

JAP AND RUSSIAN GLASP HANDS IN PRESENCE OF THE NATION'S PRESIDENT

Yacht Mayflower the Scene of Peace Envoys' First Meeting

PRESIDENT MAKES THE FORMAL PRESENTATION

Entire Ceremony Character- ized by the Most Cordial Relations

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 5.—History was made today at Oyster Bay, Russians and Japanese clasped hands and greeted one another with all outward cordiality and for the first time since the negotiations began, began to have relations with each other. President Roosevelt, on behalf of the United States and its people, extended formal greetings to the representatives of Russia and Japan. Introduced the plenipotentiaries to one another and entertained them at an elaborate luncheon, at which Russians and Japanese fraternized with one another as comrades rather than as enemies.

During the luncheon President Roosevelt proposed a notable toast, in which he expressed the "earnest hope and prayer, in the interest, not only of these two great powers, but of all civilized mankind, that a just and lasting peace may speedily be concluded between them."

The occasion was impressive, it was attended not by pomp and ceremony, but by a simplicity and frankness characteristic of the president and of the people of America. Due honor was paid the distinguished guests of the president and of the country and they were received with all the dignity which their exalted rank entitled them.

Japs Appear.

As the Japanese mission, headed by Baron Komura and Minister Takahira, ascended the gangway of the Mayflower, all attired in black frock coats and sily silk hats, the band sounded three ruffles and then played a march. They were escorted immediately to the cabin, where the president was awaiting them. Their reception was brief and was as devoid of formality as the nature of the occasion would permit. Baron Komura and Minister Takahira shook hands with the president, the cordiality of the greeting being unmistakable. As the representative of his emperor, Baron Komura then extended his thanks to President Roosevelt and through him to the American people for the interest they had manifested in the pending peace negotiations, expressing particularly his gratitude to the president for the friendliness he had shown in initiating the negotiations which had resulted in the pleasure they were to have today.

Russians Arrive.

The cruiser Chattanooga, with the Russian envoys on board, anchored a third of a mile from the Mayflower at 1:05 p. m., and 15 minutes later the Chattanooga's 19-gun salute announced the departure of the Russians. During the reception of the Russian mission the Japanese envoys and the members of their suite were in one of the forward cabins. With notable cordiality President Roosevelt shook hands with Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen, exchanging with them informal, but hearty, personal felicitations. After receiving the members of the suite and presenting all in turn to his personal guests, the president brought the two sets of envoys together, introducing them formally to one another.

The Presentation.

It was a notable scene, as the diminutive Baron Komura shook hands with the president at the instance of the president of the United States. The greetings of the members of the two special missions were distinctly formal, but not the slightest suggestion of enmity was shown on either side. Neither by word nor by action did they indicate, even by indirection, anything but the utmost cordiality. Careful to avoid any strain, President Roosevelt, as soon as possible after the introductions, suggested that the party proceed to the main saloon, where luncheon was in waiting. Although the luncheon was served with the other guests standing, the president escorted the four envoys to chairs in one corner of the

saloon, and in half a minute, through tact and delicacy, the whole party was engaged in animated conversation over their dishes.

Roosevelt's Toast.

Before the luncheon had proceeded far President Roosevelt rose from his chair and turning to the assemblage raised his hand for silence. In an instant there was a hush. Bowing to the envoys President Roosevelt said: "Gentlemen, I propose a toast to which there will be no answer and which I have the honor to ask you to drink in silence, standing. I drink to the welfare and prosperity of the sovereigns and the people of the two great nations whose representatives have met one another on this ship. It is my most earnest hope and prayer, in the interest not only of these two great powers, but of all civilized mankind, that a just and lasting peace may speedily be concluded between them."

The toast was drunk, as the president requested, in profound silence, but in the ensuing conversation which followed little was heard but enthusiastic comment upon the character of the president's expression. Mr. Witte and Baron Komura both cordially thanked him.

At the conclusion of the luncheon the president took cordial leave of the envoys and their suites and entered his launch. The Japanese envoys and their suites were next to leave. They shook hands with the Russian plenipotentiaries, expressing to them their personal gratification at the pleasant meeting they had had. As they went aboard the Dolphin the red sun flag of Japan was broken out at the peak of that vessel and at the same moment the Russian flag was raised over the Mayflower.

At 5 o'clock the little squadron got under way and steamed down Long Island sound, the Galveston in the lead, followed closely by the Dolphin and the Mayflower. The vessels are expected to arrive at Portsmouth on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the trip purposely being made in slow time in order to avoid any inconvenience to the plenipotentiaries.

PASSENGERS MUST HAVE CERTIFICATES

PERSONS GOING SOUTH REQUI- RED TO HAVE PAPERS.

Southern Issues Bulletin Giving In- formation on State Quarantine Question.

The Southern Railway company has just issued a bulletin of information for passengers in regard to the quarantine regulations in the Southern states, telling just what steps must be taken by persons wishing to go from one point another in the infected region, and to or from points outside of that region. The bulletin gives an outline of the quarantine regulations of Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Illinois and Cuba, and also offers the following general information as to certificates for travelers:

"All passengers destined to points south and west of the state of North Carolina, or traveling between points south and west of the state of North Carolina should provide themselves with health certificates, showing their whereabouts for ten days prior to purchase of transportation. Such health certificates should be obtained from state health officer, mayor, city health officer or other proper officer of city or town in which they reside, or purchase transportation.

"Passengers holding return portions of round-trip tickets purchased at points in Texas or west thereof, reading to points east via New Orleans or Shreveport, can have such tickets exchanged to return via Memphis and proper ticketing routes beyond to original starting point, by application to any coupon ticket agent of this company. All trains going from Shreveport have been discontinued." In addition to this information the bulletin gives a list of all changes of train service on all Southern roads due to the necessity of complying with quarantine regulations.

TRAIN ON EAST RIVER FERRY BARELY AVOIDS THE PERIL OF A SHIP WRECK

New York, Aug. 5.—The perils of a shipwreck threatened the Colonial Express, crowded with passengers from Boston to Washington, today while the train was being ferried through the East river. The train was aboard the New York, New Haven and Hartford transfer boat Maryland. A collision with barges first threatened the Maryland, whose captain turned the boat sharply in shore. The collision was safely avoided, but a swift tide, with the lashing momentum already gained, threw the Maryland, head on, against the rocks off Sixty-sixth street. The

shock sent one of the cars over the bumpers and the train appeared for a moment to be sliding off into the water. The passengers rushed out along the narrow decks in a panic. Though it was quickly ascertained that the heavy timbered transfer boat was practically uninjured except for slight disarrangement to her steering gear, two of the passengers insisted on being taken ashore, which was done. True, pulled the Maryland off in about ten minutes and with little delay she completed the trip, landing the Colonial express safely in New Jersey.

WYMAN MAKES REPORT ON FEVER SITUATION

Tells President Roosevelt His Plans for Fighting Dread Yellow Jack

PROPER FIGHT WILL COST \$2,000 PER DAY

Epidemic Fund Will Not Stand This Heavy Drain—City Called On

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 5.—In response to President Roosevelt's direction that he be furnished with a report on the yellow fever situation in Louisiana, particularly in New Orleans, Surgeon General Wyman of the marine hospital service in Washington tonight telegraphed the president that he was making arrangements to undertake government control of the fever situation, as requested by Governor Blanchard. Dr. Wyman's telegram, which the president directed to be made public, is as follows:

"Replying further to your telegram of fourth, submit the following report: 'Service has had skilled officers in New Orleans since first knowledge of the fever. Under the law they are to see that the interstate quarantine regulations are enforced, and under same law to offer assistance in the enforcement.'

DEALERS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT CUT PRICES

Meat Dealers, Save One, Form As- sociation and Decide on Plans.

The situation at the city market on account of the alleged attempt of the beef trust to drive out all independent dealers by cutting prices was featured yesterday by the statement that the dealers, save the Hill market, had met with the dealers outside the market and organized a defensive association which proposes to inaugurate a vigorous fight against the methods which these dealers say the beef trust is using against Asheville.

A fund of one month was subscribed to meet the expenses of this fight. It will be used to employ an attorney and to advertise the business of these dealers. The association will send a representative to the meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association Monday night and ask that body to help it. A similar appeal will also be made to the Board of Trade directors and the dealers expect good results from these bodies.

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS IS TENDERED BANQUET

Leader of Democratic Minor- ity Makes Notable Address at Battery Park

URGES NECESSITY FOR DEMOCRATIC HARMONY

Other Speakers Follow In the Same vein—Speeches Re- plete With Points

At a banquet tendered by the Democracy of Asheville and Buncombe county at Battery Park hotel last night to the Hon. John Sharp Williams, leader of the lower house, the guest of the evening delivered a notable speech, in which he dwelt upon the necessity of harmony in the Democratic ranks. Mr. Williams was eloquent to a high degree and his remarks were punctuated with much applause.

General Theodore Davidson was the toastmaster, and his opening address abounded with telling points and witticisms. John Sharp Williams was introduced by Congressman Guiter, who in the course of his address said: "Gentlemen and Fellow Citizens: It affords me great pleasure to welcome our distinguished guests who are with us tonight. Western North Carolina, the resting place of the weary, the only spot on earth that possesses the climate of life, the land where the young never grow old and the old are made young again, will once the distinguished sons of the South here this evening."

"The friends of Democracy are sorely ought to pledge their best efforts to rescue this country from a party where graft and corruption are dominant in every department; where those in charge are incompetent to discover the frauds or to protect the people's interests. The American people must look to the Democratic party for all beneficial tariff legislation, for all a restriction; for that class of legislation that protects the weak from the iron grasp of the strong; that places the burden of taxation on the rich and not on the strong; that protects the man who tills the soil from combinations and trusts; that stands for the principles of 'equal rights to all' that opposes legislation in favor of trusts; that does not sell out the best interests of the people to monopolists for money with which to corrupt the electorate for party success."

"The principles of Democracy cannot be purchased. The party that advocates these principles may suffer defeat by the combined power of money and promises of graft and office, but the principles of true Democracy will live on forever. I am pleased, my friends, to introduce my colleague and friend—a true Southerner—the leader of the Democratic party in the House of Represent-

TO GATHER DATA IN MANY CLIMES

National Civic Federation Plans Campaign for Infor- mation on a Great Scale

New York, Aug. 5.—Plans on a great scale to collect accurate data concerning municipal ownership in both Europe and America have been made by the executive council of the National Civic Federation. This body has selected a committee, numbering about seventy-five members and including some of America's best known lawyers, scholars and business men to meet early this fall and determine upon methods for accomplishing this work. The need for such data is stated as follows:

The subjects on which the commission will seek information are stated under six heads as: Wages, hours and conditions of labor, collective bargaining, cost and character of services, political conditions, civil service, spoils system and municipal corruption, financial results and taxation.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Results Yesterday.
Atlanta, 7; Little Rock, 1.
Nashville, 2; Shreveport, 7.
Nashville, 3; Shreveport, 2.
New Orleans, 6; Birmingham, 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Results Yesterday.
Washington, 8; Chicago, 1.
New York, 3; St. Louis, 1.
New York, 6; St. Louis, 5.
Boston, 8; Cincinnati, 4.
Philadelphia, 5; Detroit, 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Results Yesterday.
Pittsburg, 5; New York, 5. (Game given to Pittsburg.)
Chicago, 6; Boston, 0.
Cincinnati, 19; Brooklyn, 6.
St. Louis, 2; Philadelphia, 6.
St. Louis, 2; Philadelphia, 7.
Chicago, 5; Boston, 1.

YELLOW JACK IS SLOWLY SECURING ADVANTAGE IN FIGHT AT NEW ORLEANS

Federal Authorities Freely Admit That Situation Is Serious

HALF OF CITY IS YET FREE FROM PLAGUE

Complaints Against Quarantine line Made by Many of the Smaller Towns

New Orleans, Aug. 5.—The record up to 4 p. m. is as follows:

New cases, 30; total cases to date, 565; deaths, 8; total deaths, 97; new sub-focul, 15. Total sub-focul, 97.

The small number of new cases is counterbalanced by the number of new focal, which equals half of the total number of cases reported for the day, showing that the original point of infection is no longer the main center. Of the deaths five were in the emergency hospital and three in the original district. One of today's victims in Archbishop P. L. Chapelle, whose case was reported by Dr. Larue, his family physician. Archbishop Chapelle has spent considerable time in the infected district and has been of inestimable service in advising the Italians, who are all Catholics, to heed the instructions of the authorities. Tonight he is reported as being in a serious condition. The marine hospital service has not yet taken control of the situation here, though it was expected that as soon as Dr. White received instructions from Surgeon General Wyman he would be able to assume charge.

New Orleans, Aug. 5.—Though there was an increase today over yesterday in the number of fatalities, the fact that the whole yellow fever situation is to pass immediately to the control of the Federal government has had such an encouraging effect locally that it is felt on all sides that there has been a distinct improvement over conditions during the past few days.

The city will continue to exercise its police authority in co-operation with the Federal surgeons; the municipal authorities and the citizens' committees are to carry on the campaign of cleaning up the two health boards are to perform many of their functions in conjunction with the marine hospital service and New Orleans expects still to be called upon to furnish funds to carry on the fight. The actual handling of the fever situation itself is to pass to the direction of the government, which is expected to send a large number of yellow fever experts to work under the supervision of Dr. White; rigid rules are to be made and efficiency carried out in connection with the scientific treatment of cases. The Federal officials make no attempt to conceal the fact that the situation is serious, but they say it is not without hope and that success is possible in spite of the headway the fever has gained, particularly in the foreign neighborhoods below Canal street.

City Half Free.

The fact that the infection in the first, fourth, sixth and seventh municipal districts, which lie above Canal street and constitute modern New Orleans is relatively small, leads to the hope that vigilant observation of all cases in that quarter, while the direct known progress below will enable the authorities to keep more than half of the city free from serious infection. The trouble on Lake Borgne between the Mississippi guards and the Louisiana naval brigade is considered to have ended. So encouraging were the conditions today that Governor Blanchard sent orders to Commander Boettick to withdraw part of his force.

Not Exceeding Rights.

Dr. Wasdin advised today that the Mississippi boats were not exceeding their rights, and Secretary's Show's telegram indicating that the government would have full charge of the quarantine between Louisiana and Mississippi was taken to mean that Louisiana's rights would be fully protected by the marine hospital service and the treasury.

It was reported today that Dr. Edmond Soucheau had sent his resignation to Governor Blanchard as president of the state board of health. The report gave as the reason his dissatisfaction growing out of the action yesterday in asking the government to take control.

Party Unity.

James H. Cain followed the mayor and his remarks were confined to the relation of the press to Democracy. Charles A. Webb was the next speaker, and his address was featured by a claim to kinship with the mother-in-law of John Sharp Williams. J. D. Murphy followed with glowing tributes to the guest of the evening and

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When the Shah of Persia pays that promised visit to us he will have a chance to observe the great American interview in full operation.

HOLD-UP MAN TEKKORIZES PASSENGERS WHILE TRAIN IS ABOARD FERRY BOAT

Louisiana, Missouri, Aug. 5.—While a Chicago & Alton excursion train from Bloomington, Ill. to Kansas City, was crossing the Mississippi river here today, a man on board shot and killed Marion Warner of Secor, Ill., shot and wounded a woman and robbed a third passenger. After a hard fight the man was arrested and died in jail here. He refused to give his name. Warner was asleep when the man came through the train, asking people if they were armed. He awoke Warner and asked if he had a revolver. Receiving a negative reply, he

stated, he immediately shot Warner dead. The passengers were panic-stricken, and when the hold-up man demanded of a passenger, whose name has not been learned, that he empty his satchel, and the man refused, the robber fired at random and one woman was shot through the arm. A boiler maker from Jacksonville, Ill., attempted to arrest the man, but was knocked senseless. Other passengers rallied from their fright and the man was overpowered. Claims were made by several that the hold-up man was drunk and had boasted openly that he would kill somebody.