

ENVOYS LIKELY TO COMPROMISE

Laboring Hard to Agree on Basis for Peace in Far East.

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Then Conference Will Reach Conditions Russia Rejected—Agreement Reached on Manchurian Railroad.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—A Daily News special cablegram from St. Petersburg says: The peace outlook is brightening, according to persons prominent in court circles. Opinion at Peterhof is not tinged with the prevailing pessimism of this city.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 16.—The prospects of peace are distinctly brighter tonight. The plenipotentiaries are laboring with a seriousness and earnestness which leave not the slightest doubt that both are anxious to conclude a treaty.

CRISIS WILL COME MONDAY. From an authoritative source, it is now possible to forecast with a fair degree of accuracy that the crisis will come on Monday.

Both sides expect rupture. Witte and Japanese join in predicting failure of conference. PARIS, Aug. 16.—The Matin states that Mr. Witte informed its Portsmouth correspondent that he expects to leave on August 21, that he never thought there would be a happy issue to the conference and that he did not understand why the Japanese wished to continue the discussion after the delivery of the Russian note Saturday, rejecting the two most important clauses of the conditions.

ENVOYS AT TEA AND A DANCE. Prepared to Battle With Mosquitoes. HARD WORK FOR MOSQUITOES. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 16.—Both Japanese and Russian plenipotentiaries were late for dinner tonight, having stopped at the cottage of Mrs. Pierce for a cup of tea and to apologize for not having reached there in time for a formal reception earlier in the afternoon.

party's aggressive policy began. The original intention had been to build the Trans-Siberian road entirely in Russian territory north of the Amur River, which makes a great curve northward, forming the Manchurian boundary. When the concession of the "cut-off" was obtained from China through Liaoning Chiao, the Chinese Eastern Railroad Company was formed by Mr. Witte, then Minister of Finance, to build it and later another concession was obtained to connect it with Port Arthur and Dalny.

The shares of the Chinese Eastern Company consist of \$24,500,000, which in the form of a single certificate are held in the coffers of the Russo-Chinese Bank as trustee. The 4 per cent bonds issued from time to time for its construction were guaranteed by the Russian government and amount to over \$200,000,000. The bonds, as far as possible, were sold to bankers and the public. They were listed on the stock exchanges in Russia, Berlin and Paris and are now selling at between 82 and 84.

The Russian Minister of Finance has actually paid not only the interest on the bonds but the deficits in the operating expenses, which have been heavy. As half this money went into the Port Arthur branch, the Russian treasury is out of pocket about half the total outlay. Her only hope of saving anything is to arrange with China, Japan, too, will have her claim against the Peking government for the restoration of the road after it was destroyed by the Russian army, the rebuilding of the bridges and the change in the gauge.

MUST SETTLE WITH CHINA. It is believed these two questions are left by the articles for each country to arrange with the Celestial empire. Russia will also have to settle a traffic arrangement with China, as the two roads together will constitute the world's best highway from Europe to the Pacific, and upon the operation and co-operation of the two roads their future success will depend. It is suggested that it was this very question of consulting China which caused the postponement of the final acceptance of this article, but there is nothing substantial to support the suggestion. The question is complicated, and it required all the morning and the major portion of the afternoon session to come to the agreement "in principle."

PROBABLE BASIS OF COMPROMISE. There were persistent rumors about the hotel late today that several powers, including the Washington Government, are bringing pressure to bear upon Japan to forego "the cost of the war" and content herself with such other compensation as she can secure out of the railroad, the Russian property in Port Arthur and Dalny, and the cost of the maintenance of Russian prisoners in Japan, this only on the theory that Russia will eventually agree to cede Sakhalin, which is now potentially conquered territory. This is undoubtedly the line of ultimate compromise, if compromise there is to be.

STIFF FIGHT FOR INTERNED SHIPS. Japan will make a stiff fight for the possession of the interned Russian warships. Mr. Denton, the American legal adviser of the Japanese mission, spent most of the day in his office looking up precedents on the subject. Japan is exceedingly anxious to obtain these ships and in her argument will quote several international precedents in support of her demand. One reason why the Japanese are so insistent upon this article is because of their intention not to apply the indemnity, in case one shall be received, to the increase of the navy. The indemnity will be used for paying off financial obligations incurred for the war, the granting of pensions and the development of the Japanese educational system. To replace losses to the fleet incurred in the war and to maintain the fleet up to a standard of strength and efficiency sufficient to defend herself, Japan needs additional battleships and cruisers. If she obtains all of the Russian ships now interned in neutral harbors and succeeds in raising a number of tonnage-sunk in battle, she will have saved the necessity, for the present at least, of a large naval budget for construction. The Russian government is strongly in favor of insistence upon this article and Japan seems to have set her heart upon the surrender of the ships by Russia.

WANTS OPEN DOOR TO SIBERIA. TOKIO, Aug. 16.—The Asa, in discussing the proceeding of the peace conference at Portsmouth, regrets that Japan omitted to demand the open door in Siberia and the opening of Siberian rivers to the navigation of the world. Vladivostok, as a free port, it declares, would not benefit Japan much, but it would greatly assist the development of American commerce.

REGULATE NAVIGATION IN COREA. SEOUL, Aug. 15.—(Delayed in transmission.)—After repeated postponements, Japan has signed an agreement with Korea for the regulation of navigation on the coast and interior rivers for a term of 15 years.

PARIS OPTIMISTIC OF PEACE. PARIS, Aug. 16.—Well-informed circles here display optimism relative to the outcome of the peace conference and general satisfaction is expressed with the progress already made.

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PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 16.—Alexandre E. Bryantchankoff, correspondent of the St. Petersburg Slav, writing on the questions involved in the surrender of the Chinese Eastern Railway, which is being considered by the plenipotentiaries today, and also regarding the general question of the restoration of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria, says: Notwithstanding the secrecy so strictly observed in the present conference, it is now known that the second article under discussion contained the question of returning Manchuria to Chinese administration. This has been agreed upon. So it is understood that Manchuria is going to be restored under the charming administration of China. For fear of Russia's enlargement, she has been prevented from completing her work of civilization in that province, where she spent millions of Russian roubles, retaining in return only unpleasant memories, and now they say that it is better to give Manchuria to nobody than to Russia, for to return Manchuria to China means to return that province to the state of barbarism.

SETTLES DOWN TO LONG FIGHT. New Orleans Is Encouraged by Decrease of Infection.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 16.—The campaign against yellow fever has now reached its fiercest point. The day brought little in the way of new developments. The fact that the deaths have not risen in number is considered an important sign and that with the disappearance of the fever and the gradual perfection of the system under which the Federal authorities are battling to prevent a rapid multiplication of infection to surrounding states and restrict it within reasonable limits in the city would be a great measure of success.

NEARLY 300,000 MILES. FACTS ABOUT RAILROADS OF UNITED STATES. Interstate Commission Finds Increase in Earnings, Decrease of Employees.

TRADE AND IMMIGRATION. (Continued from First Page.) this, gentlemen of the Congress. Let us sound the note of alarm to our brethren of the East, of the danger that threatens from that side.

REPRESENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. The delegation, chosen yesterday to represent the Portland Chamber of Commerce at the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, is composed of the following members: That organization President W. D. Wheelwright, Vice-President R. R. Hoge, Secretary E. C. Gliner, Judge L. Meier, J. Ernest Laidlaw, Hugh McIntire, S. Meier, W. J. Burns, George Taylor and Jay Smith.

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