

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DEVISES A PLAN WHEREBY RUSSIA WILL PAY INDEMNITY TO JAPAN AND YET PRESERVE "HONOR"

### Associated Press Makes Public the Result of the President's Efforts to Break the Existing Deadlock in the Peace Negotiations at Portsmouth---Both Japan and Russia May Make Concessions

## FROM RUSSIA COMES REPORT THAT NICHOLAS WON'T YIELD

### Nevertheless It is Thought That President Roosevelt's Solution Will Meet With Acceptance---

### Komura Favors Prolonging Negotiations In Hope That Pressure Will Force the Czar to Give Away

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 22.—The Associated Press is now in a position to reveal substantially the proposition of President Roosevelt for breaking the existing deadlock in the peace negotiations. His solution would ingeniously permit the satisfaction of the Japanese demands for reimbursement for the cost of the war, and at the same time enable Russia to face the world with the declaration that she had not ceded a foot of territory or paid a kopeck of war tribute to the victor. The solution is the one which has been heretofore described in the Associated Press dispatches as the natural and logical compromise. Torsely stated it consists in an agreement by Russia to repurchase possession of either all or half of the island of Sakhalin, now in the military occupation of Japan for a sum the amount of which if the two countries cannot agree on, shall be decided by some method of arbitration to be determined. The purchase money together with the sum Japan would obtain from the cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad, and the maintenance of the Russian prisoners in Japan, would, it is estimated, about equal the amount claimed by Japan for her bill for the cost of the war. Practically, therefore the solution offered by the president involves recession by Japan on Article 5 (Sakhalin), and recession by Russia on Article 9 (indemnity).

### WILL DISCUSS IT TODAY.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 22.—It is stated that Baron Komura has agreed to offer at the session at 9:30 this morning, the president's compromise proposition. High authority believes it impossible that a final rupture can come today, no matter what the character of the emperor's final instructions to M. Witte may be. "If the negotiations can be prolonged into next week," said he, "so much pressure will be brought to bear upon the emperor that he will not be able to resist."

## KICKS AGAINST AMERICAN BOYCOTT

### State Department Continues to Receive Vigorous Protests Against Retaliations

Washington, Aug. 22.—Protests against the Chinese boycott of American goods continue to be received by the state department, but very few make any suggestion that losses have been incurred, although in one or two instances transportation companies have said that there has been a falling off in the shipment of American goods to China. No further reports indicating the progress of the boycott have been received at the state department and it is not believed that there is any progress of the boycott outside of Shanghai. One instance on an attempt to insult the American flag was reported from Amoy. This happened a month ago, but the governor of the province promptly made amends and ordered all attempts at a demonstration directed towards Americans cease. The Washington government has no complaint to make of the local authorities in China as the reports indicate that they have been prompt and efficient in the protection of American interests.

### WILSON TESTIFIES.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Secretary Wilson and Assistant Secretary Eager today testified before the grand jury in connection with the investigation of the ocean report.

## VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS NOMINATE THOMAS S. MARTIN TO SUCCEED HIMSELF IN U. S. SENATE

Richmond, Va., Aug. 22.—In the Democratic state primary today Thomas S. Martin was nominated to succeed himself in the United States senate and Representative Claude A. Swenson, of the Fifth congressional district, to succeed Andrew J. Montague as governor of the state, by large majorities. Chairman J. Taylor Elyson, of the Democratic state committee, was nominated for the lieutenant governorship by an overwhelming vote, and William A. Anderson was chosen for re-election as attorney general, and J. D. Egerton, Jr., of Prince Edward county, was nominated for superintendent of public instruction by majorities approximating those of the leaders of the ticket. The nominations are claimed by the Democrats to be practically equivalent to election, though the Republicans have a ticket in the field and propose to make a strong fight.

## STEAMER NOW SAFE IN PORT

### Athos Arrives After Drifting Many Weeks at Mercy of the Waves

## FAMINE THREATENED TO EXTERMINATE CREW

### At One Time Each Person Was Allowed but a Swallow of Water Per Day

New York, Aug. 22.—The steamer Athos, 17 days overdue with 100 passengers and a cargo of 1000 tons of goods, arrived at New York today after a voyage of 100 days at sea. The ship was found drifting in the Atlantic on July 20, the day after a collision with the British ship Lightship last night.

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## MANUFACTURERS GET TOGETHER

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Twenty-one prominent manufacturers from different parts of the country are named as directors of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States of America, which was incorporated here today for the principal purpose of regulating relations between employers and employees and dealing with labor unions. The certificate states that the organization is formed for the betterment of relations between employer and employee, the protection of the individual liberty and rights of employer and employee, the education of the public in the principles of individual liberty and ownership of property, the support of legislation in furtherance of these principles and opposition to legislation in derogation thereof, also to secure freedom from unlawful and unjust exactions.

### MORE PEONAGE.

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 21.—Deputy United States Marshal Godwin, has returned from Raconton, where he arrested a negro, William Strickland, on the charge of violating the peonage law. It is claimed that Strickland has been holding a negro boy named Henry Stealing, in "involuntary servitude."

### CONGER RESIGNS.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Edwin H. Conger, of Iowa, has resigned his post as American ambassador, to take effect October 18, next, and President Roosevelt has accepted his resignation. It is believed that Mr. Conger will not go to China as a representative of the government.

## FRUIT GROWERS IN CONFERENCE

### Decide to Have Apple Exhibition Here From September 20 to 30

## ANOTHER INDUSTRY WILL BE DEVELOPED

### Possibilities Along the Fruit Lines Fully Discussed Last Night

That Asheville should have a fruit exhibition in which all of the fruit growers especially apple growers of Western North Carolina, can exhibit their products was the unanimous decision of those who attended the conference held at the Auditorium last night. The meeting was attended by representatives of most of the large fruit growing sections of Western North Carolina and the greatest interest in the proposed exhibition was shown by all of the growers stating that the people of their section would lend their support to the fair and make it a success.

The idea which was kept prominently before the meeting at all times was that in Western North Carolina there can be produced some of the finest specimens of apples to be found in the country, and that once this fact is known throughout the South a large amount of the trade that now goes to New York and other large northern apple markets will come here. It is principally for the purpose of advertising the apples of this section of the state and extending the field in which they are marketed that the growers will give an exhibition under the auspices of the Asheville Board of Trade in this city from September 20 to October 1.

### Mr. Stewart's Talk.

The meeting was favored last night by the presence of Mr. Guy L. Stewart, of Atlanta, who is an apple expert and connected with the land and industrial department of the Southern railroad. Mr. Stewart was able to give some very valuable hints to the growers and promised his valuable assistance in making the arrangements for the exhibition. He said that it could be positively stated that Western North Carolina can produce as fine apples as can be found in the country and that should the farmers in this section once go into the apple growing business in earnest and succeed in making the high quality of their product known throughout the South the future of this section would be assured. Today there are, practically speaking, no apples raised in the South for southern markets, the demand being supplied from the north, while this section alone, the possibilities along the apple growing line realized, could supply a large number of southern markets with

## YELLOW JACK SPREADING AT AN ALARMING EXTENT THROUGHOUT LOUISIANA

### Deaths and New Cases Reported Yesterday From a Dozen Parishes

### SIXTY-NINE CASES IN ONE SMALL VILLAGE

### Every House in Leville Contains a Victim of Awful Disease

As to the best method of encouraging apple growing in this part of the state Mr. Stewart recommended the following: First, to make the people of Western North Carolina acquainted with the possibilities of the industry here; second, to build up the tone of the industry by means of fairs and exhibitions, which stimulate the growers to improve the quality of their fruit; third, to make the outside world acquainted with the high quality of fruit grown here. In the latter particular, he said, Asheville's fame as a resort for tourists was of value as fairs held here would be attended by persons from every section of the country.

### Ten Day's Fair.

Many of the growers present made enthusiastic talks approving Mr. Stewart's suggestions and making others as to the best method of conducting the exhibition. It was finally decided to hold the fair in this city for ten days, beginning September 20, although the fruit will probably be kept on exhibition for a longer period. Awards will be made for the best exhibitions of different varieties of apples. Prof. Hume and Mr. A. A. Boggs, of Waynesville, were appointed a committee to prepare a list of awards.

## WOMAN SHOT TO DEATH BY ROBBER

### Dastardly Crime Committed on the Streets of Chicago While Hundreds Look On

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Mrs. S. E. Mize, of New York City, was murdered tonight by a robber while taking an evening walk in one of the fashionable districts of the south side. For the greater part of the summer Mrs. Mize has been a guest at the Del Prado hotel, which fronts on the Midway Plaisance. Tonight, in company with Mrs. E. F. Wilson, of Las Cruces, N. M., also a guest at the hotel, she went out for a short walk. They had reached the corner of Fifty-ninth street and Washington avenue, two squares from the hotel, when they were confronted by a man who demanded their money and valuables. All along Fifty-ninth street and Washington avenue there were people sitting on terraces and in the front yards of their residences, and Mrs. Mize, evidently expecting help from some of them, vigorously attacked the robber, at the same time calling loudly for help. Mrs. Wilson turned and ran back toward the hotel.

Mrs. Mize was able to utter just two cries for aid when the robber shot her through the heart, killing her instantly. Mrs. Wilson, who was looking back at the time, fell in a faint. The murderer escaped.

## CHATTANOOGA PUTS UP BARS

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 22.—The city and county boards of health at a joint session today adopted still more stringent quarantine regulations. Inspectors on trains entering the city will require from all persons desiring to stop in Chattanooga health certificates from proper and recognized authorities.

### STEAMER ASHORE.

New York Aug. 22.—The three-masted schooner Marion E. Rockhill, bound from South Amboy, N. J., for Danversport, Mass., went ashore near Amagansett Bay, Long Island, today, and her crew of five men were rescued by life savers from Amagansett station. The schooner is owned by M. L. Gilbert, Bath, Me., who also commands her, registered 270 tons and was laden with coal.

### FOUR KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Rosworth, Mo., Aug. 22.—Four men were killed by the explosion of an engine on a dredge boat near Northhorn, Mo., today. The bodies were terribly mutilated.

## LITTLE GIRL ACCUSES HER MOTHER OF MOST REVOLTING MURDER OF HER HUSBAND

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 22.—The little daughter of Mrs. John Lea, lately a widow by the supposed suicide of her husband, a sawmill man, who resided near Cleveland, Tenn., today confessed to her grandmother at Murray, Ga., where she had been sent on a visit, that her mother and James Hix, also a sawmill man, who boarded at the home of the Leas, killed her father. The story is one of the most revolting in the criminal annals of Tennessee. Lea was found hanging to a rope which was attached to one of the beams



WHEN THE WAR IS OVER

About the only indemnity that the Russian and Jap private soldier will get.