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PEACE OUTLOOK DECIDEDLY BLUE

The Russians Declare That Japan's Terms Are Entirely Unreasonable

RUSSIA DECLINES PROPOSITIONS

Session Set For Sunday Afternoon Was Postponed at the Instance of the Japanese, Out of Regard For the Russian Reverence For the Day and the Mutual Desire to Gain Time—Strong, Outside Influences Seek to Have Virtual Indemnity For Evacuation of Sakhalin—Witte Beginning to Raise "Yellow Peril" Cry.

Portsmouth, Special.—No progress was made with the peace negotiations over Sunday. They stand exactly where they did Saturday night. The session of the plenipotentiaries which was to have been held Sunday afternoon was postponed by mutual agreement out of reverence to the fact that it was the Holy Sabbath, which is un-



BARON KOMURA, SENIOR JAPANESE PEACE ENVOY.

tion of Japan's "preponderating influence" over Korea, involving her right to control the administration of the hermit kingdom, use the littoral for strategic purposes, etc.—was of a remarkable character. Indeed the position taken by Mr. Witte was sensational in the extreme. His attitude reveals plainly the Russian tactics. They propose to raise before the world the spectre of the "yellow peril." Russia claims that Japan's present purpose is to get a foothold on the Asiatic continent from which to extend her influence and dominion.

Mr. Witte made no objection, but he declared that the words "preponderating influence" did not adequately describe what Japan proposed to do, and he insisted that the language used should show Japan's true purpose—which he contended was to make a Japanese province of Korea.

BASIS OF NEGOTIATION.

The cession of the Russian leases to the Liaotung Peninsula, comprising Port Arthur and Dalny.

The evacuation of the entire province of Manchuria, the retrocession to China of any privileges Russia may have in the province and the recognition by Russia of the principle of the "open door."

The cession to Japan of the Chinese Eastern Railroad below Harbin, the main line through northern Manchuria to Vladivostok, to remain Russian property.

The recognition of the Japanese protectorate over Korea.

The grant of fishing rights to Japan in the waters of the Siberian littoral northward from Vladivostok to the Behring Sea.

The relinquishment to Japan of the Russian warships interned in neutral ports.

Finally a limitation upon the naval strength of Russia in far Eastern waters.

As a whole the terms are regarded as exceedingly hard by the Russians. In addition to the two principal conditions, which cannot be accepted under Mr. Witte's instructions, those relating to the limiting of Russia's naval power in the far east and the granting of fishing rights upon the Russian littoral are considered particularly offensive to the amour propre of their country, and of such a humiliating character as to be inadmissible.

Florida Requires Certificates.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, State Health officer of Florida, has issued an order to the effect that all passengers from Florida from the fever infected districts must secure certificates and identification papers from Surgeon Wertemberger, of the Marine Hospital service, stationed in Atlanta.

Tore Out Heart of Victim.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—Samuel Simmons, a wealthy naval stores and saw-mill man, and his son, Eli Simmons, were both shot and killed about fifteen miles from here by Thomas Hiler, who enters the plea of self-defence. The bodies of father and son were found in the pine woods, near the public road. The elder Simmons was shot through the heart by a full charge of buckshot and the heart was found on the ground about a foot from the body it having been evidently torn out by hand after the shooting. There were seven bullet wounds in the body of Eli Simmons. He was also shot in the back with a charge of birdshot.

For Station at Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—The contract was awarded in New York to the General Supply and Construction Company of that city for the building of a new union passenger station in this city by the Southern Railway at a cost of a half a million of dollars. The roads using the station will be the Southern, Mobile & Ohio, Jackson and Kansas City and Mobile & Bay Shore.

Japs in Pursuit.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—General Linvitch, in a telegram to the Emperor, dated August 8, reports that the Russian forces operating to the eastward of the mandarin road advanced August 5th towards a defile near the village of Chagon, 24 miles south of Taulu. The Japanese assumed the offensive and turned both flanks, compelling the Russians to retreat to the northward. The Japanese followed in pursuit and again encountered part of the Russian force, which halted in the Nadoulin gorge, but after a hot fusillade they returned to the southward. The Russians in the Hallung-cheng district, the general says, occupied the village of Yulangtee after a skirmish.

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To Investigate Tobacco Errors.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Congressman John W. Gaines, of this district, has received assurances from Washington that the Federal grand jury will investigate the alleged tobacco errors made in the Agricultural Department some days ago. Congressman Gaines requested the President to have the papers in the case turned over to the Federal grand jury, and he received word that this has been done.

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MAKING SOME PROGRESS

Three Articles of Agreement Were Adopted, and the Real Business Expected to Open Soon.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.—Although very rapid progress was made with the peace negotiations Monday three of the twelve articles which constitute the Japanese conditions of peace having been agreed to by Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen on behalf of Russia, neither of the two articles to which Mr. Witte in his reply returned an absolute negative was reached. The crisis, therefore, is still to come. The cession of Sakhalin comes fifth in the list. The three "articles," as they are officially designated in the brief communications authorized to be given to the press, which were disposed of are in substance as follows:

First, Russia's recognition of Japan's "preponderating influence" and special position in Korea, which Russia henceforth agrees is outside of her sphere of influence, Japan binding herself to recognize the suzerainty of the reigning family; but with the right to give advice and assistance to improve the civil administration of the empire.

BOTH TO QUIT MANCHURIA.

Second, mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria, each to surrender all special privileges in that province, mutual obligations to respect the "territorial integrity" of China and to maintain the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations in that province (open door).

Third, the cession to China of the Chinese Eastern Railway from Harbin southward.

There never was any question about the acceptance on the part of Mr. Witte of these "articles," the first two covering in more emphatic form the intentions of Japan in the diplomatic struggle which preceded hostilities. The third is a natural consequence of the result of the war.

ROAD CHINA'S WITH JAP LIEN.

The cession of the railroad, the building of which cost Russia an immense sum, estimated by some at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000, is to China. China and Japan, therefore, will arrange between themselves the method by which the former is to be remunerated, and through this financial operation Japan might have very considerable means at her disposal to "expense for the war" liquidated. The railroad is ostensibly the property of the Russo-Chinese Bank, although built by government money, advanced through the bank, and since its completion, operated, managed and policed by the Russian government. Japan cannot take the railroad herself. To place self in Russia's shoes regarding the railroad would be militarily to control the destinies of the three provinces of Manchuria which she has promised to return to China. But Japan is entitled to reimbursement for the expense to which she has been put in restoring the railroad below the present position of Linevitch's army, rebuilding the bridge and narrowing the gauge. If China could not find the money, some other power or powers might do so and the road would be hypothecated to the powers which advanced the money, as other Chinese roads are to those which advanced the money for their construction.

Three Articles Disposed Of.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.—The following official communications were issued:

"In the morning sitting of the fourth of August, article first was disposed of, and the plenipotentiaries proceeded with the discussion of article two. The meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock to be resumed at 3 o'clock."

"In the afternoon meeting of the conference of August 14, articles two and three were discussed and disposed of and at 6 o'clock the conference adjourned until Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock."

Did Not Whip Convict to Death.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—State Warden J. C. Moore returned from Cartersville Monday, where he went to investigate the death of the convict, Liddell, who was said to have been whipped to death by J. W. Tierce, the deputy warden at the Sugar Hill camp. Mr. Moore made a very careful investigation and reported that the prisoner died from natural causes.

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12 KILLED ON TRAIN

Terrible Loss of Life Caused By a Head End Collision

STRUCK FREIGHT AT FULL SPEED

Collision on the Nickel Plate Road, Near Vermillion, O., Causes the Passenger Engineer and Eleven Passengers Mostly Italian Laborers, and the Injury of 25 Others, Eight Fatally—Badly Hurt Passengers Were All in Smoker—Freight Engineer's Watch Said to Have Been Slow.

Cleveland, O., Special.—A fast east-bound passenger train on the Nickel Plate Road collided with a west-bound freight early Sunday at Kishman, O., near Vermillion, resulting in the death of 12 persons, while at least 25 others were injured, eight of whom will probably die. The wreck, according to the officials of the company, was caused by a misunderstanding of orders or neglect to obey them on the part of the crew of the freight train.

The Dead.

Charles W. Poole, engineer of passenger train, 60 years old, Conneaut, Ohio.

Joseph Alexander, 24 years old, Newark, N. J.

Frank Weaver, 35 years old, Findlay, O.

Domenico Pomodoro, Italian, 30 years old, laborer.

Antonio Grillo, 25 years old, Italian laborer.

Joseph Paraci, 38 years old, laborer.

Frank Burchinal, 26 years old, laborer.

Natale Dirmora, 24 years old, laborer.

Antonio Achille, 24 years old, laborer.

Galagus Travola, 24 years old, laborer.

Caigono Caglina, 22 years old, laborer, hurled through car window; died in Loraine Hospital as the result of his injuries.

The Injured.

W. W. Long, 31 Rayner street, Cleveland, right leg broken.

Richard A Long, son of J. W. Long, right leg amputated, hip cut, head and body contused, may die.

Mrs. John W. Long, back sprained and head cut.

Louise Reinbolt, Bascom, O., compound fracture of left leg, foot crushed and body bruised.

E. E. O'Hara, 213 Milan street, Findlay, O., right leg amputated.

B. L. Kerr, Grafton, O., contusions on both legs.

John W. Murphy, West Haven, Conn., right foot bruised and body lacerated.

Philip Baskim, Tiffin, O., back sprained.

Floyd Turner, Ada, O., left leg broken, face badly cut.

John Dexter, Tiffin, O., three ribs broken and scalp wound.

Frank Phillips, Findlay, O., left shoulder broken.

John Jafa, back sprained.

Lenardo Siracusa, back sprained and body bruised.

Charles Buccufusu, back and both ankles sprained and bad cuts about body.

Veona Leonardo, two ribs broken.

Charles Dumont, left hip and back contused.

Joseph Dumont, two ribs broken, back cut and internal injuries, may die.

Tony Trevalli back and both ankles sprained.

Charles Degar, right hip and back sprained.

Albert Jama, right ankle sprained.

Frank Gallia, ankle sprained.

Tony Veranca, ankle sprained and leg badly lacerated.

Aside from the engineer, the men killed on the passenger train were all riding in the smoking car at the head of the train, and were mostly foreign laborers in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, on their way from Fort Seneca, O., to Brookfield, O., in charge of a foreman, Engineer C. C. Poole, of the passenger train, was killed at his post, while trying to reach for the air brake, after seeing the headlight of the freight train. His fireman, Haefner, saved himself by jumping.

Two Coaches Telescoped.

The high speed of the passenger train threw its locomotive and first three coaches over on the engine of the freight train, telescoping the smoker and the car following. The forward cars of the freight train were splintered to fragments.

Of the passengers in the smoker, none escaped injury. Fortunately there was no fire, but the heavy timbers of the wrecked cars pinned down many and prevented them from getting out until assistance arrived.

As soon as possible after the wreck occurred doctors were sent on a special train to the scene from Lorain. The injured were hurried to Lorain and placed in the hospital there. The dead were conveyed to the morgue at Lorain, awaiting identification and disposition.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Conditions For Past Week as Given Out by the Department.

The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the department of agriculture, issues the following official bulletin for the past week:

The general dry condition of the week ending Monday the 7th was broken by the general rain throughout the State during the past week. In most sections the rains were excessive causing the creeks to overflow their banks, and thereby damaging an immense amount of crops in the lowlands. Beaufort and Dare counties in the eastern district, however, report that rain is needed in some sections. There were a great many local showers and crops are reported to be in fine condition in many sections of the eastern district. In the central district, corn and cotton was much damaged in the lowlands and in fact all crops were injured rather than benefited by the rains of the past week. Heavy winds with hail were reported from many sections in the west and central portions of the State doing a great deal of damage to all crops and fruit.

Cotton has been improved to some extent by the rain, but almost all sections report that it is shedding. The wet weather has caused rank growth. In Johnston county rust on cotton is reported to be the most destructive ever known; no rust reported in the east; and a few reports of rust in the west.

In the east tobacco curing is completed except in Hertford county, and in Nash county it is being marketed. In the central and west portions of the State tobacco is not so far advanced although some report curing all done. Some tobacco in Johnston county is beginning to fire at the bottom of the plants and it is thought it will have to be cut sooner than desired. It is rotting some on sandy land.

In general corn was not injured on the high land, but on the lowlands it was washed out, and in cases turning yellow. In the east a fair crop is expected; upland corn is looking well, but lowland corn is injured to a considerable extent in the central portion; while in the west a fair crop is reported, although some is yellowish on the lowland.

Pulling fodder is quite general throughout the State, but weather has been unfavorable for saving the crop; rotting is reported in Rockingham county. Peas are a good crop, but shedding is reported. Sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, turnips and peanuts doing fine. Wheat threshing is still carried on in some parts of the west. Fruit is generally a failure, but peaches are reported as good in Iredell county.

Rains reported: Raleigh 5.49; Goldsboro 6.12; New Bern 1.22; Weldon 2.90; Nashville 2.26; Foster 3.75; Angier 9.61; Pomona 6.75; Lexington 3.93; Moncure 4.19.

A. H. THISEN,
Section Director.

Re-built and Enlarged.

Asheboro, Special.—The Asheboro Wheelbarrow Factory, which was totally wrecked by fire some time ago, has been rebuilt on a much larger scale, and is now more thoroughly equipped in its several apartments of construction. It has moved with the Asheboro Wood and Iron Works, and will henceforth be known as the Asheboro Wheelbarrow Manufacturing Co. The class of work done here prior to the fire gave great satisfaction to both merchants and consumers and orders are coming in daily for immediate shipment of these goods to many points in the State. Mr. John T. Maffitt, arriving from Tampa, Fla., and having recently been elected treasurer of the company will at once assume the duty of his office.

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Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Strict middling	10 1/2
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Tinges	9 to 10
Stains	7 to 9

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, steady	10 9-16
New Orleans, quiet	10 1/2
Mobile, nominal	10 1/2
Savannah, quiet	10 1/2
Norfolk, quiet	10 7/8
Baltimore, nominal	10 7/8
New York, quiet	10 7/8
Boston, quiet	10 7/8
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Houston, steady	10 9-16
Augusta, firm	10 1/2
Memphis, steady	10 1/2
St. Louis, quiet	10 1/2
Louisville, firm	10 1/2

A Raid by Professionals on the Little Town of Atkinson.

Wilmington, Special.—The little town of Atkinson, Pender county, 28 miles from Wilmington on the A. & Y. division on the Atlantic Coast Line was visited last week by burglars who entered 8 houses including the railway station. The work was evidently that of professionals passing through the country. Something like \$200 and other valuables were stolen as a result of the wholesale burglary. Bloodhounds were telegraphed for, but none could be obtained.

Gaston Man Claims Damages.

Charlotte, Special.—Deposition was taken in a very interesting case before Notary Public Frank F. Jones Friday. The plaintiff in the case was Mr. William Richards, of Stanley Creek, Gaston county, who claims that he is due from the United States Government \$97,500 for property carried off by Federal troops during the Civil War. The facts in the case are as follows: In April 1865 Mr. Richards' warehouse of R. A. Young, at Petersburg, Va., and all of the tobacco was confiscated by an agent of the United States Government. During the war Mr. Richards also had \$48,500 worth of cotton in warehouses at his home in Stanley Creek and at Columbia, S. C. The cotton at Stanley Creek was taken by soldiers in Stoneman's army and that at Columbia by members of Sherman's army.

Vehicle Makers Meet.

High Point, Special.—The Southern Vehicle Association, representing the output of 50,000 vehicles made in the South, met in annual session here. Among the prominent men present are Charles P. Henderson, Valdosta, Ga.; C. Houston, Atlanta; E. E. Hughes, Lynchburg, Va.; R. S. Barbour, South Boston, Va.; E. R. Briggs and H. A. White, High Point; A. E. Rominger, Cincinnati. A proposition was presented for the support and encouragement of the Southern Vehicle Journal, to be launched soon, was accepted. Among the important questions discussed were "Encouragement of Industries for Manufacturing Vehicle Parts in the South" and "Prices, Trade, Conditions and Credits."

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Wilmington, Special.—The Grand Encampment, Independent Order Odd Fellows of North Carolina, in annual convention at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Grand patriarch, L. W. Jeannerette, of Asheville; grand high priest, C. F. Frick, of Charlotte; grand senior warden, F. C. Dunn, of Kinston; grand scribe, J. T. King, of Wilmington; grand treasurer, Wesley Williams, of Elizabeth City; grand junior warden, W. L. Smith, of Wilmington; grand representative, George Green, of New Bern. Durham was selected as the next place of meeting.

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