

MEETING PLACE THE NEXT POINT

Each Belligerent Suggests Different One for Peace Negotiations.

NEITHER SAYS WASHINGTON

Prospects Favor Newport or Some Other New England Town—Men Suggested by Each Nation for Envoys.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Official assurance that the President's efforts to bring Russia and Japan together to discuss peace will be crowned with success was brought to the White House today by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who called by appointment and in the name of Emperor Nicholas formally accepted the President's offer of good will.

Japan First to Accept. Conferences of supreme importance were held today in Washington. The blue room of the White House was the scene, and President Roosevelt, Count Cassini and Kogo Takahira, the Japanese Minister, were the principal conferees.

ENVOY TO HAVE FULL POWER. Russia Denies Rumor Current in European Capitals. SPECIAL CABLE. ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—Semi-official denial was made tonight of the report current throughout European capitals yesterday that the Russian who is to represent his government at the peace conference will not have power to negotiate.

PELEE AGAIN IN ERUPTION. TERROR OF MARTINIQUE EMITS FLAME AND SMOKE. Sends Forth Shower of Cinders and Stream of Mud and Dome Collapses.

PORT DEFIANCE, Island of Martinique, June 12.—For the past few days Mount Pelee has manifested a recrudescence of activity which is white stronger than that of April of the present year. Not seen to be of an alarming nature. Some dense clouds of smoke have been discharged from the volcano and have slowly fallen over the White River Valley, afterwards disappearing on arrival at the sea coast.

Discuss Men, Time and Place. It can be said that the place of the meeting of the plenipotentiaries has not been finally settled. In the arrangement of this detail and others of like character, the President is acting as an intermediary. Russia, through Count Cassini, has indicated her preference for one place, and Japan, through Mr. Takahira, has suggested another.

BIGELOW'S NERVES GONE. Sent to Hospital as Soon as He is Photographed. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 12.—Frank G. Bigelow, the former Milwaukee banker, who was brought here last night to begin his ten years' sentence in the Federal Prison, is in the hospital. His nervous condition is such that Dr. Thomas, under whose care he is, fears a general physical breakdown.

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ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—The Novoye Vremya has a remarkable editorial

which may be inspired, deprecating opposition among the diplomats at the present movement, "unless Japan, under the slogan, 'Asia for the Asiatics,' should recognize that Russia, in her origin, history and destiny, is an Asiatic as well as a European power, and be ready not only to concede peace, but an alliance."

The editorial attracted instant attention. The paper dwells on the idea that Russia, barred from the West and following inexorable laws, must spread eastward to reach her natural boundaries and warm water, refers to the case of her conquest on her right flank over the tribes of Turkestan and Central Asia, and concludes:

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NO DELAY ON RUSSIA'S PART. Will Agree to Time and Place When Japan Acts.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—(2:10 P. M.)—All the attempts to create an impression that there is the slightest hitch in the preliminary negotiations are absolutely untrue, the shadow of foundation. Foreign Minister Lamondet has formally notified several of the plenipotentiaries that a meeting of the plenipotentiaries to see whether it is possible to agree on terms of peace is expected. Now that Russia has received formal notification that Japan has sent an official and favorable reply to President Roosevelt, the Russian official reply will be forwarded, and will fully respond to the President's message.

There does not seem to be the slightest prospect for the gratification of those correspondents are putting out that Russia is only desirous of ascertaining the Japanese conditions, and at the same time gaining a better position for her army in Manchuria. The warring countries, both having formally agreed to try to conclude peace, the next step, it is explained here, will be the first direct exchange in which Japan is expected to take the initial step by indicating, doubtless through an intermediary, the plenipotentiaries, the time and place of meeting. Russia will offer no objections to any reasonable suggestion in this respect. It is proposed at once issue instructions to her preliminary plenipotentiary, whose personality for the moment depends upon the place of a meeting.

While president of the Committee of Ministers, is leaving St. Petersburg, and will be abroad two weeks. This very significant announcement is coupled with the statement that he is going "on public business." His visit was instantly associated with the peace negotiations.

MOST POPULAR MAN IN RUSSIA. London Times Thus Hails Roosevelt, the Peacemaker. LONDON, June 12.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "It is no exaggeration to say that President Roosevelt is the most popular man in Russia today. The President's insight, aided by the skill and tact of his Ambassador, Mr. Meyer, enabled him to gauge the proper moment at which to offer advice which the initiative of the Russian peace conference could not refuse."

Ordered to Aid Peace Movement. ROME, June 12.—The Italian government has instructed its Ambassadors and Ministers to do everything possible within the sphere of their influence in support of the movement to bring about negotiations for peace between Russia and Japan.

Proposed Raise in Assessed Values. PORTLAND, June 12.—(To the Editor.)—The resolutions passed by the Grange at Lents on last Saturday, in which articles on the proposed raising of assessments in this county, are of more than passing importance. How to get an equitable assessment here has long been one of the most serious questions of our local government.

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THAW BRINGS SUIT

Retaliates on Actress Wife in Divorce Court.

SAYS SHE CHARMED OTHERS

Chorus Girl's Affair With Married Man Made Basis of Counter-Claim for Divorce—Vain Efforts at Secrecy.

CHICAGO, June 12.—(Special.)—Millions Charles Harper Thaw, the New Yorker recently sent to jail because he failed to pay Frances Rush Thaw, the actress, \$100 a year alimony, may appear in the courts of Chicago in a divorce contest with his wife. It became public today that Mr. Thaw's lawyer is investigating the career of Mrs. Thaw since the filing of her divorce suit in Chicago. It is charged that, while appearing in the chorus of numerous theatrical productions in Chicago, Mrs. Thaw has not devoted all her time to her profession. She was named in a separate maintenance suit which promised to be sensational about a year ago. Mrs. Mae P. Gray, wife of Charles W. Gray, accused Mrs. Thaw of having had a love affair with the actor of her three children. Mrs. Gray became reconciled with her husband and agreed to a dismissal of her suit.

Every effort at secrecy was made by Herman L. Hirsch, attorney, in his trip from New York to Chicago. In the hotel he was followed by the Great Northern Hotel and later was under surveillance as he went to the Court House to investigate the records bearing upon the alleged misconduct of Mrs. Thaw.

DICKINS ATTACKS FORTS

TAKES ADVANTAGE OF WET WEATHER TO DASH IN. Attempt to Run Past Forts Foiled and Three Ships Nominally Knocked Out.

PORT MONROE, June 12.—Admiral Dickins' fleet took advantage of the unfavorable weather conditions and attacked the fortifications at Fort Monroe at 2:15 this morning. The attack continued until shortly after 3 o'clock. The rapid-fire guns on the vessels were used and the batteries on shore made a lively response. The Texas, Hartford and Hornet attempted to run by the forts at 2:20 A. M., but the firing from the batteries put them out of commission.

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Result of Pupils' Exposition Contest

Table listing results of pupils' exposition contest with names of schools and scores.

county, the resolutions of the Grange are right and should be paid to them. But, if, as I understand the Assessor proposes, he is going to assess the property of the rich, including the immense stocks carried by some of the large stores and business houses, in the same proportion as to their real value, as the property of the poor are now assessed, thousands will rise up to call him blessed, as to state taxes until the law is changed, an increase in values can make no difference in the amounts the county will have to pay.

Revising College Football Rules.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The advisory board of the Intercollegiate Football Association held a protracted session tonight to discuss and pass upon changes in the game. After three hours' discussion, the only progress made was the passage of the rule to increase the penalty for coaching from the side-lines from five yards to ten.

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Old, Wootman-King. Portland's Greatest Store. Watches cleaned for 75c. Baseballs, bats, gloves and catchers' mitts.

From the Matchless June Sales of White Wear. Excerpts from the Bargain Book on Undermuslins. We list a few specials to lend an idea of the vast army of values in the stocks—Annex, Second Floor.

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