

## HIS EFFORTS BEAR FRUIT

CASSINI BEARS NEWS OF RUSSIA'S DESIRE FOR PEACE.

### WILL NAME PLENIPOTENTIARIES

President Will Name Place and Time of Meeting of Peace Envoys of Two Countries.

It is expected that negotiations will begin within short time—Armistice will be declared—Russia fears Japan will demand too much.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Official assurance that the president's efforts to bring Russia and Japan together to discuss peace will be crowned with success was brought to the White House today by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who called by appointment and in the name of Emperor Nicholas, had formally accepted the president's offer of good will.

The ambassador states that Russia will appoint plenipotentiaries to meet plenipotentiaries from Japan to discuss the question of peace. The place of meeting at present is being discussed.

During the past two weeks the president's efforts have been directed toward a mutual agreement to consider the terms of peace. This he accomplished finally today. It remains now for the belligerent powers to name their plenipotentiaries and to agree upon a time and place for them to meet and discuss the terms and to negotiate a treaty of peace.

These details are now under consideration with a bright prospect that such minor differences as may exist will be dissolved within a few days.

### Conference of Supreme Importance.

Conferences of supreme importance were held today at Washington. President Roosevelt, Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, and Kogo Takahira, the Japanese minister, were the principal conferees. President Roosevelt now has the unequivocal assurance from both Russia and Japan of the acceptance of his proposition that they will enter on negotiations for peace. In addition to indicating the acceptance by the Russian government of the president's proposition, Cassini informed the president of Russia's desire as to the place of the meeting of the plenipotentiaries and named those who would probably be delegated to represent the Russian government.

Minister Takahira had a conference with the president this afternoon. The

interview lasted thirty-five minutes. It can be said that the place of meeting of the plenipotentiaries was not finally settled. In the arrangement of this detail and others of the like the choice will be that of the president acting as the intermediary between Russia and Japan. Russia, through Cassini, has indicated her preference for one place for holding the peace conference, and Japan, through Takahira, has suggested another. It is known that neither Washington nor the battlefield of Manchuria was selected by either Russia or Japan. Further than that, information of a definite nature was withheld.

### Will Have Full Power.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—Russia's official reply to President Roosevelt will be printed in the Official Messenger tomorrow or Wednesday. At the foreign office this afternoon the Associated Press was informed of Japan's indication of the time and place for the meeting that the plenipotentiaries are expected to be named within twenty-four or forty-eight hours at the most. "Russia's plenipotentiary," continued informant, "will be clothed with full power to receive Japan's terms and give Russia's answer, which will involve power to conclude a temporary suspension of hostilities. Such suspension will probably be limited to from three to eight days, in which Russia will decide whether it is possible to proceed."

According to the Russia view it is impractical to attempt to inhibit the movement of troops or supplies during the armistice and fears continue to be expressed that there will be a broad gap between Japan's minimum and Russia's maximum, but diplomatic fencing is now the order of the day.

### Pessimistic Paris.

Paris, June 12.—Opinion in official and diplomatic quarters here is becoming rather pessimistic as to the outcome of the peace movement, owing to St. Petersburg dispatches showing the reserved attitude of Russia and the activity of the war party. A special dispatch to the semi-official Temps says that influential Russians, forming the war element, are making a strong rally, being reinforced by protests against peace telegraphed from the field by Linvitch and all the division commanders.

### Name Plenipotentiaries.

Washington, June 12.—It is understood from a high official quarter here that Marquis Ito, Baron Komura and General Yamagata are the three under consideration by the Japanese emperor as plenipotentiaries and the inclination of the belligerents is that each select two plenipotentiaries. M. Nelidoff, it is understood, has been tentatively selected by Russia and it is suggested that he will be assisted by Baron Rosen, though this lacks official confirmation.

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## HOT SHOT ON EVERY SIDE

SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS ENLIVENING SESSION BY REQUEST.

### PROFESSOR TRAYER ACCUSED

Of Conspiracy Against School Teachers, Grafting, Spoilation, Etc.

Entire Meeting Deplete With Heated and Fuming Argument and All Accusations Were Heaped Upon Head of City Superintendent.

"To the Board of Directors of the Salem School District:"  
"During the past year a large sum of money was collected by your superintendent from the teachers, pupils and friends of the city schools for the ostensible purpose of purchasing pictures to decorate the school rooms, and as a contributor and one of the friends of the school and a taxpayer, I demand an accounting. I further request an investigation be held by you to ascertain whether or not your superintendent attempted to graft \$300 from the contractor of the heating plant to be installed in the high school building now being erected by you. Grafting is not commendable anywhere, but in our public school affairs it is most reprehensible. Yours truly,  
—John A. Carson."

Spontaneous combustion! Great pyrotechnical display of spasmodic and conglomerated oratory (?) bearing an unmistakable odor of the regions of perpetual fire. These, or any other combination of linguistic aphorisms or paraphrases but faintly describe that which transpired in the police court room of the city hall last evening upon the occasion of the special meeting of the board of directors held for the purpose of receiving a delegation of the patrons of the Lincoln school. There was a full attendance of the board during the greater part of the meeting, but while the humid atmosphere was becoming uncomfortably heavy laden with sulphurous fumes—indeed so overcoming that Dr. Byrd was obliged to step outside to get a breath of fresh ozone—Director Condit was obliged to leave under pressure of an engagement and from that time on "there was something doing all the time."

### Evil Forebodings.

Even before the meeting was called to order the silence which prevailed in the room and over the stern and set-countenanced assemblage was overpowered by an inaudibly uttered word—spoken as a joke—and followed by a muffled ripple of half-hearted laughter which froze upon the lips scarcely before utterance was given. Once the meeting was called to order, however, and the object of the gathering announced by Chairman Fletcher, there was no halt to the proceedings until all present had spoken their thoughts. There was no hemming and hawing or mincing of words when the ball had been fairly opened.

### L. H. McMahon, leading spokesman for the Lincoln school delegation, introduced the subject in an eloquent yet decisive manner, addressing the board and meeting in general, but before adjournment was had all of the remarks, both directly and indirectly, were addressed to the person of Superintendent L. H. Trayer, who made faint and faltering attempts to defend himself, until he sat, flushed and frustrated, as one overwhelmed with piercing and scattering accusations. The personality of the onslaught, which was at first so general and misleading, burst upon him so suddenly that he was at a loss for words to defend himself, and the upshot of it all was that he was openly accused of having brought false and surreptitious charges against three young lady teachers, who were so mysteriously dismissed from the public school service, grafting, spoilation, etc., and he took it all as one denied, only muttering excuses and denials and inviting investigations.

### Sworn to Secrecy.

As the meeting progressed, and it progressed thick and fast once the machinery was set in motion, it became strongly evident that the members of the board had sworn themselves to strict secrecy regarding what took place at the secret meetings of the board, during the election period, and especially as to the nature and the author of the charges which were brought against the three teachers of the Lincoln school. All lips were securely sealed as to this feature of the investigation, and not a single one of the members would utter a word or syllable which would have a tendency to convey an idea or lift the thick veil of mystery which enshrouded the affair. Three of the members present, Chairman Fletcher, Lee and Byrd, were willing to disclose the proceedings of the secret meetings, but the majority would not—it was "all or none"—and, as Mr. Condit was absent, their lips were individually and collectively sealed.

### Explode Bombshell.

The bombshell of the meeting was exploded, however, when Attorney

John A. Carson of the South Salem delegation, after a brief and cutting address, presented the communication which heads this article. It came so suddenly and unexpectedly that it almost took the breath away from all present, especially the one accused, and it was several moments before they could recover sufficiently to take action upon the matter. The accusations embraced in the communication have been talked of cautiously between individuals, but they had not hitherto been sprung openly and publicly, and, after some heated discussion, it was finally decided that the picture fund charges were without the jurisdiction of the board, but a committee of three, composed of Directors Byrd, Lee and Condit, was appointed to investigate the charges of attempted graft in relation to the heating plant contract. Director Croisan was first named upon this investigation committee, but he quickly and headily declined the honor of serving in favor of Mr. Condit.

### McMahon Takes Up Cudgels.

The meeting opened with a brief discussion of school election matters, during which a full set of judges and clerks were named. This duty performed the board announced it was ready to listen to the delegation from South Salem. Mr. McMahon, after the reading of the resolutions which have been published heretofore, made a brief statement of the object of the call, which was to the effect that the patrons of the Lincoln school were "sorely and righteously" indignant over the obscure and mysterious manner in which the resignations of the Misses Maude Myers, Bessie Smith and Grace Hallinger were obtained, and demanded to know, on behalf of the patrons and as a patron himself of the Lincoln school, the nature of the charges which were preferred against the young ladies, who made them, and if their falsity could be proven to the satisfaction of the board of directors, that the young ladies be exonerated from disgrace and reinstated to the teaching staff of the schools.

He was followed by Mrs. Wheelan of South Salem, who spoke in defense of the young ladies, stating that she had known them all for a period of from three to six years, had studied their methods and characters thoroughly, and was convinced of their efficiency as instructors and high standard of morals. A brief silence followed this lady's remarks, which was finally broken by Dr. Byrd, who, in order to get the question properly before the meeting, moved that the resolutions be received and spread upon the minutes. The adoption of the motion was practically unanimous. John A. Carson then took the floor and called attention to the charges, and thought the board should take some action upon them, as they wanted to know their purport and the agency of the injustice to the young ladies and in vindication of the board.

### Questions Trayer.

Mr. Lee then stated that the board thought it had good foundation for its action, which it was not at liberty to disclose, unless by unanimous consent. This brought Mr. Condit to his feet, who said: "Gentlemen, as stated earlier in the meeting, I have a very pressing engagement and will have to depart. It don't occur to me that the board is responsible for what rumors may be afloat concerning its actions." "I would like to ask Professor Trayer if he ever went over to South Salem and gave reasons why the board should be held responsible for those teachers," interposed Mr. Lee. "I did not," replied Mr. Trayer. "I mean to make it plain," again spoke Mr. Lee, "that I am given to understand that you went to the South Salem school and gave out what transpired behind closed doors here, and what was supposed to have been secret." "I think I understand you now, Mr. Lee," said Mr. Trayer, straightening up in his chair, "and am perfectly willing that the private matters of the board should be made public. I went over to South Salem and instructed some of the teachers who asked me that I was not responsible for their dismissal." "I was told by one of the teachers personally" interjected Mr. Lee, and from that time on the words were assumed a truly warlike aspect, that you told her that I had two friends who acted as prosecutors against those three teachers had to be dismissed in order to make room for them."

### "I told her," began Mr. Trayer.

"Told who?" demanded Mr. Lee. "Well, the one you are talking about,"

Mr. Trayer. "Let us have the names," thundered J. A. Carson. "I will give no names," reiterated Mr. Trayer. "Miss Miller is the one I am speaking about," said Mr. Lee; she came to my house and told me all that you said to her. Now, inasmuch as you went and gave out what took place in the private meeting, I am in favor of divulging the whole business."

### Condit Defends Action.

"For my part," said Mr. Condit, at this point in the discussion, "I don't see how the teachers can be reinstated. They had no lease upon their jobs and their contracts had expired. It has been customary with the board, upon occasions of elections, to hold secret meetings and discuss the matter privately. I am sorry if we have made a mistake, but I fail to see where we have done so and I cannot see how it can be helped now. If a mistake has been made we are willing to make amends. I do not think the board is accountable for its actions to any committee or delegation of any person. It has been customary to drop teachers from the roll whenever we saw fit, and this time we dropped five. They were given an opportunity to resign and did so. I am opposed to opening up the proceedings of the closed meetings."

It was at this juncture that Mr. Carson offered the communication referred to, containing the sensational charges against the city superintendent, but Mr. Condit would not remain longer and took his departure. "As a patron of the school, a peaceable and law-abiding citizen, taxpayer I resent and resent the statement made by the man who has just left," began Mr. Condit, but he was interrupted by Mr. Croisan with "I object to this man saying anything against a man who is away, and I appeal to the chair." Chairman Fletcher requested Mr. Carson not to say anything disrespectful against Mr. Condit in his absence, and Mr. Carson replied with, "I would say it to his face, Mr. Croisan, if he had remained, and I would just as soon say it to yours." But Mr. Croisan subsided and did not feign a reply. "I don't like this manner of saying 'we have done it and it is nobody's business but ours' and I am inclined to do and resent it no matter who says it or infers it."

This style of argument continued pro and con for several minutes, during which Mr. Bayne called attention to the charges preferred against Professor Trayer and suggested that a rigid investigation be made. Mr. Carson again spoke up and said: "It seems to me that the teachers' question should be taken up and decided here and now."

He was followed quickly by Mr. McMahon, who said that there was nothing more than justice to them that the ladies should know the nature of the charges brought against them and ended dramatically with the exclamation: "If there is anything to tell, for God's sake tell it and let's have it over. This cowardly assassination of Professor Trayer in the good names of other little naries and thrusters were indulged in by Messrs. Acheson, Fletcher, Lee, Trayer and Bayne." Dr. Byrd then took up the discussion of the charges and moved that a committee be named to conduct an investigation. "That would just suit me," remarked Mr. Trayer. "Anything like that would suit me very much." Little heed was paid to this remark, however, as the board proceeded with the work in hand. There was a further discussion about the secret meetings, when Professor Trayer said: "I don't think what took place at those meetings should be made public. The teachers were asked to resign, when they didn't do so. It is customary to relieve teachers when the best interests of the school system are sought to be subserved whenever necessary. These teachers were not robbed; their contracts had expired, and they had no right to expect to be re-elected." Mr. Bayne resented this speech, and, after a severe arraignment of the position taken by the professor, he said: "I am surprised at the superintendent making pleadings to the board to not make these charges public. If he is a man among men, he would come out and say what he has to say, like a man. Any one who walks around in the shape of a man and is such coward as to be afraid to come out like a man, is deserving of no respect by man." Here some quick interruptions took place on the part of Messrs. Carson, Lee, Acheson and Trayer, until Mr. Bayne again secured the floor with: "I have understood the superintendent has assumed to give out such parts of the proceedings of the secret meetings as suited his own pleasure and in his own defense, and this I deem as an unfair advantage, inasmuch as he is not a member of the board, and the other members were bound by se-

crecy. It is an unfair advantage that should be resented by the board."

"If the ladies will make a written request that the charges against them be made public, will the board answer that?" asked Mr. McMahon. Directors Lee, Byrd and Fletcher were in favor of this, and Mr. McMahon said he would present the request at next Saturday night's meeting. "If you'll make them public I'll secure the request," he continued. "Give them a chance to face them and the party who made them." "That is an insult to the board," suggested Mr. Trayer. "That is not an insult to the board," thundered Mr. McMahon with blood in his eye. "If the shoe fits the man who made the charges he is the man that is to wear it and upon him rests the result, and not the board. There is just that much Irish in me." This practically ended the fireworks, as Mr. Lee said he was willing to come out with the charges on Saturday evening and make them public if the entire board would release him from his pledge, otherwise his tongue was sealed. After Mr. Carson had again taken the floor and assured the board that Mr. Lee was exonerated from all blame and that no particular fault was being found with the board as a whole, the delegation took its departure and adjournment was had.

### CHILD SHOTS PLAYMATES.

Raymond Coin and Mabel Cooper Accidentally—Not by Claudine Coin of Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, June 12.—Raymond Coin, aged 14, and Mabel Cooper, aged 10, were accidentally shot today and perhaps fatally wounded by a shotgun in the hands of Claudine Coin, a 13-year-old sister of the boy. The boy and girl who were shot were playing together at the home and became engaged in a quarrel. The boy clapped the little girl's face and Claudine, picking up the shotgun and aimed at the two children, saying: "If you don't stop that racket I'll shoot you both." Her finger accidentally touched the trigger and the heavy charge of number seven shot struck the two children in their faces, producing terrible wounds. The boy's skull was fractured and it is thought he cannot survive. The charge struck the girl near the temple, producing possibly a mortal wound. Claudine, who is prostrated by the accident, was taken into custody by the police.

### MAKE EARNEST PROTEST.

American Asiatic Association Object Enforcement of Chinese Exclusion Laws.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—President Roosevelt held a conference today with about thirty members of the American Asiatic Association, representing the cotton textile industries and iron and steel trade of the United States. The delegation entered a formal protest against such enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws as might imperil the export trade of this country with China.

### IT IS WORK OF ANARCHISTS.

Two Bombs Are Found on Premises of Public School Building in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, June 12.—Two bombs were found today on the premises of the Springfield public school in this city by the janitor. No reason can be given for the selection of this school as the object of any attempted outrage. There are a number of Russian families in the vicinity of the school, many of whom, it is said, are so far as Russia is concerned, intensely anarchistic.

### WILL DIE NATURAL DEATH.

Neither Side in Strike Makes Any Aggressive Move Yesterday.

CHICAGO, June 12.—The teamsters' strike has come to a stage where it will die a natural death unless new life is injected into it by the strikers. During the past twenty-four hours nothing of any importance whatever has developed, neither side to the controversy having made any aggressive move.

### JAPS APPLY WHITEWASH.

TACOMA, June 12.—The Japanese baseball team from the Waseda university, of Japan, defeated Whitworth College team here today by the score of 2 to 0.

## BLANKET EACH OTHER'S FIRES

NONE KNEW ROJESTVENSKY'S PLANS OF BATTLE.

### DID NOT TELL NEBOGATOFF R'EN

Survivors of Battle of Sea of Japan Lay Blame of Defeat on Carelessness of Admiral.

Paid No Attention to Approach of Japanese—Ships Poorly Maneuvered—Position Was Cramped—No Training For Gunnery During Entire Voyage.

VLADIVOSTOK, June 12.—A series of interviews, which the correspondent of the Associated Press has had with the naval officers who survived the battle of the Sea of Japan, developed a most sensational story of the causes of the Russian disaster, first of all, and the complete demoralization which followed the sinking of the flagship Kniaz Souvaroff and the wounding of Rojestyensky. It is explained that not a single officer of the fleet knew the commander-in-chief's plans. The admirals in command of the divisions knew no more than the sub-lieutenants and had to rely on the signals of the flagship. Nebogatoff, upon whom the command devolved, had seen Rojestyensky only once after the juncture of their squadrons and then only for a few minutes. All the stories of the extensive target practice off Madagascar were aces. During the entire voyage there was practically no training in gunnery worthy of the name. Ugly stories are told of the happenings at Madagascar. Even the very morning of the battle, while the buzzing of the wireless instruments on the Russian ships showed that the Japanese scouts were communicating his dispositions to Togo, Rojestyensky continued careless of his maneuvering, and when the Japanese appeared the Russians were caught in an impossible formation and were attacked on three fronts. Rojestyensky's position was cramped, and his transports were badly placed and caused confusion. While the Japanese were raining projectiles on the Russian ships, the latter were huddled together, blanketing each other's fires.

### LARGEST TRUST IN THE WORLD.

Plans to Consolidate Equitable Life and Equitable Trust and Morton Trust Companies.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The organization of the largest trust company in the United States and one of the largest financial institutions of the world, was said today to be a part of the plan of Thomas F. Ryan in negotiating the purchase of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society held by James H. Hyde. Ryan's plan, it is reported today, will be to consolidate the Equitable Trust Company, the Morton Trust Company, and all of this city, with the last named in control. It is expected that this will result in creating a financial institution with deposits second only to those of the Nations City bank of New York which deposits amount to \$185,000,000. The deposits of the proposed consolidation would amount to \$169,000,000, and also would mean the elimination of the control of the subsidiary companies by the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

### STUCK FAST AND SURE.

Steamer Tampian, Heavily Laden, Goes Aground Shortly After Leaving Port.

HALIFAX, June 12.—Word was received tonight that the Leyland line steamer Tampian, from Montreal, went hard aground in the St. Lawrence soon after leaving port today. She is heavily laden with a general cargo and 400 head of cattle. She is firmly bedded in the sand. Six tugs failed to float her.

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