

ENVOYS TAKE IT EASY

Witte Talks Boldly but the Whole Matter is up to the Czar

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 28.—Witte this morning, when asked about the report sent out to the effect that the President had been authorized by Japan to waive all question of indemnity, and offer to sell Sakhalin, the redemption price to be fixed by a mixed commission composed of representatives of neutral European powers, said: "That is merely an incorrect version of what I explained four days ago. It is an attempt by Japan to get indemnity under another name, and Russia rejected it."

Portsmouth, Aug. 28.—The crisis in the peace negotiations has not passed. Many messages passed between the envoys and their governments, but the announcement is made that nothing has been received that will change the situation. Both sides are standing firm. Spokesmen for Witte and Komura say there is no hope for peace.

An Ancient Weapon. Henry Fletcher discovered a relic of early times a few days ago. It appears to be a cross between a gun and a pistol. The barrel is about 13 inches in length, and has the hammer on the under side of the barrel, just in front of the trigger. The breech resembles that of a pistol. The workmanship is rather crude. The relic was found on the old McCullough place, and will be sent to the Oregon Historical society.—Telephone Register.

Electric Storm at Phoenix. Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 28.—Phoenix and vicinity Saturday night experienced the most destructive electric storm of years, which was accompanied by a heavy fall of rain. The lightning struck at various points within the city. Six hundred telephones were put out of operation, and the city lighting plant and power company considerably damaged.

He Told Nothing New. Washington, Aug. 28.—Edwin S. Holmes, former associate statistician of the department of agriculture, surrendered to the United States marshal this morning, in response to an indictment charging him with conspiracy in connection with the premature publication of government crop reports.

Watered Their Stock. San Francisco, Aug. 28.—The directors of the Southern Pacific, at a meeting today, voted to increase the capital stock to \$140,000,000, to provide for new construction and equipment, and also to take up outstanding mortgages. The new issue was already subscribed.

Will Investigate Navy Yard. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 28.—A special from Washington states that Secretary Bonaparte will make a thorough investigation of the alleged graft in the Puget Sound navy yard at Bremerton.

Wheat Market. Chicago, Aug. 28.—Wheat, 79 1/4; corn, 53 1/4; oats, 25 1/4.

SHUT OUT BOATS AND TRAINS. Arkansas Quarantines against Louisiana, and All Trains Stopped.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 28.—The governor issued a proclamation forbidding freight, passenger and baggage trains and all boats from entering the state from Louisiana.

A Smutty Crowd. Atlantic City, Aug. 28.—A long distance touring party in an automobile, which just arrived, is composed of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smut, F. E. Smut and Mrs. Benny Smut, all of Chicago. They came here from Portland, Or., in their machine. They have been weeks in crossing the continent. Today they went bathing in the Atlantic, after taking a plunge in the Pacific early in July. The visitors said they had traveled through Yellowstone Park, and were among the first autoists to make the attempt through the national preserve. They are to leave here during the week for Buffalo, N. Y.

The Party of Six. Judge Cameron was shocked! Well he might have been. The emotions of a sedate spider whose web has entangled a hornet were nothing to his when the police marched these six aristocratic offenders into his court. His one desire, like the Irishman's who had caught the bull by the tail, was for somebody to help him let go. And who so ready to help let go of this composite bull, a six-headed animal, in fact, as his worship the mayor? Dr. Lane was elected on a platform of rigorous enforcement of the law; but what is the law between Democrats? The law is made for minnows, not whales. One shudders involuntarily at the rude impudence of the police in disturbing the recreation of this distinguished party of six. Gambling is a low vice, of course, when practiced by a lumber jack in a saloon, but gambling by A. S. Bennett and his Democratic friends in a hotel parlor is a very different matter. Under such circumstances it may not be exactly a religious exercise, but certainly it savors of moral sublimity. It argues a frivolous mind in Mayor Lane to look upon this indiscretion of the police as a joke. "A good joke" is what his honor styled this invasion of the sacred privacy of the six Democratic statesmen at their gambols. We take the matter more seriously. What is the country coming to when ruffianly detectives dare to treat such men as Mr. Bennett and Mr. Matlock, caught law-breaking, with the same ignominious rudeness as they would a common offender?

To be sure the wrong was partially repaired by the instant discharge of the distinguished innocents and the miraculous forgetfulness of their names, but this is not sufficient. Nor will it be sufficient merely to punish the detectives who made the arrest. We suggest that the city of Portland, in token of humiliation and penitence for this grave blunder of its officials, erect a six-headed statue to Mr. Bennett and his injured friends upon some appropriate spot in Sullivan's gulch.—Oregonian.

Bury With Land Frauds. Portland, Aug. 28.—Stephen Farrell, of Portland, and John Mitchell, of Lincoln county, were witnesses in the federal court this morning, in the investigation of the land fraud on the Siletz reserve.

Yellow Fever. New-Orleans, Aug. 28.—There were 23 new cases and five deaths up to 3 o'clock.

GRAFT IN A NAVY YARD

Sensational Charges Made About the Management at Bremerton, Wash.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Sensational charges of graft in the navy yard at Puget Sound have been brought to the attention of Secretary Bonaparte, through a report of Special Agent R. H. Pickersoll, who has been conducting an investigation at that point for several weeks. It is charged in the report that certain employes of the yard have been smuggling government supplies from the yard, and that one of the government launches has been used for months to carry the goods and material from Bremerton to "fences," from which they are sold; that employes are compelled to live in certain boarding houses, where they are charged exorbitant rates, and they do not move for fear of being laid off; that alien contract labor is employed at the yard, and that a number of fugitives from justice are employed there. These charges are backed up by affidavits, which shows that corruption rivaling that exposed in the postoffice department exists in the navy-yard. It cannot be learned against whom the charges are made, but it is declared that when Captain Burrell, the new commandant of the yard, arrives to relieve Admiral Barclay, he will order a thorough examination of all employes under suspicion. Secretary Bonaparte will order an investigation of the charges.

Refugee for Potemkin Mutineers. The sailors who mutinied recently aboard the Russian battleship Potemkin off Odessa are to be brought to New York, where they will be safe from Russian spies that are trying to get them back to the Czar's country. The Social Democratic Organization of Russia, which is really a New York institution with headquarters at No. 217 East Broadway, is raising a fund for that purpose. There are about 400 of the Potemkin's men and officers scattered throughout Europe, most of them being Roumania and in Rome. When brought here positions will be given them by which they will be able to make their living.—New York World.

Sleep of Four Months. New York, Aug. 28.—Medical interests throughout the country have had their attention directed to a remarkable case of cataplexy in Yonkers, where Charles Canepi, 8 years old, has been in an unbroken trance-like sleep for more than four months. On April 6th, last, while whirling around a lamp post, he became dizzy, fell to the ground and struck on the back of his head. Two days later he complained of pains in the head, and within a few minutes lapsed into a sleep of unconsciousness from which he has not awakened. Liquids have been poured into his mouth, in small quantities, sustaining life.

Norway to Be Recognized. Washington, Aug. 28.—President Roosevelt is expected to recognize the independence of Norway within a few days. Pending arrangements for separation, Sweden served notice that the recognition of Norway would be regarded as an unfriendly act. This notice has now been withdrawn. Great Britain, France and Germany are ready to grant recognition, and the President will probably follow suit.

A Small Accident. Logansport, Ind., Aug. 28.—The Pa-hanle excursion train from Cincinnati was derailed early this morning. Fireman Walter Everman, of Cincinnati, was killed, and Engineer Patrick Grady, probably fatally hurt. Five were slightly injured.

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SEVERE WIND STORM

Damages Goods, Breaks Windows, and Ruins Crops About Pendleton

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 28.—The worst wind and dust storm ever experienced in Pendleton struck the city at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the damage done, though large, cannot be yet ascertained. The storm came from the North, and seemed to be general, Pendleton being the heart of the hurricane. The city was shrouded in complete darkness, and for ten minutes it was impossible to distinguish objects five feet distant, even in houses well protected from the dust. For over an hour the storm raged, leaving a trail of devastation. The plate glass fronts in the stores of R. Alexander, Sullivan & Bond and C. C. Sharp were shattered, while glass fronts of other stores were broken. Awnings were torn from the buildings and swept away like chaff. The scaffolding around the new Eagles' building was wrecked. Nearly all dry goods merchants will lose heavily, as the dust collected a quarter of an inch thick in the stores, soiling merchandise. Many homes in the city will suffer greatly from the onslaught of the terrible storm. The air was close and stifling and the dust entered homes, several people narrowly escaping suffocation. People are praying for rain for relief. It has been unusually dry this summer, having been no rain since the middle of June. Unharvested wheat which was in the trail of the storm has been almost totally destroyed. Farmers who arrived in the city state that grain was badly shattered, that surely nothing more than straw remains. Many stacks of wheat yet unthreshed were blown down, and the grain scattered about the fields. Farmers will lose thousands of dollars. Telegraph and telephone wires are down in many places, and forces of men have been work repairing them.

Great Damage at Spokane. Spokane, Wash., Aug. 28.—The most terrific wind and dust storm known in Eastern Washington and Northern Oregon in years swept over the country late this afternoon, and continued into the night. In Spokane much damage was done, plate glass windows were smashed, awnings torn down, signs were ripped from buildings, clouds of dust whirled into the open doors of the stores, covering and spoiling perishable goods, billboards were demolished, and telephone and telegraph wires were quickly put out of business in all directions.

All of the Postal wires were down, and the Western Union had but one wire to the east, and none at all west. Trains were stalled waiting for orders, which could not be given. In private homes the dust settled in clouds, covering everything in sight. The storm came from the south, and was first reported at Pendleton about 4 p. m. It traveled north rapidly, reaching Spokane in force at 7 o'clock. Before the wires went down, considerable damage in the wheat fields was reported, stacks of wheat being scattered by the force of the gale. Electric lights were crippled everywhere.

INQUIRY ON RACE SUICIDE. Massachusetts Women to Be Asked Leading Questions. Boston, Mass., Aug. 28.—As a supplementary part of the state census now being compiled, Chief Pidgin has undertaken a special inquiry to determine, if possible, some facts relating to race suicide. Every married woman in the state will be asked questions by enumerators calculated to show whether the so-called race suicide is an actual or merely an apparent outgrowth of present conditions.

Mr. Pidgin has a theory that the average birth period is three years, and the inquiry will be mainly directed to determine this point. The questions will be as to the age of women at marriage, the number of children born since, with the dates, and the number of children born by the mother and grandmother of the woman being questioned. The occupation of married women will also be inquired into to see if this has any influence on the birth rate.

Labor Day Proclamation, 1905.

Whereas, the first Monday in September of each year has been designated by law as a legal holiday, to be known as labor day, Now, therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, as governor of the state of Oregon, do make public proclamation of the fact that Monday, the 4th day of September, 1905, is set apart as a legal holiday for rest from ordinary labor. The present friendly relations between labor and capital in our splendid commonwealth should be maintained in order to a continuance of the prosperity which our people enjoy. To assist in prolonging that much-desired condition, I earnestly pray that there be a general suspension of all business on the day thus set apart, and that employer and employe will meet in social and friendly intercourse, thereby coming into closer touch and relationship each with the other, and becoming better acquainted with the industrial life and condition of the whole people.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed thereto. Done at the Capitol, in the city of Salem, this twenty-eighth day of August, A. D., 1905. GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor. F. I. Dunbar, Secretary of State.

CENSUS REVELATIONS. The People Are, in Popular Pariance, "Going Some"—Some Figures.

The census taker knows better than anybody else that this is a swift century. A babe was born to the H. I. Mack home out at Dusty, the other day, to the great joy of all the family. The happy father was down at the store shortly afterward and announced the fact to the assembled bystanders, among whom was the assessor, who this year is also the census taker. As a result within an hour or something like that, the youngster had been named, the family census had been taken, and the name of the babe was on the census roll. The man who heard the story allowed this to be a swift age, and reckoned that was "going some."

Quite as swift a pace is what the census roll reveals of another family. There are nine children and two parents. Not one of the children was born in the same state, the family having been so constantly on the move that each youngster boasts its nativity in a new state. That was also accounted a sign that we live in a swift age.

On another page of the census is the record of a Kings Valley pair. He is 70, she is 18, and they have two children.—Corvallis Times.

Struck by Lightning. Portland, Aug. 25.—While examining the records left by mountain-climbers on the summit of Mount Hood yesterday, Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Lyon, of the Smithsonian institution, and guide, Mark Weigart, were struck by lightning, and prostrated. They were rescued last night by a party from Cloud Cap Inn, in a semi-conscious condition.

The Taft Junket. Manila, P. I., Aug. 28.—Taft and party arrived at Olongapo, the naval base near here, today.

TAGGART CASE STILL ON

Mrs. Taggart Tells of the Earlier Years of Their Married Life

Wooster, O., Aug. 28.—Mrs. Taggart entered court this morning prepared to take the stand. While waiting the attorneys of the opposites engaged in a controversy, and Werts and Smyser called each other liars. The court threatened to punish them for contempt before order was restored.

Mrs. Taggart testified this morning: "I am 35, and was born and raised in Chicago, am the adopted daughter of Mrs. Culver. Mr. Culver was a total abstainer, and I was brought up that way. I met and loved Taggart when he was stationed at Fort Sheridan, and am sure he loved me. I was ill after marriage, but soon joined my husband at Plattsburg barracks, where my mother furnished a home. I first drank beer at Plattsburg. The captain had it in the house. I was happy there. When we moved to Fort Thomas he introduced me to Captain Rither, then an enlisted man. He was a friend, and, being an officer's son, was permitted to call in citizens' clothes. After he was commissioned he became a friend of my husband. The captain and I loved company. Our home was the gathering place for the young. We went everywhere we were invited, and I paid much of the expense myself. That was never a subject of conversation between us. The captain was ambitious, and I tried to make him advance. Mrs. Taggart said that when the war broke out she joined the captain in Georgia, taking one son with them, and leaving Tiddies with the wife of the surgeon, after consulting by letter with her husband. When she reached her husband she was criticized for not bringing both boys. Speaking of liquor, "The captain told her always to offer a caller sherry and wafers. Once the ladies who came didn't see the bottle of sherry on the sideboard was a bottle with a nice looking label. She gave each a wine glass full. It tasted so strange I didn't drink it. I found out after that it was vermouth. I never drank much, but the captain always drank with friends. Didn't object to his drinking at home nor playing cards there; preferred that to his drinking or playing cards away from home."

Mrs. Taggart said that when she joined her husband in the Philippines, after a long separation, she found him a changed man. She believed the hardships of the tropical campaign had injured his mind. She said he was so jealous that he magnified innocent happenings into terrible offenses. Witness said she treated Billy as she would any brother or sister of her husband. She accused the Orville gossip of poisoning the captain's mind with unfounded suspicions.

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