

CONFERENCE FAILS

Prevailing View That War in Far East Will Continue.

JAPAN ASKED TO MODIFY TERMS

Pressure Being Exerted at Tokio by President Roosevelt and the Powers.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 19.—Black pessimism reigns at Portsmouth. The prevailing view is that the fate of the peace conference is already settled, that it has ended in failure, and that all that now remains is for the plenipotentiaries to meet on Tuesday, to which day they adjourned yesterday afternoon upon completing the consideration of the Japanese terms, sign the final protocol, go through the conventions and bid each other farewell. In other words, that the meeting Tuesday will be what diplomacy calls the "seance d'adieu."

But there is still room for hope of a compromise. Neither President Roosevelt nor the powers will see the chance of peace shipwrecked without a final effort, and that pressure is being exerted, especially at Tokio, to induce Japan to moderate her terms, is beyond question. Just what is being done or is to be done has not transpired. King Edward is understood to be now lending a helping hand and the financiers of the world are known to be exerting all their energies. At Tokio and St. Petersburg the final issue will be decided.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Club, 69@70c per bushel; bluestem, 74@75c; valley, 75c.
Barley—Feed, \$20.50 per ton; brewing, \$21.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, old, \$28 per ton; gray, old, \$27; white, new, \$23@23.50; gray, new, \$22 per ton.

Hay — Timothy, old, \$13@15 per ton; new, \$11@12.50; clover, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, 90c@1.75 per box; peaches, 65@85c crate; plums, 75c@1 per crate; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; cantaloupes, \$1@2.50 per crate; pears, \$1.50 per box; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; crabapples, 50c per box; grapes, \$1@1.50.

Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 8@9c per dozen; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; tomatoes, 50@60c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.50 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@80c per sack; Merced sweets, 3½c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½@30c.

Eggs — Oregon ranch, 22½c per dozen.

Poultry — Average old hens, 13@13½c; mixed chickens, 12@13c; old roosters, 10c; young roosters, 11@11½c; springs, 1½ to 2 pounds, 14@14½c; 1 to 1½ pounds, 14½@15c; turkeys, live 18@22c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; ducks, old, 13c; ducks gray 13c; white 14c.

Hops — Choice 1904, 17@19c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 19@21c; lower grades, down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c per pound; mohair, choice, 31c per pound.

Beef — Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3½@4½; country steers, 4@5c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@7½c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6½@7c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7½c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@8c per pound.

TUBE SYSTEM FOR BAY CITY

Mails Can Then Be Handled With Greater Rapidity.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The pneumatic tube system, which is used with great success in Eastern cities, will at a near date be filling its important functions in the local postoffice. Everything is ready for the installation of the system, and all that deters the postal authorities from giving this city that improvement is the proper location at the ferries.

The government forbids the placing of the system in other than buildings which will insure permanency. The present building at the ferries occupied by the postoffice is regarded as a temporary structure, and the only location suitable will be in the Ferry building. The harbor commissioners have been applied to for space and if they grant the request the work will begin immediately.

About 90 per cent of the local mail passes through the Ferry postoffice, and when that station, with its force of clerks, is transferred to the new building at Seventh and Mission, the postal service of this city is going to be greatly hampered. The business community of this city as well as others were considerably interested over the matter, and the agitation resulted in the department at Washington giving it serious attention.

The tube is eight inches in the clear, and each carrier will hold 450 letters. At a test recently made at Chicago, 350,000 letters were sent through in one hour. San Francisco mail is about 300,000 letters per day, and with the tube system local mail could be handled with great efficiency. The majority of the mail will be worked and sorted at the main postoffice, and sent through the tube to the Ferry station, where it will be pouched for trains and steamers. All incoming mail will be sent directly to the main postoffice.

TROLLEY BROKEN IN PIECES.

Hit by Flying Freight Car at a Butte Street Crossing.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 22.—Ten persons were killed and more than a score were injured, some fatally, here tonight, as the result of a freight car dashing into a crowded open trolley car at the crossing of the street car and the Great Northern railroad tracks on Utah street.

Passengers on the car, men, women and children, were returning from Columbia Gardens. The motorman, as usual, stopped his car before reaching the railroad crossing. At that moment a Butte, Anaconda & Pacific yard engine was making a flying switch of loaded freight cars across Utah street.

The motorman, thinking everything was clear, started across the railroad track, when the trolley car was struck by a freight car, thrown 25 feet and crumbled into kindling wood. The freight car landed on top of the mangled passengers.

Going to Fight Yankees.

New York, Aug. 22.—The Tribune tomorrow will say: "Venezuela has placed orders in Europe for torpedo boats with guns and ammunition at the cost of about \$2,500,000, a larger amount than that little South American republic has ever expended at one time for war materials. An American, who has just returned from Venezuela, is authority for the statement that President Castro recently declared that he was 'going to fight the Yankees,' which is given as the cause of the large orders for war material."

All Oppose Feeding Law.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson held a conference today with about 50 cattlemen at the stockyards exchange on the subject of livestock transportation. The cattlemen made it plain that they were opposed to the law which requires shippers to feed and rest cattle every 24 hours. They wanted it extended to 36 hours.

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