

THE WORLD WAITS THE FINAL WORD IN EXPECTANCY

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By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, June 8.—President Roosevelt, striving with excellent prospects of success to end the bloody war, is now the central figure of the world's stage. One of the main obstacles it seems will be overcome once both Russia and Japan have agreed to accept his good offices for the arrangement of preliminaries.

The belligerents are expected to be able to arrange peace terms direct. The President is believed to share with Emperor William the view that the belligerents should be allowed to settle the actual terms without outside interference. Evidence also exists that the President has secured the support of several continental powers and that at the proper time they will appear at his back.

Exactly what is transpiring at Washington is being carefully guarded. Diplomatic circles here are still greatly at sea, not being able to do more than venture a shrewd guess and indulge in speculation. The interest with which the moves on the Washington chess board are being followed is evidenced by the manner in which the ambassadors and ministers who learned of Ambassador Meyer's audience with Emperor Nicholas yesterday, flocked to the American embassy today in search of information. But the situation seems to be so delicate that the ambassador is compelled to display the most complete reserve. If Japan proves moderate in her demands peace seems at least to be close ahead.

Peace Entertainable. St. Petersburg, June 8.—It now transpires that Ambassador Meyer's audience with Emperor Nicholas had been preceded by a family council at Tsarskoe-Selo, at which it is understood the decision was reached that peace was entertainable if Japan's conditions were not too onerous.

The View in Paris. Paris, June 8.—It is definitely known the Russian Foreign Minister Lansdorff, seconded by Witte, president of the committee of ministers, has initiated overtures with three Russian representatives abroad to learn Japan's disposition and terms of peace. It is said that these overtures began three days ago, and were the basis of the decidedly more hopeful view which the officials began to have. At the same time, it is recognized that Lansdorff and Witte represent the peace element, and it is not yet clear how far the movement is shared by the Emperor.

Diplomats hold the view that Tokio would prefer to continue the war until Vladivostok is taken and all territory up to Lake Baikal is under Japanese control. Diplomats also believe that Tokio will hesitate to lay down terms until it is clear that Emperor Nicholas is willing to treat for peace. Conferences in Washington. Washington, June 8.—The President had conference with French Ambassador Jusserand and Acting Secretary of State Loomis today, but neither the visitors nor the President will give the slightest hint of the nature of the talks. Cablegrams from Ambassadors Meyer at St. Petersburg and Reid at London were taken to the President, but their contents were not made public. Loomis expressed the belief that nothing would be made public here in an official way today regarding the negotiations. He admitted the situation is delicate, and indicated that as the reason for not making public any details concerning the negotiations in progress.

however, in view of the ambassador's report, is described today as "most favorable." Later in the day the President is to have conferences with Minister Takahira, of Japan, and Sir Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador. Both conferences will be held by appointment.

NORWAY'S LATEST MOVE. Europe Looks Upon it With Some Anxiety—May Cause Complications.

London, June 8.—The revolution in Norway, though anticipated and peacefully effected, has come upon Europe with unexpected suddenness and the question is asked with some anxiety whether it will mean international complications. Had Russia not been involved in a difficult war in the Far East it is doubtful whether Norway would have taken the present momentous step, which is not likely to be regarded with approval by European powers.

It is not thought here that King Oscar will consent to a junior member of his family becoming King of Norway. This proposal is regarded as an attempt to palliate the blow to the deposed king, and the opinion of English newspapers is that the question is quite impracticable.

ILLINOIS BANK WRECKED. Dynamite Charge Demolishes Bank as Well as Adjoining Buildings—No Money Secured.

ANTI-CIGARETTE LAW. Held that the Indiana Law is Constitutional Except Where it Conflicts With Interstate Law.

CONSERVATIVE IS ELECTED. For the First Time Since 1833 Party Elects Speaker of House of Commons.

THE MOROCCO QUESTION. Germany Sends Note to All the Powers Proposing an International Conference.

GREAT HOPE OF PEACE. Negotiations For the Promotion of Peace in Far East Have Assumed a Favorable Phase.

Beautiful Day in London For the Most Important Function of His Visit.

DISARMAMENT OF THE WARSHIPS IS NOW ARRANGED

Rear Admiral Train Will Remove Breech Locks From the Guns and Disconnect Engines of the Three Russian Vessels at Manila. The Parole.

According to Reports Received by Gen. Linevitch, the Losses of Rojstvenky's Fleet Were from 9,000 to 10,000 Officers and Men Killed, and 500 Prisoners.

TOOK RUSSIANS BY SURPRISE. Fleet Were Not Expecting the Japs When the Attack Was Opened.

NO CHANGE TO REPORT. Tokio, June 8.—The army headquarters reports the repulse of a small body of Russians yesterday near Sumatsoz. One soldier and two saddle horses were captured.

RUSSIANS TRIED TO MUTINY. Colombo, Ceylon, June 8.—The French steamer Garonne, with Russian soldiers from Manchuria on board, reports that the Russians attempted to mutiny in the Straits of Malacca, but were suppressed.

MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE. Wortendyke, N. J., June 8.—The extensive mills of the Granite Linen Company were destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$150,000.

BALL PLAYER INSANE. Pete Browning, One of the Greatest Baseball Players in the Country, Sent to an Asylum.

THE MICHIGAN FLOOD. More Than a Hundred Concerns Shut Down and 6,000 Men Out of Employment.

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE. Nominating Board Adjourns Without Taking Any Definite Action—Paul Morton's Name Mentioned With Chairmanship.

OUR ASIATIC PROBLEM. Troublesome Questions May Engage Congress Next Winter.

Statesville, N. C., June 6th, 1905. Editor The Charlotte News. Gentlemen:—Enclosed you will find my check for \$5.00. I should have sent this in before, and especially since I have read your recent editorials in defence of your splendid city and the great moral questions of the day. I hope the day will come when newspaper can't get into a home when it always stands on the wrong side of a moral question. May the good Lord bless the News. Yours truly

FIRE IN SHIP'S HATCH. The Manhattan, of the Leyland Line, Discovered to Have Blaze in Her Cargo.

DATE OF FIGHT CHANGES. Salt Lake City, June 8.—The date of the Fitzsimmons-Shreck fight has been changed from July 4 to July 3.

OPPOSITION TO THE WAREHOUSE PLAN

The Proposed Plan Provides for Warehouses Where Deliveries May be Made in Ten Southern Cities Under Supervision of N. Y. Exchange.

LOCATING STATE TEST FARM. It is decided that a committee from the State Board of Agriculture will visit the eastern section of the State again early next week with a view of re-locating the new State test farm.

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STATE MAY SELL PART OF COTTON AT EIGHT CENTS

Prison Directors Have Gone on a Visit to the State Farm to Inspect the Properties. New Director for the Hospital for the Insane.

FENITENTIARY DIRECTORS DECIDE TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF BRICK. New Roof for Supreme Court Building, Agricultural Board to Reopen Matter of Test Farm.

PENITENTIARY AFFAIRS. The directors of the penitentiary, during their meeting yesterday, decided to increase the price of brick manufactured by the convict labor 50 cents a thousand.

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MR. ETHEREDGE SUMMONED. To Appear Before Grand Jury For the Second Time.

FOURTEEN DIE IN EXPLOSION ON A SUBMARINE BOAT

English Submarine Boat "A" 8 While Proceeding to Sea For Practice this Morning Meets Terrible Disaster Off the Breakwater at Plymouth.

CHARLIE LYLES FATALLY INJURED, AND JAKE LEACH PAINFULLY INJURED BY EXPLOSION AT THE BRANNON CARBONATING CO. LYLES, IT IS SAID, WILL NOT RECOVER.

TWO INJURED BY BURSTING OF TANK

TEST STAMP TAX LAW. Constitutionality of the New Law Taxing Stock Dealings is to be Tested.

STREET CARS FOR HICKORY. Franchise Has Been Granted For the Construction and Operation of Line.

KING OSCAR REFUSES. Will Not Receive the Deputation Appointed to Present Storting's Address to Him.

GIRL GRADUATES HEAR DR. VANCE. Annual Commencement Exercises at State Normal Began Last Night With Alumnae Banquet and Meeting. Basculaureate Address Today. Strong Feature

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