

# TREATY OF PEACE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON AT PORTSMOUTH

## TAGGART CASE DRAGS ALONG

CRITICIZED BECAUSE SHE DID AS HE ADVISED.

Wine on the Sideboard for All Callers—Mrs. Taggart Could Not Drink Vermouth and She Drank Very Little of Anything Else—She Preferred That He Drink at Home to Drinking Elsewhere—Sensational Experiences in Chinatown, Frisco, With Her Husband.

Wooster, O., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Taggart said when the war broke out she joined the captain in Georgia, taking one son with them, leaving Tiddles with wife of the surgeon, after consultation by letter with her husband. When she reached her husband, she was criticized for not bringing both the boys.

Speaking of liquor, "the captain told her to always offer callers sherry and wafers. Once some ladies came, I didn't see the bottles of sherry. On the sideboard was a bottle with a nice looking label. I gave each a wineglassful. It tasted so strange I did not drink. Found out afterward it was vermouth, I never drank much. The captain always drank with his friends. I didn't object to his drinking at home, nor playing cards there. Preferred that to his drinking and playing away from home."

Mrs. Taggart continued: "I never smoked, tried once to smoke cigarettes in the captain's presence. Could not finish, and never told off-color stories. Never was intoxicated, and deny all knowledge of an alleged drinking bout at Fort Thomas. At Matanzas after callers left, only Lieutenants Parker and Benard remaining, one suggested we go to a cafe to get sandwiches and said they would retire. Mrs. Saffrons and I drank lemonade, the officers gin rickies. When Captain Taggart entered, we raised our champagne glasses. The captain struck mine from my hand and took me home."

Mrs. Taggart told of a visit to Chinatown in San Francisco and said they "went into a narrow hallway where Chinese women disrobed, keeping on only bracelets of the wrist and ankle, and sat down beside the captain on a couch. I said I was ready to pass on, and my husband went with me."

Mrs. Taggart was confirmed on the stand this afternoon telling of her life at Fort Leavenworth. She denied in toto all charges implicating her with Fortesque and Miner.

## BIG BLOW IN UNION COUNTY.

Considerable Damage to Fruit and to Warehouses.

The wind and dust storm yesterday afternoon was surely a record breaker, and the way Umatilla county real estate came sailing over the hill was not slow and with a velocity that moved everything that was not well fastened. Quite a number of chimneys and shade trees were blown over and in a few instances houses were wrecked and numerous woodhouses were razed. The woodshed at the Methodist church was blown over into the street and the church steeple was slightly damaged. The entire city was in darkness for about two hours but most of the city was lighted after eight o'clock.

In May Park, the orchards were almost completely shorn of their fruit.

It is estimated that William Hall has 1990 boxes of apples on the ground, and all the others are heavy losers.

The orchards in Fruitdale were also damaged in way of loss of fruit. However, the growers are elated over the fact that very few of their trees are ruined.

The Conley warehouses at the Conley spur were wrecked and strewn across the track of the Elgin branch so that the track had to be built around them. Fences were more or less wrecked all along the path of the storm.

The reports from the Summerville section are to the effect that the only damage was the loss of some fruit in several orchards.

## JAPAN MAKES CONCESSIONS BY WAIVING INDEMNITY AND ALSO CONSENTS TO DIVISION OF SAGHALIEN ISLAND

Japanese Correspondents at Portsmouth Are Frantic With Disappointment and Declare the Japanese People Will Not Consent to Such a Surrender of Rights and Opportunities.

Portsmouth, Aug. 29.—The Scripps-McRae bureau has just received an absolute confirmation of the exclusive statement of yesterday that at Saturday's meeting Witte assured the Japanese that if they would waive the demand for a cash indemnity the Russian envoys would bind themselves to proceed immediately to negotiate a treaty of peace.

Japan and Russia have agreed to sign a treaty of peace as soon as the details can be completed. An armistice is to be arranged immediately. The envoys at the meeting this morning "arrived at a complete accord" on all questions in dispute. This result was foreshadowed in these dispatches this morning, but it had not been expected that an agreement could be reached upon all the disputed points before the noon lunch hour.

Japan absolutely waived her demand for a cash indemnity. This decision was arrived at by the Japanese cabinet and "Elder Statesmen" at their extraordinary session Monday. There was never the least doubt that when the Japanese envoys presented their concessions in complete form a unanimous agreement to draw up a treaty of peace would be reached. The only doubt this morning was whether the Japanese government, in view of the alleged craftiness of the Russians, would deem it advisable to expose their full hand.

It required just 3 hours of the envoys' time this morning to reach a unanimous agreement. The new terms offered by Komura were of such a sweeping character and were considered by the Russians such radical concessions to their views that they left them no basis upon which to further prolong objections.

Elaborating the Details. The discussion that followed Russia's acceptance took up the question of Saghalien, limitation of the Russian naval strength in the Far East, and interned ships, and an agreement speedily followed upon each one. It is believed Japan withdrew the two latter features of her original demands.

Senators Will Tour the State. Walla Walla, Aug. 29.—United States Senators Ankeny and Piles of the state of Washington are arranging to visit every county in the state during the coming fall. They desire to meet the people of the various sections of the state and talk over pending and prospective business. The meetings on the trip will be entirely informal but notifications will be sent to the commercial bodies in the cities and towns and the legislative delegates of the counties. The only itinerary which has been definitely mapped out at the present time is that for southeastern Washington, which begins at Vancouver on August 30th and ends at Tacoma on September 10th.

Favored the American Plan. Brussels, Aug. 29.—A number of prominent Europeans spoke before the Inter-Parliamentary Union favoring the American proposition. Bartholdi received an ovation when he accepted gracefully the reference to his plan to receive a committee of specialists from the parliaments of the various nations.

Timber Fire in Montana. Butte, Aug. 29.—Forest fires are raging in Northern Montana in the vicinity of Flathead lake. One thousand acres of heavily wooded country has burned, and the settlers are becoming alarmed.

Portsmouth, August 29.—Special—Korostovitz telephoned to the Scripps representative at 12:30 the following official statement: "The session this morning of the conference arrived at a complete accord on all questions. It has been decided to proceed to an elaboration of the treaty of peace. The conference adjourned until 3 this afternoon."

The exact status of Saghalien is not known, but it is presumed that Japan is allowed to retain possession of at least half, if not the whole. This question, and that relating to the Chinese Eastern railway, will undoubtedly be taken up and considered during the elaboration of the treaty, which is announced to begin immediately.

It is learned positively Japan did not put a final concession at today's conference until Russia had again flatly refused to further discuss indemnity. Komura made a proposal to reduce the price asked for half of Saghalien. "We will not pay indemnity," Baron Komura, replied Witte. "This is final, this is Russia's last word. Have you anything else to propose?" More liberal terms than were expected were then offered.

Japanese Disgusted. Cables have been sent to St. Petersburg and Tokio announcing a peace agreement and urging the declaration of an armistice at once.

The Japanese correspondents at the hotel are almost in tears. They declare it is with dishonor, and say their country will be writhing tonight with indignation. Responding to congratulations upon conclusions of peace with such good terms, Pokotloff, Russian minister to China, who is here says, "It was a stroke of genius; only one man in the world could have done it, Witte."

It is announced Japan is to be paid a reasonable sum for the maintenance of 80,000 prisoners, the amount to be decided later. It is expected to be about \$75,000.

Will Divide Saghalien. Portsmouth, Aug. 29.—Witte announced upon arrival at the hotel that peace had been agreed upon. He said under the agreement Russia is not to pay a kopeck of indemnity, and Saghalien is to be divided.

Opened the Last Session. Portsmouth, Aug. 29.—The envoys reached the navy yard this morning at 9:30 and retired to their respective apartments, but soon assembled in the conference rooms, exchanged formal greetings and began the business before them. It is a bright, sunny day, cool and crisp. The envoys rode over in automobiles, the secretaries going in electric launches.

They considered first the protocol of last Saturday's meeting. The comparison of the French and English texts being completed, the envoys signed up. The Japanese presented new demands, modified according to the recommendations of Komura and Takahira, with consent of the mikado.

Roosevelt Pleased. Oyster Bay, Aug. 29.—President Roosevelt is immensely pleased at the news of an agreement at Portsmouth. He learned the facts while engaged upon correspondence with Secretary Loeb. "That's what! Just splendid!" he is said to have exclaimed. "Hav'n't

heard anything in years that pleased me so much." As no official confirmation of the agreement had come from Pierce at the time of the receipt of the news, the president will not make a statement for publication.

Pat Themselves on the Back. Washington, Aug. 29.—Secretary Wilson, when informed of the news of peace from Portsmouth said, "The peace conference and its results are due the president and his genius for doing great things at the right time."

Secretary Bonaparte says, "If the information from Portsmouth is accurate, the negotiations will be a source of happiness to the whole civilized world, and can hardly fail to earn for our own government the general approbation and gratitude." Other cabinet members are absent.

Witte, after his return from the conference said, "I have kept my word which I have maintained all through the deliberations of peace conference. I told the Japanese that I would not recede an inch, and haven't done so. I refused to concede the clause relating to naval limitations, refused to make any money payments, refused to grant territory, but gave half of Saghalien at command of the emperor."

We shall now proceed to discuss the details of the treaty. We could not do so before, until an agreement had been reached respecting the fundamental issues. The matters now to be deliberated upon are still grave, but are only secondary, now that peace is safeguarded. We have proposed an armistice to our respective emperors, and it is a matter of only a few days to arrange a cessation of hostilities.

We did not expect last night the Japanese would give way. Komura did not make any new propositions. I informed the Japanese that I had nothing to add to the previous propositions. Had said the last word, and it remained for Japan to adopt any attitude they wished. Then Komura said, "We accept your conditions."

Forest Fires Near Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz, Aug. 29.—Big forest fires are raging near the Lomond studio and Sterling Place is burned over 50 men are fighting and have prevented a spread to Ben Lomond and Brookdale.

Twenty New Cases. New Orleans, Aug. 29.—Twenty new cases and five deaths were reported at noon.

The United States government building at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, erected at a cost of \$500,000, has been sold to a wrecking company for \$10,000. The steel trusses in the structure alone cost \$100,000.

## LITTLE DAMAGE TO UNCUT GRAIN

NOT OVER THREE BUSHELS PER ACRE AT THE WORST.

Greater Part of the Acreage Had Been Cut Before the Hurricane Came—The Greater Damage was to Windmills, Sheds and Trees—Considerable Loss to Ripe Fruit in the Milton-Freewater District, and Many Trees Were Uprooted—Many Breaks in Pendleton Telephone Lines.

Additional reports received here today from over the county show the damage done by Sunday's storm to have been even lighter in the grain section than was first reported. There was little uncut grain left in the county excepting in the country north of this place and along the line of the W. & C. R., and in that section there was little left in the fields. From reports received from farmers of Helix, Warren and other points along the line by A. L. Knight, that buyer estimates that a loss of about three bushels per acre was sustained by those who had grain standing John Timmerman of the Helix neighborhood, one of the largest growers in that part, had 400 acres yet uncut, and his estimate of the loss is as given above.

Yesterday afternoon, T. G. Montgomery returned from Helix, where he was when the storm occurred, and from information which he secured while there and on the way down he believes that the loss will be two or three bushels per acre, though in some cases greater damage was done. In view of the fact that but a small percentage of the wheat was left uncut, the damage to that crop is regarded as of little importance by farmers and grain men. On the reservation and most of the section east of the W. & C. R., there was practically no grain uncut when the storm occurred.

However, while little damage was done to wheat, more or less loss was incurred by nearly all of the farmers through having sheds, windmills or fruit trees blown down. Nothing like a heavy loss has been reported though, except from the fruit section in the northern part of the county.

Damage in Fruit District. Milton, Aug. 28. (special to the East Oregonian).—According to the officers of the Fruitgrowers' union of this place, the loss to the orchardists through the storm Sunday is heavy. Since that afternoon, reports have reached them from most of the more important fruit growers of that section. These show that all of the peaches and the pears that were ripe were knocked from the trees and will be a loss. Also it is estimated that from one-half to two-thirds of the winter apples were blown to the ground, making almost an absolute loss of that portion of the crop. Besides the loss of fruit, much loss was sustained from trees being blown down or broken. Many of the trees were uprooted by the strong wind.

Repairing Telephone Damage. For the past 36 hours both the electric and the telephone companies have had men at work repairing the damage done to their lines by the storm. Yesterday the linemen for the light company were engaged mainly in repairing the main lines

FAKE, PURE AND SIMPLE. Somebody Put Up a Job to Have the Reservoir Cleaned. When the city reservoir was emptied on Sunday no dead man was found therein, and the officers now believe that the note which was picked up on the streets Saturday and which stated that the author was to end his existence in the reservoir, was a fake, pure and simple. Nothing has been learned of the author or of the girl to whom the note was addressed. It is regarded as possible that the trick was resorted to in order to have the reservoir cleaned, in which case the perpetrator succeeded.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET. Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States. Chicago, Aug. 29.—September wheat closed at 79. corn at 52 1-4, and oats at 25 1-2.

Parents are Responsible. Seattle, Aug. 29.—Judge Frater, of the juvenile court, will recommend to the state legislature at its next session, that it pass a law making all parents in the state of Washington responsible for the petty crimes and misdemeanors of their children, where it can be proven that the criminal tendencies of the children have risen in parental negligence. Judge Frater so stated Saturday morning from the bench, addressing 11 incorrigible youngsters who had been hauled up before him, and their parents and relatives.

## STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED LAST NIGHT

Last evening the "Stock Exchange," one of the resorts on Cottonwood street, was ordered closed by Marshal Coffman and the inmates were threatened with arrest unless the orders were complied with. According to the marshal the above place has been causing considerable trouble for some time past, in fact, more than any of the other places on "The Row." However, his determination to close the place was caused by the discovery that Sadie Rust, the proprietress of the place, had been forcing money from one of the girls in her house on threats of having her arrested for thievery should she refuse to make the pay-

ments. According to Marshal Coffman evidence was shown him that convinced him the above was being done, and consequently he ordered the place closed. However, none of the women were ordered to leave town nor were any arrest made.

There may be serious trouble in store for Oscar and Albert Rust as a result of discoveries made by the marshal. According to that official he has evidence that will convict the two men of having lived with or accepted the earnings of prostitutes. Sadie Rust, the proprietress of the "Stock Exchange," is said to be the wife of Oscar Rust.

Killed in Street Car Wreck. Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 29.—W. B. Erwin, manager of the local branch of the Standard Biscuit company, was killed in a street car accident this morning, and 11 others were badly injured. The airbrakes refused to work, the car ran down a steep hill, overturning at the bottom. Of the 11 injured, nine have sustained broken legs and the other two have each a broken arm.

Excursion Train Wrecked. Logansport, Ind., Aug. 29.—A Panhandle excursion train from Cincinnati was derailed early this morning. Fireman Walter Everman of Cincinnati, was killed, and Engineer Patrick Grady probably fatally hurt, and five passengers slightly injured. An insane man lately escaped from custody and running loose, is suspected of causing the wreck.