

JAPAN AND RUSSIA IN CLOSE COMPACT

Knox' Proposal Drives Nations Together.

MANCHURIA RIGHTS DEFINED

Two Will Co-operate in Prosecuting Railway Plans.

OTHER POWERS IGNORED

United Action Promised If Status Quo Is Menaced—Each Is to Refrain From Unfriendly Competition in Building.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Evidence that the endeavors of Secretary Knox to bring about a concert of action of the powers to obtain the neutralization of the Manchurian Railroad and to further the construction of another railroad in Manchuria and Mongolia had, in reality, the opposite effect of cementing relations between Russia and Japan, was manifested today when the text of the Manchurian convention between those two nations was received in Washington.

The convention is a brief document—so short as to be remarkable among the important treaties of modern times—but it tells the story of the complete understanding of peace in the Far East. Diplomatically, it is a document which masters of international law can find no fault. The treaty will be objected to neither by Great Britain, Germany nor the United States.

Other Nations Ignored.

Ignoring other nations in its wording, the convention in direct terms pledges co-operation in railroad enterprises of mutual interest and promises that each nation shall abstain from unfriendly competition. The status quo, it is pledged, shall be maintained. Interpreters of the treaty read in its third section a warning to other nations to abstain from interference.

The treaty contains only 237 words. It is signed July 4 at St. Petersburg, and is as follows:

"The Imperial Government of Japan and the Imperial Government of Russia, sincerely attached to the principles established by the convention concluded between them on the 17th of July, 1907, and desirous to develop the effects of that convention with a view to the consolidation of peace in the Extreme East, have agreed to complete the said arrangement by the following provisions:

Co-operation Is Pledged.

"Article 1. With the object of facilitating communication and developing the commerce of nations, the two high contracting parties mutually engage to lend each other their friendly co-operation, with a view to the amelioration of their respective railway lines in Manchuria and the improvement of the connecting service of the said lines, and to abstain from all competition prejudicial to the realization of this object.

"Article 2. Each of the high contracting parties engages to maintain and respect the status quo in Manchuria resulting from the treaties, conventions and other arrangements concluded up to this day between Japan and Russia, or between either of these two powers and China. Copies of the aforesaid arrangements have been exchanged between Japan and Russia.

Status Quo Maintained.

"Article 3. In case that any event arises of a nature to menace the status quo above mentioned, the two high contracting parties shall, in each case, enter into communication with each other to arrive at an understanding as to the measures they may judge it necessary to take for the maintenance of said status quo.

The convention had been presented to the State Department by both the Russian and Japanese Ambassadors. The notes of transmission were almost as interesting as the agreement itself.

Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador, said in his note that he was instructed in making the communication to express to the Secretary of State the hope that he would find in the convention, which was described as reaffirming Russia's peaceful relation with Japan and as being directed neither against the interests of China nor of any other power, a new pledge of stability and general peace in the Far East.

Treaty Not Secret.

Just before the State Department closed today a dispatch was received from the American Embassy at Tokio, setting forth more fully the attitude of Japan in making the new treaty and seemingly disposing of the rumor that a secret treaty had been signed by the two countries. It was declared that the negotiations that resulted in the signing of the St. Petersburg convention began last November.

Heralded as a direct and powerful blow at the United States, it is understood that officials of this Government regard the convention itself as little more than a harmless appendage to the convention between Russia and Japan in 1907. That treaty contained an ex-

MISS ILLINGTON IS PREPARING TO STAR

Wife of Tacoma Man Admits She'll Return to Stage.

Actress Declares It Is With Consent of Husband, Who Will Be Her Manager.

CHICAGO, July 12.—(Special)—With the frank admission that the "stage" had proved a stronger attraction than the desire to continue a life of domesticity, Margaret Illington, heavily veiled and dressed in mourning, left Chicago today. The former Mrs. Daniel Frohman was accompanied by her husband, Edward J. Bowes.

"They are on their way to Mr. Bowes' home town, Tacoma, Wash., where a new play, in which she is to star, will open August 28. The death of Miss Illington's father, I. H. Light, of Bloomington, Ill., explained the mourning.

"I am going back to the stage because it attracts me," said the actress, "and because my husband desires me to."

"No, I have not altered my domestic ideas again to take up my stage career. My husband will be with me all the time. Were it otherwise, I would not do it. You understand it is his play—he is the producer."

When asked the name of the play, Mrs. Bowes shook her head.

WADSWORTH VISITS COLONEL

Nominations Bill Is in Way of Complete Harmony.

WOODRUFF'S TURN TODAY

Result of Meeting With Governor Not Likely to Be Known Until First Steps Are Taken in New York Fight.

SAVAGE QUITS SYNDICATE

Playwright Says Klaw & Erlanger Did Not Keep Agreement.

CHARLTON NEAR FREEDOM

Word From State Department Will Result in Release.

HENRY T. BONA IS SAFE

Tacoman, Recovering From Illness, Finds Himself in San Francisco.

GLACIERS MOVE RAPIDLY

Twelve Feet a Day Makes New Record for Alaska.

INDIAN SHOOT NEGRO

Slayer Unknown Cherokee Who Refuses to Explain Reasons.

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HUGHES-T. R. PLAN IS KEPT SECRET

Conference Is Held at Oyster Bay.

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