WITTE REJECTS

(Continued from First Page.)

battle in the newspapers. When all is over, we will give our side of the story

RUSSIA OFFERED TO DIVIDE

First Compromise Proposition on Sakhalin Came From Witte.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 22.-From an authoritative Japanese source, the Associated Press is informed that the proposition to divide the island of Sakhalin came originally from the Russian side.

DIRECT APPEAL TO NICHOLAS

President Renews Efforts and Still Hopes for Peace.

OTSTER BAY, Aug. 23.-President Roosevelt's final effort to induce a cessation of hostilities in the Far East is almost dramatic in its extraordinary Through George Von L. Meyer, the American Ambassador at St. Petersburg, he has made a direct appeal to Emperor Nicholas to permit the adoption of such measures in the pending peace conference as will terminate the war.

A long cablegram was sent to Mr. Meyer by the President on Monday. It contained instructions for representations on behalf of the President to be made directly to the Russian Emperor. There is reason for believing that those representations were communicated yesterday to the Russian envoys at Portsmouth through the President's messenger.

As a result of the President's instructions, Mr. Meyer, as chronicled in an Associated Press dispatch from St. Petersburg, had a special audience with Emperor Nicholas today at Pereceipt by the President of Mr. Meyer's cabled reply.

The report received from Assistant Secretary of State Peirce at Ports-It is a distinct assurance that efforts are being made, with increasing prospect of ultimate success, to compromise on the crucial points of difference among the conferees. It is regarded as certain that every hour gained in the time of the conference makes for a peaceful solution of the differences. Thus far the President has gained his points, one after another.

It was due to his efforts that the conference did not break up finally jast week and his further important suggestions prevented a final dissolution of the conference on Monday. Now he carried his appeal for peace straight to the Russian Emperor, an REBELS ACTIVE ON BALTIC appeal, too, which can be said to have the positive support of the great neu-

Final decision on the proposition made by Japan through Baron Komura will rest with Emperor Nicholas Even should it be rejected, it is almost certain now that it will be succeeded by other propositions looking to an ultiecce will not fail of successful issue because of lack of proper and disinterested effort on the part of President Roosevelt, and, while he does not discuss the negotiations in any manner for publication, those who have talked to him reflect his increasing belief that out of all the bickerings yet may come

MEYER CONFERS WITH CZAR St. Petersburg Holds Services and

Ambassador Spends Three Hours in Pleading for Peace.

Presumably the matter of peace was discussed at length, but nothing can be ascertained at present regarding what actually took place, as the Embassy refuses to give out any starement. It is known, however, that a long cable-

ing the result of the conference.

Mr. Meyer left St. Petersburg at 3 P. M., arriving at Peterhof about an hour MILITARY TRAINS WRECKED later, returning to St. Petersburg shortly before 8 o'clock.

The Emperor attended the maneuvers in the morning and returned to Peterhof just in time to receive Mr. Meyer. Officers who were present at the maneuvers remarked that the Emperor was in unusually good spirits. Since the promulgation for the purpose of investigating several of the national assembly manifesto, a serious accidents, which occurred recentof the national assembly manifesto, a

Confidential Officer Carries Message to Peterhof for Nicholas.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 22.-Captain von Hitze, the German naval attache. was Emperor William's representative in Emperor Nicholas' suite at the meeting at Boerkoe and who enjoys special relations with the Emperor of Russia, went to Peterhof today and it is cted he will be given an audience

The fact that personal communications etween these two monarchs are often made through military instead of the oromatic channels lends interest to this audience.

SAYS JAPAN IS NOT CLEVER

Witte Ridicules Offer to Sell Sak-

halin to Russia. " PARIS, Aug. 23 .- The Matin states that

Mr. Witte informed its correspondent at Portsmouth that the Japanese had proposed new arrangements and now wanted sell to Russia a portion of Sakhalin for the equivalent of the cost of the war to Japan, Mr. Witte placing the amount at over two and a half milliards of yen.

"St. Petersburg is to decide if my task is finished," the correspondent quotes Mr. Witte as saying. "I have carried out the

putting a redingote on the back of a woman, everyone will think it is a man. "Japan demands an enormous aum of money. It first spoke of an indemnity, then of reimbursement for the cost of the war; now Japan styles it the purchase price of a portion of Sakhalin, but it is always the same. The Japanese might as well have said: "Here is a house at Sakhalin; we will sell it to you for a Sakhalin; we will sell it to you for a milliard of roubles; take it and we will then cease the war. Really, it is not

Mr. Witte, says the correspondent, did not know whether Japan would hang back for a portion of the island or the entire island, and expressed the view that St. island, and expressed the view that St. Petersburg's reply would be decisive.

Japan Buys Guns From Krupp. HAMBURG, Aug. N.-(Special.)-It is announced that the Krupps have re-ceived an order from the Japanese government for sheetiron and guns to the

Witte Will Visit Baroness Rosen. PORTSMOUTH, N. H. Aug. 28 .- Mr. Witte has arranged to go to Magnolia tomorrow to take luncheon at the Russian Embassy with Baroness Rosen,

value of \$11,250,000.

Dinner to Japanese Mission.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 2.-Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Peiro today gave an official dinner to the Japa

ARRESTED AS ROBBER WHO SHOT MRS. MIZE IN CHICAGO'

Identified by Two Women Employed at Dead Woman's Hotel-Mrs. Wilson in Doubt.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—The police today made a number of arrests in connection with the murder of Mrs. Effic Miss, who was shot on Washington avenue las-night by a robber, but all of the suspect were released in the afternoon with the exception of William Bracey, a colored

Bracey had been a walter at the Holland Hotel and was positively identified by Nora O'Hara and Nellie Curran, two terhof. What conclusions were reached at that conference is not known here, as a man whom they saw following Mrs. as no intimation has been given of the Mise and Mrs. Wilson, her companion, a short time before the shooting. Both girls had worked in hotels with Brace; and knew him well. Mrs. Wilson declared last night that the murder was commit-ted by a white man, but, when conmouth that the peace pienipotentiaries fronted today with Bracey, admitted that had adjourned their sittings until next he might be the man. Bracey, although faturday was a source of satisfaction. and in the dusk might easily be taken for a white man of dark complexion. The Bracey was close to the women at the time Mrs. Miger was killed.

Bracey denies any connection with the nurder. He admits walking on Washington avenue a short time before Mrs Mize was shot) but says that he wen away and was not in the neighborhood when the crime was committed.

There have been no developments is case to show that it was anything else than the act of a hold-up man who feared that the cries of the woman would lead to his arrest, and who shot her to facilitate his escape.

Socialist Committee Directs Political

Murders and Has Spies.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 23.-The situation in the Baltic Provinces is not im proving. Several political murders have been reported. Official advices show that the disturbances are fostered and dimate agreement of the plenipotenters at Riga, the emissaries of which defy the best efforts of the police.

The intelligence department of this committee supplies ample warning of the movements of troops. Four of the lead-ers were arrested recently, one of whom was a woman. The Social Revolutionaries are very strong at Riga, Reval and Libau

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21.-Thanks giving services were held in the Municipal Hall in commemoration of the promulga PETERSBURG, Aug. 23.-Mr. tion of a National Assembly. Several of-Meyer, the American Ambassador, had an ficials were present. The services consudience with the Emperor at Peterhof cluded with a prayer for the preservation this afternoon which lasted three hours, of the imperial family, which was chanted

the Assembly was officially read at the regular session of the Municipal Council today. The Council decided to send a loyal address to the Emperor and also to commemorate the event by the inauguration gram has been sent to Washington giv. of some charitable work for the benefit

Hilkoff Goes to South Russia, Where Many Soldiers Are Killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 23.-It was stated today that the sudden departure from St. Petersburg Monday night of Prince Hilkoff, Minister of Railroads, was weight seems to have been lifted from ly in Southern Russia to military trains ng to the Far East.

In one of these accidents, which took place in the vicinity of Kazan, 26 sol-KAISER SENDS WORD TO CZAR diers were killed and two officers and two soldiers injured.

Polish Strike Is Broken.

WARSAW, Aug. 22.-The strikes in the factories at Warsaw and Lodz have ended. Trains are running from Warsaw on time, guarded and driven by soldiers. The include leading members of the Polish Socialist party. Several persons have been conveyed to the fortress of Modiln. because the jall set spart for political

Injuries May Prove Fatal.

Roy Clark, a 12-year-old boy living at \$86 East Burnside street, was bru-tally assaulted Tuesday evening in his own home by Leo Kurz, Worth Rine and James Bassett, boys of his own age. Clark is said to be lying at the point of death as the result of internal injuries received. Warrants were sworn at for the three boys and they were arrested yesterday morning on charge of assault and battery. Roy was returning to his home when

it is alleged, the three boys, angered because he had refused to associate with them, chased him to his home and there set upon him. His little brother was attracted by the cries of Roy and, calling his mother, came to the rescue of the boy before he was more seriously injured.

Witte as saying. "I have carried out the instructions given me, and I don't believe St. Petersburg will accept Japan's proposition that we buy back Sakhalin. The Japanese take us for a people lacking common sense. They think that by dressing a man in woman's ciothing everybody will believe it is a woman, and that by The Wylle co., Gardiner, Wortans

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Lowest Water Known for Some Time Gauge Registered One Below Zero Today.

The Willamette River continues to fall iay and today the gauge regis one-tenth of a foot below zero, the low however, the lowest stage for the river has been below zero several times in the past, the lowest being 22 of a foot beow zero, recorded on December 8, 1890. The water today is 6.8 feet below the average for the month of August and 6.7 of a foot below the extreme low water inst year. Navigation men are much dis GIVES THANKS FOR DOUMA turbed over low water, especially Cap-tain Graham of the Oregon City Transportation Company.

"There is not a day," he says "that our coats do not come in with either their wheels or their rudders broken, and the worst of it is there is no sign of any

relief in the near future."
The cottonwood logs that troubled rivermen on the Upper Williamette are trung out a good distance along the river and do not cause as much trouble as they did last week. The rafts are making fair time and should reach the boomine grounds at Newberg in about

BRITISH BARK FOUNDERS.

Ship Lost and Eighteen of the Crew Drowned.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 23.-A report has been received here of the foundering of the British bark Bidston Hill. The re port states that 18 of the crew were drowned. The remainder, who were saved, are expected to arrive at Buenos Ayres by one of the Argentina steamers The Bidston Hill was a four-masted bark built in Liverpool in 1886 and owned by the Bidston Hill Company, of Liver-pool. She was commanded by Captain Jones, and was 2434 tons measured weight. She sailed from Hamburg, May 29,

INJURED BY STRANDING.

British Steamer Jettisons Part of Cargo.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Aug. 22.—As a result of stranding on Jafur Reef, August the British steamer Crusader, from sult of stranding on Jafur Reef, August of Salvator arrived in today from 7 the British steamer Crusader, from Nushagak, with a cargo of 6246 barrels Tagal, Java, for a United States port of salmon. She is the third of the salmon probably Delaware Breakwater for or-lers), which has arrived here, has her fore peak full of water. Her third hold and three of her ballast tanks are also leaking. The vessel's pumps are keeping the water down. Two thousand tons of

CREW RESCUES MATE.

Risk Their Own Lives to Save a Fellow Sallor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.-First Mate Oscar, of the schooner Salvador, which arrived here today, was swept overboard in a heavy storm off the coast of Alaska June 22 and was rescued in a drowning condition after the lifeboat had almost given up the search for him. The life at was itself nearly sunk by the m tainous sea that was running at the time but the crew fought the gale until the

STEAMER AURELIA ARRIVES

Reaches the Bar Too Late to Cross In at Night.

The coasting steamer Aurelia arrived at the Oak-street wharf last night at 7 o'clock. She brought a full list of passengers, both steerage and cabin, and a Bal

full cargo of general merchandise. officers report a fine trip, with no bad weather. The Aurella made excellent time up and reached the bar last night-just a little too late to cross over.

Building New Lumber Carrier. HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 21 .- (Special.) --The keel for a steam schooner, to be built by Matthews, McWhiney and Starrits, a new shipbuilding firm, was finished to day. The vessel is for the lumber-carrywood trade of Northern California. She is to be 180 feet long, 25 feet beam and 12 feet six inches depth of hold, and have a carrying capacity for 500,000 feet of lumber. In addition, she will be fitted lumber. In addition, she will be fitted with fine passenger accommodations for 30 passengers. She is to be built especially strong and fitted up as an ollburner. The vessel is what is known as here, will be towed to San Francisco.

where the best of machinery will be in-

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 23.-Fire broke out his morning in the steerage of the White Star liner Oceanic, but it was promptly ulshed by the crew. The damage

was triffing. The Oceanic sailed for New York at 5 clock this afternoon according to sche dule. Her passengers included Anthony Finla, of Brooklyn, leader of the Ziegle polar expedition, the members of which were recently rescued by the relief ship Terra Nova, and Chief Justice Fuller, of the Supreme Court of the United States

Launch Loses Propeller Blade.

The loss of one propeller blade is the result of Professor Greenleaf's attempt overland with his launch. attempting to make one of the narrow channels east of Ross Island, his boat struck one of the numerous gravel piles in that vicinity and before he got her one of the blades struck the gravel and snapped in pieces.

Twenty-Five Ships at Aberdeen, ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 21.-Twenty-

five ships now in port loading at the different milis will help to make another cargo record for Aberdeen. When leaving they will take away 17,500,000 feet of lum Another Wheat Ship Chartered.

McNear & Co., of San Francisco, yes erday chartered the British steamer Kelvin Bank; rate to be \$4 per ton for two ports in Japan or \$4.12% for three ports in Japan, Portland loading.

Salmon Schooner Arrives. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.-The schoon

fleet to arrive.

The big British steamer Tottenham was swung round at 4 P. M. yesterday at the Portland Lumber Company's mill, so that she faces down stream instead of up. This was done to facilitate loading. The schooner O. M. Kellogg, lumber laden, left down yesterday from the Port-land mill in tow of the steamer Elmore. The steamer F. A. Kilburn is expected in tonight at 8 o'clock.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Aug. 23.-Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., amooth, wind northwest; weather clear. Arrived at 6 and left up at 8 A. M.—Steamer Aurella, from San Francisco. Salled at 16:26 A. M.—Steamer Elmore, for Tillamook. Arrived down at noon and sailed at 4 P. M.— Barkentine Tam o'Shanter, for San Francisco. Sailed at 5 P. M.—Steamer Newport, for coast

Point Reyes, Aug. 23.—Passed at 3 P. M.— Steamer Francis H. Leggett, with log raft, from Columbia River. from Columbia River.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Arrived at 7 P. M.—
Steamer Redondo. from Portland. Arrived—
Steamer China, from Hongkong. Baliet—Ship
Barcore, for Liverpool; City of Puebla, for
Victoria: steamer Mackinaw, for Tacoma. Hongkong, Aug. 22.—Arrived previously—Aragonia, from Portland, Or.; Korea, from San
Francisco, via Honotulu, etc., for Hamburg,
Calleo, Aug. 22.—Salled—Tug Neptune, from
Baltimore, for San Francisco.

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF LAW SHUTTING OUT COOLIES.

Ground Taken in Report Unanimously Adopted by the Scattle Chamber of Commerce.

SEATLE, Wash., Aug. 23 .- At its reg-Seattle Chamber of Commerce, by upanimous vote, adopted the report presingle-ended, and will be named the sented by a special comittee, of which amalpias. The hull, after completion Judge Thomas Burke was chairman, relative to the Chinese exclusion taws. and their enforcement. The resolutions favor first of all a strict and literal enforcement of the laws in so far they provide for the shutting out of all Chinese coolies or laborers. The vigilance of the immigration officials,

holds, should not be relaxed in the slightest degree in this particular, The Department of Commerce and Labor, however, is emphatically de-nounced for its alleged harsh treatment of members of the three exempted classes, students, merchants and travelers, applying for admission to the country. The report declares that harsh and insulting methods and the abundance of prevailing red tape should b done away with, and the exempted classes allowed to come and go as freeas the citizens of the country. In no other way, declares the resolution, can friendly and advantageous trade relans be maintained between the United States and China.

es of the report will be sent to each of the Congresmen from this state.

WOMAN'S NECK IS BROKEN

Leaps From Delivery Wagon on

Which She Was Riding. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.-Mrs. Katherine Normensen, wife of Henry Normen-sen, a delivery driver, was instantly killed this afternoon while riding with

her husband. Mrs. Normensen was sharing the driv er's sent with her husband, when the wagon struck a rock in the road leading from Thirty-second to Thirty-fifth avenue and as the wagon started to overturn she jumped in the opposite direction and struck on a rock, breaking her neck.

Equalization Board Dates,

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 23 .- (Special.) The hearings before the State Board of Equalization, which convenes September 5 and remains in annual session 20 days, were announced today as

September 5-Spokane, Douglas, Stevens, Che-

lan, Ferry, Kittinas, Ckanogan.
September 6-Asotin, Whitman, Garfield, Yakima, Franklin, Walla Walla, Benton, Lin-coln, Columbia, Klickitat, Adams. September 7-Snohomish, Skamania, Skagit, King, Whatcom, San Juan. mber 8-Clark Kitssp, Clallam, Cowlitz, Jefferson, Chehalie, Wahkiakum, Island. September 9-Pierce, Pacific, Thurston, Lewis, September 15-Railroads.

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