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RUSSIA REJECTS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PROPOSITION FOR MUTUAL CONCESSIONS AND UNLESS CHANGE OF FRONT IS MADE THE ENVOYS WILL PART SATURDAY

Effort to "Sugar Coat" the Indemnity Pill by Having RTSSIA WILL Russia Pay 1,200,000,000 Yen for Northern Half of Sakhalin Ends in Utter Failure, M. Witte Rejecting the Proposition **Immediately**

OUTLOOK FOR PEACE WAS NEVER SO BLACK AS IT IS AT PRESENT

Dramatic Moment in Conference Room When Japan | Practically be assured, as the Bussian attitude on the other Laid Her Gards Upon the Table Making Her First Goncession in Interests of Peace ---- All Eyes Fixed Upon St. Petersburg for Further Moves

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 23.-The Jap- the first, with Russia. Unless the em arese plenipotentiaries at the conclus- peror agrees to yield between new and ion of the afternoon session of the peace conference threw the cards upon the table. It was the dramatic moment -the moment to which all the previous proceedings of the conference had led. The protocols involvin agreemen upon eight of the twelve conditions originally presented by Japan had been One side or the other must make a move or the plenipotentiaries had reached the parting of the ways. The adversaries faced each other across the table. Of course it was well understood what would happen, but that in a way only made it more dramatic. Figuratively President Roo evelt sudentered the conference room.

Mr. Witte sat silent and the move in the great diplomatic game passed to Japan. Baron Komura in a few words explained that Japan in her great desire for peace was willing to make ercles in the hope that Russia could find He then it possible to accept them.

erented in writing to Mr. Witte the mpromise proposition which President Roosevelt had suggested. It was concrete and specific and it followed the lines outlined in these dispatches. It offered to withdraw Article 9, providing for the payment by Russia of Japan's bill for the cost of the war. on condition that Russia would accura Article 5, which provides for the cession of the Island of Sakhalin, so modithe re-purchase by Ru sia of the northern half of the island for 1,200,000,000 In addition it offered to withdraw entirely Articles 11 and 12 (surrender of the interned warships and limitation upon Russia's sea power in the Far

Russia Rejects It.

It was President Roosevelt's promise and Mr. Witte knew its contents as well as Baron Komura. The question of whether he had bee bluffing" was put to the test. With out a moment's hesitation Mr. Witte explained that the modification proposed was merely a sham, a change of phraseology, a diplomatic attempt to "dorer la pilule," and ask Russia to y war tribute under another name

He could not accept it. He told Baron Komura Russia wanted peace. She had given the proofs in accepting every article involving the issues upon which the war was fought, but she could fight. Komura to withdraw all demands for ribute, and so the pleni otentiaries eparated, to meet again on Saturday, writing as the rules of the conference require, his reply to the Japanese compromise proposition. In reality the adjournment ver the two days was to give each side an opportunity to consuit its government for the last time. Outlook is Black.

Japane e are not talking. Indeed, to-Harder had boarded, but he had gone. night they appear to be more taciturn and more resolute than ever. The only possible line of further Japanese concession is considered to lie in the direction of a diminution n the amount factories at Warsaw, Aug. 23.—The strikes in the rection of a diminution n the amount factories at Warsaw and Lodg have of the purchase money demanded for the north half of Sakhain. The detection rests, therefore, as it has from driven by roidiers.

Saturday the end is likely to come of that day, and the indications from Po terhof, instead of raising the chances though the latter may be

Black as the prospect appears all know the quick and startling changes of front that sometimes take place at Peterhof, and there are factor in the situation which might effect on these sudden and inexplicable hanges in the emperor's attitude which

has frequently astonished Russia. Look to President.

Private advices from St. Petersburg and other large centers favors access can much, but the real hope still restwith President Roosevelt. He is reourceful. He has made another mov He has sent Ambassador Myer direc to the emperor, and they were togeth according to advices received here for three hours today. Mr. Roosevel himself tonight may know more abou how the emperor feels than Mr. Witt

onveyed to him by his ambassador. The report is industriously circulated that Emperor William is responsible for the attitude of Emperor Nicholas, and everything is traced back to the meeting of the two emperors or board the Hohenzollern in the Finnish gulf. In support of this it is positively stated that after the interview Mr Witte's instructions were made stronger and more unyielding.

BY FALSE REPORT

Thomasville, Ga., Aug. 23.-At 16 o'clock this morning thirty armed men and money for tribute she would not went on a special train to Jarrets, Fla. pay, not a kopeck. He asked Baron afteen miles south of here, but returned six hours later empty-handed. They were summoned by a telephone agtensibly to permit Mr. Witte to place message saying Emanuel Harder, a negro who criminally assaulted Mrs. Outze here last week, had at last been surrounded in a swamp near Mi-cosuble lake. The report said his whereabouts had been betrayed by a confederate, who went to a hardware store in Monticello, Fla., to buy cartridge The outlook is black; many believe for him. The posse found a negro cab-

STRIKE ENDED.

Warsaw, Aug. 23.-The strikes in the

CHARLOTTE MAN, LOSER IN OIL MILL

NEVER CONSENT

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24,-2 a. m.-The Associated Press has the best of reasons and audeclaring . again, with increased emphasis that Russia will never consent to the payment of an indem nity to Japan. Such payment would so gravely menace the vital interests of the scate as to make this article in the Japanese terms impossible of auceptance.

· Press has the stme reasons and authority for the declaration that if Japan withdrew her indemnity demand peace would three points, including the cession of Sakhalin, does not prelude the possibility of reaching • a satisfactory settlement on • these points. Indemnity is the crux of the whole matter.

LAWYERS MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION

the United States gathered here to at end the opening sessions today of the twentieth annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

As the first feature of today's ser ions the president of the association, Henry St. George Tucker, of Lexing on. Va., delivered his address, paying pe ini attention to the most notewor hy changes in statute law made by congress and in the various state legslatures during the past year.

PROMINENT LAWYER OF SALISBURY DIES

Salibury, Aug. 23.-Albert Heilig, aged 40 years, one of Salisbury est known and highly esteemed citi tens, died at his home here this morning of typhoid fever. Mr. Heilig was one of the wealthiest young men in this with every progressive movement of the side the place, being a lawyer with a con-bruised. iderable practice.

DIES ON A TRAIN

Salisbury Man Apparently Asleep is Found Dead in an Empty Passenger Coach

hand of the officer.

Coroner Dorsett sun nd a verdlet was found that death re ulted from heart fallure. Pender was Albemarie, where he had been at work and died on the homeward main. Upon reaching Salisbury the court in which e was riding was placed on a side track and in the darkness his body was enobserved.

BALTIC SITUTION IS STILL SERIOUS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22 - The situition in the Baltie provinces is not im proving Several political murdets have been reported. Official advices show that the disturbances are for red and directed by a throughly or anized Social Revolutionary nitte, with headquarters at Rigiting missaries of which defy the hest eforts of the police. The intelligence department of this committee supplie imple warning of the movements of Four of the leaders were ar rested recently, one of whom was The Social Revolutionarie are very strong at Riga and Libu.

NEGRO HURT.

Otis Jones, colo ed. was slightly in ured last night by being struck by car on Southside avenue. He was the side by the step, being several bruised. Dr. Williams dressed th wound which is not severe

PECKHAM GETS CELL IN JAIL

Ity in the Cotton Report Frauds

FIRST ARREST AFTER THE INVESTIGATION

With Holmes, Haas and Van Riper in Tolls

Washington, Aug. 23.-F. A. Peck-

iam, the New York broker, who was trested in Saratoga today, has been he investigation of the cotton report cakage in the department of agriculcome known in connection with the the charges against the integrity is Mr. Peckham's name had been as ociated very closely with Moses Haus of New York, and both of them dedired to testify before the grand jury Secretary Wilson reported thu Van Ripper of New York, sale

onveying Informtion from Holmes associate statistician. nce between Holmes and brokers ontained the initial "P" which Holmes referred to Peckman.

According to the report of Secre ery Wilson on the Investigation, he nade, Holmes admitted that he and Peckham had close relations and were ne time associated in a business venure in which Holmes on interest equal to the sum o f\$6,000 which he was to receive as a gift from other members of the firm."

PECKHAM'S RELATION TO SCANDAL EXPOSED

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 23.-Frederick Peckham, indicted for complicity in the department of agriculture cotton re orts scandal, was arrested here loday and arraigned before United States ommissioner Charles M. Davidson, who ordered an adjournment of examnation until tomorrow. In default of \$12,000 ball Peckham wa

odged in the Saratoga county jail at

Pe kham was arrested at the Grane examination until tomorrow was to alow time for the arrival of United States Attorney Curtis, of Binghamton The defendant has retained County Judge Rockwood as counsel. dietments were found against Peckham in the District of Columbia, and bench warrant against him was issued by Chief Judge H. M. Clabaugh, of the District of Columbia Supreme court.

NEW CENTERS ARE REPORTED

Arrested for Alleged Complic-Yellow Fever Gaining Renewed Energy Outside of New Orleans

> CONDITION IN CITY 13 STILL IMPROVING

UNNOTICED BY ALL Man Supposed to Have Acted Decided Falling off in Number of Deaths and Sub Fool Reported

port to 6 p. m Total to date, 1,556 Deaths. Total deaths, 219 New feel, 10. Total, 353

Under treatment, 312

ditions in St. Churles parish, and this LaPlace , Diamond Reserve, Sarpy and other neighboring places

False Alarm.

Dr. Brady has returned Iberville parish, where a large group of suspicious cases were reported, but he says there was no suspiolous cases there. Hanson City re orts nine new cases.

Willswood plantation, in Jefferson parish , reports two more cases. One additional case was reported from St. Rose and another at a point near that own in St. Chries parish.

Patterson reports 11 new nd no deaths. Lake Providence has leveloped five more cases of yellow ever pronounced so by Dr. Kraus of the Marine Hospital service. St. Ber-nard parish reports two more cases n the Italian village and Dr. Meraus, who went to Tarre Aux Boeufs, says here are five cases of yellow fever here and three suspicious cases Mississippi City reports three

More in Country

The yellow fever situation is aparently improved in New Orleans tolay, while the scourge is reported to be gaining renewed energy in Louis-

To Reduce Centers

It is hoped to reduce the number of disease entres. There has been no attempt at reduction since the first announcement of the fever a month ago. Ordinarily it would be assumed that a centre would become extinct in 20 days, the length of time within which the stegomyla mosquito should furnish fresh cases in any neighborhood which has been infected. In order to take no chances, health officers will not cancel any disease centres until 30 days have elapsed.

NEGRO TERRORIZES

Selma, Ala., Aug. 23.—Oliver Lott, a GEORGIA CAPITOL Talley, in Tunnel Springs, during quarrel with John and Harry Helton over a debt, opened fire on them, killing John Helton and seriously wounding Harry Helton. The negro then fled and barricaded himself in a house. A posse of citizens under the leadership of G. Talley attempted to arrest him. They surrounded the house, but Lott refused to surrender and fixed on the erowd. Talley was mortally wounded and died a few hours later. The posse

DISPENSARY SMELLS FOUL

Lifting of Lid of the State Grog Shop Is Nauseating

GRAFT AND CORRUP-TION RAN RIOT

Investigation Now in Frecess at Columbia Featured With Revelations

tive committee which is conducting an ommissioner Tatum, who was on the witness stand vesterday, was recalled and testified that case goods in bot was opportunity for fraud as to them. The law requiring all goods to be analyzed was an absurdity, the witness said, as every bottle would have to be opened, and this would require a force entirely too large.

Sensational evidence was given by F M. Mixson, who was commissioner in 1895, two years after the law went into effect. He testified that he demanded 5 per cent, rebates from every whiskey concern from which he purchased liquor. During his eleven months insaid, these rebates imounted to \$30,000, which was turned over to the state treasurer.

Offered Bribes.

When asl ed what inducements, any, had been offered him to buy cer tain brands of whi-key the witness said several houses had offered him bribes o favor certain goods. Witness swore that S. J. Lanahan, of

the firm of William Lanahan & Sons. of Baltimore, had offered him \$30,000 for a portion of the dispensary busi-

Mixron also testified that Mahalovitch, Fletcher & Co., of Cincinnati, had offered him \$10,000 for his patronage, which he also refused to accept.

Letters Demanded. When called upon to produce pondence with the firm of J. W. Kelly

has had as their representative in selling corn whiskey to the dispensary, Mixson admitted that the letters wen in the city and within easy reach, but declined to give them up.. After considering the matter the commission de cided that the letters must be duced or Mixson imprisoned for contempt. Witness asked to be given until tomorrow morning, at which time he would either produce the letters or refuse to do so, saying that he wished to consult counsel. After promising not to dispose of or put the letters beyon the juri-diction of the commission, request was granted.

LEAGUE CONVENES

Toledo, O.,? Aug. 23,-Five hundred delegates, representing cities and towns in all sections of the country, were present today at the opening session of the ninth annual convention of the League of American Municipalities. The president's annual address was the feature of the first session and dealt TOWN FOR HOURS with the achievements of the league and its opportunities for future use-

HIT BY LIGHTNING

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23.—An electric storm of remarkable severity, accom-panied by a high wind, visited this city today. One young man, James Mc-Daniel, 18 years old, was killed by lightand died a few hours later. The posse then fired on the negro, and his body was afterwards found, riddled with bullets.

FIRE AT BEAUMONT.

Beaumont, Texas, Aug. 23.—The two-story warehouse and city sales iwo-story warehouse and city sales office of Swift & Company, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin today. Loss \$75,090; overed by Insurance. ning near the center of the city; the

COTTON MEN WILL FIX MINIMUM PRICE FOR STAPLE AT MEETING IN THIS CITY

Atlanta Ga., Aug. 22.—The Georgia division of the Southern Cotton Association today adopted resolutions calling upon cotton growers to fix a minimum price of 30 cents a bushel on cotton seed and to sell not a pound at a less price, also declaring that no callinst per price is a declaring that no callinst be sold by growers under its jurisdiction at less than 10 cents per



nently identified with various manufacturing enterprises in this state, com- occasioned by the failure of the Inde mitted suicide at 10 o'clock tonight by shooting himself through the head, only half an hour after reaching home from Blowing Rock, where he had been on account of his health. Immediately on reaching his home he went to his bed-

The rash act is attributed to Hi