

PEACE AGREED UPON

RUSSIA WINS EVERYTHING AT ISSUE

Sudden and Dramatic Close of Conference Comes as Japan Sacrifices Claims to Stop Bloodshed

The long and bloody war between Russia and Japan is ended. The terms of peace were agreed upon by M. Witte and Baron Komura at the session of the conference Tuesday morning, and preliminary arrangements for an armistice were concluded and the actual work of framing the "treaty of Portsmouth" was by mutual agreement turned over to Mr. De Martens, Russia's great international lawyer, and Mr. Dennison, who for 25 years has acted as the legal adviser of the Japanese foreign office. The treaty is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

This happy conclusion of the conference, which a week ago would have been shipwrecked had it not been for the intervention of President Roosevelt, was sudden and dramatic. For the sake of peace Japan, with the magnanimity of a victor, at the last moment yielded everything still in issue. Russia refused to budge from the ultimatum Emperor Nicholas had given to President Roosevelt through Ambassador Meyer. No indemnity under any guise, but an agreement to divide Sakhalin and reimburse for the maintenance of her prisoners were his last words.

M. Witte went to the conference declaring he was powerless to change the dot of an "i" or the cross of a "t" in his instructions. Emperor Nicholas' word had been given not only to him but to President Roosevelt, the head of a foreign state. When Baron Komura, therefore, first offered the new basis of compromise, the complete renunciation of indemnity, coupled with a proposition for the redemption of Sakhalin at a price to be fixed by a mixed tribunal consisting of representatives of the neutral powers, in fact, if not in words, the solution offered by the president, M. Witte again demurred.

Baron Komura gave way on all the disputed points. With the prescience that has enabled the Japanese to gauge the mental processes of their adversaries on the field of battle and upon the sea, they had realized in advance that peace could be obtained in no other way. They had warned their government. President Roosevelt has also, it is believed, advised Japan that it was better to meet the Russian proposition than to take the responsibility of continuing the war for the purpose of collecting tribute. The mikado, at the advice of the cabinet and elder statesmen, has sanctioned the final concession. When Baron Komura yielded the rest was mere child's play.

Articles 10 and 11 (internal warship and the limitation of Russia's sea power in the far east) were withdrawn. Japan agreed that only that portion of the Chinese eastern railroad south of Chantfa, the position occupied by Oyama, should be ceded to Japan.

Both sides, once the deadlock was broken, want "a just and lasting peace," and in that respect it was decided to practically neutralize Sakhalin, each country binding itself not to fortify its half of the island, and Japan assuming an obligation not to fortify La Perouse strait, between Sakhalin and Hokkaido, which would bar Russia's commercial route to the Pacific.

The plenipotentiaries went further. They decided to add a new clause in the nature of a broad provision for mutual commercial privileges, by which each country will secure for the other the benefit of the most "favored nation" clause and "the open door."

The new treaty, therefore, will be a wonderfully friendly document, of a character almost to raise the suspicion that the two countries have not negotiated peace, but have concluded the basis of a future alliance. There is, however, no evidence, as rumored, that any secret clauses are to be appended to the present treaty.

DESTROYING TIMBER.

Fire Raging in Forests Near Town of Sumpter.

The forest fires reported as raging in the vicinity of Sumpter last week are still sweeping over a wide range of territory. That to the north of that town, which at one time threatened the water company's flume and several miners' cabins along the Crocker creek road, is still burning and reported to be doing much damage among the timber in its path. A force of men has been fighting this for several days endeavoring to keep it within bounds and prevent its spread into sections where greater damage might be done.

At Hanover, between Sumpter and Bourne, another blaze is burning over a considerable tract of ground. Most of the valuable timber in that locality has been cut and it is not thought the fire there will do much damage.

The largest and most destructive blaze is that which is raging at present south of Sumpter. A swath over a mile wide has been cut and the

flames promise to sweep the whole section west of McEwen and south of Sumpter. A party of fire fighters have been out attempting to stay the fire from reaching into the section immediately adjacent to the city. A strong wind prevailed Sunday afternoon and caused the blaze to sweep along at a rapid pace.

BANKER LADD IS ACCUSED.

The Stewardship of Johnson Estate is Questioned.

Heirs of the A. B. Johnson estate in Portland have begun an action in which the stewardship of William M. Ladd, banker and wealthiest man in Portland, is in question. Johnson left an estate valued at \$750,000. His debts aggregated \$366,000. He turned over to William M. Ladd \$422,000 just previous to his death, with the understanding that Ladd should hold this amount as trustee on pay off of the indebtedness. It is now charged in court by the attorneys for the heirs that Ladd did not apply this \$422,000 toward the indebtedness of the estate, but claims this trust property as his own. Instead of meeting these debts, it is alleged, from the trust property, he allowed the claims to be filed against the remainder of the estate. The principal item of indebtedness was for \$188,000 due Ladd & Tilton's bank. The action brought by the attorneys for the heirs is in the nature of a petition to remove Ladd as administrator and demand a final accounting.

ORIGIN OF THE TORPEDO.

Was First Designed in Richmond, Va., and Used in the Civil War.

Writing to the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, Col. Richard L. Maury, a son of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, of the confederate navy, describes the manufacture by his father of torpedoes, which, he says, had their origin in Virginia, were designed in Richmond, and were first successfully used in the waters of the James river.

Commodore Maury's trial experiments to explode under water were made with minute charges of powder, and submerged in an ordinary washtub in his chamber at the house of his cousin, Robert A. Maury, on Clay street, Richmond, and the tank for actual use, with the triggers for explosion and other mechanical appliances for service, was made by Talbot & Son, on Cary street.

"In the early summer of 1861," says Col. Maury, "the secretary of the navy and the chairman of the naval committee of congress, and others, were invited to witness an explosion in James river at Rocketts. The torpedo was a small keg of powder, weighted to sink, fitted with a trigger to explode by percussion, to be fired, when in place, with a lanyard. The Patrick Henry gig was borrowed; Capt. Maury (as he then was) and the writer got aboard with the torpedo, and were rowed to the middle of the channel, just opposite where the wharf of the James River Steamboat company now is, whereon the spectators stood; the torpedo was carefully lowered to the bottom, taking great care not to strain upon the trigger, which was in full cock, the lanyard loosely held on board. The boat pulled clear and the writer pulled the lanyard. The explosion was instantaneous; up went a column of water 15 or 20 feet; many stunned or dead fish floated around; the officials on the wharf applauded and were convinced, and shortly after a naval bureau of "coast, harbor and river defense" was created, and Capt. Maury placed at its head, with abundant funds for the work, and the very best of intelligent, able and zealous younger naval officers for assistants.

Lewis and Clark Rates.

The O. R. & N. Co. announces the following rates from Athens to Portland for the Lewis and Clark fair: Individual tickets will be sold daily from May 29 to October 15, inclusive, continuous passage in each direction; final return limit 30 days from date of sale, but in no case later than October 31, 1905, for one and one-third fare, amounting to \$9.90.

Party tickets—that is ten or more persons—will be sold from May 29 to October 15 inclusive; passage in each direction; 10-day limit from date of sale, at one single fare per capita for round trip, amounting to \$7.40. Children one half fare age at half fare of the above rates. For further particulars call on M. W. Smith, O. R. & N. agent, Athens.

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Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that City of Athens warrants Numbers 1 W to 497 W will be redeemed at the office of David Williams, treasurer of the City of Athens, Oregon, and that interest on the above warrants ceases after this date. Dated Athens, Oreg., August 29, 1905.

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