



ROOSEVELT MAKES NO REQUEST

FOR AN ARMISTICE

Spokesman of Japanese Peace Commission Is Interviewed

Mr. Sato States President Roosevelt Made No Request for an Armistice At Meeting With Baron Komura and Minister Takahira Yesterday.

New York, July 28.—No statement was given out at the headquarters of the Japanese peace plenipotentiaries today relative to the visit to President Roosevelt of Baron Komura and Minister Takahira the Japanese commissioners. Mr. Sato, minister resident to the Emperor of Japan, who is the official spokesman for the commission, said, however, that President Roosevelt had made no request for an armistice. When inquiry was made of Mr. Sato as to the attitude of the Japanese on the question of an armistice, he replied:

"Japan is perfectly willing to agree to an armistice after the credentials of both commissions have been examined and verified. The examination of credentials must necessarily be the first duty of the peace delegates to ascertain that all are qualified to act in the capacity to which they are represented. However, I think an armistice can be agreed upon after the commissions enter formally upon their work. It has been the custom of all peace negotiations to cease hostilities during the convention of the peace plenipotentiaries."

Mr. Sato was asked to define the powers of his commission. He said: "They have the power to reject any proposal and to commit the Japanese government to any document they may sign, subject, of course, to the sanction of the emperor."

"The reports that China intended asking an indemnity, Mr. Sato discussed and regarding this he said:

"China could not ask any indemnity of Japan. It was her inability or unwillingness to keep Russia out of Manchuria that forced us into the war."

London, (Saturday) July 29.—The Standard this morning published an interview with Koreiyo Takashi, special finance commissioner of the Japanese, who reports himself hopeful that peace will result from the coming negotiations at Portsmouth.

He bases his hope on the conviction that Japan's terms will be reasonable and that the true interests of Russia require that she make peace.

The appointment of M. Witte, he adds, strengthens the hope. Should the hostilities continue, Mr. Takashi says, Japan is in condition financially to prosecute the war without serious difficulty.

TO ADJUST LOSSES.

Insurance Men Want Corporation to Facilitate Adjustment.

New York, July 28.—Establishment of an adjustment bureau to more economically handle losses in the East was discussed here yesterday at a largely attended meeting of men representing fire insurance companies doing business in the Eastern field. A plan was presented to the underwriters suggesting the formation of an incorporated company to carry on the business of adjusting losses. Under this scheme it was proposed to invite all the equitable fire insurance stocks to become members by taking stock in the name of the company and the facilitating representatives.

These outlines were thoroughly discussed and resolutions adopted appointing a committee of seven upon which the adjustment committee of the National Board shall be represented, to consider the question and draft a form of agreement for the creation of an adjustment bureau for submission to the companies.

ROWING RACES IN PORTLAND

Alex Pape of San Francisco Defeats Gloss of Portland.

Several Races Puled Off on Guilds Lake Between California and Oregon Witnessed By a Large Crowd of People—Local Clubs Give Good Exhibitions.

Portland, July 28.—Alex Pape of the Dolphin Rowing club of San Francisco, the holder of the amateur championship of the Pacific Coast, for single sculls, easily defeated E. O. Gloss and William Patton of Portland Rowing club in a one and one half mile race on Guilds lake this afternoon.

George Luders, of the Portland Rowing club, defeated E. B. Hartley, of the same club, in a junior single race. In the race for four-oared boats a crew composed of A. E. Allen, A. S. Allen, W. T. Allen and A. A. Allen defeated a crew composed of A. R. Stringer, E. Orth, A. Peterson and A. Pafender. Both crews were members of the Portland local club. The junior doubles were won by E. B. Hartley and George Luders who defeated C. Marshall and J. Rosenfield by four inches after a terrific race. The races were witnessed by a large crowd of people who enthusiastically cheered the winners.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

New York, July 28.—The fourth annual meeting of the National Circle Trade association closed its three days session here yesterday with the election of officers. E. J. Lloyd of Pittsburg was chosen president. New board of directors include James Fintze, Newark, Ohio, and C. L. Elyea, Atlanta, Ga. A. M. Scheffey was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The movement to obtain the co-operation of manufacturers and jobbers in automobile supplies, it was said, had received considerable impetus.

STAY OF EXECUTION FOR BLUEBEARD HOCH

Chicago, July 28.—Johan Hoch (Blue beard), the confessed bigamist sentenced to be hanged today for poisoning one of his wives, was this afternoon granted a reprieve until August 25 by Governor Deneen. The stay of execution which followed hours of anxiety on the part of Hoch, who had never given up hope, was allowed by Governor Deneen only after the latter had been assured the necessary funds for an appeal of the case had been raised.

The amount, \$500, was given by an attorney and a friend of Hoch's counsel.

Hoch's attorney, however, had already

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RUPTURE MAY ATTEND VOTING

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE

Germany Will Advocate Unanimity of All Receptions.

German Mission Informs Moroccan Foreign Office That the Program Must be Communicated to Her in Advance As Condition of Her Acceptance.

Tangier, July 28.—Count von Tattenbach-Ashold, head of the German mission to Morocco, informed the Moroccan foreign office that Germany stipulates that the program of the international conference be communicated to her in advance as the condition of her acceptance of the invitation. France, Great Britain and Spain have already made similar requests. It is feared much difficulty will attend the question of voting at the conference. It is understood that Germany will advocate that all the receptions of the conference must be made unanimous, the votes to include those of the sultan's delegates.

BOARD OF INQUIRY.

Washington July 28.—The navy department today ordered Captain Moore, commander of the cruiser Chicago, at San Diego, and Captain Thomas Phelps, stationed at San Francisco, to report to Rear Admiral Goodrich for duty. Commodore Stevenson, retired, was ordered from San Francisco yesterday. It is indicated that these officers with a junior officer as recorder will compose the court of inquiry into the Bennington disaster.

DETROIT BANKER KILLED AND ROBBED

Detroit, July 28.—Thomas Meyer, aged 69, a broker, near police headquarters, was killed tonight by thieves who caught him alone in his office. They got away with about \$600 in money, and perhaps \$4,000 worth of diamonds.

SUSPENSION IS PERMANENT.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—The suspension of Novosti, the leading Jewish liberal organ, for three months, is made permanent on account of its alleged pernicious and provocative tone.

RELATIVES WILL GET SAILORS' REMAINS

Forgotten Law Provides for Transmission of Dead Sailors.

San Diego, Cal., July 28.—The bodies of the Bennington's victims, who were buried in the military cemetery on Point Loma, are not to remain where they were laid with impressive ceremonies. Now that they are at rest the officials have discovered that after the Maine disaster congress enacted a law providing for the transmission of bodies of dead sailors to their homes. After the explosion the undertakers telegraphed to the nearest relatives of the dead with instructions regarding the disposition of the remains. In many cases answers were made that the bodies should be shipped at the government's expense. Accordingly the bodies of the 49 boys were interred, unembalmed, in the little burial ground on the hill. Now Paymaster Morse is telegraphing to relatives that upon request the bodies will be disinterred and

sent home at the expense of the government. So far such requests have come for two of the bodies, and it is likely that a majority of them will be xhumed and sent away.

DANIELSON SENDS TELEGRAM

While Astor lodge, B. P. O. E. members were in the midst of a sumptuous repast at the California restaurant last night, the occasion being a banquet, they were delightedly astonished to receive the following cablegram, purporting to be from an absent brother:

Stockholm, July 28.—Nelson, Astoria: Unable to leave. Oscar away on fishing trip. Let me in charge.

AUGUST DANIELSON,
Acting King.

The banquet was a select affair and was pronounced unsurpassable by all in attendance. They do say that the recipient of the cablegram from the acting king of Sweden was quite overcome and showed his appreciation of the distinction accorded him by the pseudo monarch by glowingly eulogizing Brother Danielson.

TROUBLE OVER LAND.

Agrarian Disturbances of Serious Nature in Russia.

Odessa, July 28.—Serious agrarian disturbances are reported to have occurred near Zhorinka in the government of Kieff. General Ignatieff, president of the special commission for the revision of the exceptional laws for safeguarding public order, having completed his investigation of the causes of the Odessa riots, has proceeded to Zhorinka.

TWO MORE DEATHS

Italians in New Orleans Die of Yellow Fever.

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING

Unofficially Claimed Number of Deaths Exceeds that of Thursday but Official Reports Say that But Two Italians Succumbed. Situation Well in Hand.

New Orleans, July 28.—The following report as to the progress of yellow fever in New Orleans is up to 6 P. M., today:

New cases, 21; total cases to date, 227; deaths today, 3; deaths to date, 47; new foci, 8.

New Orleans, July 22.—Although the unofficial reports made public today showed a larger number of deaths than yesterday, there were only two, and the appearance of a number of new cases. Authorities are confident that the situation is still well in hand and with no immediate prospect of becoming alarming.

The authorities continue to hold also that the plague remains an Italian infection, all except two of the twenty-six cases reported today being of that nationality. Today's deaths were principally Italians.

NOTES OF THE RING

Telegraphic Advices Relative to Three Fistic Mixups.

Vancouver, Wash., July 28.—Tommy Tracey, of Portland, knocked out Jack Kerns, of Chicago in the fourteenth round tonight.

NEIL BESTS TENNY.

San Francisco, July 28.—Frankie Niel, the bantam weight champion was given a decision over Harry Tenny at the end of twelve rounds before the Colma club tonight. The last half of the contest was all Neil's. Tenny did remarkably well for twelve rounds.

KELLY-BURNS DRAW.

Los Angeles, July 28.—Hugo Kelly and Tommy Burns fought a twenty round draw tonight. Burns had all the best of the fight but owing to an agreement both men were on their feet at the end of the contest, the fight was declared a draw.

NORWEGIAN PEOPLE TO DECIDE

DISSOLUTION QUESTION

Referendum Will Be Submitted to People August 13.

Storthing Unanimously Adopts Proposal to Set Date. Recommended Referendum Be Considered Isolated Fact. Will Enable Understanding.

Christiania, July 28.—The storthing at this evening's session unanimously adopted the proposal to fix August 13 as the date for the submission of the question of the dissolution with Sweden to the people.

The special committee of the storthing in its report says the referendum will enable foreign nations to fully understand the real standpoint of the Norwegian people. The committee recommends that the referendum be considered as an isolated fact and not as in line with the chain of conditions set up by Sweden.

WORK BEING RUSHED.

Candor Company Will Have Unlimited Power At Prospect Falls.

Prospect, Or., July 28.—The Candor Water and Power Company, which last year purchased the great natural water power embraced by Rogue river and the Mills Falls, at Prospect, from E. G. Shalstrom, the long-haired hermit, is fast completing the mammoth power enterprise the old man worked so faithfully upon the many years past. A broad canal is being cut at the brink of Rogue river falls, and this will lead the water a distance of some two miles, dropping it over the canyon wall into the Rogue river again. Unlimited power at comparatively small expense will thus be generated at both ends of the canal.

The Candor company has a crew of fifty men at work at Prospect, a summer camp being established in the deep forest on the border of the Upper Rogue reserve. Power from the enterprise will first be used in the operation of a large saw mill and ultimately in hauling the

THREE YOUNG WOMEN DROWNED IN COLUMBIA

Vancouver, Wash., July 28. (Special)—Lillie Ziegler, aged 20, Edna Fisher, aged 19, and May Ziegler, aged 18, three of a fishing party of five from Fisher's landing, were drowned in the Columbia river today. Lulu Ziegler and Mrs. Tinnons, who were of the party, were the survivors. While in bathing the unfortunate young women slipped beyond their depths and met death although Miss Ziegler and Mrs. Tinnons made frantic attempts to save them.

The party left here shortly after noon for a row to Governor's Island where they planned to fish. Reaching the island, 30 minutes were devoted to a rest after the long pull. Following Edna Fisher and Lillie and May Ziegler proposed bathing in the river. Entering the water they waded out a short distance. The nature of the river bed here is hard clay and unknown to the young women bathers it is extremely slippery. The girls lost their footing

cars and trains of the Crater Lake Railroad, now being built from Medford. Prospect is the largest settlement on the road to Crater lake, and is 22 miles from the newly established national park. The consummation of the big power enterprise of the Candor company will make Prospect a place of importance in Southern Oregon.

WOMAN DRINKS ACID.

Suicide of Mrs. John Ambrose at Seattle Is Inexplicable.

Seattle, Wash., July 28.—Sending her husband into another room to open a bottle of beer for her this morning, Mrs. Anna Ambrose, wife of John Ambrose, a lineman, drained a bottle containing carbonic acid. Her husband grabbed the bottle, but it was too late. The woman died an hour afterwards without telling why she wanted die. The suicide is a mystery, as Mrs. Ambrose was in good health and neighbors say was happy.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

New York Officials Place Yellow Fever Suspects in Quarantine.

New York, July 28.—Twenty-five persons today were removed from the steamer Alamo, from Galveston. They were suspected of being infected with yellow fever and transferred to Hoffman Island for inspection.

Only ten of this number really have high temperatures, the other fifteen being near relatives who refused to be separated from the suspects.

VAN GESNER AND BIGGS TESTIFY

Attempt to Impeach Government Witnesses In Land Frauds.

Dr. van Gesner Admits Lending Money to Entrymen but Denies Making any Contracts for Purchase of Lands From Any of the Claimants.

Portland, July 28.—Dr. van Gesner and Marion Biggs were on the stand for the defense in the land fraud trials today. The testimony of both men was an effort to impeach the witnesses for the prosecution. Both disclaim any knowledge of conspiracy or subornation of perjury in connection with acquiring land titles to Eastern Oregon ranges.

Gesner admitted lending the entrymen money and said he had stated to certain entrymen that the claims would be worth, upon final proof, about \$500 to him, but he denied ever having made any contract with any of the entrymen to acquire title to lands filed upon or proved upon by them.