



PEACE COMES

Between Russia and Japan Direct.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS

Minister Says Russian Not Noticing Peace Rumors But Preparing for War.

FRANCE ASKED TO MEDIATE

Meetings in Russia Attended by Thousands Will Petition the Throne for an Abrogation of the Laws Limiting Civil Rights in Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—It is reported on good authority that Russia has outlined the conditions upon which she is prepared to negotiate peace. It is stated tonight with every semblance of authority that thanks to the good offices of the United States and France, the question of peace has practically assumed definite shape.

London, March 28.—When peace negotiations commence, it will be between Russia and Japan direct, and not through any intermediary was Minister Hayashi's comment to the Associated Press tonight, when shown the dispatch from the northern European capital stating that M. Delcasse, French foreign minister, had been asked to act as intermediary to open peace negotiations.

Minister Hayashi said he attached no importance to the statement, but believed that France was trying to influence Russia to open negotiations for peace.

"So far as I know," he added, "no negotiations have been begun, but when Russia is ready to make terms with Japan, she will be happy to consider them."

Minister Hayashi repeated his former statements that Japan was not noticing peace rumors, but was steadily preparing to prosecute the war to the bitter end. At the foreign secretary's Lansdowne residence tonight, the Associated Press was informed that it was useless to ask Lord Lansdowne for an expression of opinion at the present juncture as he must decline to give out any subject on the proposition of peace.

Yalta, March 28.—A meeting was held today, which was attended by thousands of workmen, and adopted a resolution to petition the throne: First for an abrogation of the laws limiting civil rights; second, for free speech; third, for freedom of the press; fourth, the right to strike; fifth, the liberty of conscience; sixth, equal rights for all nationalities and religions; seventh, immediate conclusion of peace with Japan, and eighth, for popular representation in the constituent assembly. Troops are arriving here from Simferopol.

BOB'S WIFE RECOVERS.

Judgment in Favor of Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll.

Boston, March 28.—A judgment in favor of Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll, widow of Robert G. Ingersoll, in New York for \$95,000 with interest, against the trustee of the estate of the late Andrew J. Davies, a wealthy mine owner of Butte, Mont., was ordered today by Judge Putnam of the United States circuit court.

The suit was instituted by Mrs. Ingersoll to recover fees for services which she claimed her husband was entitled to as attorney for the estate.

REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

Government Watching the Movement of the Turbulent Element.

Vienna, March 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Zeitung gave out an interview with Grand Duke

Vladimir, who is quoted as saying that he doubted the existence of the real revolutionary movement, but that the government is watching the situation carefully and if the people again raise their hands against the emperor, they will receive greater punishment than ever before.

In reference to the war the grand duke is reported as saying that the Russian troops had been unlucky, but that Russia was still able to send many armies to Manchuria and never would entertain any propositions of dishonorable peace.

NEGRO CONVICTS.

Break Jail at Houston, Texas, Pursued by Bloodhounds.

Houston, Texas, March 28.—Armed men with trained bloodhounds are searching the county between the house plantation at Arcola, and Houston for 28 negro convicts who made their escape Sunday night.

So far three of them have been caught. None of the convicts has shown fight. There has been considerable alarm among the people living in the country through which the fugitives would have to pass to reach Houston or to get away and the citizens have remained in their homes with their dogs and guns.

CALABRIA ARRIVES.

The Italian Cruiser Arrives at Santo Domingo.

San Domingo, March 28.—The Italian cruiser Calabria arrived here this afternoon.

The Dominican officials regard her coming as significant and declare that arrangements with foreign creditors is urgently needed in order to prevent complications with the foreign powers.

FORGOT CHINAMEN

Sidetracked and Locked Up in a Car for Five Days.

WERE NEARLY FAMISHED

Twenty-Four Chinese Laborers Were Made Involuntarily Prisoners by the Railroad Men Forgetting That They Were Locked Up on Sidetrack.

San Francisco, March 28.—United States Marshal H. Z. Osborn has arrived here from Los Angeles in charge of 12 Chinamen who have been ordered deported. They were arrested while making their entrance to the United States over the Mexican border, and he will probably return in a short time with 24 more Celestias who had a rough experience. They were captured near El Paso and ordered deported. The prisoners were placed in an ordinary box car and supplied with water and food enough to last until they reached Los Angeles. Their car was attached to a regular freight train. As the result of a wash-out, the freight train was side tracked at Yuma and the Chinese forgotten.

After being cooped up in the car in the hot sun for four or five days with water and food supplies low, the Chinese started in to attract attention by yelling and beating on the sides of the car. The train hands finally realized that they had human beings on board.

The car was opened and relief furnished the prisoners. The Chinese are at Los Angeles, but are not yet in a condition to travel.

Encountered Hurricane.

Liverpool, March 28.—The British bark Gunford from San Francisco October 27, which arrived in this port recently, encountered a hurricane on March 15 and was thrown on her beam ends. It was found necessary to jettison a considerable portion of her cargo.

Scrapper Arrives.

San Francisco, March 28.—Jabez White, England's premier lightweight, arrived here tonight, ahead of schedule time, taking the sporting fraternity by surprise. He was accompanied by Charles Mitchell, who brings his son, Charles, Jr., with him to help train White.

ROBBER FAILS

Bold Robbery Occurred Near Portland.

DAUGHTER TO RESCUE

After Pitched Battle With C. G. Santesson Robber Makes Escape.

SHOOTS BUT WITHOUT EFFECT

Masked and Armed Robber Enters the Parlor, Where Father and Daughter Are Seated—Shoots at Man and Knocks the Daughter to the Floor.

Portland, March 28.—After a pitched battle with C. G. Santesson, Mrs. Santesson and their daughter, a masked and armed robber lost his nerve, although he felled all three to the floor Monday night, and departed from Santesson's home at Hillsdale, a remote suburb of this city lying back of Portland heights, without attempting to secure any booty.

Santesson and the two women were seated in the parlor when the robber entered with a demand for money. Mr. Santesson jumped to his feet and grappled with the fellow, who knocked Santesson to the floor, discharging his gun as he did so. Miss Santesson went to her father's rescue, and the robber turned on her and fired point blank. The gun, however, was knocked up by the father, who gained his feet in the meantime. The deflected bullet struck Santesson a glancing blow on the head stunning him.

The desperado then struck Miss Santesson with the gun, felling her to the floor, and likewise Mrs. Santesson, who attempted to take a hand in the encounter when her daughter fell. In striking Mrs. Santesson over the head the robber broke the barrel from the stock. With the entire family at his feet, the burglar's nerve failed him for he left the house without ransacking it.

The account of the robbery brought the police late today by a son of Santesson, who was not at home when the crime occurred.

SEARCHING FOR SOCIALISTS.

Police Hunting for Bomb Throwers' Chief of Police.

Warsaw, March 28.—The police are prosecuting a strict search at all the factories and workshops here for the socialist workmen with the purpose of ascertaining the conspirators concerned in the recent bomb throwing. A number of students are suspected of complicity in last Sunday's affair and were arrested today.

Baron Von Nolken, the chief of police, wounded by the bomb throwing Sunday, is improving. He received 120 separate wounds, cuts and scratches.

JAPANESE TURN FLANK.

Believed That the Japanese Have Turned Russian Flank.

London, March 28.—The Times' St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows:

"An entire absence of press and private dispatches from the front, together with the laconic message from Linlevitch tonight dated Harbin, saying: 'No reports from armies,' evokes fears that all communications have been cut and that the Japanese have turned the Russian flank."

THREE MEN KILLED.

Explosion in Schaghticoke Powder Mill in New York.

Troy, March 28.—Three men were killed outright and another so badly injured that he died a few hours later by an explosion at the Schaghticoke powder mills, near this city today. The men were at work in the Corning mill when the explosion occurred and the

cause is not known. The bodies of the three victims were blown to fragments. The fourth victim was found 300 feet away, but not yet dead.

Three buildings comprising a part of the plant were destroyed. The main buildings were not harmed. The explosion caused a great amount of damage to windows in Valley Falls and Schaghticoke and the shock was plainly felt in this city. The buildings that were destroyed were practically new, having replaced those that were blown up on May 10 of last year, when two employees were killed.

BOARDED BY JAPANESE.

British Tramp Steamer Ocean Monarch Stopped by Japs.

Seattle, March 28.—The Japanese cruisers twice stopped and boarded the British tramp steamer Ocean Monarch, which arrived here today, 26 days out, while she was in the Japan sea on a voyage to this port from Kobe. On both occasions the Monarch was informed of the cruiser's desire by a shot fired across the bow. The Monarch had no cargo, being in ballast.

Industrial Dividends.

New York, March 28.—Industrial dividends in April will be the largest for that month in years, according to the statistics compiled by the Journal of Commerce. The declarations thus far announced represent a total of \$23,910,563, which compares with \$22,594,691 in 1904 and \$19,872,919 in 1903.

George R. Frankland Dead.

New York, March 28.—George R. Frankland, formerly a well known newspaper editor of Chicago, is dead at his home in Calwell, N. J., after a long illness. He was 54 years old. The interment will take place at Oak Park III, March 30.

DON'T WANT MONEY

Congregational Church Objects to Rockerfellow Money.

MONEY OF DOUBTFUL ORIGIN

Claimed That Rockerfellow Obtained His Money by Injustice and Oppression, and by Forcibly Despoiling the Citizens' Honest Gains.

Boston, March 28.—Dr. Washington Gladden, moderator of the Congregational church, has protested against the acceptance of the gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockerfellow to the American board of foreign missions.

The moderator based his objections upon the grounds that the money donated did not belong to the man who gave it. He remarked that it was often difficult to ascertain the means by which the money donated had been acquired, but in this case, he states the facts are well known. In the bitterness of terms he arraigned Rockerfellow and the Standard Oil Company who he states obtained its great power through injustice and oppression and by forcibly despoiling citizens of their honest gains. Dr. Gladden enlarged on the methods of the Standard Oil Company and concludes, "and this is money offered the American board. We have no right to take it. It does not belong to the man who offers it. It belongs to the people from whom it was extorted."

Positive action was taken on the question of accepting Rockerfellow's gift of \$100,000 to the American board of foreign missions at a meeting this afternoon of the prudential committee of that organization, but the nature of the action was not disclosed. The committee announced, however, that a statement reciting the facts would be given out by the committee tomorrow.

Sailors' Home Leased.

San Francisco, March 27.—The board of supervisors today granted a five years' lease of the sailors home to the sailors' protective society. The home for 25 years had been conducted by the Ladies Seamen's Friend Society.

Died of Exposure.

Tokio, March 28.—Two firemen of the British steamer Marha have died of exposure. The rest of the men rescued have arrived at Hakodate.

EASY MONEY

Big Counterfeiting Scheme Discovered.

HAPPENED AT DENVER

A Scheme Gigantic in Its Proportions and Rich in Its Results.

DUPLICATING CERTIFICATES

Their Work is So Smooth That It is Almost Impossible to Detect Them at it and Secret Service Men Purchase Bills in Order to Secure Evidence.

Denver, March 28.—The News today says:

A counterfeiting scheme, gigantic in its proportions and rich in results, which has as its field the whole of the United States, has just been unearthed by the federal authorities. A number of government secret service agents are now in Denver following clues which are said to have led them to believe that the headquarters of the gang are located in this city.

The operations of the counterfeiters are said to extend all the way from New York to San Francisco and so far it is believed that something like \$50,000 has been secured in the larger cities of the country.

The counterfeit is one of the best duplicates of the Buffalo \$10 and \$20 bills which have come to the attention of the federal authorities. A description of the counterfeiters as furnished by the United States secret service department follows: Series 1901, No. 29513972; face plate 159; back plate 87; check letter D; signed Lyons, register; Roberts, treasurer; portraits Lewis and Clark.

The counterfeiters are a shade darker than the genuine.

Secret Service Agent E. H. Willson is here working on the case. Speaking of the counterfeiters' method of operation he said:

"Their work is so smooth that it is almost impossible to detect them as it. Several agents are sent out and purchases are made in the towns in which they are located. Bills for \$10 or \$20 are presented in payment and they receive the cash in change. The counterfeit is not discovered until it goes to the bank and even then in a great many cases it has been allowed to go through so perfect is the imitation."

"There is not only one gang, but several of them scattered around over the country. How many are in on the deal we cannot tell yet."

CHICAGO SHOCKED.

Stag Party and a Girl Scantly Attired.

Chicago, March 28.—Parents and other relatives of the members of the Leland club, a social organization located in the swellest portion of the fashionable north side, are still gasping with indignation as the meager details of a "stag" party given at the club Saturday night are leaking out.

Seven hundred young men, ranging in years from 18 to 25, made up the audience. A girl billed as Mamie Delano, oriental dancer, was the star performer.

When she appeared to begin her dance she was not provided with any too many clothes, and as the serpentine evolution progressed, to the wild applause of the audience, she began to divest herself of what little she wore in the way of garments.

She first dispensed with a small shoulder cape, then followed a pink slip.

Money of all denominations began to rattle at her feet and she stopped in her dance and made several deposits in the "lisle thread" bank.

Then she stepped off the stage a

moment and returned clad only in an extremely thin gauze robe.

Whether through exhaustion, or as a fitting climax to the dance, that almost started a riot, she loosed the robe at her throat, it fell about her feet and she smilingly bowed to the shrieking audience, clad only in the "altogether."

JOHNSON DEFEATED.

Marvin Hart Given Decision at Fight Last Night.

Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco, March 28.—Marvin Hart was awarded the decision over Jack Johnson in a 20-round contest tonight that went the limit, but he was far from demonstrating that he is qualified to meet Jim Jeffries. Hart was as badly a punished man as ever seen in the ring for a long time, but game to the core, and kept boring into the big colored man all during the fight. Johnson's much vaunted cleverness did not count for much. While able to hit Hart frequently the blows did not seem to damage the white man. The sympathies of the large crowd present were openly with Hart, who was the short-ender in the betting, and every lead he made at Johnson, whether he lander or not, was greeted with yells of joy. The general opinion of those who witnessed the fight was that neither man would stand any chance with Jeffries. The champion would probably beat them both in the same night.

Adrien Iselin Dead.

New York, March 28.—Adrien Iselin, a banker, died tonight, aged 92 years. Iselin was the founder of the banking firm of A. Iselin & Co. of New York, and the father of C. Oliver Iselin, the yachtsman. He was a native of Basle, Switzerland.

RETURN INDICTMENT

Chicago Grand Jury Indicts T. J. Connor of Beef Trust.

INTERFERING WITH WITNESSES

Connors is J. Ogden Armour's Most Confidential Employee and the Active Head of One of the Largest Meat Packing Establishments.

Chicago, March 28.—The federal grand jury returned an indictment tonight against Thomas J. Connors, the general superintendent of Armour & Co., on a charge of interfering with witnesses summoned to appear before the grand jury, which is investigating the so-called beef trust. Connors, who is J. Ogden Armour's most confidential employee and the active head of one of the largest packing companies in the world, was arrested on a bench warrant by deputy United States marshal and brought to the grand jury room, where he was released on \$5000 bail. After the release of Connors, he refused to discuss the matter.

The indictment charges that John Edward Shields of Brooklyn, a former employe of Armour, who testified before the grand jury, was approached favored and entertained by Connors and specifically states that on March 25, the offense upon which Connors was indicted occurred.

It also charged that Shields was given the use of Armour & Co.'s office at 205 LaSalle street to transact business while in Chicago, and also the use of the private telegraph wire in the office of the packing company. Another allegation is that while Shields was being entertained by Connors, that Connors proposed to the witness to testify favorably to Armour & Co., and not tell all he knew concerning the matter under investigation. The second count of the indictment charges Connors was not limited in an attempt in influencing Shields, but other witnesses have been approached by him.

Ship Damaged.

Ipswich, Eng., March 28.—The British ship Thalatta from San Francisco October 21, which arrived here today, reports that during a hurricane that occurred March 14, she was on her beam ends for 48 hours. The vessel and cargo were badly damaged.