

respond to inquiries for information of this character, addressed to him by the representatives of the powers, but as it is a part of his policy to do everything possible to terminate hostilities he determined to have ready the replies to any questions of a military character which might be put to him.

CASSINI'S SECOND VISIT.

Calls to Learn Japan's Views About Place of Meeting.

[By The Associated Press.] Washington, June 12.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, called at the White House to-night by appointment to discuss with the President the selection of a place for the peace conference. This subject had been discussed by the President in his conference with the Japanese Minister during the afternoon.

A COUNCIL IN TOKIO.

Emperor Summons Body to Discuss Terms of Peace.

Chicago, June 12.—A dispatch from Tokio to "The Daily News" says: Emperor Mutsuhito summoned a great council this morning at 11 o'clock. It is believed the peace policy to be pursued in the case of Russia was the subject of discussion.

THE NEXT MOVE JAPAN'S.

Russia Expects Speedy Decision on Place of Conference.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—Russia's official reply will be printed in the "Official Messenger" tomorrow or Wednesday. At the Foreign Office this afternoon the Associated Press was informed that Japan's indication of the time and place for the meeting of the plenipotentiaries is expected within twenty-four or forty-eight hours at the most.

AN ALLIANCE SUGGESTED.

A Russian Proposal to Retain Power in Far East.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—The "Novoye Vremya" in a remarkable editorial, which may be interpreted as expressing that there will be a broad gap between Japan's minimum and Russia's maximum. Diplomatic fencing, however, is now the order of the day.

A FEW FEARS IN PARIS.

Russian Dispatches Say War Party Grows Stronger.

Paris, June 12.—Opinion in official and diplomatic quarters here is becoming rather pessimistic as to the outcome of the peace movement, owing to St. Petersburg dispatches showing the reserved attitude of Russia and the activity of the war party.

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PRESIDENT'S TRIUMPH.

London Papers Extol His Action—Powers Exchanging Views.

London, June 12.—Glowing tributes to President Roosevelt's successful diplomacy again occupy the foremost place in the London morning newspapers. The St. Petersburg correspondent of "The Times" says: It is no exaggeration to say that President Roosevelt is the most popular man in Russia to-day.

MR. GRIP NOT A SEPARATIST.

Has Not Resigned—Goes Home on Leave of Absence.

Washington, June 12.—Mr. Grip, the Minister from Sweden and Norway, called at the State Department to-day before sailing for home to-morrow on leave of absence. He has not tendered his resignation. Although a Norwegian, Mr. Grip has not been identified with the Separatists.

FEAR OAKLEY'S REMOVAL.

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stoner Goodwin and I. M. De Verona, chief engineer of the department, were doing their best to make excuses for the long continuance of Sunday's flooding of the subway. The two officials had consultations, and there was an apparent understanding to have Mr. Goodwin do the talking for the department, as the engineer referred inquirers to Mr. Goodwin, and the latter made the engineer's statements to him the basis of all information he gave out.

M. WITTE TO GO ABROAD.

Rumor That He Will Take Part in Peace Negotiations.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, will leave St. Petersburg on a trip abroad in two weeks. This significant announcement is coupled with the statement that he is going "on public business."

CZAR'S GRANT TO PEOPLE.

A Step Toward a Constitution Thought To Be Assured.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—The Russian experiment of a National Assembly will begin in September. The Associated Press is now in a position to make this positive announcement. The Emperor has already given his approval to the scheme, now being finally reviewed by the Council of State, for a bicameral legislative body, consisting of a lower house called the Imperial Duma, and an upper house consisting of the present Council of the Empire, with power to formulate legislation, discuss the budget, interpellate Ministers, etc., but reserving in the Emperor's hands the final authority. The elections will take place in the coming summer.

CAUSES OF FLEET'S LOSS.

SERIOUS CHARGES MADE.

Ignorance, Inefficiency and Carelessness Alleged.

Vladivostok, June 12.—A series of interviews with naval officers who survived the battle of the Sea of Japan has developed a sensational story of the original causes of the Russian disaster and the complete demoralization which followed the sinking of Admiral Rojestvensky. It is explained that not a single officer of the fleet knew the commander-in-chief's plans. The admirals in command of divisions knew no more than the sub-lieutenants and had to rely only on the signals of the flagship, Admiral Nebogatov, on whom the command devolved, had seen Rojestvensky only once after the juncture of their squadrons, and then only for fifteen minutes.

SKIRMISHES REPORTED.

Undated Dispatch Tells of Gains by Japanese Cavalry.

Tokio, June 12.—Official announcement is made at the headquarters of the Imperial army that a detachment of Japanese cavalry succeeded in dislodging Russian cavalry in the vicinity of Hai-Ying-Tau, six miles south of Liao-Yang-Wo-Peng. Hai-Ping-Jing, two miles southwest of Hai-Ying-Tau, was occupied.

ROB MANY FURRIERS.

Officials of Asphalt Company Confirm His Statements.

Washington, June 12.—Before leaving the city to-day for West Point, Secretary Taft held another hearing in the Bowen-Loomis inquiry. Clyde Brown, treasurer of the American Asphalt Company, was heard regarding the check which was said to have been exchanged between Mr. Loomis and the asphalt company. The testimony of Mr. Brown was confirmatory of that of many of Mr. Brown was confirmatory of the testimony given by previous witnesses and of the testimony of Mr. Loomis to the effect that the transaction was a matter of ordinary exchange for the sake of convenience. Mr. Brown produced the books of the company, showing the receipt of Mr. Loomis's check for \$5,000, and the payment to him of a check for the same amount, calling for American money.

MONT PELEE AGAIN ACTIVE.

Part of Dome Collapses—Outbursts of Mud and Heavy Clouds of Smoke.

Port de France, Martinique, June 12.—For the last few days Mont Pelee has been active. Some dense clouds of smoke have been discharged from the volcano, sharp luminous flashes were perceived at the dome of the mountain. A burst of flame was seen on June 3 between 1:40 and 2:10 p. m. On that occasion a thick cloud of smoke almost descended to the sea, and the cinders thrown up extended over the village of La Précheur, which is on the edge of the territory devastated in the terrible outbreak of May, 1902.

BARON FEJEVARY MADE PREMIER.

Stormy Session Expected When Hungarian Parliament Meets on Thursday.

Vienna, June 12.—General Baron Fejevary was received in audience to-day by Emperor Francis Joseph and was appointed Hungarian Premier, in succession to Count Stephen Tisza. He will assume office on June 15, when the Deputies assemble, and a stormy session is expected. Baron Fejevary's Cabinet will probably be composed of neutrals, and will not be selected from the majority party. The Deputies will once pass a vote of no confidence in such a Cabinet. It is asserted here to-night that Baron Fejevary's appointment means a strengthening of efforts by Crown to establish a military dictatorship in Hungary.

MAJOR E. A. BURKE DIES IN EXILE.

[By TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Mobile, Ala., June 12.—Major E. A. Burke, ex-State Treasurer of Louisiana, and for sixteen years a fugitive from justice in Honduras, died there Saturday, according to private advices received in this city. He was 62 years of age, and had been in exile for several years. He was a man of great capacity for organization, and forced himself step by step to the top of the ladder of success.

UPHOLD MR. LOOMIS.

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MORGAN WITH RYAN, IT IS INFERRED.

From the fact that Francis Lynde Stetson conveyed to ex-President Cleveland the request from Thomas F. Ryan that Mr. Cleveland should act as one of the voting trustees of the Equitable, the inference has been drawn in Wall Street that J. P. Morgan & Co. are associated with the Ryan interests in the purchase of the Equitable, and also in the competition for the right of constructing a projected new subway, the basis of the inference being that Mr. Stetson is J. Pierpont Morgan's private counsel. No confirmation of this view could be got yesterday at the office of Mr. Ryan or J. P. Morgan & Co. These interests have, however, in various instances, in the past been associated in large financial undertakings.

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