

AIR HUMS WITH PEACE RUMORS

WASHINGTON ON TIPTOE OF EXPECTANCY

BUT CASSINI HAS NO ADVICES

Russian Ambassador Says Moment is "Full of Possibilities," and the Japanese Keep Abso-lutely Quiet

from Paris telling of the illness of his daughter, Countess Cassini, who is suffering from scarletina.

Japan Keeps Her Own Counsel

"Contact," remarked a European ambassador tonight, "is what the president has been endeavoring to establish between Russia and Japan. To do this it was necessary to obtain from one side or the other some expression favorable to peace. Japan has refrained absolutely from giving any indication as to what her terms would be on the ground that this would be interpreted by Russia as a sign of weakness. On the other hand Russia has until now met all suggestions regarding peace with the plain, unequivocal statement, 'The czar has determined to continue the war.' This answer precluded further representations. If Russia has officially expressed an interest in Japan's terms there is for the first time since the war begun some substantial hope of peace."

Great Britain, as the ally of the Japanese, it is understood here, has felt unable to participate in the preliminary activities initiated by the president since the annihilation of the Russian fleet. Desirous as is the English government for peace its officials point out that, so far as an ally can determine, Japan has not been unreasonable throughout the present struggle.

It is declared on good authority that thus far no circular note has been addressed to the American ambassadors abroad, but that direct instructions have been informal though dictated directly from the White House.

SITUATION VERY DELICATE

Meanwhile Further Preparations for War Are Steadily Progressing

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, June 8.—With Ambassador Meyer's delivery to the emperor yesterday afternoon of President Roosevelt's message tendering his good offices the prospect of the president's efforts to bring the belligerents together in peace negotiations is believed to be distinctly brighter.

It is equally evident that the situation is an exceedingly delicate one. Ambassador Meyer, when seen by the Associated Press tonight, absolutely declined to say a word regarding his visit to Tsarskoe-Selo, the mission with which he is charged, or the czar's response.

The center of interest is again transferred back to Washington. Count Cassini has doubtless received instructions from the emperor. However, it will probably require some little time to finally decide whether success shall crown the president's efforts to end the war.

In the meantime it must be stated that there is not the slightest surface indication of any change in the situation regarding the continuation of the war. Preparations to send additional troops to the front continue. A new draft of horses from Poland has been made, and a further mobilization of men in the province of Moscow is announced.

Czar Telegraphs Enquist

By Associated Press. MANILA, June 8.—Rear Admiral Enquist received at 1 o'clock this morning the following from St. Petersburg: "Remain at Manila at the disposition of the American government. Effect repairs as much as possible."

"NICOLAI." Governor General Wright has requested Rear Admiral Train to arrange for the disposition of the Russian warships and their officers and crews.

Established Prestige of Orient

By Associated Press. MANILA, Thursday, June 8.—The students of the Philippine Law Narita have voted congratulations to the Japanese because of their victories, asserting that they have established the prestige of the Orientals.

STAYS BY HIS SHIP

Capt. Nebolsin of the Aurora Heroically Keeps the Bridge

By Associated Press. MANILA, June 7.—No deaths have been reported among the Russian officers or sailors since the arrival here of the three cruisers commanded by Admiral Enquist.

Among those who had narrow escapes from death is Capt. Nebolsin, commander of the Aurora, on which vessel Enquist hoisted his flag after the Oleg had been disabled. While Capt. Nebolsin was in the conning tower a shell exploded there, but did not injure him. Later he left the bridge of the Aurora in charge of the first officer and went to the main deck in order to supervise the work of subduing the flames, the Aurora being on fire, and of caring for the wounded and killed.

On his way to the main deck another shell exploded near Capt. Nebolsin and some of the fragments hit him, three in the head, one in the right leg and one in the right ankle. The captain was stunned for a few moments, but recovered and proceeded to look after the wounded. He then returned

to the bridge and continued to command the Aurora without receiving any surgical aid. He never gave up the command of the vessel at any period of the fight or while on her way here. Chief Surgeon Kravtchenko praises the captain highly for his courage and endurance.

HAD TERRIBLE BATTERING

Inspection of the Orel Shows She Was Riddled by Shells

By Associated Press.

TOKIO, June 7.—A correspondent of the Associated Press has been permitted to inspect the Russian battleship Orel, now lying at Malzuru. The Orel received a terrible battering. Her hull shows forty gaping holes pierced by large shells and many smaller holes where she had been hit, while the superstructure, her upper works and upper decks were riddled by shells, steel fragments and splinters. The starboard forward 12-inch gun was smashed ten feet from the muzzle, either by a shell or by explosion. A fragment of the gun went over the bridge, smashing the rail, and after carrying away the breech of a 12-pounder, buried itself in the signal locker.

From the main deck upward the condition of the vessel was terrible to behold. Steel partitions were smashed, the gangway was broken, and stanchions wrecked. Gear of various kinds covered the decks and the state of the alleyways shows that the ship was afire several times.

The mark of the flames increased the scene of desolation. The main armor belt is intact. The turret armor generally withstood the battering from shells, although two of the 6-inch turrets were rendered unserviceable by shots which struck close to their base. Several smaller guns were dismounted and smashed. A gruesome sight was a bulkhead bespattered with blood, fragments of flesh and hair.

The Orel is sound structurally, although it will be necessary to practically reconstruct her from the water line up. The condition of the ship shows that the crew underwent a terrible ordeal before they surrendered.

CHICAGO STRIKE WILL CONTINUE

TEAMSTERS' PROPOSITIONS FLATLY REJECTED

NEGOTIATIONS DECLARED OFF

Employers Decline Absolutely to Consider Various Demands Advanced by the Representatives of the Unions

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 7.—After a conference lasting for five hours between the employers' association and the committee appointed last night by the teamsters' joint council with full power to settle the strike, all negotiations were declared off at 9 o'clock tonight and there is no immediate probability of a settlement.

The union submitted a number of propositions which the employers flatly refused to consider at all. Chief among these was that, if the strike was declared off, all the police and deputy sheriffs who are now protecting non-union men should be withdrawn. The employers refused to consider such a proposition for an instant, declaring that they would maintain the guards as long as there was the slightest chance of violence.

The teamsters also demanded that, if the strike be called off, the business houses refuse to receive from or deliver to the express companies any merchandise. This proposition, which was a virtual demand that the boycotted business houses assist the teamsters in their boycott against the express companies, was also promptly declined by the employers.

Another demand by the teamsters was that all strikers be given positions before any new non-union men are hired. This was also refused.

Union Strikers Shot Down

By Associated Press. SAGINAW, Mich., June 7.—The first bloodshed in connection with the street railway strike which was begun in Saginaw valley, Sunday morning, occurred here this afternoon. Deputy Sheriff Fred Harris shot and instantly killed Henry Weick, Jr., a Pere Marquette machinist, and wounded Terrance Kelly and Wallace A. Douglas. Both of the latter were shot through the left leg, and their injuries are not likely to be serious.

Harris was immediately arrested. The three men, it is said, were members of a group of men who were jeering at the non-union crew of a car on which Deputy Harris was riding as guard.

BANKERS IN DISCUSSION

President Adams Criticizes Legislators and Wild-Eyed Reformers

By Associated Press. TOPEKA, Kas., June 7.—Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, addressed the meeting of the Kansas Bankers' association tonight on the currency question.

After the meeting a reception was given Mr. Roberts by the bankers. His address was received with intense interest.

J. B. Adams of El Dorado, Kas., president of the association, made an address in which he said that state legislatures were a menace to banks and financial institutions. He saw a great danger from "wild-eyed reformers."

BRITISH GREET SPANISH KING

LONDON ENTERTAINS ROYAL GUEST

ALFONSO SEES POLO MATCH

Young Sovereign Pays Unofficial Visit to London—Lord Lansdowne Gives Dinner in Honor of Guest

By Associated Press.

LONDON, June 7.—Under improved weather conditions King Alfonso of Spain paid an official visit to the city today, and was entertained at luncheon at the Guild hall by the lord mayor and corporation of London. The processions, both going to and coming from the city, were of the most imposing character and afforded the people an opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to the young monarch.

Later in the afternoon King Alfonso and King Edward went on a motor car to Ranelagh, where a polo match had been arranged.

Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for foreign affairs, tonight entertained some sixty gentlemen in honor of King Alfonso. The party included the Archbishop of Canterbury, Whiteley Reid, the American ambassador, and a number of other ambassadors and ministers. Premier Balfour, several members of the cabinet and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

After the dinner the Spanish ruler was present at a brilliant ball given by the Marchioness of Londonderry.

The only unpleasant incident of the day occurred in Bond street early this morning. The Spanish king and three other persons were the occupants of a motor car and had passed through the shopping district without attracting unusual attention when the car was discovered to be on fire. The king alighted and returned to Buckingham palace in another motor car provided by detectives from Scotland Yard, who were in attendance.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BLAZE STARTS WHILE SHE IS AT HER DOCK

Loss of \$25,000 Is Incurred Before the Flames Are Extinguished, and the Steamer's Iron Plates Are Reported So Warped as to Need Replacing

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Fire broke out in the forward hold of the steamer State of California at 2:30 o'clock this morning and before the flames were extinguished, it was about two hours later, a loss of \$25,000 had been entailed. On account of the great quantity of water that was poured into the hold the vessel is now badly listed and the steamer would turn completely over but for hawsers attached to the Broadway wharf.

The blaze started among 500 wooden cross arms for telegraph poles and a quantity of paint and varnish. The alarm was given by a night watchman and the fireboats Governor Markham and three fire engines responded.

The State of California was scheduled to sail tomorrow for Southern California ports, and had taken on about 100 tons of freight. Most of the freight and the coal in the steamer were on the port side, causing the steamer to gradually list as the water was poured on the fire. As soon as the flames were extinguished the vessel's pumps were placed in operation to clear the hold.

In addition to the damage to the freight a number of the iron plates of the steamer were so badly warped that they will have to be replaced. It was not until 5 o'clock this morning that it was discovered that five sailors were asleep in the stern hold. It was believed that all of the members of the crew had been awakened. The damaged steamer is owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship company and was built in Philadelphia in 1878. The vessel is 306 feet in length and is of 2266 tons register.

SQUADRON WILL FETCH BODY OF PAUL JONES

Three Warships, Under Rear Admiral Sigsbee, Will Meet French Vessels at Cherbourg

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, June 7.—The second squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, consisting of the armored cruiser Brooklyn and the protected cruisers Chattanooga, Galveston and Tacoma, selected by the navy department to bring the body of John Paul Jones from France, will assemble off the naval anchorage at Tompkinsville, Staten island, today, and will proceed on Thursday to sea on the way to Cherbourg.

Off that port the casket containing the body will be transferred to the Brooklyn. Rear Admiral C. D. Sigsbee, who will be in command, will board his flagship off Tompkinsville this afternoon. At the Brooklyn navy yard carpenters have been busily engaged on the flagship completing an oak platform which is called the "mahogany sarcophagus," meaning the mahogany casing that is to receive the leaden coffin containing the body of the commander of the Bonhomme Richard.

Admiral Sigsbee expects to make the voyage from Sandy Hook to the Cher-

bourg breakwater in about thirteen days.

On its arrival at Cherbourg the squadron will be met by the French warships that are to participate in the final tribute in French waters. Ten days after its arrival the squadron it is expected will sail for Annapolis.

WESTERN PACIFIC WILL MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO

New York to Be Made Principal Place of Business and Local Directors to Resign

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—An important meeting of the directors of the Western Pacific will be held in this city next week. Word has been received here that President W. J. Barnett is on his way back from New York. He is accompanied by Virgil G. Bogue, consulting engineer of the Western Pacific. Early in the week the directors will be called together and the formal ratification of the financial arrangements recently completed in the east, as well as other matters of importance, will take place.

W. J. Barnett will resign from the presidency and will be succeeded by E. T. Jeffrey, president of the Denver & Rio Grande. Barnett will become vice president and general counsel of the road. Several of the local directors will also resign from the board, and their places will be filled by the election of New Yorkers.

The articles of incorporation of the Western Pacific will be modified so as to make New York the principal place of business of the company and after that the directors' meeting will be held in the east.

ROUVIER TAKES FOREIGN OFFICE PORTFOLIO

Cabinet and Other Important Diplomatic Changes Likely to Result From Delcasse's Resignation

By Associated Press.

PARIS, June 7.—Premier Rouvier, as minister of foreign affairs, today took up the active direction of the foreign office, conferring with the chiefs of departments upon various pending foreign questions. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to Spain, whose name has been mentioned as the possible successor to M. Delcasse, was among the callers at the foreign office, but M. Rouvier's permanent retention of the portfolio of foreign affairs is now considered settled, as President Loubet and the parliament wish him to surrender the portfolio of finance and give his undivided attention to the foreign situation.

Either former Minister of Public Instruction Poincare or former Minister of Public Works Baudin will probably succeed M. Rouvier as minister of finance. Important diplomatic changes are also thought likely to be made as a result of the cabinet changes.

EDITORS ASSEMBLE IN CONVENTION AT GUTHRIE

Over Five Hundred Delegates Are Detained on the Road by Cloudburst at Osage

By Associated Press.

GUTHRIE, O. T., June 7.—The twentieth annual convention of the National Editorial Association was called to order this afternoon at the Brooks opera house with 708 delegates present. Owing to the cloudburst at Osage, I. T., a special train from St. Louis, carrying over 500 delegates did not reach here until 3 o'clock.

After the usual addresses of welcome of the mayor and president of the commercial club the convention adjourned until Thursday morning. Tonight the delegates were tendered a reception and ball.

GETS FIFTY YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED TRAIN ROBBERY

By Associated Press. ST. PAUL, Minn., June 7.—Advice were received at the headquarters of the Northern Pacific railroad here today from Phillipsburg, Mont., to the effect that Clarence B. Young, who attempted to rob the express car of the Northern Pacific train two miles east of Bear Mouth, May 27, after he had dynamited the car, has been sentenced in the district court to serve fifty years in the Deer Lodge penitentiary.

Young was arraigned in the district court yesterday, waived his rights and entered a plea of guilty, which was accepted by the court, who then sentenced him. He will be taken to the penitentiary today.

COLOMBIA SENDS SPECIAL AGENT TO WASHINGTON

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, June 7.—Enrique Cortez, former minister for foreign relations of Colombia, and now confidential agent of his government on a mission to Washington, arrived here today. He will proceed to Washington and confer with President Roosevelt regarding the re-establishment of friendly relations between Colombia and the United States.

BRYAN OBTAINS DEGREE FROM ILLINOIS COLLEGE

By Associated Press. JACKSONVILLE, Ill., June 7.—William J. Bryan today delivered the commencement address at Illinois college. The degree of doctor of laws was conferred on him by the college.

CASTRO RE-ELECTED VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT

By Associated Press. CARACAS, June 7.—General Castro, Vincente Gomez and General Velutent were respectively elected president, first vice president and second vice president of Venezuela today.

JOHN M. MOORE ELECTED CONGRESSMAN FROM TEXAS

By Associated Press. HOUSTON, Tex., June 7.—John M. Moore, Democratic nominee, was elected to congress from the Eighth congressional district in the special election for a successor to the late John E. Pinkney.

TWO REPORTED KILLED IN PASSENGER WRECK

By Associated Press. ST. PAUL, Minn., June 7.—A special to the Dispatch from Chipewa Falls, Wis., says: It is reported that a Wisconsin Central passenger train was wrecked near here today and two persons were killed.

WHIPPING POST GETS ITS PREY

WIFE BEATER FIRST VICTIM OF OREGON LAW

FOURTH BLOW DRAWS BLOOD

Charles McGinty Receives Twenty Lashes and Writhes, Groans and Strains at Manacles That Bind His Wrists

By Associated Press.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—The "whipping post" law passed at the session of the legislature January last was carried into execution for the first time today upon Charles McGinty, convicted of wife beating.

McGinty was convicted in the state circuit court and sentenced to receive twenty lashes, the maximum punishment. The lashing was performed by Jailer Grafton, under the direction of Sheriff Word, and under supervision of Assistant County Physician C. C. McCormack. The whip was a braided blacksnake made of rawhide, with four lashes.

McGinty, after receiving the sentence, was hustled to the jail, where he was stripped to the waist and his manacled hands tied to a door in the jail corridor, high above his head. The beating was as severe as the powerful jailer was capable of administering. Blood was drawn at the fourth blow from the lashes. McGinty writhed and groaned and strained at the manacles binding his wrists.

When the punishment had been concluded McGinty was released and a few minutes later left the jail unassisted.

McGinty was punished for having repeatedly struck his frail wife, and for having blackened her eyes because she refused to pay over to him her earnings for him to squander.

NORWAY IS NOW SOVEREIGN STATE

(Continued from Page One) storthing, take an extremely serious view of the crisis. The Nya Dagligt Allehanga says:

Diet to Make Reply "The Norwegian government has exceeded all limits, but undoubtedly it acted in accordance with its conviction that it was for the country's welfare and no Swedish party or politician will attempt to persuade or compel Norway to maintain a union which has become a burden. The Swedish diet will meet in extraordinary session in a fortnight and will speak in the name of Sweden. Meanwhile the king of the union speaks in the name of the union and has already protested against the revolution which is contemplated in his Norwegian kingdom."

The Dagblad says: "The revolutionists have now unmasked themselves and have trampled upon the union and upon their oath of allegiance to the king. As soon as possible all Norwegians employed in our diplomatic service must be removed. Sweden cannot be represented by men belonging to a country which organizes a revolution, deposes its king and breaks all ties of union."

SHIPPING LOBSTERS TO PACIFIC COAST

By Associated Press. HALIFAX, N. S., June 7.—The Canadian government has decided to make an attempt to establish the lobster fishery on the Pacific coast. This industry in Canada is confined to eastern waters and all previous experiments on the Pacific have proved failures. Tomorrow a carload of live lobsters will be shipped from this city to Vancouver, B. C.

CHINESE FORGER TO BE SENT BACK TO CHICAGO

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, June 7.—Governor Pardee today honored the requisition of the governor of Illinois for the return to that state of a Chinese named Chin Jung Yong, wanted at Chicago for forgery. He is under arrest at Los Angeles.

FLOOD IN GRAND RAPIDS BECOMING VERY SERIOUS

By Associated Press. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 7.—The flood situation in Grand Rapids is hourly becoming more serious tonight and Grand river is rising at the rate of six inches an hour. Three thousand factory employes have been made idle.

STOCKTON MAN DIES IN BATHING TANK

By Associated Press. STOCKTON, Cal., June 7.—While bathing in a private tank at the hot mineral baths this afternoon, R. B. Prince of Altaville succumbed to heart disease. He was about 70 years old.

AMUSEMENTS

ORPHEUM MATINEE SPRING STREET, Between Second and Third. Both Phones 1467. Modern Vaudeville. DELLA FOX, queen of comic opera; MARIELLE ADAMS, character violinist; BERRY LA RUE and IRBY BOY; HENRY FRENCH, novelty entertainer; BARRY AND HAITERS, comedy duo; JOHN BIRCH, "the man with the hats"; ORPHEUM MOTION PICTURES; last week, tremendous success, EMMETT CORRIGAN & Co. in "The Card Party." Prices the same—10c, 25c, 50c. Matinee Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE MAIN ST., Between First and Second. Phone: Main 1967; Home 410. THE FAMILY THEATER. The Ulrich Stock Company presents Fabio Romani. A dramatic version of Marie Corelli's famous novel, VENDETTA. The strongest and most thrilling of modern dramas. Matinees Sunday, Tuesday, Saturday, 10c and 25c. Evenings, 10c, 25c, 50c. Next Week—"CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE."

MASON OPERA HOUSE H. C. WYATT Lessee and Manager. Tonight, Only Time, "An American Citizen" PRESENTED BY Nat C. Goodwin and an excellent supporting company. SATURDAY MATINEE, "THE USURPER." Friday and Saturday nights—"A GILDED FOOL." Seats now on sale. Prices—5c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. TELS. 70.

BELASCO THEATER BELASCO, MAYER & CO., Proprietors. Phone: Main 2380; Home 307. TONIGHT—MATINEE TODAY—The Belasco Theater Stock Company presents the big laughing success— ::: What Happened to Jones ::: The most entertaining performance in Los Angeles. Nothing but fun from beginning to end. Next week, the famous character comedy, "CHIMMIE FADDEN."

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER SIXTH and MAIN. Phone 1270. Tonight—All Week—Matinee Saturday. Richard Walton Tully's romance of the Mission days. Juanita of San Juan. Next Week—Neil Burgess' "THE COUNTY FAIR." Seats now selling.

CHUTES PARK Today—Thursday. The Park, with all its concessions, will be closed to the general public between the hours of 12 and 6 p. m., having been leased to the Knights of Columbus and their friends exclusively.

FISCHER'S THEATER FIRST ST., Bet. Spring and Main. ALL THIS WEEK—ENTIRE NEW BILL—The big Burlesque, "IN GAY PARADE," the best yet. Four big headliners this week—KLEIN & KLEIN, NARDOW, PERRY & WILBER, PROF. J. O. WISE, New Motion Pictures. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday. Prices 10c and 20c. Reserved Seats 25c.

BASEBALL—CHUTES PARK PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE. Portland vs. Los Angeles. Today and Every Day This Week, Including Sunday. LADIES FREE WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. Games Called Week Days at 3 o'clock. Sundays 2:30. Admission 5c. Grand Stand 25c. Tickets on sale at Morley's Billiard Parlor, 262 South Main Street.

The Pacific Electric Ry. All cars from Sixth and Main.

The Greatest Mountain Trip in the World THE TRIP UP MT. LOWE. The wonderful trolley ride to Alpine, a mile above the sea, through the most romantic scenery and with great panoramic views of mountain and sea. Missing Mt. Lowe would be like visiting Rome and falling to see St. Peter's. The Pacific Electric Ry. All cars from Sixth and Main.

The Pennsylvania...Special... Chicago to New York VIA PITTSBURG In Eighteen Hours. On and after June 11th the PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SYSTEM will maintain ABSOLUTELY THE FASTEST DAILY SERVICE between Chicago and New York in both directions. Call on Frank T. Widney, City Passenger Agt., 115 W. Fourth St., for Tickets and information about The Pennsylvania—Special—

RUSSIAN PRESS VERY INDIGNANT SAYS PRESIDENT FAVORS THE JAPANESE. Declares That in His Enforcing of the Twenty-Four Hour Limit Roosevelt is Influenced by England.

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, June 7.—The Russian press, notably the Novoe Vremya and the Russ, the latter frequently reflecting the views of the foreign office, display a great deal of resentment against the United States for enforcing the 24-hour rule in the case of the three Russian cruisers at Manila. The Russ quotes the American neutrality regulations and contends that President Roosevelt, in applying the principle that only injuries received during the storm and not in a battle can be repaired in American ports, not only narrows the American regulations but infringes recognized principles of international law. This paper declares it has official warrant for the statement that representations have been made to Washington on the subject.

The Novoe Vremya is exceedingly sarcastic. After a slap at Great Britain for the alleged manner in which her vessels dogged the Russian fleet from the time it left Cronstadt, and for trying to force all the powers to accept her interpretation of the rules of neutrality, the Novoe Vremya declares that President Roosevelt, whom it refers to as "Mr. Roosevelt," contaminated by England's example, arbitrarily interprets its own rules in a sense favorable to Japan, and adds: "Mr. Roosevelt takes full advantage of the fact that Russia is helpless and powerless to do more than protest. The Japanese minister is reported to have hastened to express his gratitude to America for this act of impartiality which is partial to Japan. We trust Mr. Roosevelt is satisfied with his success."

The admiralty, it can be stated, is reconciled to the interning of the three Russian cruisers at Manila, but opposes on principle the ruling that warships injured in battle cannot repair their machinery and boilers at neutral ports. The officials add that friction over this minor question would be exceedingly unfortunate just at the time that President Roosevelt is assuming the delicate role of trying to bring the belligerents together. The city is decorated and beflagged today in honor of the empress' birthday. Those who expected today to be signaled by an imperial proclamation were disappointed. The first act of Count von Vorontsoff-Dashkoff, as viceroy of the Caucasus, has been the introduction of a regular police regime, modeled on the Russian system, for the preservation of public order. The Tartars are continuing their assaults on the Armenians, whose revolutionary committee is very active. Trepoff Explains His Position. General Trepoff, assistant minister of the interior, today received the correspondent of the Associated Press at his headquarters in the chancellery of the governor generalship, and discussed the responsibilities of his new position and the policy he intends to follow in curbing radical political agitation. "It is a mistake to suppose that I am in any sense a dictator," he said. "In addition to the position of governor general of St. Petersburg, his majesty has simply placed in my hands the control of the police regime in Russia, and authority over political crimes."