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PEACE PROSPECTS NOT SO BRIGHT

M. Witte Will Act in Strict Accordance With Instructions From the Home Government

DOESN'T FAVOR GREAT CONCESSION

The Senior Russian Peace Plenipotentiary Declares That Russia is Not Willing to Make Peace at Any Price...

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—M. Witte, the senior Russian peace plenipotentiary, received the correspondent of the Associated Press at his villa on Yelagin Island...

"No, no," said he, straightening up in his chair and speaking slowly and distinctly, as if weighing the value of each word...

"Secondly, the world should disabuse its mind of the idea that Russia wants peace at any price. There are two parties in Russia...

"Thirdly, Russia is not crushed, as the foreign press has led the world to believe. The interior situation is very serious...

Body To Be Exhumed. New York, Special.—The body of Mrs. Mary Gorman Carlton, the second wife of Frederick E. Carlton, of Brooklyn...

Charges Against a Woman. Washington, Special.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, has begun an investigation of a report that a certain female employe of his Department has sold questions to be asked in civil service examinations...

His Instructions Are Full.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—M. Witte spent an hour with Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador, at the Kleonmichel Palace, discussing the forthcoming peace conference...

"Reports pretending to reveal the character of the instructions to the Russian plenipotentiaries are mere guess work," said M. Hartwig.

M. Hartwig also pronounces the stories that M. Muravloff's displacement was the result of intrigues by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff to be pure inventions.

Grand Army Commander Dead.

Boise, Idaho, Special.—Gen. W. W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., died Sunday of intestinal nephritis.

His wife was with him during his illness. The body will be embalmed and taken to the home of the family in Boston...

Splendid Horseback Feat.

Meeteetse, Wyoming, Special.—Three men were killed and four were injured here by an explosion in the Kirwin gold mine...

"We are passing through an internal crisis, which has been marked by many grave events, and which may have others still in store, but the crisis will pass, and in a few years Russia will again take her place as a preponderant power in the European concert."

Prisoners Reach Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Sheriff William Chandler, of Etowah county, accompanied by deputies, arrived in Birmingham Monday night with Vance Garner, Bunk Richardson and Will Johnson...

Jap Victory on Sakhalin.

Tokio, By Cable.—It is officially announced that the Russian center, holding Darlino and vicinity, was attacked July 11 and offered stubborn resistance...

DRUNKEN CLERK SHOT THREE

Awful Deed of a Man Made Desperate By Drink.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—Crazed with drink and the thought that he was to be discharged, William F. Williams, a salesman in the clothing store of John White, late Tuesday afternoon walked up to the office where Mr. White was sitting reading and shot him dead.

All during the day Williams seemed nervous, and later in the afternoon he began to imbibe to such an extent that it was noticed about the store and some remark was made by the proprietor...

Girl Held Without Bail.

New York, Special.—Berthe Clalche, on trial by a coroner's jury for killing Emil Gerdorn, on July 9, was held responsible for his death and was committed to the Tombs prison without bail.

After enticing Berthe Clalche to America from France under a false promise of marriage, Gerdorn forced the girl to go on the streets and earn a living for him at the sacrifice of her own good name...

Negroes Moved to Aniston.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Following the attempt made Sunday night by a mob at Gadsden to take from the county jail five negroes charged with criminal assault and murdering Mrs. S. K. Smith...

Stunned by Lightning. Winston-Salem, Special.—During a baseball game at Fairview Park, between two colored teams Tuesday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, lightning struck near the grand-stand...

Telegraphic Briefs. Charles D. Graham, of New York, and William J. Glover, of Baltimore, successfully swam the lower rapids of Niagara river Tuesday afternoon...

Imprisoned for complicity in the old Panama Canal scandal, was found dead Tuesday in his apartments. It is presumed that he committed suicide.

A negro attempted an assault upon the daughter of a prominent citizen of Little Rock, Ark., Tuesday and has been captured by a posse of townsmen.

Secretary Wilson has instituted an investigation into the report that a certain female employe of the Agricultural Department is guilty of having sold the questions to be asked in the civil service examinations.

Alabama troops in annual encampment at Montgomery are charged with looting the store of a negro Tuesday, while he was held at bay by rifles.

The accident bulletin issued for the quarter beginning with January last and ending with March, shows that during that time there were 26 passengers and 204 employes of the railroad killed and 1,651 passengers and 2,062 employes injured...

An investigation which has been going on under the supervision of a special committee from the South Carolina Legislature has revealed startling facts in connection with the finances of Greenville county.

The cruiser Maryland broke the record for speed in filling her coal bunkers.

WILL NOT BE EASY

Statement From High Official That the Japanese Will Show No Leniency

HAVE ABUNDANT RESOURCES LEFT

The Minister to London Says the Public Evidently Mistake the Japanese For Angels in Thinking the Peace Terms Will Be Moderate—The Baron Said That Russia Had Named Good Men as Plenipotentiaries, But All Depends Upon the Powers Conferred Upon Them.

London, By Cable.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, said to the Associated Press that Russia had appointed good men as peace plenipotentiaries. Nevertheless even M. Witte and Baron Rosen had not inspired Japan with confidence in a favorable outcome of the negotiations.

"I cannot see where people get such an idea," replied the minister, "the public evidently mistake the Japanese for angels."

Minister Hayashi, intimated that Japan was ready to continue the war unless she secures suitable terms. He called attention to the fact that practically the entire sum realized by the last two loans was unexpended and said the capture of the island of Sakhalin was not precipitated by the approach of the conference...

Swam the Niagara. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Special.—Carlisle D. Graham, of this city, and William J. Glover, J., of Baltimore, Md., successfully swam the lower rapids of the Niagara river from the American side of the whirlpool to Lewiston Monday afternoon.

Both men wore life belts and inflated rubber rings around their necks. From the start Glover took the lead. He entered the rapids about a minute ahead of Graham.

Woman Rural Carrier Injured. Burlington, Special.—Mrs. Alice Fowler, rural mail carrier on a route from Burlington, was driving near the railroad in her mail delivery wagon when her horse became frightened...

Goes to Secure Evidence. Washington, Special.—Morgan H. Beach, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, who is in charge of the investigation into the cotton crop scandal, has gone to New York in search of evidence.

TEXTILE NEWS OF INTEREST

Cotton MHI Notes.

A Record man asked a prominent cotton manufacturer if there were many new cotton mills under way in North Carolina at present. He said there were not and probably would be put few for some years to come.

The American Cotton Company, of Greensboro, has been chartered to deal in municipal bonds and all other kinds of securities, in seed cotton and to gin and otherwise prepare the latter; to build ginning and cleaning machinery; to build cotton mills, export cotton, etc.

Mr. Mike Brown, of Barnwell, S. C., is said to be the cross-tie king. He furnishes ties to many railways and handles them in very large quantities.

A big plant to make cast iron pipe is being erected at Sheffield, Ala. The cost will be \$500,000.

TEXILE NOTES. The ginners of Texas will meet at College Station July 25.

The Abbeville, (S. C.) Cotton Mills has declared a dividend of 3 per cent.

The Eagle & Phenix Mills, Columbus, Ga., has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association will hold its next annual meeting in May, 1906, at Asheville, N. C.

The plant formerly operated at Greensboro, N. C., by the Van Deynester Carpet Co. has recently passed to the ownership of the Marshall Mills. This company was reformed to last week. It is manufacturing stair and art squares, and is composed of the following: Watson Whittlessey, president, East Orange, N. J.; Foster M. Voorhees, secretary, Elizabeth, N. J.; and Franklin P. Marshall, treasurer, Greensboro, N. C.

Reference was made recently to the purchase of the Eastman Cotton Mills, Eastman, Ga., by W. H. Cotter and associates, and to their intention of providing improvements to the plant.

R. H. Wright of the Russell Woolen Mill Co., Morristown, Tenn., will take charge of the Cumberland Gap Woolen Mills at Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

The Highland Park Manufacturing Co., Charlotte, N. C., is completing the installation of electric power, superseding steam in its plant.

M. Sergius Witte has been appointed chief peace plenipotentiary for Russia.

It is stated a German Swedish alliance is probable.

In the House of Commons Premier Balfour stated no further negotiations had been had regarding President Roosevelt's call for a second peace conference at The Hague.

Twenty-four leaders of the Odessa riots were hanged.

A violent scene occurred in the French Chamber of Deputies during a debate on the Amnesty bill, which was killed.

TOBACCO STATISTICS

The Government Will Withhold Them Pending Investigation

TRUST AGENTS IN DEPARTMENTS

Numerous Charges From Southern Sources Lead Secretary Wilson to Begin an Investigation in Deference to the Sentiment That the Department's Figures Were Wholly Incorrect—Special Agents Sent to Kentucky and Tennessee—Statistics Partly Held Up Pending the Inquiry.

Washington, Special.—Through the receipt of numerous communications from the South and statements in the press at various times that the statistics of the Department of Agriculture on tobacco were being manipulated in the interest of the so-called tobacco trust, Secretary Wilson has begun an inquiry into the subject.

It was stated at the Department that special agents have been sent to the dark tobacco districts of Tennessee and Kentucky for the purpose of verifying or correcting the Department's figures.

New Directors. New York, Special.—Twelve new directors were chosen, and the resignations of two old directors and one recently elected were accepted by the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.