

ENVOYS WILL POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF THE TWO "IMPOSSIBLE" DEMANDS

Prospects for Ultimate Peace Thought to be Somewhat Brighter MANTLE OF SECRECY NOW CLOSELY DRAWN Private Understanding Between Witte and Komura Is Hinted At

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 12.—There is a rift in the clouds; prospects of a successful issue of the "Washington conference" have broadened somewhat as a result of today's developments. The discussion of the terms submitted by Japan has actually begun, but this has been accomplished by postponing the consideration of the two main issues, indemnity and the cession of Sakhalin. So far as ascertained the Japanese were responsible for the tactics by which this hopeful stage was entered upon.

As the mantle of secrecy has been thrown around the proceedings by mutual pledges not to divulge what happened within the council chamber there are missing links in the chain of evidence and it is impossible to judge whether this signifies a back down on either side on the main points. On the face of things both sides are still as uncompromising as ever upon the two issues, the struggle over them being merely postponed.

Private Understanding. Some sort of private understanding arrived at by Baron Komura and Mr. Witte during the recess at the navy yard today is hinted at, but there is not the slightest confirmation obtainable. No evidence of a change of the uncompromising attitude on the part of Mr. Witte or Baron Rosen regarding the main points is observable. Nevertheless the Japanese who are attached to the Nippon mission plainly manifest elation and some of them privately assert that Mr. Witte would never have consented to the discussion of the terms had he not been prepared to yield on the question of the Sakhalin.

Discuss Terms. The Russian reply with its non-plusness as to indemnity and Sakhalin had been presented in the morning; yet, in spite of this fact, at 3 o'clock the plenipotentiaries met and after agreeing to discuss the conditions separately, entered upon the consideration of the first of the Japanese terms. The proposition to discuss the conditions in this way is believed to have emanated from the Japanese side. The first condition was of secondary importance—one of those which Russia had passed upon as conditionally acceptable as a basis of negotiations, yet little progress was made. Four hours were spent in debating it, but no conclusion was reached. As there are twelve conditions and this one is of minor importance the outlook is still gloomy.

The plenipotentiaries at 7 o'clock adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Japanese wanted to hold a session in the morning, but Mr. Witte would not agree to this, as it was Sunday. Friendly Sessions. Both of today's sessions are described as "friendly," but no details are divulged. Mr. Witte, however, makes no concealment of the fact that the rigid secrecy which the Japanese insisted upon imposing upon the proceedings is distasteful to him. With earnestness he spoke tonight to the Associated Press correspondent upon the subject. At the time he was laboring under considerable excitement because of the published assertion which had pleaded for an armistice. For the dignity of Russia and the pride of his country he asked that an absolute denial should be given to the report.

EGAN IS STILL GOLF CHAMPION

Chicago, Aug. 12.—H. Chandler Egan successfully defended his title of national golf champion in the eleventh annual tournament at the Chicago golf links at Wheaton today, defeating D. E. Sawyer, of Wheaton, 6 up 5 to play in the final. Egan, who has three times in four years taken the measure of all western aspirants for the western golf association title, has added his second victory to the United States Golf Association and the Havemeyer cup to his performances. Sawyer was weak at critical times on the putting green. Champion Egan was steady at all times with his iron club.

GOVERNOR GLENN TO TALK AT SALISBURY

(Special to The Citizen.) Salisbury, Aug. 12.—The union men of Salisbury are making final arrangements for their annual Labor Day celebration at Salisbury September 4, and from present indications they will have the biggest celebration of the kind ever held in the South. Among the features will be a street parade, horseback tournament, athletic sports, baseball, fireworks and other attractions. The street parade will probably be the largest ever held in the state, most of the merchants having entered into the plan and promised to prepare trade floats for the occasion. Governor Glenn will be the orator of the occasion, and excursions will be run to the city from all neighboring points in North and South Carolina and Virginia.

QUARTERS FURNISHED FOR THE PEACE ENVOYS ARE VERY UNSATISFACTORY

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 12.—Conditions here, so far as the arrangements for the comfort of the plenipotentiaries go, are far from satisfactory and in any accurate reflection of events it is impossible not to take notice of the complaints heard on all sides. The fact that foreigners do not live as Americans do has not been taken into account by the hotel management and little effort has been made to provide for their personal comfort. For instance, the Russians, who are in the habit of drinking tea at odd times cannot obtain their customary beverages, except during regular hours. If one of the envoys after working in his rooms until after midnight wishes something to eat it is impossible to get it. The Russian mission was forced to leave the dining room because Mr. Witte could not smoke while drinking his coffee.

KANSAS GIVEN TO THE WAVES

Largest Battleship Ever Built in the East Successfully Launched

GOVERNOR HOCH'S DAUGHTER SPONSOR

Spring Water Replaces Champagne as the Christening Fluid

Philadelphia, Aug. 12.—The battleship Kansas, the largest war vessel ever built in the East, was launched at 12:47 p. m. today at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding company, in Camden, N. J. The launching was witnessed by Governor Hoch, of Kansas, whose daughter, Miss Anna Hoch, acted as sponsor for the ship. Along with the governor was a christening party of thirty Kansans.

As was the case in the recent launching of the Washington, the automatic hydraulic trigger device was used instead of the sole pipe method. With the exception of the dog or trip shores, at the stern, the two steel tripod arms were the only appliances holding the hull in place when the wedges had been driven in and all the keel blocks knocked away. When a signal a workman operated the valve both cylinders worked at the same instant, the triggers dropped and the vessel started down the ways. An unusual feature of the launching was the fact that the vessel was christened with spring water, brought from Kansas by Governor Hoch, instead of the customary bottle of champagne. This was the first time that water instead of wine has been used in launching a vessel in this vicinity. Governor Hoch, of Kansas, made the suggestion, and he made the announcement after the christening that the bottle contained only water.

STEAMER IGNORED QUARANTINE RULES

Tampa Fla., Aug. 12.—State Health Officer Porter tonight wired the sheriff of Franklin county to arrest all officers and passengers of the steamer John Sharpe bound from Georgia points down the Chattahoochee river for Asa-lichicola and to place them in the detention camp for ten days. Dr. Porter received the report that the steamer had ignored quarantine guards at River Junction passing there without stopping and his action tonight followed.

CONSULS TO LOOK INTO THE BOYCOTT

Feared That Cotton Contracts Will Not be Renewed When the Time Expires

Washington, Aug. 12.—Minister Rockhill and the consular officers in China have been instructed to carefully look into every feature of the boycott of American goods in China and report to the state department. Complaints are being made at the state department regarding the movement in China, but the reply has been made to all that the department has done everything possible and at present can do nothing more. The situation as now developed, it is said, is not such as to revive the Chinese government.

Among those who have called upon Acting Secretary Loomis was former Senator John L. McLaughlin of South Carolina, who represents various southern interests that find a market for their goods in China. The effect of the boycott has not yet been felt by southern cotton men who have a Chinese trade, because contracts are made six months ahead. It is feared, however, that if the boycott continues that the contracts will not be renewed when they expire.

TAGGART SAYS HE HAS BEEN GOOD BOY

Woooster, O., Aug. 12.—The climax of the Taggart divorce case came today when Captain Taggart declared on his direct examination that he had always been a faithful husband. This was in answer to a question by his attorney. In the cross-examination, which was interrupted by the adjournment at noon until Monday Attorney Smyser for Mrs. Taggart sought to convey the impression that Taggart alone was responsible for the over-indulgence of his wife in intoxicating liquors and that line of questioning will probably be pursued on Monday.

There was talk in Woooster of a possible reconciliation of the estrangement between the husband and wife, as a result of some of the developments of the trial, and it is pointed out that the captain in his testimony has been as considerate of Mrs. Taggart's feelings as he possibly could be.

WHAT TAFT MAY DO

Manila, Aug. 12.—Now that the Taft party has been in the islands for over a week, a consensus of opinion of the majority of its members on the readmission of Philippine products to the markets of the United States has been obtained, and it can be stated without fear of contradiction that the attitude of the leaders of the opposition of the policy of a reduction of the Dingley law on sugar and tobacco has materially changed since their arrival here.

ANGLO-FRENCH REVIEW ENDS

Premier Balfour Hints at the Anglo-French Understanding on the Seas

WORLD PEACE WILL THEN BE ASSURED

Parliament House Rings With Strains of the "Marseillaise"

London, Aug. 12.—The series of festivities in London, Portsmouth and Cowes in honor of the French fleet was culminated with a luncheon at the House of Commons this evening, participated in by both houses. Admiral Callard was the guest of the occasion. The coasts proposed here testimony to the entente cordiale existing between France and Great Britain. Premier Balfour, many members of the cabinet and most of the leaders of the political parties were among the hosts, and their guests were conducted to the banquet hall to the strains of the "Marseillaise" never before heard within its walls. After toasts to King Edward and President Loubet had been honored Mr. Balfour proposed the "French navy" and said he regarded today's gathering as a harbinger of peace of peace in the east, peace in the west, and peace all the world over, and he was confident that no greater security for the greatest good of all could be found than in the warm and perpetual friendship of these two great nations of western Europe, who had in the past found themselves too often divided, but who in the future would be able to feel that their world interests were identical and that they had no rivalries over which to fight, but that they had great deeds to perform, for the attainment of which meetings like the present afforded the greatest security.

EMBEZZLER IS NOW IN CLUTCHES OF THE LAW

Bristol, Va., Aug. 12.—Joseph A. Laffer, former quartermaster sergeant of Company K, Tenth Infantry, at Portland, Ore., alleged deserter and embezzler, was arrested yesterday near Chatham, Va., by Deputy United States Marshal W. M. Puckett and was today placed in jail at Abingdon, Va., to await orders from the war department. He was arrested on information given by the captain commanding his company.

FEVER SITUATION STILL GROWING WORSE DESPITE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENT

Number of New Sub Foci and Cases Greater Than Any Previous Day

TRIED TO MURDER PRES. QUINTANA

Argentine's Chief Executive Has Narrow Escape From Death During a Drive

MADAME AMAE LEFT WHILE OUT ON BOND

FORTUNE TELLER DECIDES SHE NEEDS A CHANGE.

Trouble With Neighbor and Subsequent Arraignment in Court Cause of Departure.

Madame Amae, the fortune teller, whose name has become a synonym for help to the disconsolate lovers, the unfortunate investors of hard earned savings and others of like class, took a look into her own future Friday evening, decided it was time to move on in search of other victims and moved accordingly. In this sense, it is said, she saw before her a warrant issued by a neighbor charging the use of abusive language, saw a falling off of credulous customers and silver dollars as the result of a trial in a magistrate's court, and, last of all, saw a loss of prestige gained by a series of marvelous maneuvers known only to herself. These "sights," it is reported, were too much for Madame Amae and early yesterday morning she betook herself to other climes, her exact destination being unknown.

Madame Amae came to Asheville some months ago and advertised as a first class medium and fortune teller. She soon won for herself a reputation for wonderful results in the treatment of difficult cases of heartache and was regarded by many as second only to the weather man as a forecaster. All seemed to be going well until a few days ago, when a difficulty occurred between Madame Amae and a neighbor, in which Madame Amae is said to have made use of some very objectionable language. The cause of the misunderstanding is not known. Perhaps the neighbor knew something and threatened to let out a few secrets as to the tricks of the trade or refused to pay a sufficiently high price for advice received. At any rate, the trouble occurred and the neighbor swore out a warrant for the arrest of the madame. The medium gave bond and then thought it over with the result above noted.

NFW RECORD IS SET BY CANADIAN CREW

Baltimore, Aug. 12.—In the thirty-third annual regatta of the National Amateur Rowmen's Association today a new record was established in the senior eight-oared shell, the Argonauts of Toronto crossing the line not more than ten feet ahead of the Nassaus of New York, their time being 7:22 1-5. The first race, the intermediate four-oared shells, was won by the Ariels of this city. Frank B. Greer, of the East Boston Athletic Association, took the championship senior singles. The other winners were the Metropolitan Rowing club in the intermediate pair-oared shells; the Seawanhaka in the four-oared shells; the Ravenswood Boat club in the intermediate double shells; Wilder Stokes, in the single sculls, and the Harlem Regatta Association in the senior eight-oared race.

RAIN PREVENTS FINALS

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12.—Rain today prevented play in the finals of the South Atlantic Tennis tournament.

GEORGIA CONVICT WHIPPED TO DEATH; DEPUTY WARDEN CHARGED WITH DEED

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12.—The death of a convict named Liddell, who was at Sugar Hill Camp, in Barlow county, which is operated by Joel Hurt, of Atlanta, has caused the suspension of J. W. Tierce, the deputy warden at that place, and a hurried trip to the camp by State Warden Jake Moore. Information was received at the prison commission's office today that at the request of the county commissioners of Barlow county the coroner investigated the death of Liddell and rendered a verdict that he had been whipped to death. Upon the receipt of this information Hon. Goodloe Yancey, secretary of the prison commission, issued an order suspending Tierce and ordering a full investigation. If the facts warrant it there will no doubt be a prosecution.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—Official report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 195; total cases, 913. Deaths, 9; total deaths, 142. New sub-foci, 24; total sub-foci, 187.

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—The figures today speak for themselves. It was a record day all around. The only feature of the report that can be taken as encouraging is that very few of the cases are above Canal street. Dr. Perkins, chief of the corps of medical inspectors, reported 43 of the new cases. These cases are among a large batch which had been reported as suspicious and which he investigated today. Only nine of the new foci are above Canal street.

Berry is Improving. Assistant Surgeon Berry, who was stricken with the fever night before last, is reported as doing well. News from outside the city contained nothing startling. There was the secondary development on Ardoyne plantation, in Terrebonne parish, the son of the overseer being stricken today. The emergency hospital has been provided and the case is isolated. A suspicious case was reported from Lafourch Crossing, in Lafourch parish, and Surgeon Gutierrez has been asked to go there from Patterson to investigate. This case is one of three Italian who harbored a refugee three weeks ago. The refugee was sick and recovered, but the good Samaritan is now stricken.

The situation at Patterson is unchanged. There have been two new cases and no deaths to date. Fruit Trade Stifled. Surgeon White has received instructions from Surgeon General Wyman not to allow any bananas to be shipped out of New Orleans to any point. It was believed yesterday that this restriction applied only to localities in the south, but positive information was had today that it means an absolute stifling of the New Orleans fruit trade. The ground for this order is that mosquitoes might get into the banana cars and thus cause infection.

Assistant Surgeon Currie reported for duty today. Not all Yellow. It is admitted that not all the cases listed in the daily totals are yellow fever; some of these cases have been diagnosed as malarial or typhoid, but all are reported by inspectors and doctors and go at once into the yellow fever list. There is no correct count of the total if diagnoses show that some of the cases are not yellow fever. An unscrupulous citizen is now an exception among small property holders but it is not a novelty in some of the more fashionable quarters. Today affidavits were made against a number of men of high standing for failure to screen cisterns.

WANTS MORE MONEY.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 12.—Governor Vardaman has issued a circular letter to members of the legislature asking permission to borrow sufficient funds to maintain the state quarantine in case it should continue for an indefinite period. A majority of the members of the two houses have signified their willingness to reimburse a loan of this nature and to endorse any financial measure the governor may adopt.

WE NEED COOLIES.

Manila, Aug. 12.—Representative Wiley of Alabama, a member of the Taft party, has been interviewed upon the subject of Chinese labor. He says it will yet be necessary to import coolies into the southern states of America on account of the scarcity and deterioration of negro labor. He is not opposed to coolie labor in the Philippines. His visit also has confirmed his views regarding tariff concessions.



THE KAISER CAN BULLY ALL EUROPE, BUT NOT THIS ANIMAL.