



RUSSIA MAY CONTINUE WAR

WITTE IS INTERVIEWED

Decision as to Consummation of Peace Rests With Czar.

Is Merely Designated to See If War May be Ended. Russia Not On Verge of Dissolution. Terms Must Be Very Reasonable.

St. Petersburg, July 17.—M. Witte in an interview given exclusively to the Associated Press, and in which he states that it is the only one which he consented or will consent to give, stated today that Russia has not decided to make peace at any price. He states that he was designated by the emperor to ascertain whether it is possible to conclude a treaty of peace. The ultimate decision remains in the hands of the emperor, however.

M. Witte says that the emperor is a friend of peace and desires peace, but Witte fears that the Japanese terms will be such the envoys will not be able to reach an agreement. He went on to say that it is a mistake to think Russia wants peace at any price and notwithstanding the difference of opinion between the war party and the peace party, he thinks that if the Japs should wound the "amour propre" of the Russian people or jeopardize Russia's future as a nation, both parties would be united. He continued:

"I am sure that if I report that the conditions of Japan can not be accepted Russia will accept the verdict and the Russian people will be ready to continue the war for years, if necessary."

M. Witte stated that Russia was not crushed and while interior conditions were serious, these would be quickly dissipated if the Russian people really thought the integrity of the nation was at stake. He said that Russia was not on the verge of dissolution and was not compelled to accept any conditions offered in spite of the military reverses sustained.

SENATOR CLARK'S CONDITION IMPROVED

Displays Remarkable Recuperative Powers. Physicians Hopeful.

New York, July 17.—Though scarcely perceptible, what change was noted in the condition of Senator Clark was in favor of the patient.

Since the radical operation Saturday, the senator has exhibited remarkable recuperative powers and has rallied steadily.

Should tomorrow and Wednesday pass as peacefully as the preceding days, attending physicians say there is little anxiety as to his ultimate recovery.

KILLS MAN WHO BREAKS UP FAMILY

Chicago Bookkeeper Knocks Wife's Companion Down Stairs.

Chicago, July 17.—Welcome Jerome, a bookkeeper, who claims to be a relative of District Attorney Jerome, of New York, struck Charles Faure, a Frenchman in the face, knocking him down a flight of stairs and causing injuries from which he died later at a hospital.

The reason Jerome gave for his act was that Faure caused a separation between himself and his wife. Mrs. Jerome was with Faure at the time of the assault. Jerome is under arrest and Mrs. Jerome, who for the last few weeks has been known as Mrs. Faure, is held as a witness.

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DR. WOLF, OF SILVERTON GOES WITH PEARY

Selected As Surgeon For Expedition to Arctic Ocean.

New York, July 17.—Duplicate parts of the delicate scientific instruments to be used by the Peary expedition in search of the North Pole, were placed aboard the steamer Roosevelt before it sailed Sunday from this port. Triple sets of nautical instruments also were taken along.

Dr. Louis J. Wolf, of Silverton, Oregon, was chosen as surgeon of the expedition. He is thirty years old and a graduate of the college of surgery in San Francisco of the class of 1903. Until recently Wolf was connected with the outdoor department of Bellevue hospital.

ENFORCE SUNDAY CLOSING.

New York Retail Salesmen Will Ask Aid of Police.

New York, July 17.—Salesmen employed in retail stores on the lower East side, who year in and year out, work from fourteen to sixteen hours a day, seven days a week, have determined to form an organization with the object of compelling the police to enforce the Sunday closing law.

They will ask that a special detail of police be assigned each Sunday to arrest their employers if they open. A majority of the employers, it is claimed, who are now forced by competition to keep open seven days a week, would be glad to have the law enforced.

MAD RACE TO SAVE LIVES

Furious Ride of Physician to Help Dying Men.

Four Miners Seriously Hurt by Explosion at Meeteetse, Wyo. Doctor Rides Hundred Miles over Mountains in Time to Save Their Lives.

Meeteetse, Wyo., July 17.—In order to render all aid in his power to save the lives of four men, injured in an explosion at the Kirwin gold mine, near here, in which three other men were killed, Dr. Richards, of Thermopolis, rode one hundred miles over the mountains at breakneck speed, arriving in time today to attend the purpose for which the furious ride was made.

When the explosion came no help was within call nearer than Thermopolis, one hundred miles southeast, but Dr. Richards at that place responded over the telephone that he would ride to the best of his ability.

He made the mountainous distance in little less than eleven hours. Four relays were used by him in making the trip, ranchmen along the route supplying him with horses.

VIOLENT STORM IN FRANCE.

Devastates Vast Area. Loss Four Hundred Thousand.

New York, July 17.—A violent wind storm accompanied by heavy hail has visited the suburbs of St. Germain, Maisons-Laffitt, Argenteuil, and Shannon, according to a Herald dispatch from Paris. Enormous damage was done but fortunately there was no fatalities. Many trees were uprooted, telegraph poles broken and tiles and chimney pots scattered. Some of the hailstones were of record size.

A Herald dispatch from Naples reports also heavy damage from storms of wind and hail near Lecce. Crops were devastated over a large area and the losses are estimated at \$400,000.

RYAN SELLS STOCK BACK

MUTUALIZES EQUITABLE

Has Made Agreement With Ryan Trustees and New Directors.

Equitable Life Assurance Society Issues Circular Conveying Intelligence. Ryan Will Get Four Per Cent Bonus For Time He Has Held Stock.

New York, July 17.—From a circular of the Equitable Life Assurance Society it is learned today that Thomas F. Ryan, who recently purchased the stock holdings of James H. Hyde, has made an agreement with the three trustees of the Ryan holdings and the newly elected directors to sell the stock he purchased back to the Equitable.

The sale will be made as soon as possible, it is said, and Ryan has agreed to turn it into the society, thus thoroughly mutualizing it, for the same sum he paid for it, \$2,500,000, plus four per cent interest, between the dates of his purchase and sale.

HEAT SEEMS GENERAL.

Weather Bureau Offers No Hope for Cooler Weather.

Washington, July 17.—The weather bureau tonight announced that there was no prospect for several days at least of a let-up of the extreme heat extending over the country for the past few days.

The entire country from the Mississippi valley eastward to southern New England and the Florida coast is in the midst of a well-marked mid-summer hot spell. The maximum temperature today follows:

Philadelphia, 96; Chicago, 94; Cincinnati, 95; New York, 94; Detroit, 95; Washington, 93; St. Louis, 97; Pittsburgh, 92; Boston, 90; Astoria, 72.

STORM WIPES OUT WHOLE TOWN

Appleton, Wis., July 17.—The report reached here tonight that the town of Anawa, Shawano county, was wiped out by a severe wind storm today. No confirmation of the report was received up to a late hour. Anawa has a population of 500.

DEMENTED LAD SHOOTS HIS FATHER

Latter May Lose Limb As Result of Desperate Fight.

Gold Beach, Or., July 17.—William Creme, a resident of Ophir, a remote Curry county hamlet, may lose his leg as a result of a bullet fired at him by his crazy son, John Creme, 20 years old. Only a hasty blow from the father, who contrived to knock the muzzle of the weapon from his face to the lower part of his body, saved his life. As it is, the bone half way between the knee and hip is shattered.

The son, whose derangement is caused by recent illness, and who is in a lamentable mental and physical condition, got up at midnight, lighted a fire in the kitchen and loaded his rifle. The father came down stairs to see what was going on, and when near the bottom ran up against the rifle just as the son was about to pull the trigger. Despite his wounded leg, the parent grappled with the boy and tried to hold him, but the latter escaped to the beach, up which he went as far as Ophir post-office, turning thence inland, up a creek bottom. He reached a settler's house before night and surrendered from mere exhaustion. He was taken to Bandon to be examined for sanity.

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WOOLEN MILL PLANT TO STAY IN EUGENE

Union, Oregon, Purchasers Say They Will Begin Operations Soon.

Eugene, July 17.—Messrs. Wright and Wilbur, of Union, Or., owners of the woolen mills in this city, have written to prominent citizens that they will begin operations about October 1. They purchased the mill early last spring and announced that they would immediately commence to operate them, but later a deal with the citizens of Hood River was entered into, by which the local plant was to be moved to that place. The deal hung fire for a time and finally fell through. Meanwhile the plant has remained idle. The news that it is to be operated is hailed by Eugene people with satisfaction. It will employ between 74 and 100 persons and create a good market for Lane county wool.

SWIM NIAGARA LOWER RAPIDS

Two Expert Swimmers Accomplish Wonderful Feat.

Start From American Side of the Whirlpool and Swim to Lewiston. Four Miles in Twenty Six Minutes. Do not Go Near Upper Rapids.

Niagara Falls, July 17.—Carlyle de Graham, of this city, and William J. Glover, Jr., of Baltimore, successfully swam the lower rapids of Niagara from the American side of the whirlpool to Lewiston this afternoon. The distance of four miles was covered in twenty-six minutes by Glover.

The start was made at 4:02 P. M., from Flat Rock, on the American side. The swimmers did not venture in the upper rapids where Captain Webb lost his life. Neither was injured.

LARGE DRIVE OF LOGS.

Thirteen Million Feet Being Brought to Springfield.

Eugene, July 17.—A logdrive, consisting of 13,000,000 feet has reached this city for the Eugene Lumber Company's mills. The drive was started from above the mouth of the north fork of the Willamette, and its journey to Eugene has occupied 46 days. A crew of 20 men have been employed on it during that time. This drive was gotten out by Charles Williams.

A mammoth drive of over 12,000,000 feet for the Booth-Kelly mill at Springfield is well on its way from North Fork. Jap and Joe Hills are getting it out.

General Blackmar's Funeral.

Boston, July 17.—While all arrangements for the funeral of the late commander-in-chief, General Blackmar, are not completed, it is probable that it will be held here next Sunday.

Japanese To Float Three Ships.

Tokio, July 17.—It is expected that the Russian warships Pallada, Pobieda, and Poltava, sunk at Port Arthur, will soon be refloated.

Corean Loan Oversubscribed.

Tokio, July 17.—The Corean loan of \$1,000,000 was oversubscribed four times. It was the first foreign loan ever floated in Japan.

Alexander's Condition Critical.

New York, July 17.—James W. Alexander, formerly president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, is in a critical condition at the Unkaway sanitarium.

NINE DEATHS RESULT OF HEAT

HOT WAVE CONTINUES

New York and Eastern Cities Continue to Swelter.

Oppressive Heat Returns to Metropolis. Six Die in Pittsburg; One Death and a Dozen Prostrations in the City of Philadelphia.

New York, July 17.—After a respite of one day, the hot wave that swept over New York last week causing scores of deaths and hundreds of prostrations renewed today with renewed intensity, the temperature being by far the highest of the season.

The highest point reached was at four o'clock in the afternoon, when the weather bureau thermometer touched 95 degrees. In the streets, however, the heat was much greater, some thermometers recording as high as 103.

While the heat was intense, the air was stirred by a light breeze and the general suffering was somewhat mitigated by the absence of the excessive humidity of the last week. Largely owing to this, only two cases of death, directly resulting from heat were reported. The total number is less than fifty.

There was little diminution of the heat after night fall, the mercury standing at 81 degrees at 11 P. M. There are no prospects of relief for several days.

ELEVATOR CRASHES SIX STORIES

Philadelphia, July 17.—District Attorney John C. Bell, Assistant City Solicitor Harry Kingston and William Born, of Colingswood, N. J., were seriously injured today by the fall of an elevator in the Land Title building, the highest building in the city.

Mr. Bell sustained a compound fracture of the leg, Mr. Kingston suffered both legs fractured and Mr. Born was injured about the body and received lacerations of the scalp. The elevator operator, the only other occupant of the car, escaped with slight injuries.

The elevator dropped from the sixth floor to the basement. The cause of the accident is unknown. Mr. Bell is one of the legal, political and social leaders of the city and Mr. Kingston is almost equally prominent. Mr. Bell has been prominently before the public since the political upheavals in this city began.

TO VIEW OIL FIELDS.

Prominent Wasco County Men on Way To British Columbia.

The Dalles, July 17.—State Senator Wheelton, District Attorney Menefee and W. D. Richards, of this city and C. A. Bell, of Hood River, left last night for Belton, Mont., from which place they will go into the new oil fields in the southeastern part of British Columbia. The three former are directors of the South east British Columbia Land & Oil Company, a local corporation that has large holdings in the oil fields. It is the purpose of the party to spend two weeks in the oil country and make a thorough inspection of the resources of that country. While there they will

select the place where the company will sink its first oil well, and will arrange for commencing active development work. This company is one of the most extensive land owning companies in the ne wool fields, having over 11,000 acres of land, and sufficient financial backing to develop its holdings.

FIRE ENDANGERS LIVES OF MANY

Salt Lake, July 17.—The lives of ninety-three aged and decrepit women were endangered this afternoon when fire destroyed the wards in the administration buildings of the county infirmary at Fourteenth, South and State streets. Thirty bed-ridden women were carried out by seven employees of the institution and some of them were rescued barely in time to save their lives.

Gunboat Goes Aground.

New York, July 17.—The United States gunboat Dubouque went aground in the horse-shoe, near Spermacetti Cove, in the lower bay early this morning and was pulled off by tugs tonight, apparently uninjured.

FOOLHARDY BATHER CHASTISED

New York, July 17.—Prompt retribution was meted out tonight to Samuel Brooks, a bather at Ashburn Beach, whose foolhardy mischievousness imperiled the lives of three young women.

The young women were rowing in the vicinity of many bathers, when Brooks and a companion, who were in the water heedless of the protests of the young women, climbed into the boat. Taking positions at either end of the craft, the men began to rock the boat until the boat was upset.

Bathers attracted by the plight of the screaming girls, swam to their rescue and after a struggle brought the three young women ashore in a semi-conscious condition. Meanwhile Brooks and his companion swam away. The latter escaped.

Brooks was less fortunate and when he reached shore an infuriated mob set upon him with umbrellas and sticks and might have killed him but for the intervention of the police.

STANDS SHOW FOR THE WHIPPING POST

C. Bieker, Wifebeater, May Be Made to Suffer Strokes of Blacksnake.

Portland, July 17.—After hearing the evidence in the case of C. Bieker, on a charge of assaulting his wife, Deputy District Attorney Heney recommends he be held to the grand jury with a view of having him punished at the whipping post. Attorney Heney said this was one of the most aggravating cases that has been before the court since the law went into effect, and he further stated that the law was passed to punish just such wife beaters.

The evidence showed that Bieker had been beating his wife of late and taking the money which had his wife had earned by washing. The climax was reached at an early hour yesterday morning when Bieker appeared at home under the influence of liquor, and demanded money. Mrs. Bieker says that her husband knocked her down and fearfully beat her. Her eyes are black today. Bieker was held to the circuit court today under \$500 bonds.

Shipoff Will Come.

St. Petersburg, July 17.—The report that M. Shipoff, director of the treasury, would not accompany the Russian peace commission to Washington, is incorrect.

Today's Weather.

Portland, July 17.—Oregon, Tuesday fair and warmer.