



SABBATH IS QUIET

NO PEACE MEETING

M. Witte Talks Plain to Baron Komura on Saturday.

PUBLIC SEEMS OPTIMISTIC

No Meeting Is Held at Portsmouth—By Mutual Agreement the Session Was Postponed in Deference to the Holy Sabbath.

Portsmouth, Aug. 13.—No progress was made with the peace negotiations over Sunday. The session to be held this afternoon was postponed by mutual consent out of reverence of the Holy Sabbath. Perhaps it will not be too much to say the general feeling is more hopeful in spite of open predictions made by personages connected with both sides of the negotiations that before next Sunday the plenipotentiaries will reach a point where a rupture will become the inevitable.

The principal reason for optimism lies in the fact that when confronted with the absolute refusal of the Russian reply to admit the discussion of either indemnity or the cession of the Island of Sakhalin, the Japanese proposed to take up the consideration of the conditions "seriatim." From this, it is assumed the Japanese are prepared to yield or have reason to believe a way may be found to overcome the objections of their adversaries when the crucial test comes.

In the debate in yesterday's conference over the first condition, the recognition of Japan's "preponderating influence" over Korea, involving her right to control the administration of the hermit kingdom and to use its littoral for strategic purposes, etc., was of a remarkable character, indeed, the position taken by M. Witte was sensational in the extreme.

The Russians propose to raise before the world a spectre of "yellow peril." The Russians claim that Japan's present purpose is to get a foothold on the Asiatic continent from which to extend her dominion. M. Witte's argument might be summarized as follows:

"Russia has no objection to Japan taking Korea, but you must avow it plainly. If it be taken, it should be taken officially, so the world may understand your purpose to take the posses-

sion, which means that Korea will belong to Japan. So be it.

"Russia will not object, but Japan should avow the purpose which is against the interests of Europe and America, and practically against the interests of the United States and China, and even your ally England. If this is satisfactory to you and America, Russia raises no protest. You propose to destroy every vestige of the sovereignty of the emperor of Korea, but you desire to employ a formula with which to conceal your true purpose.

"The country which will suffer most is America, which will understand it in about ten years and when it is too late."

To this argument Baron Komura dissented vigorously, contending that Japan only sought to secure for herself in Korea commercial and industrial positions to which she is entitled and to aid in its civilization and development, as well as to protect the kingdom from administrative anarchy.

ST. PETERSBURG GUESSING.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—The Russian capital is in the dark concerning the meaning of the prolonged conference Saturday at Portsmouth. There is, nevertheless, a certain feeling of hopefulness accounted for, not altogether on the ground that no rupture has occurred thus far. There is reason to believe, no manifesto, subject to the national assembly, will be issued until definite news is received in order, if the negotiations fail, simultaneous publication of the manifesto will stir up the patriotism in the country.

CHINAMAN RUNS AMUCK

Vancouver Celestial Kills Friend and Then Himself.

Tailor Shoots Friend and Son and Turns Gun on Himself—Two Are in Hospital and Not Expected to Live—Crime in Chinese Circles.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 13.—Two Chinese merchants and the son of one of them are dying in the hospital as the result of a tragedy early today. The dead men are Fong Gung and Fung Sing, partners in the tailoring business.

At 4 o'clock this morning, Fung Sing started on a tour of murder. First he shot and fatally wounded Fung Lee, son of Sing, and then turned his attention to the latter.

Having finished the family, Fung Sing then turned the revolver on himself and sent a bullet through his neck and cutting his spinal cord, which must have caused instant death.

DAMAGE IS WROUGHT

STORM HITS GOTHAM

Fierce Storm Sweeps Over New York City—Lightning.

WOMAN STRUCK AND LIVES

Thunderstorm of Unusual Violence Strikes New York City—Lightning Strikes Street Car and Injures Many Persons.

New York, Aug. 13.—A thunderstorm of unusual violence did widespread damage today. Lightning struck a boat-house, filled with people, one of whom was killed. It also struck a street car in which were 100 people. Only one was hit, but in the panic ensuing 15 women were hurt, nine seriously. Many small boats in the harbor capsized.

Two barges containing 500 immigrants broke from moorings and was blown down the bay threatening drowning to those on board.

LEAVE FOR ILO.

Secretary Taft Leaves Manila City for Ilo.

Manila, Aug. 13.—Secretary of War Taft and Miss Alice Roosevelt and party sailed at 1 o'clock today on the transport Logan for Ilo. Governor General Wright, Corbin and all insular commissioners, except Commissioner Ide, accompanied them.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Portland, Aug. 13.—Portland 1, Los Angeles 0. Thirteen innings.

Seattle, Aug. 13.—Seattle 4, San Francisco 5.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—First game: Oakland 5, Tacoma 2. Second game: Oakland 2, Tacoma 1.

KISER RESTING EASY.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 13.—Earl Kiser, the automobile racer who lost his leg yesterday, is resting comfortably. Physicians stated today that he will recover unless unforeseen complications set in.

REV. SEMPLE DEAD.

New York, Aug. 13.—Rev. F. Semple, D. D., is dead at the Presbyterian hospital, aged 77 years. He was moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly in 1890.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Aug. 13.—Western Oregon: Monday, cloudy and occasionally threatening; possibly showers in the northern portion; cooler.

"LOVERS' LANE" TO BE SPOILT.

Caldwell, Aug. 13.—The Borough of West Caldwell, which has been in total darkness at nights from time immemorial, is to have electric lights in the main thoroughfares at a cost of \$16 a light a year. Mayor Crane was authorized to sign such a contract at once.

MUTINEERS SENTENCED.

Sebastopol, Aug. 13.—As the result of the trial of 53 mutineers of the training ship Pruth, 15 were acquitted, four condemned to be shot, three sentenced to penal servitude for life and the remainder for various shorter terms.

PICNIC TRAIN WRECKED.

Two Suffer Death in Railway Accident at Leads.

Kinsley, Kan., Aug. 13.—The second section of the westbound Santa Fe passenger train crashed into the rear end freight train at Leads, eight miles east of Kinsley early this morning. The passenger train and a yardmaster were killed and the engineer of the passenger train seriously injured. Passengers were shaken up, but none seriously hurt. The train was an excursion carrying members of the Order of Eagles en route to Denver.

FIRE AT 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—The Hercules Gas Engine works were destroyed by fire today, the loss being about \$200,000. The theory is spontaneous combustion.

JAPS RAISING SHIPS.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 13.—Advices from Port Arthur are to the effect that the Japanese succeeded in raising over 70 vessels, including five battleships and one cruiser, and contracts are let for the raising of merchantmen sunk at the mouth of the harbor for blockading purposes.

IMMUNITY FOR NEBOGATOFF.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 13.—According to Japanese papers Baron Komura is charged with seeing a guarantee to immunity included in the treaty of peace for Admiral Nebogatoff, whom, according to Japanese officers, surrendered his vessels when it was impossible to longer continue the fight.

TRAINS DERAILED.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 13.—A report received here of a wreck on the Northern Pacific at Sand Point, Ida., today turns out that delays at Sprague, Wash., and Sand Point were on account of the derailment of two trains. Traffic was delayed 15 hours. None were injured.

RUSSIANS RETIRING.

Tokio, Aug. 13.—It is reported the Russians are retiring across the Tumen river and that they will avoid a battle in Northern Korea. The confirmation of the rumor is not obtainable.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

London, Aug. 13.—The Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent says the governor of New Chwang has warned boycotters of American goods that their action is punishable by death.

LANDSLIDE IN CANADA.

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—A tremendous landslide, near Ashcroft, B. C., swept the waters of Thompson creek over an Indian village. Fifteen Indians are reported killed and 12 injured.

POPE'S DESIRE FOR PEACE.

Mr. Roosevelt, the Pontiff Says, Entitled to the Thanks of the World.

Rome, Aug. 13.—The pope today received in private audience Edward J. Sullivan, American consul at Trebizond, and F. Martin, his secretary. The pope sent his salutations to President Roosevelt. He expressed a most fervent hope that peace would be concluded between Russia and Japan, and said that President Roosevelt was entitled to the thanks of the civilized world for his efforts. The pope then imparted his apostolic benediction, and presented to Mr. Sullivan his photograph, bearing his autograph and inscription.

MRS. LOGAN'S GRANDSON DIES.

Kent, O., Aug. 13.—A cable dispatch received today announces the death of George L. Tucker, 14 years old, son of Colonel and Mrs. W. F. Tucker in the Philippines. He was a grandson of Mrs. John A. Logan. He died from appendicitis.

SENATOR CLARK NEARLY WELL.

New York, Aug. 13.—Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, who underwent a surgical operation recently, was out of doors yesterday for the first time since his prostration.

ELECTIONS IN NORWAY

WANT DISSOLUTION

People's Referendum Vote Shows Remarkable Sympathy for Split Up.

WANT RIKSDAG TO OPERATE

People of Norway Take Question of Dissolution Under Consideration and Vote Heartily for It—No Disturbances Occurred—Everybody Enthusiastic.

Christiana, Aug. 13.—The Norwegian people's referendum vote, taken today, pronounced in favor of the dissolution of the union with Sweden, with remarkable, though not unexpected unanimity. Of the 450,000 voters, 320,000 cast ballots. While the full result will not be known for some hours, up to midnight returns show that about one person in 3,000 voted against the dissolution. The difference between the total number of voters and the number of votes cast is attributable to absentees, such as sailors abroad and others out of the country. There are scenes of greatest enthusiasm everywhere.

Thousands of women, who have not the right of franchise, signed petitions in the streets endorsing the dissolution. In Christiania and other towns the entire population turned out, every one wearing long streamers of national colors pictures of Premier Michelsen. One of the members of the cabinet said to the Associated Press tonight:

"The result surpasses our most sanguine expectations. The next official steps will be taken after the storting meets, August 21, when the result of the vote will be communicated to the Swedish government. The storting will repeat the request of the riksdag and declare the riksdag in operation and the union dissolved. The storting also expresses willingness to negotiate concerning the details of the dissolution. The earnest desire of Norway is to conclude a dissolution amicably. Norway will never retract, but everything will be done to meet the wishes of Sweden in other directions.

"I peace depends upon the abolishing of forts they will be abolished. Norway must remain a monarchy as the people do not desire a republic."

MAY SEIZE MONTARA.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 13.—Advices indicate that Admiral Kalakoa has been dispatched to the Siberian coast to seize the Russian seal rookeries. Some fears are expressed that the Montara, belonging to a San Francisco company, which has leases from the Russian government, may be seized by the Japanese.

SUNFLOWER WEEDS IN MISSOURI.

Courts They Have no Reverence for Sister State's Emblem—Doctor Fined.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 13.—Dr. J. L. Flanders was arraigned in police court this morning on a charge of failing to cut weeds on property at Pacific and Charlotte streets. He was fined \$1.50. "I cut the weeds, judge," he told the court, "but I left standing some sunflowers. I did not suppose they would be mistaken for weeds."

"Yes, but according to the ruling of the Missouri Supreme court, sunflowers are weeds," said Judge Brady. "The contention of a St. Louis property-owner, who appealed a fine for allowing sunflowers to grow on his property was that they were the emblem of a sister state and could not be considered as weeds. The court thought differently. Sunflowers may be flowers in Kansas, but they are weeds in Missouri."

FEAR MURDER.

Portland, Aug. 13.—It is the belief of Coroner Finley that Minnie van Dran, who died yesterday after drinking a bottle of ginger ale, was the victim of foul play. Mrs. van Dran was the wife of Kasper van Dran, a saloon-keeper, who was recently shot and dangerously wounded by a rival in business. A chemical analysis was made today of the contents of the woman's stomach and the remainder of the liquid in the bottle from which she drank shows the presence of a large quantity of cyanide potash.

MAY NOT CALL SESSION

Chances for Extraordinary Session of Congress Slim.

President Has Reserved Definite Decision in Matter But Everything Points to Fact That Session Will Not Be Held—Much Opposition.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 13.—Notwithstanding that a more or less definite announcement has emanated from various sources during the last few months, congress may not be called into extraordinary session next November. Indeed, indications are now that no extraordinary session will be held this year. This statement is made on the authority of President Roosevelt himself. He has not decided definitely as yet, and probably will not reach a determination until he returns to Washington the latter part of November. The chances of an extraordinary session appear, however, to be fading. Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the president to induce him not to call an extra session.

So much interest is manifested in the subject throughout the country that the president has received a large number of letters regarding it. Many senators and representatives have urged against the extra session.

They point out practically nothing is to be gained by the extra session, that will begin not more than three weeks before the opening of the regular long session. Taking these things into consideration, the president has reserved a definite decision of the matter.

TWELVE ARE KILLED IN WRECK ON NICKEL PLATE

Cleveland, O., Aug. 13.—An eastbound passenger train on the Nickel Plate railway collided with a westbound freight train early today, near Vermillion, resulting in the deaths of 12 persons and injured, eight of whom will probably die. The wreck, according to officials of the company, was caused by a misunderstanding of orders, or the neglect of them, on the part of the crew of the freight train. Aside from the engineer, the men killed on the passenger train were all riding in the smoking car and were mostly foreign laborers in the employ of the Standard Oil company.

The high speed of the passenger train threw the locomotive and the first three coaches over on the engine of the freight train, decapitating the smoker and the car

following. Several cars of the freight train were splintered. Of the passengers in the smoker, none escaped injury. Fortunately there was no fire, but the heavy timbers of the wrecked cars pinned down many and prevented them getting out. Doctors were sent on a special train to the scene.

When the trains came together almost everybody in the smoker was dazed. A sudden jar hurled them out of their seats into the aisle and there were several persons thrown through the windows.

Passengers in the second car were more fortunate. There the violence of the impact was not so severe, though a few did get off without a cut, bruise, sprain or broken bones. No passengers in the sleepers were injured.

FEVER DEATH LIST IS INCREASING STEADILY

New Orleans, Aug. 13.—A heavy increase in the number of cases, which began four or five days ago is beginning to manifest itself in the death list, which is expected to grow steadily the next few days. The number of new cases today seems small in comparison with yesterday's record, but is really 19 short, as the number of cases turned in

by the inspector just after the hour for closing the report. These will figure in tomorrow's report.

The cause for the spread of the disease has been the concentration of cases and the change of residence of people infected. Physicians who persist in not reporting cases are to be prosecuted. Only five new feet above Canal street was reported today.