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END SEEMS NEAR

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Telegraphers Suggest Terms for Settlement of Strike.

ARE FLATLY TURNED DOWN

Time Specified in Horn's Ultimatum Expires—Men Who Have Not Returned to Work no Longer Employed—Cause of Operators Weak.

St. Paul, Aug. 12.—The time of the ultimatum of General Manager Horn of the Northern Pacific to striking telegraphers having expired at noon today those strikers who did not return to work before noon will be regarded as no longer employes of the railway. It is known that two propositions for a settlement were made to the railway officials by union officials during the past 24 hours. One was that the management of the roads propose in writing what terms of a settlement would be acceptable. This was flatly refused.

Another proposition was a certain increase in the salaries of the men, but much smaller than the amount the strikers first demanded and permission for a paid agent of the union to work among the men on the system. This was also turned down and the strike officials were notified that negotiations would only be carried on with the men as individuals. The railways claim to have filled nearly all the positions vacated by the strikers and therefore can take their pick of the men who desire to be reinstated.

President Perham of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, in a bulletin issued tonight, says that because of the company's ultimatum having passed the general situation is more favorable than at any time during the strike and that more strike breakers have been induced to quit the service during the past 24 hours than at any time since August 2.

KILLED BY BOMB.
Belostok, Russia, Aug. 12.—A bomb was thrown in Sonayskaya street today and several persons were killed.

NEW RECORD ESTABLISHED AT BALTIMORE REGATTA

Baltimore, Aug. 12.—The second day of the 33d annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen was marked by superb racing and a new record was established in the senior eight-oared shells, the Argonauts of Toronto crossing the line not more than ten feet ahead of the Nassaus of New York, the time being 7:15. The second place was awarded to the Detroit Boat club eight, who finished a length and a half behind the winners.

The Nassaus, West Philadelphia and Potomac were disqualified for not following the course. The intermediate four-oared shell went to the Ariels of this city by four lengths from the Arundels.

Frank B. Greer of the East Boston Athletic association took the championship in the senior singles by a length from Fred Shepherd of the Seawanhakas

IS STILL CHAMPION.

Chandler Egan Defends Title in Eleventh Annual Golfmeet.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Chandler Egan successfully defended his title as national golf champion in the eleventh annual tournament at the Chicago Golf club's links today at Wheaton, defeating D. E. Sawyer of Chuton six and five to play in the final. Sawyer was often brilliant in his play in a heartbreaking struggle with the champion, but he was weak at vital times on putting the green.

Egan gets his second U. S. G. A., a massive gold medal and the Havemeyer trophy remains with Exmoor for the year.

Egan will attain his majority August 21. Sawyer is only 23 years old.

WILL WITNESS TEST.

President Roosevelt Will View Submarine Plunger on Trial.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 12.—Some time during the next week or ten days President Roosevelt will witness a test of the submarine boat Plunger. The exhibition will take place in Long Island Sound, a short distance from the entrance to Oyster Bay. Arrangements for the test are not yet completed, but the Plunger is being put in condition at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Of course, President Roosevelt had no thought of being aboard the Plunger during the tests. He entertains no fear of possible mishap, but believes he will achieve no good as a result by being on board the vessel while the tests are in progress.

TAKE SLAP AT BRYAN

Account as Executor Not Appreciated by Legatees.

Will Carry Appeal from Acceptance of William J. Bryan's Account as Executor in Estate of Philo S. Bennett to Superior Court.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 12.—Notice of appeal to be taken to the Superior court from acceptance of the account of William J. Bryan, as executor of the estate of the late Philo S. Bennett of this city, was filed in the Probate court today. Mrs. Bennett, the widow, and other legatees bring the appeal.

The reasons for the action are not stated, but before the account was accepted in the Probate court, the legatees protested because of certain fees paid by Mr. Bryan to appraisers, to counsel and to himself, as executor, and also because of the payment of certain taxes on estates in New York.

DISCUSSION DRAGS

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE

M. Witte Provoked at the Japanese Idea of Secrecy.

CANNOT APPRECIATE MOTIVE

Russian Plenipotentiary Denies He Pleaded for an Armistice—Outlook for Discussion of Terms Not Encouraging—M. Witte Declares Himself.

Portsmouth, Aug. 12.—There is a rift in the clouds. Prospects of the successful issue of the "Washington conference" were brightened somewhat as the result of today's developments. The discussion of the terms submitted by Japan has actually begun, but this has been accomplished by postponing the consideration of the two main issues, indemnity and the cession of the island of Sakhalin. So far as is ascertainable, the Japanese are responsible for the tactics by which this hopeful stage was entered upon.

As a mantle of secrecy has been thrown around the proceedings by mutual pledges not to divulge what has happened within the council chamber there are missing links in the chain of evidence and it is impossible to judge whether this signifies a backdown on either side on the main points. On the face of things, both sides are still as uncompromising as ever upon two issues and the struggle over them is being merely postponed.

That some sort of a private understanding was arrived at by Baron Komura and M. Witte during the recess at the navy yard today is hinted, but there is not the slightest confirmation obtainable. No evidence of a change of the uncompromising attitude on the part of M. Witte or Baron Rosen regarding the main points is observable. Nevertheless the Japanese attached to the Nippon mission plainly manifest elation and some of them privately assert that M. Witte would have never consented to a discussion of the terms had he not been prepared to yield on the question of Sakhalin. The Russian reply, with its non possumus as to indemnity and Sakhalin, was presented in the morning.

Yet, in spite of this fact, at 3 o'clock the plenipotentiaries met and after agreeing to discuss the conditions "seriatim" entered upon the consideration of the first of the Japanese terms. The proposition to discuss conditions in this way is believed to have emanated from the Japanese side. The first condition was of secondary importance, one of those which Russia passed upon as conditionally acceptable as a basis for discussion—and yet little progress was made. Four hours were spent debating upon it, but no conclusion was reached.

As there are 12 conditions and this is one of minor importance, the outlook is still gloomy. Plenipotentiaries at 7 o'clock adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Japanese wanted to hold a session in the morning, but M. Witte would not agree to this, as it was Sunday.

No Details Divulged.

M. Witte, however, makes no concealment of the fact that the rigid secrecy which the Japanese insisted upon imposing upon the proceedings is distasteful to him. With much earnestness he spoke tonight to the Associated Press correspondent upon the subject. At the time he was laboring under considerable excitement because of a published asser-

tion which had been called to his attention, saying he had pleaded for an armistice. For the dignity of Russia and the pride of his country he asked that an absolute denial be given the report. Referring to the question of the secrecy accompanying the proceedings he said he did not understand the Japanese desire to conceal what was taking place, nor could he appreciate the logic of the arguments adduced in support of their position.

STEEL MAGNATE'S SON HAS APPENDICITIS.

Allan W. Wood in New York Hospital Dying.

New York, Aug. 12.—Allan W. Wood, son of W. D. Wood, the Pittsburg steel magnate, lay at the point of death last night in Roosevelt hospital. Taken violently ill on Thursday afternoon he was operated on that night. Though hope is held out to the members of his family that he may recover it is admitted that the chance is extremely slight.

It was supposed that he was suffering from an attack of appendicitis, but the operation revealed the fact that one of his intestines had been ruptured. The operation was extremely difficult and unusual, and it was feared Mr. Wood could not survive it, but he rallied from its effects and was still alive last night.

He had not been feeling well for several days, but as his health had been excellent up to that time, he paid little attention to his illness until it suddenly became so acute that he was hurried to the hospital. His condition has so far been so critical that not even his wife or the other members of his family have been allowed to see him.

Mr. Wood retired from active business about four years ago and came from Pittsburg to make his home in New York.

Great surprise was occasioned when announcement was made last February that almost a year before Mr. Wood had married a well-known show girl.

Mr. Wood is 53 years old, and is well known in the higher business circles here and in Pennsylvania.

HOOD TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE LINE TO COOS BAY.

Chief Engineer of Southern Pacific Will Direct Extension.

Portland, Aug. 12.—One result of the conference held at San Francisco yesterday between E. H. Harriman and Chief Engineer Hood of the Southern Pacific has been to bring out the fact that the new line from Drain on the Southern Pacific to Marshfield on Coos bay, will be constructed under the direct supervision of Mr. Hood. It is announced from General Manager O'Brien's office this morning that representatives of the Harriman lines are now in Coos county purchasing tracts of land for the right of way, and work will be started just as soon as the preliminaries are concluded.

Other work being carried on by the Harriman interests is reported progressing. The operations on the line from Elgin will be given greater impetus as soon as the proceedings over the right of way are decided in court. From Riparia comes reports that headway is being made by the contractors building the connection between there and Lewiston, and contracts will be let for the Lewiston-Gängeville line, when the right of way is obtained for the entire distance. The present low stage of the Snake river, which makes it impossible for steamers to proceed above Log Cabin rapids, demonstrates to the railroad officials the need of railroad facilities between there and Lewiston.

DELIVERY AT REFORM SCHOOL

Salem, Aug. 12.—A daring outbreak occurred at the reform school this evening, when 12 inmates made a dash for liberty. Up to a late hour only one was apprehended. The break took place when the boys, in charge of two officers, were lined up after bathing to march into the main building.

SITUATION THE SAME

IS NO ENCOURAGEMENT

Fever Conditions in Crescent City are Unimproved.

BANANAS PUT UNDER BAN

Surgeon-general Wyman Wires Dr. White to Permit no Shipping of Fruit from Stricken City—Latest Report Not Encouraging.

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—Following is the official report on the fever situation up to 6 P. M.: New cases 105, total cases 913; deaths 9, total deaths 142; new subfoci 188, cases under treatment 340.

Figures today speak for themselves. It was a record day all round. The only feature of the report that can be taken as encouraging is that very few of the cases are above Canal street.

Assistant Surgeon Berry, who was stricken with fever night before last, is reported as doing well. News from outside the city contained nothing startling. Surgeon White received instructions from Surgeon-General Wyman not to allow any bananas to be shipped out of New Orleans to any point.

MANIFESTO DOES NOT APPEAR.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Frederick Passy, president of the French Arbitration society and formerly a member of the chamber of deputies, today sent by cable to M. Witte and Baron Komura the text of a petition which has already been signed by 100,000 persons in favor of the declaration of an immediate armistice and the conclusion of peace.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Portland, Aug. 12.—Portland 6, Los Angeles 5.
Seattle, Aug. 12.—Seattle 5, San Francisco 0.
San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Tacoma 2, Oakland 3.

FOREST FIRES RAGING IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Grants Pass, Ore., Aug. 12.—The destructive forest fires that have been raging in the pine woods of Northern Josephine county, though leaving the more densely settled districts, have spread both east and west and have scattered over a wider area. On Rogue river, five miles below Grants Pass, and in the lumbering district about Smith's sawmill, great damage is being done, and the lumbermen are in constant terror of the flames. At Smith's mill all of the workmen's cabins, the bunkhouse, boarding-house and all property as well as timber surrounding the mill, have been destroyed. The fire swept down upon the mill in great sheets, skipping with fearful rapidity from tree to tree.

COBBAN ACQUITTED.

Case on One Charge of Subornation of Perjury Lost by Government.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 12.—After deliberating about three hours the jury in the case of the United States vs. R. M. Cobban, charged with subornation of perjury, in the United States court this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty and Judge Hunt discharged the case against him.

There are still nine other charges against Cobban and Special United States Attorney Maynard told the court he was ready to begin trial. Judge Hunt will consider the matter until Monday or Tuesday.

KILLED BY SPECIAL.

Hand-car Run Into by Louis Hill's Train and One Jap Killed.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 12.—One Japanese was killed outright and three injured by a special train conveying Louis Hill and other railroad officials East today. A hand-car containing a section crew was encountered by the special near Evare, a few miles west of Missoula and before the hands knew it the engine was upon them, and one was dead and the others injured.

TODAY'S DEATHS.

Portland, Aug. 12.—Oregon and Washington: Sunday, fair with northwest winds.

CHAUFFEUR LOSES LEG

Earl Kiser's Machine Crashes Through Fence at Clevelann

While Warming Up Big Racing Automobile Prior to Opening of Races Earl Kiser, Famous as Bicycle Rider, Meets With Serious Accident.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 12.—Earl Kiser of Dayton, who first acquired national fame as a bicycle racer and recently as an automobile racer, met with an accident today at the opening of the Cleveland Automobile club summer meet that may prove fatal.

In warming up prior to the opening of the races, when no one was anywhere near him on the track, his machine suddenly was noticed to turn toward a fence and crash through. Another racer was just behind and hurried to the grandstand and secured physicians, who found Kiser's left leg reduced to pulp, while his right shoulder was dislocated and he was otherwise cut and bruised.

An ambulance removed him to Glenville hospital, where his leg was amputated. As he had not been in the best of health lately it is feared blood poisoning may set in.