goup of precincts or of the county are re-

Third, the Ohio act provides that, after a prohibition election has been held, the estion cannot again be brought to vote have gone dry or wet; whereas the Ore gon law provides that a second election may be called in two years if the elec-tion preceding "went dry"; but that, if the election "went wet," the next elec-tion may be held one year afterward. Fourth, the Ohio act does not apply to manufacturers and wholesale dealers in liquor: whereas the Oregon law applies

Alteration of the Oregon law in these four respects will have strong champions in the Legislature, and the amendments regarded as quite likely to Multnomah delegation in both will doubtless support amendment of the law; indeed that probability is manifest both from the personal feelings of the members and from the majorities rolled up against the law in this county in June and in November.

and in November.

Liquor forces will make no attempt to eliminate local option from single precincts or from residence districts, but they will fight county prohibition. In this they will be opposed by such elements as the Anti-Saloon League and the prohis on the ground that prohibi-tion, if impracticable of enforcement in Multanmah, is not so in rural counties. In this contest the familiar line of demarkation between local optionists and prohibitionists is likely to be erased. The real purpose of local op-tion is not prohibition, but the elimination of the liquor traffic in certain pre-cincts or districts, such as where homes or schools are situated. But the purpose of prohibition is the elimination of the traffic everywhere.

Many persons who are local option-lats in Multnomah are prohibitionists in other counties; therefore while they ready or half-way willing to see are ready or half-way willing to see Multnomah have straight precinct op-tion they insist on leaving to other counties the option of prohibition. The Oregon law is such that in 23 counties the issue of county prohibition

was presented on November 8, despite the desire of many electors to vote on question of precinct prohibition y. In Multnomah it was impossible for an elector to vote his home precinct "dry" without voting for prohibition in the whole county. Consequently there is a strong demand for amendment of the law so as to make it a pure pre-cint option act or at least to restrain its operation to residence districts. In Ohio the prohibition question has been fought out for many years and the

Brannock law whose essential differ-ences from the Oregon law have been pointed out in the foregoing is the resultant of the long contest. As has been cited, the Brannock law makes prohibition effective only in residence districts, and furthermore, 40 per cent of the qualified electors of the district must sign a petition for an election, else no election can be held. gon the percentage of registered elect ors required is only 10, which means that a very small number of voters can bring up the prohibition question every year. Even if prohibition should fair each time in the face of an overwhelming "wet" majority, still a small coterio of agitators could keep up the turmoil. In a precinct which has 200 voters only 20 votes are now needed to call an election, but in Ohio 80 would be re-

In Precinct 12, in which is Weinhard's brewery, 427 electors are registered, 43 of whom can require an election, not withstanding the precinct went "wet" by 273 votes against 28. If prohibition had carried in that precinct the brew-ery would have had to quit business. Next June 45 electors will be able to menace the brewery with another elec-tion. For this reason and because breweries and wholesale liquor houses vend intoxicants by the glass, the Leg-islature will be asked to exempt them

Musical Critic Loring.

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 30.—David W. Loring, musical critic and composer, and director of the Loring Club, of San Fran-

cleco, is dead, aged 67 years.

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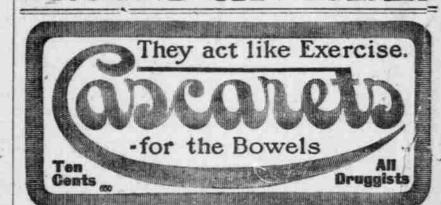
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