

REFUSE THE TERMS

**Russian Envoys Will Not Consider
Payment of Indemnity.**

NOR WILL THEY YIELD SAKHALIN

**Peace Prospect is Black — Witte De-
livers Reply to Japanese —
Both Sides Firm.**

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 12.—Russia's reply to the Japanese terms of peace were delivered by M. Witte to Baron Komura at 9:30 o'clock today. The reply is written, there being two texts, one in French, the other in English. Upon the two crucial points, indemnity and the cession of the island of Sakhalin, the reply is an absolute nonpossumus. Other points are accepted as a basis for discussion, while others are accepted conditionally.

The reply is rather long, because, in enumerating the conditions on which discussion is admitted and those on which consideration is declined, reasons and arguments are given. The Japanese plenipotentiaries asked for an immediate adjournment to examine and prepare their reply. M. Witte intimated that the Russian plenipotentiaries expect the Japanese to display as much expedition as they, "the Russians, have shown in the preparation of their response." Monday, therefore is expected to be the day on which the real discussion of the negotiations will begin. Neither side wants to indulge in diplomatic sparring. The time for fencing is over and less than a week must decide whether a basis of peace is possible.

The tactics of the Japanese are inscrutable. They have shown throughout the war their ability to guard their secrets, military, naval and diplomatic, and now not the remotest clue comes from behind their closed doors as to whether they are prepared to make substantial concessions. Silence and secrecy are their watchwords. But, should the conditions as submitted constitute their last word, hope of peace may be regarded as having disappeared, if the feeling reflected in Russian circles is a true criterion. And that no substantial concessions on the main issues will be made is the belief both in Russian and Japanese circles. M. Witte, it is positively known, believes the prospects of an agreement are so remote as to be practically nil. He has no desire to prolong the agony, and instead of fencing when the envoys come together after the Japanese have had the opportunity to examine the reply, there is strong reason to believe he will not only welcome but will insist upon an immediate discussion of all the proposed bases. So pessimistic is he that he has already been talking to his colleagues of his plans when the rupture comes. Before sailing for home he contemplates a visit to Chicago.

Local Revolt in China.

Shanghai, Aug. 15. — The governor reports that the rising at Pu Chou Fu, in the province of Chansi, is purely local. Of 143 soldiers sent out, only three have returned, the remainder probably deserted. The officials at Tie Yuan Fu are sending a large force with artillery to the scene of the disturbance.

Sunken War Ships Floated.

Tokio, Aug. 9.—News received from Port Arthur says that the former Russian cruiser Bayan will start from that place, under tow, for Japan about August 15. The Poltava and Peresviet will leave a week later under their own steam.

CHINESE BOYCOTT EXPLAINED.

**Agents of Mikado Said To Be the
Actuating Power.**

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 14. — There is a growing belief that the boycott of American goods in China originated with the Japanese, and that their object was to secure the rich trade of the empire for themselves. Hitherto the Chinese provinces have acted independently of one another, but the concerted action in the north and south shows that a master hand has brought about the change. Ever since the war with Russia began Japanese agents have worked strenuously in China to make their influence permanent. The boycott seems to show how well they have succeeded. The Oriental press has much to say of the boycott. The China Mail says:

"Some of the soberer classes are apprehensive lest the passions of the people should be roused by such methods, whereupon they may not hesitate to become iconoclastic and attack anything foreign, under the misapprehension that all things foreign are American."

The Pekin and Tientsin Times says: "Those who know the Chinese best cannot but marvel at this sudden outburst of a patriotism which had hitherto been absolutely non-existent, and there are those who, reading between the lines, believe they see the shade of another nationality behind the Chinese agitators."

The Hongkong Press says: "The way to suppress an anti-American agitation in Canton is to start another anti-anything, so long as it be foreign. The Chinese merchants dropped the manifesto like a hot cinder the moment it was presented to them."

Linievitch Outflanked.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—General Linievitch reports that the Russian forces were compelled to retreat after assuming the offensive near the village of Chagon on August 5, the Japanese turning both flanks.

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Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 50@75c per bag; cucumbers, 15@25c per box; lettuce, head, 10c per dozen; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 2@5c per pound; tomatoes, 65c@1 per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; beets, \$1@1.25 per sack.

Onions—Red, \$1.25 per hundred; yellow, \$1.25.

Potatoes—Oregon new, 75@90c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 22@22 1/4c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12 1/2@13; mixed chickens, 12@12 1/2c; old roosters, 9 1/2@10c; young roosters, 11@11 1/2c; springs, 1 1/2 to 2 pounds, 14c; 1 to 1 1/2 pounds, 15c; turkeys, live, 18@19c; geese, live, per pound, 6@7c; ducks, old, 13c; ducks, young, 10@14c.

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