

TALK OF PEACE IS PREMATURE

JAPANESE OPPOSED TO AN ARMISTICE

OYAMA ABOUT TO TAKE HARBIN

Public Objects to Sacrifice of Advantage Gained by Togo's Victory and Army's Great Opportunity

minister of foreign affairs, accepting the proposal to meet Russian plenipotentiaries "for the purpose of negotiating and concluding terms of peace," it being supposed here that Russia only desires to hear what Japan has to propose.

Various versions of all other Russian and Japanese terms are printed here, but these versions can be only of a speculative nature.

SAY MOVE IS PREMATURE

Japanese Journals Warn People Against Non-Success

TOKIO, June 11.—The Jiji says: "Japan has shown a willingness to appoint plenipotentiaries to meet the Russians and negotiate peace, but it is premature to think this will lead to the ultimate conclusion of peace."

"Much as Japan would like to see peace effected, nothing short of the full rights of victors and placing the peace of the Orient on a permanent basis will satisfy Japan."

"It is premature to discuss terms of peace. It probably will become necessary to arrange an armistice at the commencement of negotiations, and it will be essential to obtain some guarantee before concluding an armistice in order to prevent the interests and positions of Japan from suffering in the event of negotiations being broken off."

"The great and unprecedented Japanese victory must not be forgotten. Russia's great power is not easily broken down. It might require years before the ultimate result of the war is attained."

Advices Calmness. "Japan does not fear the prolongation of the war, but the heavy loss of lives involved moves the people from the depths of their hearts."

The Jiji concludes by warning the people to be prepared for the non-success of the negotiations and for the possible necessity for continuing the struggle.

The Nichinichi writes in the same strain, warning the people not to count on peace while the war party in Russia continues to exert its influence over the emperor.

He urges Japan to insist on some guarantee so as to secure its protection if an armistice should be declared. Japan's terms may not be exacting, the paper says, but the fact of her unqualified victory must not be forgotten.

The Nichinichi concludes by saying that "the situation requires calmness and watchfulness."

PARIS IS DISAPPOINTED

French Newspapers Regret That France Was Not the Leader

PARIS, June 11.—Peace negotiations between Russia and Japan is the absorbing topic here, and France has forgotten her own troubles with Germany over Morocco to join in enthusiastic approval of the American initiative.

Without exception comment is favorable, with the exception of a slight sense of disappointment that France, as the ally of Russia, has not taken a prominent part in effecting the preliminaries.

Baron Rosen, the new Russian ambassador to the United States, who arrived here last night on his way to Washington and whose name is mentioned as the probable Russian plenipotentiary, was seen today by the Associated Press and said:

"I have arranged to sail for the United States June 28 on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse with my family. In the meantime I am renewing acquaintances here."

Beyond the foregoing Baron Rosen would not discuss the question of peace or war or the part he might take in the negotiations. The departure of the ambassador from St. Petersburg appears to have been made before Russia reached final determination to accept the American proposition.

Should he be delegated to act as plenipotentiary it will be a month before he arrives at Washington.

MAKES NO ANNOUNCEMENT

Roosevelt Decides to Avoid Formal Replies From Belligerents

WASHINGTON, June 11.—After discussing developments since the president's departure Secretary Loeb authorized the announcement at 10 o'clock that nothing concerning negotiations for peace in the far east would be made public tonight.

It is not possible at this time to say when the formal replies from Russia and Japan to the president's identical notes will be given to the public. It is possible it may be tomorrow and it may not be for several days.

Before the responses of the Russian

and Japanese governments are published here they will be transmitted formally by the president—the Japanese note to the St. Petersburg government and the Russian note to Tokio. Up to this time they have not been forwarded. The transmission of the notes will conclude the preliminary negotiations for peace initiated by the president and practically will conclude this government's work in those negotiations.

WOULD WELCOME ARMISTICE

Russia Would Move Troops and Munitions During Period

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, June 11, 11:15 p. m.—Russia is waiting for Japan to fix the time and the place when and where the Japanese terms will be placed in the hands of Russia's representatives. The foreign office expects that the delay will be brief.

The emperor's government would prefer that Paris should be the scene of the initial step, but it is explained that neither the place nor the personality of the Russian representatives matters greatly. The Russian representative will not be a plenipotentiary with full power to negotiate.

His duty will practically be confined to the reception and transmission to his government of the Japanese terms for decision as to whether they afford a basis for actual peace negotiations. He will be clothed with power to effect an agreement for the suspension of hostilities, which suspension will probably be for a very limited period, during which Russia must decide the momentous question of peace or a prolongation of the war.

During this temporary armistice both countries probably will be free to continue the movement of troops and munitions of war within prescribed limits, although nothing definite on this point will be known until the meeting takes place.

Mention Baron Rosen

If Russia finds in the terms a basis under which negotiations can proceed, regular plenipotentiaries will be appointed, the number being decided by the belligerents themselves, and then it is not impossible that the negotiations might be transferred to Manchuria, as President Roosevelt is believed to have suggested.

It is stated at the foreign office that the question of plenipotentiaries has not yet been officially considered, but it is regarded as almost certain that Baron Rosen, the ambassador to the United States, on account of his long and intimate acquaintance with far eastern affairs, besides his familiarity with Japanese, will be selected.

George de Staal, who preceded Count Benckendorff as Russian ambassador at London and who was president of the peace conference at The Hague in 1899, might be another, although his advanced age and the fact that he has been for some years out of touch with active diplomacy might militate against him. The number of plenipotentiaries would be a matter of mutual agreement, though Russian precedents lean to two.

Would Reject Harsh Terms

In diplomatic circles here it is felt that Great Britain can now play a great role in seconding the president's initiative by restraining her ally and counseling moderate terms. Harsh and humiliating terms would not be accepted, and for that reason diplomatic circles express the greatest skepticism as to whether Japan, elated by her wonderful victories, will be reasonable enough to offer a basis which Russia can possibly accept.

If at the end Russia were forced to humble herself in the dust her ignominy would spur her to seek revenge as Alsace and Lorraine did France for many years.

There is an indefinite amount of gossip here about Japan's terms, but it is almost altogether irresponsible, the best informed members of the diplomatic corps, even the British embassy, being convinced that, while the main outlines are matter of common knowledge in America and in the chancelleries of Europe, Japan has not revealed her exact terms even to her ally. Russia is not likely to prove recalcitrant. According to the best opinion she is prepared to abandon the whole of her Manchurian adventure and give guarantees.

Will Not Disarm

The rub will come upon the question of an indemnity, which it is the consensus in diplomatic circles Japan will exact, but if it should be made moderate and sugar coated so that it could be liquidated by the sale of the Chinese Eastern railroad and the cessation of Russian property and leases in the Kwantung peninsula it might be over with.

Russia will probably insist on holding the railroad to Vladivostok through northern Manchuria, and will never submit to the humiliation of disarmament in her only port on the Pacific, nor the inhibition against having warships in those waters. Considering the situation of the two countries, members of the diplomatic corps feel that Japan's status in the Pacific is so firmly established that she can afford to dispense with the exaction of so bitter a condition.

The radical papers continue their tactics, insisting that, although the conclusion of hostilities is desirable, a disgraceful peace would be intolerable and that only a national assembly should decide the question of war or peace.

The liberal papers profess to fear that peace would strengthen the government and give a setback to reform, but shrewd observers realize that the government with the end of the war will be confronted with the most difficult problems, one of the greatest of which will be what to do with an army of half a million men disgruntled with the results of the war.

BUILDING BOOM IS MAINTAINED

GREAT CONFIDENCE SHOWN IN LAS VEGAS

CITY IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Nevada Mining Center Bids Fair to Outdo Rival Cities—Automobile Lines Are Established

Special to The Herald. LAS VEGAS, Nev., June 10.—The building boom here continues unabated. The extent of present building operations betokens an unusual degree of confidence on the part of shrewd business men and conservative investors from all sections of the country. Ever since the opening of the railroad townsite, building has progressed at a phenomenal rate, and still greater activity may be looked for from now on, as many who have planned to erect brick and other more substantial structures have been delayed on account of the difficulties encountered in securing material.

Business houses are moving steadily and rapidly from the original (McWilliams) townsite to the new town, and the little city built upon the McWilliams tract, which harbored for months the impatient population waiting for the opening of the railroad town, is gradually assuming the aspect of a deserted village.

Work on the Tonopah-Tidewater railroad, which was begun about a week ago, is progressing rapidly. Grading has been completed for a distance of five miles from the terminal yards south of town. A shipload of ties has arrived at San Pedro harbor and will be forwarded to this point immediately. Actual construction of the road will begin soon, as it is the intention of the company to keep the construction crew close upon the heels of the graders.

Forms Board of Health

In response to a petition prepared by the local sanitary committee, the county commissioners at their last meeting appointed the Las Vegas board of health, with Dr. J. M. Davis as county physician. This action is the direct result of a meeting of citizens of this place, held about two weeks ago, when the sanitary committee was appointed. The board of health is expected to enforce rigid sanitary measures to prevent the possibility of contagion during the hot summer months, or until a sewer system has been provided.

Three big steam automobiles are the latest arrivals in the motor car line and will be used in an attempt to establish a regular daily service between Las Vegas and Beatty. They are the property of F. W. Gregory of San Francisco and are claimed to be adapted to desert travel. The autos are fifteen horse power and carry four passengers and a driver. All previous attempts to establish auto service between this point and the mining district have met with failure, but the promoter of this latest venture is confident of ultimate success.

It is reported that Senator Clark and associates are also preparing to establish an auto line between the points named and are having constructed several special cars of large capacity, designed with a view to overcoming the many difficulties presented by the indifferent desert roads.

The Las Vegas Bank & Trust company, the pioneer bank of the valley, has given notice that it will retire from business as soon as accounts can be settled. Lack of confidence in the institution is the probable cause of suspension. The bank is settling with its depositors dollar for dollar. There are still two banks in the field, which are sufficient for present requirements.

PROMINENT MAN'S BODY BURIED UNIDENTIFIED

D. W. Ross, Contractor of San Francisco, Killed in 1903, Lies in Potter's Field

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—A two years' search for D. W. Ross, a prominent contractor of this city who vanished in August, 1903, ended today at the coroner's office.

George P. Harris identified the photograph and description of an "unidentified man," killed by a street car in September, 1903, as that of the father of Dr. Frank C. Ross, the astronomer, now assistant director at Carnegie institute, Washington, D. C., and Walter N. Ross, in the government service. The body, which has lain all the time in the Potter's field, will be exhumed and given fitting burial by the sons.

PIONEER SALOON MAN ROBBED AND MURDERED

By Associated Press. LEADVILLE, Colo., June 11.—James Sammon, a pioneer saloon man, was murdered some time this morning by robbers, who succeeded in making their escape.

They secured between \$1500 and \$3000 in money and checks of the workers in the smelters.

BARKENTINE WRECKED; CREW REACHES SHORE

By Associated Press. SURF, June 11.—The barkentine Robert Sudden, from Gray's Harbor for San Pedro, went aground on a sand bar here this morning in a heavy fog. The crew has all come ashore. The vessel is breaking up and will probably be a total loss. Her cargo consisted of lumber, a portion of which will be saved.

TEAM OWNERS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

WILL NOT TAKE PART IN TEAMSTERS' STRIKE

POLITICS AMONG UNIONISTS

Ambitions of Several Leaders Said to Be One Cause of the Prolongation of the Trouble

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, June 11.—The Chicago Team Owners' association, an organization employing 8000 union teamsters, has decided to remain neutral in the present labor struggle now in progress in Chicago. The decision reached by the owners means that there will be no strike of these men and the threatened expansion of the trouble in this direction has been averted.

One of the causes for the prolongation of the present strike is said to be the political ambitions of several Chicago union leaders. At least three of the Chicago labor leaders desire to be president of the national organization of teamsters. President Shea is also desirous of reelection and these four men, it is asserted, have been making every effort possible to control the Chicago delegates to the next convention, which will be held in Philadelphia August 7. Seven of the local unions elected delegates to the convention today. Of these delegates three were instructed for Shea and the other four were uninstructed.

With the election of these delegates out of the way, it was said by a labor leader tonight, the union leaders will get together and bring about a settlement of the strike.

DR. NANSEN FAVORS REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT

Says the Norwegians as Democratic People Could Conveniently Adopt System

By Associated Press. CHRISTIANIA, June 11.—Prayers were offered in all the churches today, not only for the fatherland but for King Oscar, with thanks for what the king has done for Norway. Dr. Fridtjof Nansen in an interview today expressed his personal opinion that a republic would be as convenient a form of government for a democratic country like Norway as a monarchy, but said that something was due to the feeling of other Scandinavian countries which were accustomed to a monarchical form of government.

WILL REFUSE RECOGNITION

Swedish Government Will Not Acknowledge Move of Revolutionists

By Associated Press. STOCKHOLM, June 11.—Premier Eamststadt, in an interview says the Swedish government will refuse to recognize the revolution in Norway and will submit to the riksdag motions conformable to this standpoint. The premier thinks that the riksdag will adopt this view and is convinced no foreign power will recognize Norway as an independent country against the will of Sweden.

AUTOMOBILE FIRE LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$525,000

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, June 11.—Nearly 100 automobiles belonging to various department stores were destroyed tonight in a fire in the garage of the Ranier Vehicle Equipment company at Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street. The loss on the machines is estimated at \$350,000, in addition to which the plant of the garage was damaged to the amount of \$75,000. The premises of the Corbett Chair company and the Sutro Braid company, occupying upper floors of the building, were also damaged to an amount estimated at \$100,000.

RAILWAY CONTRACTORS EXCLUDE CHINESE LABOR

By Associated Press. MEXICO CITY, June 11.—Contractors on the Vera Cruz & Pacific railway have decided to exclude Chinese from the ranks of their laborers. They have experimented with them and find that their work is unsatisfactory. The road has 3000 men at work rehabilitating and constructing. Planters along the line of the road who used Chinese help also have been obliged to let them go. While the Chinese do not shirk work or lay off, they are very slow and have not strength enough for the heavy work.

FREIGHT WRECK TIES UP SANTA FE TRAFFIC

By Associated Press. TRINIDAD, Colo., June 11.—A freight wreck near Timpas, 60 miles west of Trinidad, tied up traffic on the Santa Fe road today from La Junta west. The road will likely not be opened before tomorrow morning according to a statement of the local railroad men. There are three wrecking crews already at the scene of the wreck. Several freight cars were wrecked and the track torn up 200 feet. As far as learned here no one was injured.

JURY FINDS WOMAN GUILTY OF MURDER

By Associated Press. LIBERTY, Mo., June 11.—The jury which has been sitting for the past week in the case of Agnes Meyer of Kansas City, charged with the murder of her husband, Clarence Meyer, today returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. This verdict means that the death penalty by hanging is to be inflicted.

EDITORS WITNESS WILD WEST FUN

BUFFALO HUNT AND INDIAN CELEBRATION

GREAT DAY IN OKLAHOMA

Fifty Thousand Visitors Are Entertained on the 101 Ranch—Poncas and Otoes Celebrate Tribal Dissolution

By Associated Press. BLISS, O. T., June 11.—Fifty thousand people were entertained by Miller Bros. at the 101 ranch today, the visit of the National Editorial association to the ranch being made the occasion for a buffalo hunt, a buffalo dinner and an Indian celebration. The editors, many of whom were accompanied by ladies, arrived on the ranch at 11 o'clock over the Santa Fe in a special train.

An immense grand stand, extending around the arena, was built for the visitors. The arena itself was half a mile long and a third of a mile wide. To handle the crowd required nearly 200 passenger coaches. The Ponca and Otoe Indians, whose lands are being allotted, had planned a celebration to take place some time during the spring, to which they expected to invite all the other Indians in the territory to help them celebrate the dissolution of their tribal ties. This was arranged to take place at the time of the editors' visit. The ranch bought thirty-five head of buffalo in Montana, transported them to the ranch and planned a buffalo chase by Indians. A buffalo dinner was one of the day's features. Each one of the special guests, and there were altogether not less than 2000, was served with a piece of buffalo meat in connection with the dinner. Beside the buffalo, the program included a wild west show, with roping and riding contests, Indian dances, a stage robbery and a miniature reproduction of the rush into the Cherokee strip. The program also included a parade, beginning with the Indians, attired in their paint and feathers, followed by the ox team and prairie schooner and ending with an \$18,000 automobile.

MAURICE GRAU MUST DISCONTINUE ALL WORK

Health So Poor He May Never Again Come to the United States

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, June 11.—Returning New York friends of Maurice Grau, who have seen him in Paris, report that his health is not so good as it was, and he has abandoned any idea of ever returning to business. If, indeed, he is ever able to come back to this country even for a social visit, he is anxious to return here once more.

WILKINS' SONS WILL NOW CONTROL WASHINGTON POST

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, June 11.—The Washington Post editorially announces that the recent death of Beriah Wilkins will involve no change whatever in the paper. The control passes to the two sons, John J. and Robert C. Wilkins, for some years associated with their father on the Post and its management and its policies will continue as heretofore.

ACCUSED OF THEFT OF GOLD VALUED AT \$12,000

By Associated Press. NAPLES, June 11.—The police have arrested Giacomo Campoli, who arrived here by the steamer Italia from New York. Campoli is charged with the theft of two bars of gold valued at \$12,000, which were found in his valise. Campoli, on being interrogated, said he found the bars on the ground at the burning of a train near Philadelphia.

Not the Right Man

"Morning! Guv'nor in?" inquired a confident-looking stranger of a young man who was weighing sugar in a thriving grocery establishment. "Yes, sir." "Um! Advertised for a manager, I believe?" "Yes, we have." "Present manager anywhere about?" "I'm acting in that capacity at present."

"You are! Well, then, you can give me a tip as to what kind of a coddler the guv'nor is. Old?" "No; about my age."

"What's your trouble with him—close-fisted?" "Some people think he is."

"That's the trouble with most of 'em. But trust me to get the worth of my time out of him, one way or another," with a wink. "Just give him my card, will you?"

"I'm engaging the new man, if you're applying for the place," returned the other.

"You are? Well, now, do you think you could come to an immediate decision if I made it worth your while?" with another wink and drawing a bank-note from his pocket.

"Shouldn't wonder."

"Ah!" chuckled the applicant, flicking the note across the counter. "I thought that would fix it. When shall I show up for biz?"

"Why, I don't believe you'd better show up at all for business here," replied the other, quietly, pushing the money back to its owner. "You see, I happen to be the 'governor' myself, and I don't believe you're just the man we're looking for. Good morning, sir!" —Exchange.

AMUSEMENTS ORPHEUM

Modern Vaudeville Week Commencing Tonight JOHN C. RICE AND SALLY COHEN, in "All the World Loves a Lover;" WARREN AND GARDNER, comedians and singers; DE ONZO BROS., the acrobatic coopers; McCONNELL SISTERS, eccentric dancers; CHAS. AND EDNA HARRIS, in "The Lamp Post Inspector;" MABELLE ADAMS, character violinist; ORPHEUM MOTION PICTURES; last week of the popular comedienne, DELLA FOX, queen of comic opera. Prices 10, 25, 50c. Matinees Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday.

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BASEBALL—CHUTES PARK PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Portland vs. Los Angeles Today, Monday, at 2:30 Sharp, June 12

Pacific Coast League Championship Series. Admission 50c. Grand Stand 25c. Tickets on sale at Morley's Billiard Parlor, 262 South Main Street.

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85 YEARS OLD; GOES TO PANAMA

greated there will the game be good—just so long as the crusaders let us alone.

Almost every bartender in El Paso dropped a flask of liquor in "Uncle Jack's" grip sack the night he started away, and a roseate and improvised medal pinned to his coat declared him to be the gamest octogenarian who ever derived a living from the green cloth.

TEXAS PATRIARCH TO START GAMBLING HOUSE

Explains His Good Health Is Due to Use of Good Brands of Whiskey and Tobacco

John Kingston of El Paso Declares It

Special to The Herald. EL PASO, Tex., June 11.—Eighty-five and young enough to go to the isthmus of Panama to open a gambling house, John Kingston has left El Paso, taking a faro and roulette outfit.

John Kingston, commonly known throughout the west as "Uncle Jack," is a character typical of the frontier. The wrinkles are in evidence upon his once rugged face, and his form is bent, yet he is a refutation of the Osler theory. His health is good, and although he moves rather slowly, he is no more feeble than the average man of 65.

Asked as to the probable cause of his activity at such an age, he squinted a stream of tobacco juice half way across the tile floor of the "Poodle Dog" saloon and replied:

"Cause I've always used a good brand of whiskey and chewed plenty of tobacco, I reckon. 'Pears to me I've got just as old as I'm ever goin' to get, and I feel like I might be good for several years yet."

When Atchison was a riproaring frontier town in the early '70s "Uncle Jack" kept a dance hall. He accumulated a fortune, but the prohibition law put him out of business. Then he drifted to New Mexico, and in the early days of Roswell kept a saloon and gambling house. Later he came to El Paso, but a moral wave struck this Monte Carlo a few months ago and once more "Uncle Jack" was defeated by the onward march of civilization.

Recently he read that nearly 1500 Americans were living on the Isthmus of Panama, each drawing a government salary.

"That the place for me," exclaimed this battle scarred old sport, "for wherever 1500 salaried Americans are con-

gated there will the game be good—just so long as the crusaders let us alone." Almost every bartender in El Paso dropped a flask of liquor in "Uncle Jack's" grip sack the night he started away, and a roseate and improvised medal pinned to his coat declared him to be the gamest octogenarian who ever derived a living from the green cloth.

Editor—And to that end—Literary Aspirant—To that end I should like to begin by reviewing books. Editor—Don't you think that it might, perhaps, be better to end by writing criticisms than to begin that way. Literary Aspirant (confidentially)—Oh, no. I think that is the way to begin. It is the way that I began on our college paper. I reviewed the novels of Mr. James and Mr. Howells, Miss Reppiler's essays, Stephen Phillips' poems and Mallock's books as they appeared. Editor—So you think that a young girl, fresh from her school books, is able to give points to these writers? Literary Aspirant (diffidently)—Well, not exactly give points; but then, you know, there is generally something to criticize. And I always have been told that the best way to learn to write was to read good writers and criticize their works. Editor—Undoubtedly, that is an excellent way, but I should hardly think that the criticisms were worth publishing. Write them for the waste basket—that is good training; but to write them for publication, while it may be good for the writer is bad for the reader. The way to learn to write is to write—but not always for publication.