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## ENVOYS SIGN THE PEACE TREATY Last Act In The War Drama Closed And The Curtain Goes Down

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Mr. Witte Signed First and When All Had Done So Baron Rosen and Baron Komura Exchanged Compliments For The Two Missions—Russian Mission Attends Thanksgiving Service at Christ Episcopal Church—Rules to Sign Copies Within 50 Days.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.—The treaty of Portsmouth was signed shortly before 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the conference room of the navy general store at the navy yard. The signing of a national salute of 19 guns was the signal which told the people of Portsmouth, Kittery and Newcastles that the peace of Portsmouth was an accomplished fact, and the church bells in the three towns were seen pealing forth a joyful refrain.

Up to the moment of signing the treaty, no word had broken the silence of the conference room. Throwing his pen aside, Mr. Witte, without a word, reached across the table and clasped Baron Komura's hand. His conferees followed and the Russian and Japanese delegates remained for a moment in silence, their right hands tightly clasped across the conference table. The war was over—Russia and Japan were now good friends.

This simple ceremony rang through and deeply impressed the attaches and secretaries of the two missions, who, with the invited witnesses, had formed a large circle around the delegates sitting at the table. Baron de Rosen was the first to break the silence. Rising from his seat, the ambassador, looking at Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira straight in the eye, said a few words which one had only a fear to know that they came from his heart. He began by saying that he wished, on behalf of Mr. Witte, Russia's first plenipotentiary, and in his own name, to say a few words.

ROSEN'S EARNEST WORDS.  
"We have just signed," continued the ambassador, "an act which will have forever a place in the annals of history. As negotiators on behalf of the empire of Russia, as well as the empire of Japan, we may with tranquil conscience say that we have done all that was in our power in order to bring about the peace for which the whole civilized world was longing. We earnestly hope that friendly relations between the two empires will henceforth be firmly established and we trust that his excellency, Baron Komura, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and one of the leading statesmen of his country, will apply to the strengthening of these relations, the wide experience and wise statesmanship he so conspicuously displayed during these negotiations, which have now been so auspiciously concluded."

BARON KOMURA'S RESPONSE.  
Baron Komura replied that he shared entirely the views of Baron de Rosen. The Treaty of Portsmouth which they had just signed, he said, was in the interest of humanity and civilization and he was happy to believe that it would bring about a firm, lasting peace between the two neighboring empires. He begged to assure the Russian plenipotentiaries that it would be his duty as well as his pleasure to do everything in his power to make the treaty in fact what it professes to be in words—a treaty of peace and amity.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.—The peace opens with a preamble reciting that His Majesty the Emperor and Empress of all the Russias, and His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, desiring to close the war now subsisting between them and having appointed their respective plenipotentiaries and furnished them with full powers, which were found to be in form, have come to an agreement on a treaty of peace and arranged as follows:  
Article 1.—The evacuation of Manchuria by both armies shall be completed within eighteen months from the signing of the treaty, beginning with the evacuation of the southern part of the peninsula of Manchuria. At the expiration of the eighteen months the two parties will only be able to leave as guards of the railway fifteen soldiers per kilometer.

## NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Weather Conditions Given Out by the Department Observer.

The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the Department of Agriculture issues the following official bulletin of weather and crop conditions for the past week:  
The weather has been dry with warm days and cool nights. The temperature has been about normal over the whole State except in the eastern part where it has been a few degrees above normal. The week has been generally favorable for saving hay and fodder, and all outdoor work. There has been little or no rain in the west and central portions, while in the extreme east the weather has been generally fair, but some heavy rains have occurred. The farmers are ready, as a rule, to plow land for wheat and oats but this has been impossible in many cases on account of the hardness of the ground. Many of the crops now need rain, particularly corn and turkeys. Frost was reported in Watauga county.

The cotton crop has experienced no improvement during the past week as a whole; in many places the yield is disappointing, and on the whole the crop will be fully 20 per cent. short. In the east the cotton is still shedding and taking rust in many sections; there are also reports of its being attacked by the army worm which will reduce the crop one-third in those places. Caterpillars are also doing damage to some late cotton. The weather being dry also causes it to open prematurely in some parts. In some sections the crop improved a little during the past week, and the top crop is maturing. In the central part the bolls are few and small, and the lint is short; it is not ripening so rapidly as in the west. The weather being dry also causes it to open prematurely in some parts. In some sections the crop improved a little during the past week, and the top crop is maturing. In the central part the bolls are few and small, and the lint is short; it is not ripening so rapidly as in the west.

To be sure, all are not in the same state, while in the central and west portions a great deal has been cut and cured but there are some farms where cutting is only about two-thirds done. In general the leaf is good in quality and color but in some sections in the western part it is firing and speckling badly in places. The crop will be light, about 60 per cent. Corn has improved a little during the week, but needs rain; upland corn is generally good, but bottom corn is downed; it is curing well and maturing rapidly, the crop will be short, many reporting only a two-thirds crop; there is some cutting in progress in the west.

Peas are doing well as a whole, but in some places in the central and west districts the vines are good but have few peas; a great deal of pea vine hay is now being saved in the east. Peas are generally reported a good crop, but in the east the crop will be short in some sections. Mr. Gossett reports that he has been sowing in the east, and pulling is well under way in the central and west districts. A large quantity lost by too wet weather. Hay is still being cut on a few farms in the east, and central districts while in the west a great deal is now being cut. Most all of the winter crops are doing well, except white potatoes which are rotting to a considerable extent in the ground. Sweet potatoes, turnips, rutabagas, and buckwheat are turning well. Some buckwheat is now being cut. Land for wheat and rye is being plowed, and some has been planted. Pastures are reported good, and cattle doing well. Apples are fair over in the mountain districts, but a failure in the valleys, some are being shipped. Corn crop is looking fine, and molasses making is in progress in places.

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## PUBLIC PRINTER OUT

Not a Case of Graft But One of Partiality and Favoritism

PARTISANSHIP, NOT CORRUPTION

Reason For the Summary Dismissal of Public Printer Palmer is Given by President Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Special.—President Roosevelt has made public the report of the Keop commission on its recent investigation of affairs in the Government Printing Office at Washington. The inquiry was made by special direction of the President on account of a protest which had received from officials of the Mergenthaler Typing Machine Company against the award of a contract by Public Printer Frank W. Palmer to the Lanston Monotype Company for 72 machines of its make. The President decided, after an examination of the Keop report, that the contract for the Lanston machines should stand. The Keop commission reported that if the contract could be set aside, "such a course would be advisable," although the commission states expressly that "no corrupt consideration, payment or promise passed from the Lanston Monotype Company to the public printer or to any person in the government service."

It was developed by the investigation, however, that two important assistants of the public printer were indirectly interested in the Lanston Company, "their wives being stockholders therein." The commission shows that a fair and impartial test of the Lanston and Mergenthaler machines was not made, and reports that the purchase of so large a number of Lanston machines was "imprudent" and indicated "great partiality and bias on the part of the public printer." The commission recommends the purchase as "maladministration."

The text of the President's memorandum upon the report follows:  
"Oyster Bay, Sept. 9, 1905.  
"The conclusion of the committee are hereby approved, save the latter part of the report. It does not appear that there is any question as to the validity of the contract in question. If it had not been for the conduct of the Mergenthaler Company in preferring a biased and unimpartial test of the machines, the charge dismissed by the committee in conclusion two, that of corruption, I should agree with the committee that it would be desirable to set aside the contract, if such course were legal. But second only to corruption in a public office in point of inquiry, comes making a biased and unimpartial test of the machines. This is what the committee finds the Mergenthaler Company has done in this case, its comments being in part:  
"In the light of the failure of the company to produce evidence of a satisfactory character, it must be held that the charge was made recklessly and that the Mergenthaler Company should be held responsible therefor."  
The contract in question was made as a basis for official action on the part of the public printer, and it must be taken up in connection with the discipline and re-organization of the bureau when Mr. Palmer's successor is appointed.

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## NORTH STATE NEWS

Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

Charlotte Cotton Market.  
These figures represent prices paid to wagons:  
Good middling, . . . . .10 1/2  
Strict middling, . . . . .10  
Middling, . . . . .9 1/2  
Tinges, . . . . .9  
Stains, . . . . .8 1/2  
General Cotton Market.  
Galveston, quiet, . . . . .10 5/16  
New Orleans, quiet, . . . . .10 1/2  
Mobile, easy, . . . . .10  
Savannah, dull and easy, . . . . .10 1/16  
Charleston, quiet, . . . . .10  
Norfolk, steady, . . . . .10 1/2  
Baltimore, nominal, . . . . .10 1/2  
New York, quiet, . . . . .10 1/2  
Boston, quiet, . . . . .10 1/2  
Philadelphia, quiet, . . . . .10 1/2  
Houston, steady, . . . . .10 1/2  
Augusta, steady, . . . . .10 1/2  
Memphis, quiet, . . . . .10 1/2  
St. Louis, quiet, . . . . .10 1/2  
Louisville, firm, . . . . .10 1/2

A Sensation in Raleigh.  
Raleigh, Special.—The latest sensation here is the arrest and placing in jail of four attendants at the hospital for the insane who were charged with cruelty which resulted in the death of Charles Nail, the 30-year-old patient from Chatham county, three weeks ago. The superintendent of the hospital stated that no undue violence was used and that death was due to over-excitation on a very hot day. It was further stated that one of the attendants named Griffin; in fact, was made sick, by the exertions of the capture. On the other hand, it is alleged that when the head of Nail was shaved, at the post-mortem, a number of bruises were found, notably one at the base of the skull, and that the rest of the body was very badly bruised. The four attendants are in jail and have nothing to say.

Lady Burned to Death.  
Statesville, Special.—Miss Anna Johnston, aged about 25 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnston, of Shiloh township was so badly burned Tuesday that death resulted. She was attending to a fire in the kitchen when she was struck by the flames. The deceased went to the wash place on the branch near her home Tuesday morning, to do the family washing and about 11 o'clock her mother heard her screaming and ran to meet her. She found her daughter lying on the floor, her clothing on fire and before she could extinguish the flames Miss Johnston's clothes from her hips to her waist were burned off and her body severely burned. A medical aid was summoned and the little body had been done up to relieve the unfortunate woman's suffering.

19 MEN BLOWN TO SHREDS.  
Terrible Destruction Wrought by Powder Mill Explosion.  
Connelville, Pa., Special.—The Rand Powder Mills at Fairchance, six miles south of Uniontown, were entirely wiped out by an explosion at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Of the 23 men who were working in the mill, 19 are known to be dead. Of those 19 are identified, 13 were including C. M. Rankin, manager of the plant; were seriously injured. Scores of people in the town of Fairchance, which is a mile from the powder mills, were more or less painfully injured.

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