

BURY THE HATCHET.

Britain and Russia Negotiate to End Disputes.

London, Oct. 7.—Following closely upon the publication of the text of the Anglo-Japanese treaty has come considerable talk of the possibility of an understanding between Great Britain and Russia. All the newspapers are devoting columns to the discussion of the question, pointing out that, if Russia is sincere in her expression of a desire for peace in Central Asia, there is no reason why the two ancient enemies should not come to an agreement that will not only assure peace, but clear away the suspicions which have existed for years. That negotiations with this object are pending seems probable though definite official confirmation is lacking.

Color is lent to the rumors that have been afloat by the recent frequent visits paid to the Foreign Office by the Russian Ambassador and the fact that Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, who returned from his vacation to publish the text of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, has remained at his office continuously since. Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, had a long interview with Lord Lansdowne at the Foreign Office yesterday and the latter left London immediately afterwards for Balmoral, Scotland, where Premier Balfour is present as Minister in attendance on King Edward. The visits of the Russian Ambassador to the Foreign Office may have been connected with Emperor Nicholas' invitation to Great Britain to participate in the second peace conference at The Hague, but Great Britain had already answered his Majesty's invitations.

The position of the British government was clearly stated in a speech delivered by Gerald Balfour, president of the local Government Board, yesterday, in which he said:

Great Britain has no intention of making aggressive movements in Central Asia. Our object is defense and not defiance, and if the Russian government desires to come to an understanding with us with reference to our interests in that part of the world, it will not find the British government backward in readiness to consider any proposals which it might desire to put forward.

The newspaper discussion has reached a much wider range, and includes suggestions for agreements which, if carried out and lived up to, would make Europe a family in which there would be no difficulties. One of the suggestions which

most appeal to British officialdom and the London press is that Russia, Germany and France should subscribe to the terms of the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

SURVEYORS AT SHANIKO.

Harriman Interests Said to Contemplate System With Numerous Branches

Shaniko, Or., Oct. 6.—The town was aroused to activity yesterday by the appearance of a party of surveyors, about 12 in number, which came in over the Columbia Southern, presumably from Portland, and is now heading in the way of Agency Plains.

None of the men vouchsafed any information as to their future movements, or as to what company they represented, but from every indication there is no doubt they are in the employ of the Harriman lines, for there are no other interests seeking a route through this territory at the present time.

The fact the party headed for the Agency Plains country is taken as evidence that work will be carried on in that neighborhood in connection with the surveying party working eastward from Natron, locating a feasible route through the Cascades, probably by way of Diamond Peak Pass. The presence of the surveyors in this vicinity, together with the fact they headed toward Agency Plains, has tended to dispel any hope the commercial interests of Shaniko had in an extension of the Columbia Southern to Bend, with an east-and-west line connecting with a feeder from Agency Plains, and, probably others in the locality, some benefit will be derived by this town.

No information could be obtained at the general offices in Portland regarding the surveyors reported to have started from Shaniko, the railroad officials preserving the same stoic silence with reference to the East-and-West line that has characterized their attitude since the first publication of the company's intentions by The Telegram. Regardless of the fact, several reconnaissances have been made at different times of the available routes through the Cascades to the Eastward of Natron, it is said by well informed railroads that no survey has ever been perfected, and it is to accomplish this that the Southern Pacific is going to such an expense. The Oregon Eastern Railway Company, under which name the corporation directing the surveys was formed, first became known in August, when the

papers were filed with the Secretary of State, showing Colonel William Crooks, James Wilson and H. F. Conner, all connected with the Harriman lines here, as trustees. Though no official statement has been made that the company is an adjunct to the Harriman system, there is no longer any doubt as to who fathered it.

The completion of the line means Natron, on the Southern Pacific, will be connected with Ontario, on the Oregon Short line, and branch lines are to be run into Agency Plains, Lakeview and Klamath Falls. It is thought that, as soon as surveys have been completed, announcement will be made that work will be started on the construction in the spring.

ROAD TO UKIAH.

Feeder to Be Built From Warren to Cold Spring.

The Tribune has received advices from Northern Pacific officials to the effect that a branch line is to be built in Umatilla county, which will connect with the new road now being built down the north bank of the Columbia river. A prominent citizen, who does not desire his name mentioned at this time, stated yesterday that he had seen the maps and plots of the proposed line in the office of the Northern Pacific in Portland a few days ago. He added that the company actually means business in the building the feeder and that formation of plans is now under way in earnest.

The proposed line is to be built in two directions from Pendleton, one leading south along Birch creek to Camas Prairie, and the other tapping the W. & C. R. at Warren and leading off

through the Middle Cold Spring country to Cold Spring station on the Columbia river. This project has been contemplated for some time and, though the railroad officials are not ready as yet to make formal announcement of the new feeder, it is known that the line will be constructed within the next five years.

Work of preparing the plots for the line covering the entire territory mentioned is now in progress and it is expected that engineering parties will be in the field in the near future.

Ukiah is to be the terminus of the feeder and already people are looking to the Camas Prairie town as a coming city of the interior. The company will be able to draw business from many miles into Central and Southern Oregon which will consist chiefly of sheep and cattle shipping. The country it is maintained, will be devoted more extensively to farming after the road is built as the products will be brought close to a market by means of the proposed feeder. The line extending from Warren station to Cold Spring station, on the other hand, will tap a rich wheat-producing country and the company will be able to control the shipping of wheat in the northwestern part of Umatilla county.

Some time ago a company was formed to construct a line from Pendleton through the Camas Prairie country, on to Heppner. This project, however, seems to have fallen by the wayside. It was believed to have been a bluff on the part of the O. R. & N. to keep control of the territory, but now since the Northern Pacific has signified its intentions of building a road in the same territory it is expected that the Harriman system will resume its project, and accordingly another section of Ore-

gon will form the battleground for two opposing railroad systems.

Another source of revenue to the railroad company that promises to be worked up is the coal deposit near Guardane. It is believed that there is an immense amount of coal in the country in the vicinity of Guardane, located in the southern part of Camas Prairie. Pendleton Tribune.

Main Recommendations in Message.

Washington, Oct. 5.—President Roosevelt has decided upon the main recommendations in his forthcoming message to congress. One will be for the creation of a separate fund for construction of the Panama canal. The other will call for radical reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service. It is intended to relieve the United States treasury by placing upon posterity its proper portion of the burden of building the great isthmian waterway. It is felt that money for canal construction should come from long time bonds, and not be drawn from the treasury direct. If congress approves, it will create a separate fund, out of which can be drawn the \$50,000,000 already appropriated, and the United States reimbursed to that amount. This will remove the annoyance of a yearly deficit.

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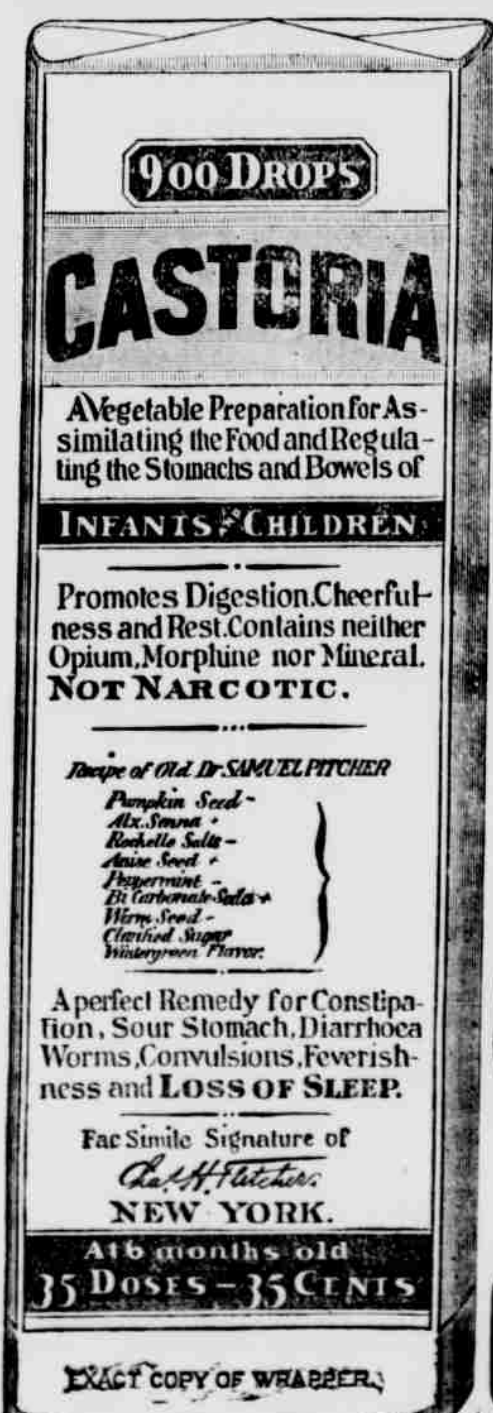
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