

SUE FOR PEACE

Czar's Ministers Are United for It.

ONLY TWO EXCEPTED

France Chosen as Medium of Negotiation.

BAR HUMILIATING TERMS

Russia Will Cede No Territory, Pay No Indemnity.

MIGHT YIELD OTHER POINTS

Terms Will Soon Be Asked, Grand Duke and War and Marine Ministers Alone in Opposition.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—(12:35 A. M.)—The party within the Government which is urging the Emperor to indicate to Japan, Russia's willingness to end the war if a reasonable basis can be reached, as related in these dispatches on March 20, has been greatly encouraged the last few days and an actual peace proposal was made just ahead. The subject has occupied much of the attention of the conferences at Tsarsko-Selo.

Certain Grand Dukes, supported by General Sakharoff, the Minister of War, Admiral Avellan, the head of the Admiralty and what is known as the war party, are still bitterly opposed to the idea of peace under present circumstances, but with the exception of the Ministers of War and Marine, the Emperor's Ministers, backed by Mr. Witte, solidly favor this course, and the convincing arguments they offer are telling.

The Associated Press is in a position to assert, however, that if Emperor Nicholas decides to approach Japan it will be through France, and that negotiations will be conducted either between M. Delcasse, the French Foreign Minister, and Dr. Montono, the Japanese Minister at Paris, or M. Harmand, the French Minister to Japan, and Count Katara, the Japanese Premier at Tokio.

Hostilities Will Continue.

Furthermore, in view of the possibility that no basis of agreement might result, even should the Emperor now approach Japan with pacific proposals, it is regarded as entirely likely that hostilities would continue, again following the proceedings of the Chino-Japanese war, until negotiations ended.

Substitutes for Indemnity.

It is pointed out, however, that if Japan seriously desires enduring peace on collateral questions, Russia might be ready to offer liberal compensatory considerations. For instance, in lieu of direct indemnity, she might turn over to Japan the proceeds of the sale of all the rights and property of the Port Arthur & Dalny and the Chinese Eastern Railways, and liberally pay for the maintenance of Russian prisoners in Japan, and while refusing to cede Sakhalin, might grant rights to the fisheries there, or even relinquish all the valuable seal fisheries on the Commander Islands.

Its First Word is for Peace.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The Son of the Fatherland, which has again been revived at the expiration of its three months' suspension, inaugurated its resuscitation today with a plea for peace, declaring that the Manchurian adventure has cost \$1,000,000,000 (\$250,000,000 for the Chinese Eastern Railroad; \$500,000,000 for Port Dalny and Port Arthur and \$500,000,000 for the war) and that if the money had been spent at home it would have given approximately \$30,000,000 to each province for schools, hospitals and lighting.

AMERICANS WILL HAVE A SLICE

Extensive Contracts to Be Let for New Russian Navy.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—(12:35 A. M.)—The prospects of American shipbuilders having a large share in the rebuilding and enlarging of the Russian navy are growing brighter. An extensive naval programme, which in a few years will restore Russia to an equality with the great maritime powers, has been practically completed, but has not yet received the final assent of Emperor Nicholas.

The Admiralty is inclined to show special consideration to the claims of Russia's French allies, but American propositions also are regarded with favor, and when the orders are distributed, American firms are likely to get the largest share, since there is reason to believe that American enterprise may also undertake the construction of great shipbuilding plants at some port of the Baltic or on the Gulf of Finland.

GERMANY AS A WORLD-POWER

Kaiser's Ideal of Her is as a Peaceable Neighbor.

BRMEN, March 22.—At a banquet in the Town Hall tonight given in honor of the unveiling of a monument of Emperor Frederick, Burgomaster Paul made a speech, in which he referred to the first German fleet having been sold under the auctioneer's hammer, and said that the Emperor had said that the Kaiser's ideal of her is as a peaceable neighbor.

"I vowed," the Emperor continued, "never to strike for world mastery. The world must learn to deny themselves what is not good for them. Then we will be regarded on all sides with esteem and love as a trustworthy neighbor. With all my heart I hope that the golden peace will continue to be preserved for us."

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 22.—The resignation today of Judge James Wickersham to his place in Alaska means that he will hold onto his job throughout the summer and until Congress meets next fall.

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Smurthwaite Charges His Accuser With Practice of Polygamy.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 22.—Charles A. Smurthwaite, who is in process of extradition from the Mormon Church, was charged by his accuser, J. H. Goddard, today with practicing polygamy.

GAYNOR AND GREENE LOSE

But Appeal May Tie Up Extradition Proceedings Indefinitely.

MONTREAL, March 22.—The application for a writ of prohibition on the grounds that Extradition Commissioner La Fontaine was not qualified to hear the Gaynor-Greene case was dismissed by Justice Davidson today and the case will now be tried on its merits by Judge La Fontaine.

ALL FOR JETTY

No More Money for Dredging the Bar.

CONTRACT FOR STONE

Engineers Will Soon Let it for Columbia Mouth.

PLANS FOR CELILO CANAL

Construction of Lower Lock Begins in Early Summer—No Danger of Not Getting Further Appropriations.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 22.—The work of improvement at the mouth of the Columbia River this summer will be confined exclusively to jetty extension, in accordance with the provisions of the late river and harbor bill. The Chief of Engineers will soon award the contract for furnishing stone for the jetties and as soon as possible thereafter delivery will commence and the jetties will be pushed seaward.

CHANGE OF ATTACKS TO JAPAN

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Japanese Government has been asked to allow Major Edward J. McClernand to take the place of Colonel E. H. Crowder as United States military observer with the Japanese army.

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NEW PLAN TO REGULATE RATES

New York Board of Trade Adopts Draft of Bill.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Plans for the correction of the rebate and unlawful discrimination on the part of transportation companies by the Interstate Commerce Commission were outlined in a report submitted today to the New York Board of Trade and Transportation by the board's committee on railway transportation, and adopted.

NEGRO SOLDIER IS AN OFFICER

President Grants Commission to Lieutenant of Philippine Scouts.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The President has appointed Sergeant George S. Thompson, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, to be a Second Lieutenant in the Philippine Scouts, this adding one more negro to the command force of the Army.

HAY IS WORN OUT

Can Never Return to Official Duty.

HAS OFFERED TO RESIGN

With Broken Health, He Made Sacrifice to Duty.

HE NEEDS A VERY LONG REST

Letters to Friends Hold Out No Hope That the Great Secretary of State Will Resume the Portfolio.

CHICAGO, March 22.—(Special.)—Private advices received in Chicago from friends of Secretary of State John Hay indicate more fully than recent press dispatches that the distinguished American, now on his way to Europe, has no expectation of ever resuming his official duties and that he feels his physical condition to be quite serious.

NO AMERICAN SYRIANS EXPELLED

WASHINGTON, March 22.—In answer to an inquiry from the State Department, Minister Powell called from Port au Prince, that Syrians who have, by naturalization, acquired American citizenship, are not subject to expulsion from Haiti under the decree just promulgated ordering the deportation of Syrians from the republic.

GENERAL BLISS ORDERED TO ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss, now with the General Staff, and president of the War College, has been ordered to the Philippines to take the place of Colonel E. H. Crowder as United States military observer with the Japanese army.

RESIGNATION OFFERED, NOT ACCEPTED

Lacking the brilliancy of Mr. Blaine in some respects, more conservative and with a wider knowledge of foreign affairs in other ways, John Hay, in handing his resignation to President Roosevelt before his departure (it was not accepted), left the State Department probably the most widely respected man of that office in the last 40 years.

CAREER IN WAR AND DIPLOMACY

Lincoln quite evidently took his measure that way, for he removed him to Washington to be his secretary, with John Nicolay, a position he held from 1861 to 1865, except for a brief period spent in the Army under General Hunter and Gilmore, where he attained the rank of Major and received the brevet of Colonel.

SAY IT IS NOT A SQUARE DEAL

Canal Commissioners' Heads Will Go Off Under Protest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—(Special.)—The President and Secretary of War Taft are conferring tonight on proposed changes in the personnel of the Isthmian Canal Commission. It is thought that an announcement of the removal of the present members and the appointment of their successors may be made tomorrow.

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REFORM COMMISSIONS SLOW

Liberals Grow Impatient at Lack of Progress by Ministers.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The impatience at the delay in the realization of all the projected reforms is having an exceedingly bad effect. The endless commission work is making little progress. It is now announced the Kobsako Press Commission will not finish its labors until Fall, and M. Bouligand's receipt commission has not even organized, although it is announced that something will be done at the meeting of the Committee of Ministers on Friday.

RIOTOUS PEASANTS ARE KILLED

Soldiers Shot Them Down After Outbreak in Poland.

WARSAW, March 22.—Serious agrarian disturbances occurred today at Kulno. It is reported that the military fired on peasant rioters, and that several of the latter were killed or wounded. The Governor of Warsaw, with the public prosecutor, has gone to investigate the affair.

WILL END SCHOOL STRIKE

WARSAW, March 22.—(1:35 P. M.)—A private telegram received from St. Petersburg today announcing the attitude of the committee of Ministers regarding the use of the Polish language in the schools is received here with the liveliest satisfaction. The school strike will probably be speedily ended.

LEFT IN LURCH

Storm Is Brewing Over Santo Domingo.

GRAB GAME BY POWERS

Revolution Also Imminent Against Morales.

RESULT OF SENATE INACTION

Belgium Has Already Made Demand and Morales Expects Others to Follow—American Control His Only Hope.

SANTO DOMINGO, March 22.—The news of the postponement by the United States Senate of action on the treaty with Santo Domingo makes the situation here acute, and an internal uprising seems to be imminent, based on the cry that President Morales has been discredited in the United States. President Morales states that he is prepared to put down any revolution, but that a more serious matter, in his mind, is foreign complications growing out of Belgium's pressing demand presented on March 21.

YIELDS TO POLISH SENTIMENT

Committee of Ministers Votes to Allow Teaching of Polish.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The abandonment of the compulsory use of the Russian language and prohibition of instruction in Polish in the schools of Poland, one of the nationalistic measures of the government's Polish policy for the last 30 years, was reached at a special meeting of the committee of ministers yesterday, by a large majority.

PEASANTS BURN AND PLUNDER

Widespread Outbreak of Rebellion in Rural Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—In connection with the peasant revolt there have been 500 arrests in the Vitsk district where besides macking and burning property and compelling the owners to seek refuge in the towns, the rioters are killing cattle and felling trees.

ITALIAN WARSHIP LEAVES ISLAND

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Italian warship Calabria has sailed for Kingston, Jamaica, cables the Herald's correspondent at Santo Domingo. Her itinerary to Havana and La Guayra has been altered because of an unexpected cable dispatch from Rome, and her trip to Kingston is presumably taken because Jamaica is nearer.

SHE THREATENS DISCLOSURES

Mrs. Chadwick Promises Revelations in Bankruptcy Case Today.

CLEVELAND, March 22.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick tonight said that she would go on the witness stand in the bankruptcy proceedings against her tomorrow and make known all the facts in her possession that will add her creditors. Some of her disclosures, she says, may not be pleasant, but she will not say anything that cannot be backed up by documentary evidence.

SONS OF SOLDIERS MADE CADETS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The President has designated principals and alternates for examinations for admission to the United States Military Academy in 1906. Among the principals are Thomas Jackson Christian, a grandson of General Stonewall Jackson; Burton Young Reed, a grandson of Lieutenant-General S. B. M. Young; Charles Walter Rowell, grandson of the late Major-General Frank Whistler. All the nominees are sons of soldiers.