

RUSSIAN PEOPLE AGAINST PEACE

Pacific Result No Longer Regarded as Possible

A NEW POLITICAL FORCE

Most Attention is Now Being Paid to Internal Affairs—A Political Revolution Coming—The Autocracy Is Doomed—The Czar Has Become a War Enthusiast

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—Although Russians are a bit puzzled by the allusions in telegrams from the United States to the possibility of peace, despite the unequivocal rejection of the Japanese terms, the whole question is rapidly disappearing from public discussion as an episode which has already been considered and closed, and peace is regarded as outside the practical features of the situation for a considerable time to come.

Attention is turned more immediately to the interesting situation of internal affairs. It may now be said that public opinion has come into being as a definite political force in Russia, its birth dates back only a few months and while its outward manifestations are few it is already regenerating the Russian people. The world must not expect rapid manifestations of its power, but a force has been created which will hereafter dominate the destinies of this empire.

Already it has so impressed itself upon the constituted authorities that from the throne downward they must yield to it however unwillingly and with whatever subtleties.

The leaders of this new political force are patient. They will attempt no miracles and will use force only as a last resort. They insist now on the creation of a national assembly and it will be granted in name at least. They are fully aware that the powers would be practically nil, but they will gain the essential rights of freedom, an assembly and the freedom of debate. They will make it scarcely more or less than a Tsarist Club and an organ of a national propaganda. When this is made a final success then real demands for a constitution and a parliament with full authority are certain as the sunrise. It is for these reasons that the leaders of the autocracy, like Pobedonostoff, vehemently opposed any concessions whatever. They are quite right from their own point of view.

The autocracy is doomed from the moment a representative assembly with any real political functions, or even when none at all is permitted to meet. That a drama of some sort will be created is settled by the czar's brief, ambiguous manifesto, which was issued today. The scheme in its present shape is to be still further whittled down by a star chamber council over which it is said Pobedonostoff is to preside. He would make it a mere church congress, but this would not be accepted. A genuine representative assembly must and will be granted. The czar knows that it is true, as Count Ignatieff told him last week that this must be considered or the Romanoff dynasty must pay the penalty. The new czar sentiment which regards the war as necessary evil which the national honor requires to be continued, will not be allowed to divert the popular will from its purposes in regard to internal affairs.

The czar himself, according to the best information, has become a war enthusiast. This is ascribed largely to the influence of the kaiser. There is reason to believe that the Emperor William entirely changed the czar's attitude between the date of President Roosevelt's invitation to a peace conference and his meeting with Nicholas. The czar's attitude toward the kaiser was due to strong foreign influence which has been brought upon the czar to induce him to make peace and seek compensations in the near east. This was the plan, as called The Morning Post on the highest authority which meant even British approval.

There are those, even among high Russian authority, with whom the Laftan Press correspondent has conversed within the past two days who take the gloomiest views of the immediate future in internal Russia. They say truly enough that in Poland, England, and certain Baltic provinces the insurrectionary spirit is directed not alone against the Russian government but also against the Russian people. That it is hereafter and that an explosion is inevitable.

special services were held in churches. The emperor still shows remarkable buoyant spirits since he decided to prosecute the war, but the situation today, even compared with that of a year ago, must cause him bitter reflections, as it does his subjects.

It was learned for the first time this afternoon that the publication here of the Japanese terms was not authorized and unofficial. The foreign office expresses regret for their publication but does not dispute their correctness. Diplomatic circles accept them as authentic, although perhaps they are incomplete. It is said in certain quarters that the demands included the custody of Vladivostok, pending the payment of an indemnity.

London, Aug. 12.—The latest public news here in regard to the peace conference says that according to Mr. Sato, the spokesman for the Japanese commission, there are indications that Russia's reply to the Japanese terms will be of such a nature that negotiations can continue. Nevertheless in no circles here can there be found any expectation of peace resulting from the conference. There is one item in Japan's demands as reported, which in diplomatic circles here is considered even more fatal to the prospects of Russia accepting Japan's terms than the inclusion of an indemnity or the cession of Saghalien. This is the provision limiting Russia's naval power in the far east.

Russian Opinion  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—The Bourse Gazette thinks that Japan undoubtedly will refuse to renounce its claim to an indemnity and territorial concessions. The question of peace must be settled on the battlefield, not at Portsmouth. The Russi says that the cession of Saghalien Island, the limitation of the Russian naval force on the Pacific (Continued on Page Two.)

THE NEWS OF DURHAM

The Slayer of Deputy Sheriff Nichols Back in Jail

Wants Supreme Court to Give Him a New Trial—City Pastors Taking Vacation—Back From Yellow Fever Country

Durham, N. C., August 12.—Special. Knapp Horner, the slayer of Deputy Sheriff Nichols, of Orange county, is back in the Durham county jail. He was brought down here this morning after his conviction and sentence to twelve years in the penitentiary. He has appealed to the Supreme court.

This crime was committed a year or more ago, and Officer Nichols was killed while trying to arrest Horner on a warrant that charged him with assault and battery. In his charge to the jury Judge Ward intimated that under no aspect of the evidence should the verdict be less than manslaughter, and instructed them as to murder in the first and second degrees and manslaughter yesterday. The jury brought in a verdict for murder in the second degree early last evening and sentence was passed this morning.

In passing sentence Judge Ward said that in view of the fact that the defendant is now sixty years of age that he thought twelve years would about consume most of the time he had left on this earth, and consequently gave him a sentence of twelve years at hard labor.

Judge Ward and the prisoner both came to Durham on the same train this morning. Judge Ward left this afternoon for Roxboro, where he will hold court next week, and the prisoner will remain in Durham county jail until his case is finally disposed of by the courts.

The defense set up by Horner in this case was that he shot the officer in self defense. He claimed that he was hunting squirrels when Officer Nichols came to arrest him. He wanted to go to the house and change clothing. The officer wanted him to go on with him at once. He said that when he had walked away the officer fired at him and that he then shot in self defense. He proved by two or three witnesses that the first report was that of a pistol, followed by the report of the gun. The State proved, however, a number of witnesses that the reverse was true—that the gun was the first fired. This put it on the defendant and the jury convicted him. In this case there were a number of lawyers.

PEACE OR WAR; IT IS UNCERTAIN

Russian Envoys Have Presented Their Answer

THERE MAY BE NO HOPE

But Negotiations Will Continue—The Conditions Now Being Taken Up Clause by Clause—This Work Just Begun—Have the Japs Prepared an Ultimatum?—Details

Portsmouth, N. H., August 12th.—It is understood the twelve peace conditions proposed by Japan are:

- Recognition of Japan's preponderance of influence in Corea.
Cession of Russian-Chinese Railway from Port Arthur to Harbin.
Transfer of authority over Port Arthur and the Liao Tung.
Cession of Saghalien; granting of fishing privileges at the mouth of the Amer.
Recognition of the independence of China.

The evacuation of Manchuria.
The granting of commercial privileges at Vladivostok. Transfer of internal ships.

Limitation of Russia's naval strength in the far east.
Return to China of Russian mining privileges in Manchuria.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 12.—Karashov, the Russian secretary, has issued the following statement on behalf of both sides.

"The Japanese plenipotentiaries have examined the Russian answer and conditions. The conference was opened at 3 p. m. to consider the conditions clause by clause. The session was finished at 7 p. m.

Tomorrow being Sunday there will be no morning session. The conference will meet at 3 p. m. The conference has so far got only as far as the first clause and discussion of that clause will be continued tomorrow.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 12.—Bulletin.—The peace situation is all uncertainty tonight. The envoys were in conference at a late hour and no information is obtainable as to the outcome.

The Russians this morning presented their answer to the Japanese terms, admitting a willingness to accept some of them and rejecting others.

M. Witte requested that the Japanese response be delivered as soon as possible. Komura, one of the Japanese envoys, said it would be ready at 3 o'clock this afternoon and when the envoys met at that hour it was submitted.

It is generally believed that the Japanese refused to accede to the Russian proposals and delivered an ultimatum. The fact that the envoys held a long session is interpreted by some that the state of discussion has been reached, while others believe the envoys are engaged in drawing up a statement to President Roosevelt, explaining that there is no hope of an agreement.

London, Aug. 12.—A news agency dispatch from St. Petersburg states that Russia's reply to Japan's peace proposals has been cabled to Portsmouth, N. H., today, and that it leaves the ground open for further negotiations.

The Day's Detailed Story  
Portsmouth, N. H., August 12.—This has been a dull day about the Wentworth hotel. It has rained to begin with, the envoys and their suites have been at the navy yard all day and the uncertainty is getting on the nerves of attaches, correspondents and news gossips. The hotel people have caught the infection. Girls, matrons, and nice old gentlemen are debating the chances of peace.

tations. But they'll never carry out their threat. Mark my words, there will be peace."

There was scarcely a glimpse of the official parties today. The envoys got away at 9 o'clock for the navy yard. The regular crowd watched Takahira and party take carriages.

Their automobile carried the Russians away a few moments later. Just after noon the Japanese automobile returned and out jumped Sato. He was surrounded like the man with the ball in a foot ball game.

Standing on a chair he announced that he was the bearer of a message from both sides. It looked like a break—the Wentworth held its breath. With the deliberation of a judge at a prize fight he unfolded a paper and read a statement to the effect that the Russian terms had been received by their excellencies, the Japanese, and that the Japanese would return their answer at 3 o'clock today or tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

Further Details of Day's Proceedings  
Today opened hot and sultry and if there was any place in the United States warmer and more uncomfortable than Portsmouth life it must have been well nigh unbearable. Late in the afternoon when the conferees were discussing the destinies of Japan and Russia a black cloud appeared that fitted (Continued on Page Two.)

DESPERATE ENCOUNTER

Of a Guilford County Farmer With a Mad Bull

Threw the Man Across a Stream and Tried to Gore Him to Death. Help Comes and the Brute Is Killed—Educational Note

Greensboro, N. C., August 12.—Special.—An exciting bull fight took place on Cleoro Moore's farm, just south of Greensboro, this morning at ten, when his vicious bull was subdued and killed after a desperate struggle with Mr. Moore and his son, Elmore, and George P. Crutchfield, a neighbor.

The men were endeavoring to drive the bull back into the pasture, from which he had escaped, and when he reached a branch on the Moore farm he balked and showed fight.

During the skirmish he caught Mr. Moore upon his horns and threw him across the stream and pounced upon him, trying to gore him, but his horns straddled Moore's neck.

At this juncture Crutchfield ran to Moore's assistance and stabbed the bull in the throat with a pocket knife. The men then seized the bull's horns and held on to them until he bled to death. Neither of the men was injured beyond a few scratches and bruises.

Capt. B. B. Bouldin, of this place, has been elected superintendent of the graded schools at Charlotte Court House, Va., and will leave in September for that place. His family will remain here.

BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED

The "Kansas" Formally Christened, Governor's Daughter Sponsor

Philadelphia, Aug. 12.—The United States battleship Kansas was launched at 12:40 o'clock today in the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company in South Camden. Miss Anna Hoch, the daughter of Edward W. Hoch of Topeka, governor of Kansas, acted as sponsor. The Kansas was christened with spring water instead of the customary champagne. Governor Hoch of Kansas brought the water himself from John Brown Springs in Kansas. The governor's party, including his wife and daughter, numbered about thirty.

LOOKING AFTER THAT BOYCOTT

Thorough Investigation of Situation Begins

ORDERS TO DIPLOMATS

Commercial Value of Railroad Property of the United States—Highest Per Cent of Tax in South is That in North Carolina—Hay Will Not Be Caucus Chairman—N. C. News

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Aug. 12.—Special.—The seriousness of the Chinese boycott of American goods was emphasized today when orders were sent from the state department to all American diplomatic and consular officers in China to make a thorough investigation of the situation and report to the department as soon as possible.

This is the first step taken by the United States government, and the directions were given by instructions of the president, who apparently appreciates that the conditions now prevailing in China are likely to lead to consequences serious to life and property, as well as to trade.

It was said at the department that a large number of protests had been received there and at Oyster Bay from Americans with interests in the Mongolian empire. These communications come for the most part from persons who are intimately acquainted with the Chinese character and the conditions prevailing in the country, and the strain running through the large majority is that if the boycott is allowed to run its course unchecked, the anti-foreign troubles incident to the Boxer rebellion will be repeated.

It is significant that the department officials do not attempt to contradict statements of this kind and this is believed to be for the reason that they do not wish to minimize the seriousness of the situation.

It is known that the state department is exceedingly anxious to find just who is responsible for the boycott, and to that end the consular and diplomatic officers of the government have been instructed to investigate. Despite emphatic denials there is a deep-rooted suspicion that former Minister Wu, in contemplating drastic action in calling for these special reports through the state department, nothing can be done by this government until congress meets, when there may be a modification of the present exclusion law which is in force, pending the negotiations of a new treaty with China.

Among those who have called upon Acting Secretary Loomis was former Senator John T. McLaurin of South Carolina. He visited the state department today in his capacity as representative of various southern interests that find a market for their goods in China.

The effect of the boycott has not yet been felt by these southern men who have a Chinese trade because contracts are made six months ahead. It is feared, however, if the boycott continues that the contracts will not be renewed when they expire.

According to a bulletin just published by the census bureau the commercial value of the railroad property in the United States is \$11,244,852,000. The North Carolina valuation of railroads is given at \$113,146,000.

The publication is intended to show the estimate placed upon the railroads for business purposes, and it purports to give their market value rather than the tax valuation. The percentage of tax valuation compared with the commercial value is given as 61.4 in North Carolina. This is the highest per cent. recorded in any southern state.

757,000; Pennsylvania \$1,420,608,000. The valuation does not include the value of Pullman cars or private cars. The value of this equipment, independent of the commercial use to which it is put, is estimated as follows: Pullman cars \$51,000,000; private cars \$72,600,000.

Representative James Hay of the seventh Virginia district, said today that if offered the chairmanship of the Democratic caucus in the next house he would not accept. Mr. Hay has been chairman of the caucus for the past three sessions.

"This position," said Mr. Hay, "is an honorary one, and I do not think it should be held by any one man too long. It ought to be passed around to those men fitted for it. I should not accept it again even if it were offered to me."

There is good reason to believe that Representative Robert Lee Henry of Texas will be Mr. Hay's successor. A number of old members have declared in favor of his election to the chairmanship. Mr. Henry is one of the ablest Democrats in congress, and personally he is very popular. He is a member of the judiciary committee and holds high rank as a lawyer.

The weather bureau has completed arrangements for the display of storm warning flags at six wireless telegraph stations on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Among the stations selected the Diamond Shoal light vessel at Hatteras, N. C.

Fourth-class postmasters appointed as follows: A. Boyd Crank, Yancy county, Wm. H. Wilson in place of Mira W. Burton, removed; at Conecreek, Pender county, Theresa L. Long; at Gum Neck, Tyrrell county, Don C. Sawyer.

Rural route No. 1 is authorized to begin operation from Howellsville, Robeson county, October 1.

THE KING OF THE TURF

Keene's "Sissonby" Proves His Right to Title

Won Nearly \$40,000 Yesterday for His Owner by Capturing the Great Republic Stakes—Has Won Over \$100,000 This Year

Saratoga, Aug. 12.—In the presence of the largest crowd that ever graced the Saratoga track, James R. Keene's Sissonby further demonstrated his right to the title of King of the Turf today when he won the Great Republic stakes, one mile and a quarter in a gallop. Sissonby's share of the rich event was \$39,465, which places his winnings for the year beyond the \$100,000 mark. The famous Melton three-year-old with 119 pounds up, was the favorite at 9 to 20, and he brought home the money amid a royal ovation.

Nichols, his jockey, also came in for rounds of enthusiastic applause. It was a small field that went to the post. The fact that J. B. Brady's crack colt, Oiseau, had done some remarkable work for the race, made him second in favor, with big money wagered on him for the place at 3 to 5. He picked up 116 pounds and Refrhen had the mount.

S. S. Brown's four-year-old Broomstick, with his 126 pounds, was third in favor, while F. R. Hitchcock's Dandelion and H. P. Whitney's Prince, both of whom were leading long prices, were fourth and fifth.

The start was struggling. Oiseau quickly showed in front, with Sissonby close behind, followed by Dandelion, Broomstick and Prince Hamburg in the order named. Oiseau led for about three furlongs, then Nicol led Sissonby down. With a mighty rush and a turn of electrical speed the Melton colt ran around Oiseau as if the latter were standing still, and taking the lead, won in the easiest possible way. Oiseau took second place, with Broomstick third. Time, 2:07.

ANTICIPATING THE BOYCOTT

Frisco Merchants and Others Petition the President to Act

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Members of the Merchants Exchange and of other commercial bodies of this city have started a movement to overcome the boycott that has been placed on American goods by Chinese merchants in many of the cities of China.

MONEY TO FIGHT YELLOW FEVER

Louisiana Votes \$100,000 for That Purpose

DOCTORS MUST REPORT

Apparent Increase of Cases Lately Due Largely to This New Requirement—Strengthening the Quarantine—Situation in Mississippi and Other States

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—Yellow fever record today: New cases 105; deaths 9.

Dr. I. H. White again gave notice today that doctors must report all cases of yellow fever, no matter how mild the type, as there are no restrictions placed on the families of persons sick with yellow fever. There was, he said, no excuse for not reporting them. Formerly when a case occurred in a house the family was kept isolated there, and a great panic resulted. Now there is perfect latitude allowed.

This warning is responsible for the increase in the number of cases reported, rather than any real spread of the disease. It is probable that from this time forward every case will be reported. The doctors who fail to make reports will be punished. The states of Mississippi and Texas have followed the example of Louisiana in borrowing money for quarantine purposes. A majority of the members of the Louisiana legislature having agreed to vote for an appropriation of \$100,000 for crushing out the yellow fever, when the next regular session meets.

The banks which act as fiscal agents of the state have made the first advance allowance of \$20,000 under this promised appropriation. It was sent to New Orleans today.

Governor Vandaman of Mississippi has sent a circular letter addressed to members of the Mississippi legislature asking if they are willing to vote a \$50,000 appropriation at the next session to defray the expenses of the present quarantine against Louisiana. If they will make the pledge, he says he will have no difficulty in borrowing the money. So far every answer received endorsed the proposition.

In Texas, Gov. Lanham, without going through the formalities of asking the legislature, has borrowed \$10,000 for Dr. Taber, the Texas health officer, and turned it over to him. This Louisiana state board of engineers has resulted from the usual rigid quarantine now prevailing. This is that all work of building and repairing the levees has been stopped. This work is usually carried on during the summer and fall. Half a dozen more Louisiana towns and parishes surrendered today to the Louisiana board of health on the quarantine issue.

In Mississippi there has been some loosening up, but there are occasional fanatical outbreaks and quarantine wars.

The state board of health of Tennessee has asked the United States Marine Hospital service to assist it in its quarantine service. If the request is granted it will make three states, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee under the United States marine quarantine.

The Standard Oil Company has tendered free oil and the use of its tank wagons for oiling cisterns, ponds and gutters likely to breed mosquitoes.

There will be a great demand for disinfectants tomorrow (Sunday) when on the advice of the citizens' committee every household will disinfect his premises with sulphur to kill off the mosquitoes.

Dr. John Guiteras, head of the Cuban quarantine service, who is investigating the yellow fever situation, declared that Cuba will not remove its quarantine against the gulf coasts of the United States until fall.

No Armistice Desired

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 12.—So far as Mississippi is concerned the yellow fever situation is good. The state board of health reports not a case in the state and is hopeful of keeping it out. Two cases at Tallah had stirred things up here considerably, but there is no real excitement and Jackson is confident of escape from the plague.

Young Dr. Deshazo Dead

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 12.—Special.—Dr. W. Dalton Deshazo died last night at the home of Mr. J. P. Michael, near Madison, aged 24. Deceased recently graduated with high honors at the University College of Medicine at Richmond, Va. He passed examination and secured license at Stokesdale, Guilford county, for the practice of medicine. About three weeks ago fever, which taken ill with typhoid fever, which caused his death. The remains were taken to Spencer, Va., today and laid to rest in the family graveyard.