

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 Bill by Having 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 Laid Her Cards Upon the Table Making Her First Concession in Interests of Peace ---All Eyes Fixed Upon St. Petersburg for Further Moves

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 23.—The Japanese plenipotentiaries at the conclusion 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.

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 certain modifications of the original articles in the hope that Russia could find it possible to accept them.

Russia Rejects It. It was President Roosevelt's compromise and Mr. Witte knew its contents as well as Baron Komura.

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CHARLOTTE MAN, LOSER IN OIL MILL FAILURE AT DARLINGTON, SUICIDES

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 23.—W. C. Hardison, of Wadesboro, N. C., prominently identified with various manufacturing enterprises in this state, committed 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.

RTSSIA WILL NEVER CONSENT

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—2 a. m.—The Associated Press has the best of reasons and authority for declaring again, with increased emphasis that Russia will never consent to the payment of an indemnity to Japan.

LAWYERS MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 23.—Prominent jurists from all sections of the United States gathered here to attend the evening sessions today of the twentieth annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

PROMINENT LAWYER OF SALISBURY DIES

Salisbury, Aug. 23.—Albert Sidney Hellig, aged 40 years, one of Salisbury's best known and highly esteemed citizens, died at his home here this morning of typhoid fever.

DIES ON A TRAIN UNNOTICED BY ALL

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 23.—J. S. Pender, aged 55 years, of this city, was found dead in a passenger coach in the Southern railway yards here late last night.

BALTIC SITUATION IS STILL SERIOUS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The situation in the Baltic provinces is not improving. Several political murders have been reported.

NEGRO HURT

Otis Jones, colored, was slightly injured last night by being struck by a car on Southside avenue.

PECKHAM GETS CELL IN JAIL

Arrested for Alleged Complicity in the Cotton Report Frauds

FIRST ARREST AFTER THE INVESTIGATION

Man Supposed to Have Acted With Holmes, Haas and Van Riper in Tolls

Washington, Aug. 23.—F. A. Peckham, the New York broker, who was arrested in Saratoga today, has been one of the most conspicuous figures in the investigation of the cotton report frauds.

PECKHAM'S RELATION TO SCANDAL EXPOSED

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Frederick Peckham, indicted for complicity in the department of agriculture cotton reports scandal, was arrested here today and arraigned before United States Commissioner Charles M. Davidson.

NEW CENTERS ARE REPORTED

Yellow Fever Gaining Renewed Energy Outside of New Orleans

CONDITION IN CITY IS STILL IMPROVING

Decided Falling off in Number of Deaths and Sub Foci Reported

YESTERDAY'S RECORD. New Orleans, Aug. 23.—Report for 24 hours ending at 6 p. m.: Total cases, 53; Total deaths, 219; Total foci, 10; Under treatment, 312.

New Orleans, Aug. 23.—The report continues to show an improvement in local conditions. There are no well known names on the list of new cases or among the deaths.

LETTERS DEMANDED

When called upon to produce correspondence with the firm of J. W. Kelly & Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn., which he has had as their representative in selling corn whiskey to the dispensary, Mixson admitted that the letters were in the city and within easy reach.

DISPENSARY SMELLS FOUL

Lifting of Lid of the State Grog Shop Is Nauseating

GRAFT AND CORRUPTION RAN RIOT

Investigation Now in Process at Columbia Featured With Revelations

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 23.—The legislative committee which is conducting an investigation into the affairs of the South Carolina dispensary resumed its sessions here at 10 o'clock this morning.

MUNICIPALITIES 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.

NEGRO TERRORIZES TOWN FOR HOURS

Selma, Ala., Aug. 23.—Oliver Lott, a negro laborer at the lumber mill of G. Talley, in Tunnel Springs, during a quarrel with John and Harry Helton over a debt, opened fire on them, killing John Helton and seriously wounding Harry Helton.

GEORGIA CAPITOL HIT BY LIGHTNING

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23.—An electric storm of remarkable severity, accompanied by a high wind, visited this city today. One young man, James McDaniel, 15 years old, was killed by lightning near the center of the city.

FIRE AT BEAUMONT

Beaumont, Texas, Aug. 23.—The two-story warehouse and city sales office of Swift & Company, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin today. Loss \$75,000; covered by insurance.

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

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23.—The Georgia Cotton Association, which is holding its annual convention here, 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 cotton shall be sold by growers under its jurisdiction at less than 10 cents per pound.



The Case—Do you think America great? M. Witte—Great! I should say so. See the press notices they gave me.