

PROCRASTINATION MAY SAVE DAY FOR THE PEACE ENVOYS AT PORTSMOUTH

While Outlook is Dark There is Still One Little Ray of Hope

ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY IS SIGNIFICANT

Nevertheless, Emperor Nicholas Remains Firm on War Indemnity

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 26.—As indicated in these dispatches last night, there was no rupture in the peace negotiations today. Peace is by no means assured, but an important crisis has been averted and the fact that the life of the conference has been prolonged into next week adds materially to the chances of a favorable issue.

According to the Russian version it was Japan and not Russia which weakly acquiesced this afternoon. Mr. Witte publicly announced, after the sitting, that it was Baron Komura who asked for an adjournment until Monday in order to have time to submit a new proposition. Yet it is known that Mr. Witte has received instructions sent after the president's intercession at Peterhof through Ambassador Meyer to agree to the division of Sakhalin and to permit liberal compensation for the Russian prisoners of war and the cessation of the Chinese Eastern railroad, but to continue absolutely to refuse to pay war tribute under any guise.

Passes to Japan. This was described in Russia's "ultimatum," leaving the same old question of money a stumbling block to an agreement.

In the regular course of procedure, after the presentation of the Japanese compromise proposition on Wednesday, the diplomatic move passed to Russia and it was Mr. Witte's turn naturally to present the counter proposition of his government. If he succeeded, as is intimated, in withholding his card and forcing the Japanese to play again, he undoubtedly gained a point in the game. But no actual account of the proceedings at today's meeting is forthcoming. The plenipotentiaries by agreement excluded the secretaries. There were no minutes. There is no record. This in itself is extremely significant. When men who are fighting a desperate battle lock themselves in a room alone it is the best evidence that they are terribly in earnest.

Emperor's Response. Emperor Nicholas' response to Mr. Meyer and his instructions, Mr. Witte has remarked in his last word, so far as indemnity is concerned, compromise by which Japan can secure a comparatively moderate sum of money is still open but the gulf to be spanned is still wide between the two adversaries. Russia now is willing to divide Sakhalin. Japan, on Wednesday, claimed the entire island by right of occupation, offering only to sell the northern half at the price of "the cost of the war," and it should be borne in mind that the elimination of articles 10 and 11 (transfer of Russia's interned warships and limitation of Russia's sea power) was conditional upon her acceptance of this proposition. Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira want time to consult their government before agreeing to yield further. The most competent Japanese authority said tonight:

"The question of peace or war still hangs in the balance."

For the first time there appears to be some dissension in the Japanese camp as to the advisability of making another conciliatory step. Many of the attaches are strongly of the opinion that they should not recede another inch.

RUSSIA MAKES HER FINAL CALL

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—2:43 a. m.—The curtain has been rung down on the St. Petersburg stage and the center of interest in the peace negotiations between Russia and Japan has been transferred to Portsmouth. Emperor Nicholas, after carefully weighing the consequences of his act, has said his last words. Russia will make no financial contribution to Japan in any form whatsoever, and unless Japan accedes to a compromise between Russia and Japan, his efforts will have proved unavailing.

Her Ultimatum. Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador, yesterday informed President Roosevelt of Russia's ultimatum. She agrees to cede half of the island of Sakhalin and to pay to Japan for the maintenance of prisoners of war, but nothing more.

SOLDIERS ARE UNDER ORDERS AT HARRIMAN, TENN., IN READINESS FOR THE STRIKERS

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 26.—Discussing the mining trouble at Tracy City, Governor Cox said tonight that the Third regiment, state troops, now in camp at Harriman, is under orders to be in readiness to start for the scene of trouble promptly upon receipt of instructions. It is said that cars are being placed on the railroad sidings near the camp to await the troops. The regiment, which has about 500 men under arms, is fully equipped for field service and well supplied with ammunition. Governor Cox said that it has been reported the miners will not turn out to hear him, but that he will go to Tracy City anyway tomorrow morning.

THE ULTIMATUM.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—Ambassador Meyer today communicated to President Roosevelt Emperor Nicholas' last word and his ultimatum that Russia will not pay one penny of indemnity to Japan in any guise whatsoever. Russia is ready to agree to a division of Sakhalin, Japan retaining that portion previously belonging to her and Russia retaining the northern portion. Russia will pay for the maintenance of her prisoners, but will make no other concessions in addition to those already made. If Japan does not accede to these terms the war will be continued.

Saturday morning Mr. Meyer received his last communication from President Roosevelt and as a result called on Foreign Minister Lamdorff later in the day. His final proposal was contained in President Roosevelt's communication. It was impossible to learn accurately, but there is reason to believe it suggested a compromise on the basis of Russia paying Japan for Sakhalin. Russia's final answer was communicated to Ambassador Meyer, who once informed the president. No show was left unturned and no effort was spared here to secure a settlement.

AMERICAN BOAT WINS PRINCE'S CUP

Elmina II Comes Off Victorious in the International Yacht Race Off Halifax, N. S.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 26.—The American schooner yacht Elmina II, won the international race, for the Prince of Wales cup. The American schooner Coronna was second. By official corrected time the Elmina II, covered the 10 mile course in three hours and 32 minutes, beating the Coronna by 2 minutes and 10 seconds, above time allowance of 2 minutes.

CIGAR MAKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 26.—Because the management refused to allow the reader to read from an alleged anarchist paper, Tierra, published at Havana, to cigar-makers in the factory of M. Stachelberg & Co., all the employees of the factory, except the office force are on a strike. The articles objected to in the Havana paper contain personal slurs of Tampa manufacturers, and incited workmen to quit work.

When E. J. Stachelberg, of the firm ordered the reading of the paper stopped, the employees made a demonstration, and demanded that the reader be allowed to proceed. When this was refused a strike followed. Three hundred men are out.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 26.—Sheriff Powers and four deputies left late today for Bradley, on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, where is located the plant of the Bradley Lumber company. Negroes had trouble with Manager Mashburn, and arming themselves have threatened to kill him and burn the mill property. There is no telegraphic communication with the place, so no details are at hand.

CHARLOTTE MAN ADMITTED.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 26.—Walter R. Tinferro, of Charlotte, N. C., was today admitted as a member of the new fourth class of midshipmen at the naval academy.

FAVORITES WIN.

Newport, I., Aug. 26.—Again favorites came through the day's round in the national tennis championships today without a reversal of form, although a few of the winners were forced to extend themselves, especially Clothier, who played five full sets before vanquishing L. H. Waidner, of Chicago.

NEWSPAPAR APPEALS TO ROCKEFELLER TO PAY THAT INDEMNITY

The Matin of Paris Cables Long and Costly Request to American Magnate

POINTS OUT GREAT GLORY FOR AMERICA

Remarkable Piece of Journalistic Enterprise Sprung From French Capital

Paris, Aug. 26.—Owing to the reports from Portsmouth indicating that the question of peace between Russia and Japan hinges solely on Russia paying an indemnity to Japan, the Matin, has cabled tonight a remarkable appeal to John D. Rockefeller, at Cleveland, Ohio. The appeal in part follows:

"The question of money threatens to unloose afresh and with redoubled violence the scourge of war. President Roosevelt is making a noble and heroic struggle to bring an end to this struggle which involves one-seventh of the civilized population of the globe. The question arises as to whether another American would not share the glory of President Roosevelt and complete his work by overcoming the sole obstacle now hindering peace. It would thus demonstrate the might of money in powerful and generous hands."

"The Matin, constituting itself spokesman for this sentiment, addresses the richest citizen in the world."

The appeal concludes with lengthy arguments showing the immense benefits such an act would confer upon civilization.

Rockefeller Says Nothing. Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Mr. Rockefeller declined to make any statement tonight concerning the cablegram from the Paris Matin, which had been received early in the evening at Forest Hill, his summer residence.

TURFMAN IN TROUBLE.

New York, Aug. 26.—John F. Madden, the Kentucky turfman, owner of several fast horses, two of which were entered in the Futurity today was convicted of criminal contempt of court, fined \$250 and sentenced to serve thirty days in the Raymond street jail in Brooklyn, today, for ignoring a subpoena of the supreme court of this state. Madden was summoned to appear before a commissioner in Saratoga during the race season there to be questioned in his suit for divorce, but failed to appear.

REDFERN'S GREAT RIDING.

The crowd numbered close to 35,000 people, but was by no means a record breaker. The weather was perfect, the air of yesterday and last night having been succeeded during the forenoon by warmth and sunshine. The race, run down the six furlongs of the Futurity chute, was exciting. To a fair start the seventeen two-year-olds left

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OLD ORMONDALE GETS FUTURITY

Descendant of Equine Blue Bloods Walks off With Big Stakes

WINS GREAT TURF EVENT AT SHEEPSHEAD

Purse Amounted to \$42,680 and 35,000 People Saw the Victory

New York, Aug. 26.—Ormondale, a real blueblood of the turf, descendant of a line of aristocratic equines extending back nearly a century and a half to that greatest of racehorses, Eclipse, in 1784, won the eighteenth running of the Futurity stakes for two-year-olds at Sheepshead Bay today. Favorite in the betting 5 to 1, with just slight odds in his favor over Flip-Flap, Ormondale, splendidly ridden by Bolfer, won with half a length to spare. The time, 1:11 4-5, equals the time of the Futurity of last year. Timber was whipped into second place by Hillsbrand, while Belmore, of the Barlow entry, ran third under a hard ride by Buchanan. The winner ran in the name and colors of the Ormondale stables, a racing partnership composed of W. O. B. McDonald, the wealthy Californian, and Andrew Miller, of New York, one of the stewards of the Jockey Club.

Sired by the English-bred Ormonde, for whom Mr. McDonald a few years ago paid \$150,000, Ormondale was really the class of the race.

The Futurity purse this year amounted to a total of \$42,680, several hundred short of early estimates. The winner's share was \$25,000. To Mr. Whitney as owner of the second horse, the sum of \$1,082.35 was awarded, and to Fred Barlow, owner of Belmore, \$2,164.67.

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HIS ATTORNEY ON HAND TO EXPLAIN

Mr. Lester Declares That He Will Prove Client to be Innocent

Washington, Aug. 26.—Former assistant State Attorney Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., of the department of agriculture, wanted in connection with the protraction promulgation of the cotton crop estimates of the department, failed to appear before the criminal court today and give bond, as his attorney had promised to do.

District Attorney Beach was at his office early in the day and remained here until 12 o'clock, when under the law federal officers close on Saturday.

When Mr. Beach's suggestion, that Mr. Holmes' bond at \$10,000, with the understanding that when Holmes should arrive the bond would be executed before the clerk of the court. The clerk of the court left a few minutes after Mr. Beach departed saying that under the law he could not execute a bond negotiated after 12 o'clock.

Mr. Lester, Holmes' attorney, arrived in the city at 3:30 p. m., and was accompanied by Mr. Holmes. The attorney went to his office, but he declined to say where his client could be found, contenting himself with the statement that he would be produced Monday.

"I told Mr. Beach," Mr. Lester said further, "that I would have Holmes here today, but I forgot at the time that today was but really a half a day and I could not get him here before 12 o'clock."

Mr. Lester declared unequivocally that Mr. Holmes gave no advance information concerning the cotton crop reports and said this fact would be conclusively shown in the trial.

VARDAMAN ON HUNT.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 26.—Governor Vardaman and Secretary Hunter of the state board of health, left here tonight for Memphis to trace the origin of the yellow fever case at New Orleans, which Surgeon White of the marine hospital service, says was developed from a Memphis focus. They will confer with the Memphis health authorities.

No new cases are reported tonight from Gulfport, or Mississippi City.

YELLOW JACK IS STILL MARCHING ON IN TRIUMPH AT THE CRESCENT CITY

NEW YORK LEADS IN RIFLE TOURNEY

Captain Corwin of the Famous Seventy-First Still Retains His Post of Honor

Seagriff, N. J., Aug. 26.—The first three days of the big military rifle tournament here have passed and the opening even of the meet remains uncompleted. When "cease firing" was sounded at 6 o'clock this evening about three-fourths of the competitors in the national individual match had finished shooting in the slow fire and rapid fire stages of the contest and 192 of the more than 600 competitors had made the first of the two skirmish runs. It is doubtful if the match can be completed by Monday evening.

When the firing ceased this evening it was learned that Captain Corwin, of the Seventy-first New York regiment, had retained his place at the head of the list of competitors; at least he was in the lead of those who finished work in the slow and rapid fire stages. Captain Corwin won the gold medal and \$20 in cash provided for the competitor making the highest aggregate score in slow fire in this match.

Captain Corwin's total for the slow fire and rapid fire stages is 266 out of a possible 300.

FARMER IS KILLED BY DEADLY BOLT

(Special to The Citizen.) Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 26.—John Brooks, aged 35, a farmer residing five miles east of Salisbury, was instantly killed by lightning yesterday afternoon during a thunderstorm. Mr. Brooks was just reaching his home to shelter himself from the storm when the fatal bolt came. The animal upon which he was riding was also instantly killed.

THREE PERISH IN AN HOTEL FIRE

Marranacook, Me., Aug. 26.—Three lives were lost and four persons were injured by the burning of the Hotel Marranacook here today. At noon after it was thought that all of the 100 or more guests whose lives were endangered by the fire had been accounted for, it was reported that one was still missing and a search of the ruins, which had revealed three bodies, was renewed. The dead:

James H. Martin, Auburndale, Mass., 33 years of age.

Mrs. Martin, wife of Mr. Martin, 32 years.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, aged 10 years.

The fire, which is supposed to have been caused by a defective chimney, spread rapidly through the two and one-half stories of the wooden building. Clerk Boutwell discovered the flames, and rushing through the corridors aroused all the guests. In doing this, however, he was seriously burned, and later, while attending to the guests, in the cold air of early morning, contracted a severe cold, which, it is feared, will develop into pneumonia. None of the guests saved their personal effects and many of them were unconscious by the time they had reached the open air.

ROBBERS LURED PRIEST TO DEN BY SENDING IN A FAKE SICK CALL

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Upon the statement made to the police by Rev. Benedict Rosinski, a Catholic priest of St. Stanislaus church, that he had been held prisoner for 24 hours without food, and forced to sign two notes for \$500 each, and two checks for like amounts, which had since been cashed, besides being robbed of \$30 and

some jewelry, two men and a woman were arrested today. The woman is said to have lured the priest to her room in Cedar avenue, by pretending to be ill and in need of spiritual consolation, and the men who are said to have rushed in upon them and held Rev. Rosinski until he had satisfied their demands.

CARL ZARBEL, ASKS AS A FAVOR THAT HE BE HANGED BY THE SHERIFF

Camden, N. J., Aug. 26.—Carl Zarbel, a farm hand, today surrendered himself to Wilson T. Jones, sheriff of Gloucester county, and asked to be hanged. Zarbel said he killed a man in Virginia last January. The Virginia authorities were notified by wire and information was received that Zarbel's story was true and that a reward had been offered for his capture. Zarbel has been employed on

KILLS HIS COUSIN.

Meridian, Miss., Aug. 25.—At a picnic today in Union Springs, Frank and Manson Chisolm, cousins engaged in a quarrel, in which Frank was stabbed in the neck and fatally wounded. As he fell he drew a pistol and firing twice, instantly killed his cousin, Manson Chisolm.

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Continued Warm Weather Yet Responsible for Increase of Deaths

NEXT MONTH DREADED BY THE OFFICERS

Owing to Much Rain at That Time Extra Precautions Will be Taken

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

New Orleans, Aug. 26.—Official report up to 6 p. m.: New cases, 47; total to date, 1,712.

Deaths, 10; total, 242. New disease centres, 12; total, 390.

Remaining under treatment, 243.

New Orleans, Aug. 26.—The increased number of deaths today is not regarded as surprising, in the face of such inclement weather as has prevailed during the last few days.

Health officers today finished the salting of all gutters on cross streets. Five hundred tons of salt have been put in the gutters during the week, the idea being to make a solution of 25 per cent, which has been proved to be ample to destroy all the wrigglers.

It developed today that the discovery of a case of yellow fever on Chestnut street, New Orleans, traceable directly to Gulfport, resulted in the discovery of three cases at Gulfport on Friday.

As September, owing to much rain, is the month yielding the largest number of yellow fever fatalities in New Orleans, Dr. White today urged all the sanitary workers to increase their vigilance so that every rainfall that may come will be followed by renewed oiling of cisterns, sacking of gutters and rigid inspection of cistern screens. Dr. White, discussing meteorological conditions and their effect on yellow fever, said today that a drought of six weeks would undoubtedly be the greatest ally of the health officers in the fight against the yellow fever.

Ten deaths were recorded during the last twenty-four hours, exceeding any daily number during the present scourge, except August 4 and August 10, on which days twelve deaths were reported.

Health Officer Aucoin, of Assumption, today reported two cases of yellow fever at Bayou Boeuf and seven cases at Amelia.

Dr. White today telegraphed to Dr. Heber Jones, at Memphis, the result of his investigation of the case of Mrs. Frank Guericke, the woman ill with yellow fever, whom he believed to have been infected in Memphis. On a report of the marine hospital service to this effect, Jackson, Miss., and a number of other towns imposed quarantines against Memphis. Memphis officers also reported to have expressed indignation over the report, saying that the woman reached there on July 27, with other Italians, that all had been kept under observation, that no sickness developed in the house she visited, and that she left there two weeks ago and must have contracted the fever on her return to New Orleans.

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