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Awful Deed of a Man Made Desperate By Drink,

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

DOESN'T FAVOR GREAT CONCESSION

The Senior Russian Peace Plenipoten-Willing to Make Peace at Any Price, and That the Ultimate Decision Remains with the Emperor-The Mission of the Plenipotentiaries is To Ascertain Whether It Is Possible To Conclude a Treaty of Peace-Russia Is Not Crushed, and the Russian People Would Be Willing To Continue the War Indefinitely If Necessary.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.-M. Witte. the senior Russian peace plenipotentiary, received the correspondent of the Associated Press at his villa on Yelagin Island. M. Witte spoke in French. After greetings, which were cordial, the conversation gravitated quickly to the high mission with which the Russian statesman is charged, and the disposition of the foreign press to interpret his appointment as an indication that tions are very vague, while on the con-Russia has decided to make peace at any price.

"No, no," said he, straightening up distinctly, as if weighing the value of each word. "In the first place, I have been designated by the Emperor as his ambassador extraordinary for pour parlers with the Japanese plenipotentia-ries to ascertain whether it is possible to conclude a treaty of peace. My personal views are of secondary importance, but my ideas are in entire accord with those of my friend, Count Lamsdorff. In serving my Emperor I have received precise instructions from

his majesty and shall follow them.
"The ultimate decision remains in the hands of the Emperor, and it is for him to decide the destinies of Rus-The Emperor is a friend of peace desires peace, but I very much fear that the Japanese terms will be such that we will be unable to reach an

its mind of the idea that Russia wants now which she would not have dream-peace at any price. There are two ed of before the Russo-Japanese war. parties in Russia. One favors the con-tinuation of the war-a outrance—this dent that Europe wants peace in order other, to whom I belong, favors peace. German aggression." I avow it frankly, because telling the truth has always been my rule in poli-I was for peace before hostilities broke out. When the war began, the situation changed. Even though there are these two parties as to the advisability of ending the war in the pres- phritis. ent circumstances, both would be united if these Jananese demands wounded the amour propre of the Russian peo-I am sure that if I report that the conditions of Japan cannot be accepted, Russia will accept the verdict and the Russian people will be ready to continue the war for years if neces

"Thirdly, Russia is not crushed, as the foreign press has led the world to The interior situation is very serious, I do not deny, but in Europe and America the true significance of what is happening is not understood. Correspondents come here and talk with a few hundred people in St. Petersburg and Moscow, misinterpret what is happening and fill the world with false impressions as to Russia's future. Russia is not on the verge of dissolution as a great power and is not obliged to accept any conditions offered in spite of the military reverses she

We are passing through an internal crisis, which has been marked by many southeast, but Dr. Richards, at that grave events, and which may have place, covered the mountainous disothers still in store, but the crisis will pass, and in a few years Russia will power in the European concert."

Body To Be Exhumed. New York, Special-The body of Mrs. Mary Gorman Carlton, the second wife ederick E. Carlton, of Brooklyn to die of lockiaw, is to be exhumed subjected to minute examination for traces of poison. An order to this effect was signed by Supreme Court Justice Sewell, in Brooklyn, upon request of District Attorney Clark, of King's county. Carlton is now in Reymond street jail, held on a technical charge of grand larceny.

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 prior to the holding of such examina-tions. A complaint has been made that this woman for several years has been aiding applicants for positions in this manner, and that in a number of cases the applicants have paid liberally for the service. The examinations alleged to have been thus manipulated were for positions requiring technical knowledge and the questions were prepared in the Department. this woman for several years has b

His Instructions Are Full.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.-M. Witte spent an hour with Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador, at the Kleontiary Declares That Russia is Not michel Palace, discussing the forthcoming peace conference. Before leaving for Paris next Wednesday, M. Witte will have still another audience with the Emperor. In the meantime he must pay a round of official visits to all the imperial ministers. M. Witte is expected to be the bearer of a pesonal message from the Emperor to President Roosevelt

The press is authorized by Mr. Hartwig, director of the first department of the Foreign Office, to deny in the most categorical fashion, the report of the alleged contents of the instructions to M. Witte, published in Paris by The Echo de Paris and elsewhere

PReports pretending to reveal the character of the instructions to the Russian plenipotentiaries are mere guess work," said M. Hartwig. "These instructions have been seen by only four persons, the Emperor, M. Witte, Foreign Minister Lamsdorf and myself. The Echo de Paris' report says they consist of five pages, whereas the fact is that they cover over twenty pages. The paper says the instructrary they are very detailed. point only, according to the Echo de Paris, are they absolutely specific. namely, as to the leveling of the fortiin his chair and speaking slowly and fications of Viadivostok; but I can say to you that there are many oth-

M. Hartwig also pronounces the stories that M. Muravieff's displacement was the result of intrigues by Foreign Ministe Lamsdorf to be pure inven-

tions. The Novosti says it believes that the desires of the anti-German coalition, which Great Britain is trying to engineer, to restore Russia as a threat against German aggression, should be a powerful diplomatic weapon in the hands of the Russian plenipotentiaries.

"Europe wants to end the war," says the paper, "as Russia's preoccu-pation in the Far East destroys the equilibrium. Austria is in danger from Germany, which seeks a thoroughfare to the Asiatic, in exchange for the compensation in the Balkan Secondly, the world should disabuse peninsula. Germany has pretensions is a large and influential party. The that Russia may safeguard her against

Grand Army Commander Dead.

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

His wife was with him during his and taken to the home of the family in ple or jeapordized our future as a na- Boston, General Blackmar arrived here on July 10 on an inspection tour of Grand Army posts throughout the Northwest. He was ill when he arrived, and gradually failed. The se riousness of his condition was kept from the public at the request of his

General Blackmar was born July 25. 1841, at Bristol, Pa. He enlisted in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Calvary and subsequently joined the First West Virginia Cavalry. He served with distinction throughout the war and at Five Forks was promoted on the field by General Custer to the rank of cap-

Splendid Horseback Feat. Meeteese, Wyoming, Special.-Three men were killed and four were injured here by an explosion in the Kirwin gold mine. There was no doctor near er than Thermopolis, 100 miles to the southeast, but Dr. Richards, at that tance in a little less than eleven hours. Four relays were used by him in maktake her place as a preponderant ing the trip, ranchmen along the route supplying the horses.

Prisoners Reach Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.-Sheriff William Chandler, of Etowah county, accompanied by deputies, arrived in Birmingham Monday night with Vanc Garner, Bunk Richardson and Will Johnson, three of the negroes charged with the murder and criminal assault of Mrs. S. K. Smith, near Gadsden, Saturday night. The prisoners were placed in the Jefferson county jail for safekeeping.

Jap Victory on Sakholin.

Tokio, By Cable.-It is officially announced that the Russian center, hold-ing Darline and vicinity, was attack-ed July 11 and offered stubborn re-The attack was renewed at dawn of July 12, when the Japanese dislodged the Russians, driving them dislodged the Russians, driving them in the direction of Mauka. This victory assures the complete occupation of South Sakha'in by the Japanese. Eighty prisoners were taken by the Japanese, among whom was Lieutenant Maximta. Four field pieces, one machine gun and the ammunition warehouses were captured. The Japanese loss was about seventy men killed and wounded. The Russians lost about 160 men. 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. He turned his revolver upon another salesman, Ed. Dansby, and inflicted a mortal wound in the back. then fired upon James White, the manager and son of the proprietor, the bullet passing through his lungs and causing a wound from which it is expected that he will die before morning. Another clerk was fired upon, but the bullet went wide of the mark

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. This infuriated Williams, it seems and without a word he walked to his coat, took therefrom a new revolver and walking up close to Mr. White, fired, the bullet striking him near the right ear and passing out on the left side. White never moved.

Girl Held Without Bail.

New York, Special.-Berthe Claiche, 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. Subsequently she was indicted by the grand jury.

After enticing Berthe Claiche 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 bot own good name. His excessive cruelty caused the girl to have Gerdorn arrested on July 9, and then frightened by his threatening attitude she shot him while the police were in the act of making the arrest.

Negroes Moved to Anniston.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.-Following the attempt made Sunday night by a mob at Gadsden to take from the county jail five negroes charged with criminally assaulting and murdering Mrs. S. K. Smith, the Governor Sunday ordered the alleged criminals taken to Anniston for safe-keeping. They will be taken later to Birmingham, where they will remain until their trial. The five negroes were removed under military escort, Company C, of the Third Alabama Regiment, accompanying

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, which was occupied by some 500 people, stunning two negroes. Will Harris and Arthur Palmer, the former seriously. No other damage resulted. Governor Glenn was in the grand stand, but was not shocked.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Charles D. Graham, of New York, and William J. Glover, of Baltimore, successfully swam the lower rapids of Niagara river Tuesday afternoon, covering the distance of four miles in 26

Emil Arton, sentenced to eight years Imprisonment 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. The sheriff of the county has gone to prevent a lynching.

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 affair has been reported to the civil authorities and also to the government

The accident bulletin issued for the quarter beginning with January last and ending with March, shows that during that time there were 28 passengers and 204 employes of the railroad killed and 1,651 passengers and 2,062 employes injured, making a total of killed, 232 and a total of injured, 3,-731, in all train accidents.

An investigation which has been going on under the supervision of a spec-lal committee from the South Carolina Legislature has revealed startling facts in connection with the finances of Greenville county. Sensational results are expected to follow, and prominent men have been arrested.

The cruiser Maryland broke the record for speed in filling her coal bun-

WILL NOT BE EASY TEXTILE NEWS OF INTEREST TOBACCO STATISTICS

Statement From High Official That the Japanese Will Show No Leniency

HAVE ABUNDANT RESOURCES LEFT

The Minister to London Says the Public Evidenly 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. "We do not know." the minister added, "what powers have been delegated to them and after the events of the past 18 months Japan puts faith only in accomplished facts. The terms will be communicated only at the conference. Then we will discover what powers the Russian plenipotentiaries possess."

The Associated Press representative suggested that the general opinion prevailed that the Japanese terms will be moderate.

"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, but was a natural sequence of the Japanese campaign the plans for which had not been altered since Russia acceded to the conference. An earlier attack on the island was not undertaken principally because of the severe winter and because the summer season was preferrable campaigning and the establishment of a new government in the island.

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. The dismade at 4:02 p. m. from Flatrock, which is on the American side. The swimmers did not venture in the upper rapids, where Captain Webb lost his life.

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. Until the Devil's Hole was reached the swift current and roaring rapids had the swimmers in their grasp. At that point a swirling eddy caught Glover, and he was down nearly two minutes. His life belts saved him. Graham by time had gained on Glover, and when the two men reached the end of the rapids just above bridge at Lewiston there was but little distance between them. Swimming in the swift, smooth current was hard for Graham, but evidently easy for Glover. At 4:28 o'clock Glover was pulled up on the dock at Lewiston. He was dressed and about 15 minutes later telling his story. Graham was taken to a hotel in a wagon and did not leave bed until late in the afternoon. Neither of the men was

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 at a passing train near Elon College and ran away, turning the wagon over and inflicting very painful injuries on Mrs. She was badly bruised about the face and head and had one finger broken.

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. He declined to make any statement before leaving Washington, but it is understood that he intends to interview L. C. Van Riper and other New York brok-ers who made disclosures of the methods employed by former Associate Sta-tistican Edwin S. Holmes, who is alleged to have used advance informa-tion for the financial benefit of himself

Cotton MHI Notes. A Record man asked a prominent cot-

ton 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 trouble with the cotton mill business is two-fold. One trouble is the speculation in cotton, which keeps the price in such an unsettled condition that the manufacturer can hardly tell what his goods cost him and can maintain no standard of values for them, and another reason is that labor is getting so scarce in North Carolina that the mills that are now running are practically all short of help. In England there is an aboundance of skilled cotton mill labor. Why cannot some effort be made to get some of it to this country where there is an ever increasing demand for workers? The South is the natural centre of the cotton mill industry and should be more the actual one.—Greensboro Record.

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 othherwise prepare the latter; to build ginning and cleaning machinery; to build cotton mills, export cotton, etc. the capital stock being \$250,000. The stockholders are Solomon N. Cone, Julius W. Cane, David Dreyfus, Thomas Crabtree and Neil Ellington.

Mr. Mike Brown, of Barnwell, S. C., is said to be the cross-tie king. He furnishes ties to many railways and hamdles them in very large quantities. He is ready to buy ties at all times and in any part of the country, and equally ready to sell ties at all times and in any part of the country.

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

TEXTILE 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 Palmetto Cotton Mills of Columbia, S. C., expects to install a cloth press and a lathe.

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

The American Cotton Manufactur ers' Association will hold its next an-nual meeting in May, 1906, at Asheville, N. C. The Yazoo Yarn Mills, reported last

week as incorporated with capital stock of \$80,000, is for the purpose of buying the Yazoo Cotton Mills at Ya-zoo City, Miss. The company will ef-26 minutes by Glover. The start was July 15. The American Net & Twine Co., H.

Ala states that there is no truth in the recent reports that the company will build an addition to its plant. This company manufactures nets, seines, lines, and twines, having mills at Anniston and at East Cambridge, Mass. The plant formerly operated at

Greensboro, N. C., by the ter Carpet Co. has recently passed to the ownership of the Marshall Mills. This company was referred to last week. It is manufacturing stair and art squares, and is composed of the following: Watson Whittleysey, 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 purchase of the Eastman Cotton Mills, Eastman, Ga., by W. H. Cotter and asseciates, and to their intention of providing improvements to the plant The company has awarded contract for new machinery to the Lowell Machine Shops of Lowell, Mass., and to the Draper Company of Hopedale, Mass. This equipment is beginning to arrive, and will be in position by the end of August.

R. H. Wright of the Russell Woolen Mill Co. Morristown, Tenn., will take charge of the Cumberland Gap Woolen Mills at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., and add six knitting machines. The mill will then operate an equipment of 480 spindles, 24 looms, two sets of 40-inch cards, besides the knitting machinery Yarns, jeans, cassimere, flannel blankets and woolen and cotton hosiery will be manufactured. Mr. Wright will locate in Cumberland Gap by September

The Highland Park Manufacturing 20., Charlotte, N. C., is completing the installation of electric power, superseding steam in its plant. The wiring has been finished, the transformers are in position, and the six motors are ready for installing. There will be two 75-horse-power motors in the carding nd spinning room, also a 30 and a 40 horse-power motor, and in the weaving room there will be a 150-horse-power motor and a 75-horse-power motor.

Plans are progressing for the establishment of the knitting mill referred to last week as proposed at Rockwood, Tenn. The company will have a capttal stock of \$40,000, which is said to have been subscribed, and an application for incorporation will be filed.

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. Pending the investigation, the publication of the tobacco statistics of the several districts will be held up, although the regular monthly figures by States will be given out Monday next

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 verlfying or correcting the Department's figures. This action Mr. Hyde, the chief statistian, said, was in deference to the sentiment which had been engendered that the Department's figures were wholly incorrect. Mr. Hyde has been given direct charge of the investigation, which, it is expected, will be concluded within two or three weeks.

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. The directors who resigned were: General Louis Fitzgerald, former president of the Mercantile Trust Company; Horace C. Deming, who is now president of that institution, and Frederick G. Bourne, who was chosen at the last meeting of the board. The Mercantile Trust Company is controlled by the Equitable Society. The full list of the newly-elected directors follows: To fill vacancies in the term expir-

ing December 31, 1905, Wallace L. Pierce, of Boston; Daniel A. Tompkins, of Charlotte; Thomas S. Spratt, of Og-densburg, N. Y.; Louis Stern, of New York; Frank S. Witherbee, of New York; James McMahon, of New York. For term to expire December 31, 1906; Williard F. McCook, of Philadelphia; Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, of Rockland, Me. For term to expire December 31, 1907: Nevada N. Stranahan, collector of the port of New York; D. Cady Herrick of Albany. For the term to expire December 31, 1908; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Charles H. Zehnder, of Philadelphia.

No Grudge Against Wilson.

New York, Special.-President Walter C. Hubbard, of the New York Cotton Exchange sent the following communication to the Associated Press: "Permit me to ask you very kindly to correct a misapprehension of the

press in regard to my letter to President Roosevelt concerning the disclosures in the Departemnt of Agriculture. "I have never written to Secretary Wilson and my letter was not the se-

quel of any correspondence with him conducted by my brother, Samuel T. Hubbard, when president of the New York Cotton Exchange, "My note was prompted simply by

the recent revelations and had for its purpose solely to make a clear state-ment of the attitude of our exchange."

Will Aid Investigation.

Washington, Special. - Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Southern Cotton Association, was in lengthy conference with District Attorney Beach and Mr. Moran, acting chief of the secret service division, regarding the recent cotton investigation. Mr. Cheatham proposes to remain here for some time, and will assist in the preparation of evidence upon which ssible criminal prosecutions will be based.

Telegraphic Briefs.

M. Sergius Witte has been appointed chief peace plenipotentiary for Rus-

It is stated a German Swedish alli-

ance 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 con-

Twenty-four leaders of the Odessa riots were hanged.

ference at The Hague.

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