

EXPOSITION SHIP COMPANY FORMED SAILING PLANS APPROACHING COMPLETION ENTIRE CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED

Final arrangements have been made by capitalists who are forming a company to send a "floating exposition" to the tropics to open trade relations to the southern republics and Los Angeles and a temporary organization has been effected by the election of officers to serve until the company receives its charter of incorporation and permanent organization is effected.

W. E. Ransom, with offices in the Helman building, is president, and Major William W. Burke is vice president. A secretary and treasurer have also been chosen, but request their names and the corporate name withheld until incorporation papers are filed, which will occur when the directors residing in Mexico arrive in Los Angeles and participate in the final meeting before presenting the application for a charter. This will probably occur this week.

Preliminary arrangements, including subscriptions to the full amount of the \$1,000,000 capital stock of the company and the agreement upon officers and directors, with a complete arrangement of all details of the "floating exposition," its complement and itinerary, have been completed and it is expected that negotiations for the lease of a large steamship will be closed before the end of the week.

The "floating exposition" will carry an elaborate exhibit of all manufactured products of Los Angeles and Southern California and will be accompanied by experts and representatives of the exhibitors. In addition to this exhibit, a bureau of information and exhibit of agricultural and horticultural products of this portion of the state will be installed, making the ship a veritable "floating exposition" for Southern California.

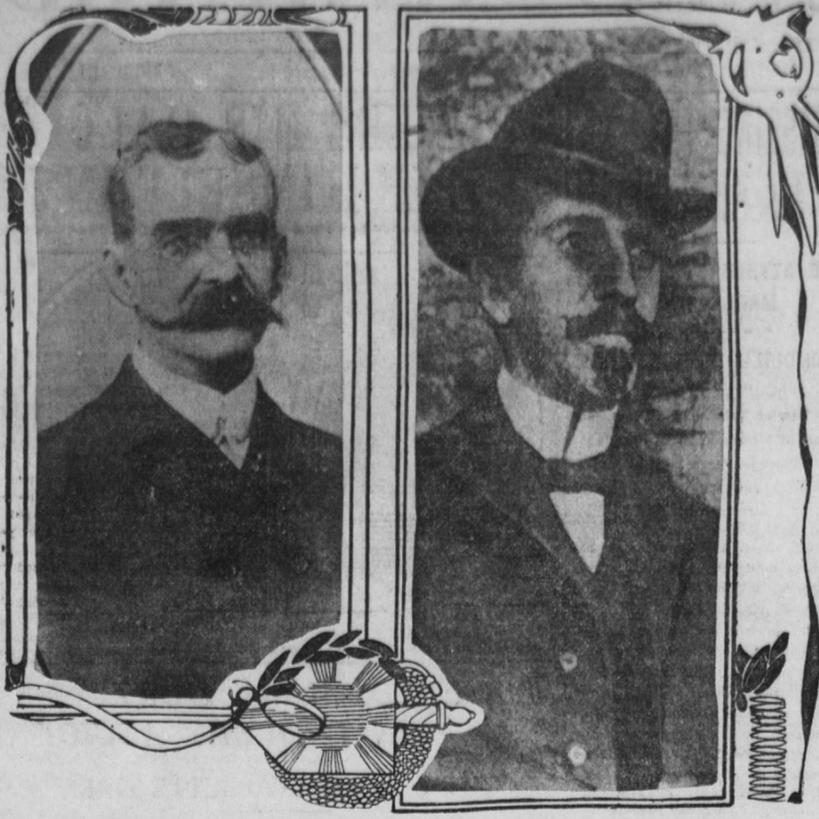
The ship will not sail October 1, as originally planned, because the exhibits cannot be installed by that time, but it is definitely stated by the officers that the ship will clear from San Pedro harbor immediately after January 1. This delay is occasioned by the desire of the exhibitors, many of whom have already engaged space on the ship, to make the display of exhibits as elaborate and complete as possible, and because it is desired to deviate slightly from original plans and carry the exhibit of agricultural and horticultural products and the bureau of information to advertise this portion of Southern California in the tropics. These changes in plans necessitate postponement of the sailing date.

In addition to the local capitalists interested in the enterprise, the directory of the company, when announced, will reveal the names of several prominent men of Mexico, including capitalists, mine owners and planters and officials of the republic. These Mexican stockholders are deeply interested in the enterprise, and have secured from their government promises of valuable concessions for the establishment of a steamship line between the tropics and San Pedro.

Local jobbers are likewise interested in the enterprise and have become investors in the stock of the company. The jobbers are prominent members of the Associated Jobbers of Los Angeles, and their interest, aside from the magnificent advantages to accrue to Los Angeles as a marketing place, grows from the desire to expand their business and put their respective firms into competition with those of other cities for the tropical trade.

President Ransom is a man of wealth and is well known in financial circles. He has large property holdings in Los Angeles and in other sections of Southern California, and is the owner of extensive properties in Cleveland where, for years he has been interested in shipping on the great lakes.

OFFICIALS OF "FLOATING EXPOSITION" COMPANY TO OPEN TROPICAL TRADE RELATIONS



VICE PRESIDENT MAJOR WILLIAM W. BURKE PRESIDENT W. E. RANSOM

Interests of our own city and section. "It is a work in which we have enlisted men of large financial interests here and in Mexico and that the trip will be wonderfully successful is now assured. We are going to try to secure for our city and our splendid port the prestige and recognition that belong to them by reason of their geographical and commercial importance.

"The east has been for years catering to a trade that, by all the laws of equity and commerce, legitimately belongs to us. I do not care to say more now, but as soon as we consider it proper we will give the press all that our people wish to know.

"The incorporation papers will be filed as soon as our attorneys have them ready. It must be remembered that we are handling interests and matters in which a number of different countries are concerned and the details are so numerous and the mails are so slow that it takes time to perfect an affair of this magnitude. Just be patient and in a few days we will tell you all you want to know."

Major William W. Burke, vice president of the company, has been for a number of years a prominent resident of Manzanillo, Mex., and has been interested in the construction of jetty and harbor works for the Mexican government.

He owns some of the most valuable mining properties in the Mexican republic and is also the owner of large property interests in this portion of California. He is enthusiastic at the prospects of this city and San Pedro and says Los Angeles will be the New York of the west.

Major Burke is a veteran of the civil war and for years was a member of the United States engineering corps. He perhaps has built more jetty and harbor works for the United States than any other man as a private contractor.

MURDERS GIRL; COMMITS SUICIDE

DOUBLE TRAGEDY CAUSED BY JEALOUSY

WOMAN WAS HIS HALF SISTER

J. N. Beebe, in Drunken Rage, Shoots Lottie Beebe and Both Die on Same Stretcher on Way to Hospital

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Without uttering a word he drew his revolver, which he had replaced in his pocket after shooting Lottie, and shot at his mother. None of these shots took effect and Miss Pearl succeeded in getting past the crazed man and reaching a neighbor's house, where she summoned the police.

After emptying the chambers of his revolver at his mother and sister as they stood in the doorway Beebe walked into the hallway and deliberately reloaded his revolver and again started in pursuit of Lottie. The frightened girl fled through the rear door of the house and in her haste broke through the railing and fell from the porch.

As Beebe was passing through the door intent on reaching his half sister Patrolman Strode entered the house through the front door but too late to arrest the murderous hand, as the report of five shots, followed by two more a few seconds later, rang out before he could reach the scene of the murderer and suicide.

When the patrolman reached the man and the woman, each lying in a pool of blood side by side in a narrow passage way in the rear of the house, he found that Miss Beebe had been shot twice, once in the left side and once over the heart, while Beebe was found to have five bullet wounds over his heart within a radius of two inches.

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o'clock Saturday morning. Milwaukee was selected as the next meeting place by a bare majority over San Francisco.

The full list of new officers is as follows: Grand worthy president, W. H. Davis, Cleveland, O.; grand worthy vice president, Edward Krause, Wilmington, Del.; grand worthy secretary, A. E. Partridge, Kansas City; grand worthy chaplain, Joseph L. Hinkle, Pendleton, Ore.; grand worthy treasurer, Frank E. Herring, South Bend, Ind.; grand worthy conductor, M. F. Connolly, Springfield, Mass.; grand worthy inside guard, W. G. Peltis, Norfolk, Va.; grand worthy trustees, Joseph Ellis, Minneapolis, Minn.; W. N. Carr, Uniontown, Pa.; R. M. Minnehan, Chicago; M. H. McNabb, Wheeling, W. Va.; J. J. Kennedy, Buffalo, N. Y.

Kansas City aerie drill team was awarded the first prize for the best exemplification of the new ritual. This team scored 93 points out of a possible 100.

Tomorrow the grand aerie will continue consideration of the report of the judiciary committee, revising the constitution and by-laws.

CUBA ENJOYS PERIOD OF GREAT PROSPERITY

Minister Quesada Declares Hopes of the Most Optimistic Have Been Exceeded

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—In a statement furnished to the press today regarding "the prosperity of Cuba" Senor Quesada, the minister from the island, declared that its prosperity was such that even the most optimistic are surprised. There was no section of the island, the minister said, which had not received a great impetus commercially and industrially and with the continuance of the "excellent sanitary conditions, the increasing production and investments, it is to be expected that in a few years the wealth of the country will be doubled."

Continuing, the statement says in part: "Deducting expenditures there was a balance of \$24,340,307 in the Cuban treasury on the 1st of July last, which, after making some allowances for outstanding credits, leaves about \$22,000,000 of surplus.

"Part of this will be devoted to public works and part to serve as basis for money to be applied to settle the balance due to the army."

SECRETARY TAFT IS MAN ON HORSEBACK

MANILA, Aug. 21.—A message received from Camp Kethley, in the heart of the province of Mindanao and on Lake Lanao, says that Secretary of War Taft and party arrived there on Saturday evening from Malabang after crossing Lake Lanao in gunboats.

Owing to limited wagon transportation, Secretary Taft, Major General Corbin, Senators Foster, Scott and Patterson and 30 others, including Miss Roosevelt and a few other ladies, rode horseback the entire distance from Malabang to Lake Lanao.

The party will leave for Overton early Monday morning and join the transport Logan, which sails for Cebu at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Found Dead in Bed

J. P. Wilcox was found dead by his son, P. A. Wilcox, in his room at the Brunswick hotel yesterday morning. A towel and rag soaked with chloroform were wrapped around his head. It is believed that he committed suicide, although Wilcox was in the habit of using chloroform to allay neuralgia in the face, and his son advanced the theory that his father died while using chloroform as a means of relief from pain.

PEACE PLENARIES ARE PESSIMISTIC

ENTERTAIN SMALL HOPE OF SUCCESS

AWAITING CZAR'S DECISION

Japanese Envoys Hold Firmly to Demands for Sakhalin and Heavy Indemnity—President Proposes Arbitration

By Associated Press. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 20.—The chances of peace have undoubtedly been improved by President Roosevelt's action in stepping into the breach in a last endeavor to induce the warring countries to compromise their "irreconcilable differences," but the result is still in suspense.

The ultimate decision of the issue has de facto if not de jure passed from the plenipotentiaries to their principals, from Portsmouth to St. Petersburg and perhaps in a lesser extent to Tokio. Although there are collateral evidences that pressure, both by President Roosevelt and neutral powers, including Japan's ally, Great Britain, whose minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, according to a dispatch received here, had a long conference this afternoon with Mr. Katsura, the Japanese premier, is still being exerted at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her demands.

There is also reason to believe that President Roosevelt was able at this interview with Baron de Rosen to practically communicate to the latter's senior, M. Witte, Japan's irreducible minimum—what she would yield, but the point beyond which she would not go.

Witte is Pessimistic

Whether an actual basis of compromise was proposed by the president cannot be stated definitely. The only thing that can be affirmed positively is that if Russia refused to act upon the suggestions or propositions of President Roosevelt the peace conference will end in failure.

And in the Russian camp little encouragement is given. Baron de Rosen reached here after an all night ride from Oyster Bay shortly before noon and immediately went into conference with M. Witte. They remained closeted together for almost three hours, during which the whole situation was reviewed. Baron de Rosen communicated to his chief the president's message and it was transmitted to the emperor, together with M. Witte's recommendation.

No clue to the nature of this recommendation has transpired. But it can be said that M. Witte, no matter how he personally may view the proposition, is distinctly pessimistic as to the character of the response which will come from St. Petersburg.

Japanese Envoys Are Firm

To a confidential friend this afternoon he offered little hope of a change in the situation. The Japanese, it is firmly believed, cling to the substance of the form of their demand for remuneration for "the cost of the war."

Perhaps they are willing to decrease the sum asked, but substantial compensation under whatever guise it is obtained they decline to relinquish. And they also are firm upon the cession of Sakhalin. By the transfer of the southern branch of the Chinese Eastern railway first to Japan for relinquishment to China, payment for the maintenance of the Russian prisoners and the surrender of the Russian warships, it is possible to figure out a total transfer to Japan in money and property of about \$250,000,000. But this is the limit.

The Japanese as usual are very reticent and it is impossible to obtain from them the least indication of their view of the change in the situation produced by the president's action. It is taken for granted that the president's appeal was made to Japan as it was to Russia, but the Japanese side of the negotiations looking to a compromise is almost completely in the dark. It is understood that Baron Kaneko was able to explain the Japanese views to the president.

Will Next Try Japan

If the president is successful with Russia it may be that he will then turn to Japan. That would be the natural course if he has suggested to Russia what he regards as a fair compromise and has undertaken, if Russia accepts, to use his influence to induce Japan to accept.

The Japanese view of the situation is authoritatively but rather humorously stated thus: "The result will be known soon. It is as useless to speculate as for the plenipotentiary to give his opinion of the sex of the unborn infant. When the child is born we will be able to tell whether it is a boy or girl.

Emperor Nicholas' decision upon the fate of the conference, according to the best informed Russians, depends upon conditions at home and these conditions they do not believe are propitious. The main factors are the internal conditions and the reports from the front as to the military situation. The former has been ameliorated by last Saturday's manifesto and the character of the reports received by his majesty from Manchuria are known to be good.

Linevitch is Confident

Gen. Linevitch has expressed absolute confidence in victory, and since the conference began he and his generals have not only reassured his majesty that the army was never in better con-

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER. "The best plays and best company in America for the money." A beautiful play, well played, was the unanimous verdict of two packed houses yesterday. "The Little Christian" is a success, and you don't want to miss it. Tonight—All Week—Matinee Saturday. The Little Christian...

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! Wednesday Afternoon, August 23

MISS BLANCHE HALL will appear as NORA in IBSEN'S GREAT PLAY A DOLL'S HOUSE

Produced under the direction of Mr. Harry Masteyer, who will also appear in the strong acting role of Krogtstad. Mr. Wm. Bernard will be seen as Helmer. Mr. Sothard as Dr. Rank, Miss Kelson as Miss Marshall, and other Burbank favorites will have important roles. A play as fascinating as "Ghosts," "The Little Christian" is a success, and you don't want to miss it.

ORPHEUM. SPRING STREET, Between Second and Third. Modern Vaudeville. Commencing Tonight, COL. GASTON BORDEVERRY, King of Sharpshooters. JAMES J. MORTON, "A Fellow of Infinite Jest." LES PARISIENNES, Novelty Dancers. MME. CELINA BOBE, Violin and Xylophone. ORPHEUM MOTION PICTURES. Second and Last Week of the Great Novelty, PATTY BROS., Balancing and Head Walking. Prices—10c, 25c, 50c. Matinee Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE. MAIN ST., Between First and Second. The Family Theater. Tracked Around the World. The Great Railroad Scene, Bull Pit and Arena, Madrid, Nihilist Den in Tangier, Palace of Folly, Abduction in Morocco, Chinatown, San Francisco. Matinee Sunday, Tuesday, Saturday, 10c and 25c. Evenings, 10c, 25c, 50c. Next week—"Why Women Sigh."

VENICE BEACH. Venice Assembly—Monday, August 21. AUDITORIUM, 8 P. M.—GRAND SPECTACULAR MINSITREL SHOW by members of the COLUMBIA PARK BOYS' CLUB of SAN FRANCISCO, direction of MR. SIDNEY S. PELKOTTO. FULL PLEDGED AND STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE MINSITREL PERFORMANCE, COMPLETE in every way. 9:30 P. M.—DANCING until 11:30. AMPHITHEATER, 7:30 to 9:30 P. M.—BAND CONCERT BY AREND'S VENICE BAND. THURSDAY, 3 P. M.—MR. HENRY FRANK, 4 P. M.—First address by BABA BHARATI in his series on REINCARNATION, 8:30 P. M.—FIRST APPEARANCE OF PROF. CHAS. ZUEBLIN of the University of Chicago. ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR STEREOPTICON LECTURERS IN THE COUNTRY. LIVE IN VENICE IN COMFORT AT SMALL COST—in our cozy villas and tents you can live cheaper than elsewhere. Prices range from \$15 a month up; everything furnished for housekeeping; gas for cooking, electric lights and laundry without charge. For further information apply to A. C. Walter Co., Bank Bldg., Venice. VENICE INFORMATION BUREAU, 216 West Fourth St., Angulus Hotel.

BELASCO THEATER. COMMENCING TONIGHT—The Great Big Laughing Success of two Continents—NOTHING BUT FUN—A Stranger in a Strange Land. PRICES—Nights, 25c to 75c. Thursday and Saturday Matinee, 25c to 50c. NEXT WEEK—ANNIVERSARY WEEK—To be celebrated with a magnificent production of the famous romantic play, "RICHIELFU." Seats now on sale.

CHUTES. Grand Open Air Concerts by Donatelli's Italian Band, Chutes Theater Free! Welch, Francis Musical Extravaganza Company presents "The King of Kalama-zoo," Thirty Chorus Girls and Comedians. Evening performances only. Visit the Japanese Tea Garden. One Hundred Other Diverting Features. Admission 10c.

dition but they have sent messages to M. Witte imploring him not to make peace. They demand an opportunity to retrieve the honor and prestige of the army, and in a country where the army is the bulwark of the government the wishes of its generals are not likely to be disregarded by their sovereign, not only to make peace but to pay tribute to the enemy. It is significant in this connection that Mr. Witte took occasion today to formally deny, through the Associated Press, the published reports from St. Petersburg to the effect that at a meeting of the council for the national defenses, presided over by the Grand Duke Alexis, that the emperor has telegraphed Mr. Witte to come to an understanding with the Japanese.

Mr. Witte said: "The report is a pure invention. There is not a word of truth in it. The national council for defense has held no meeting. The Grand Duke Nicholas never uttered a statement like that attributed to him. On the contrary, the news from Gen. Linevitch is entirely reassuring."

The issue will not necessarily be decided on Tuesday. The Japanese will not be impatient, but the final decision will without doubt come this week. One of the members of the Japanese mission tonight expressed the opinion that whether a treaty was signed or not the conference would complete its labors by the end of the week. He added that he did not believe any member of the mission would go to Oyster Bay. "The president fully understands our position," he said.

pathy of the public opinion of the world, will be particularly hard to reject. If he agrees Japan, if she has not already done so, will be all the more bound to submit her claim to the decision of an impartial arbitrator. Acceptance on both sides would involve a great extension of the principle of arbitration as nations have heretofore declined to arbitrate questions involving their "honor and dignity."

Both Mr. Takahira and Mr. Witte in the early stages of the conference absolutely rejected the idea of arbitration, and only yesterday both reiterated their disbelief in such a solution.

JAPAN MUST MODIFY DEMANDS

St. Petersburg Believes Only Great Concessions Can Bring Peace

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21, 1:26 a. m.—Russia's official attitude regarding the final reply to be made to Japan on Tuesday is unchanged. The impression prevails as heretofore that only a very few great concessions on the part of Japan on the question of indemnity and the cessions of Sakhalin will make peace possible.

The questions pertaining to the limitations of Russia's naval power and the surrender of her interned warships are considered here to be quite susceptible of satisfactory arrangement and not able to cause serious trouble. An interesting development of Sunday was the statement from the best authority that the foreign office did not believe that August 22 would necessarily see the conclusion at Portsmouth of the conference but that there will be further exchanges between the plenipotentiaries, lasting two and perhaps three days. In some quarters this is taken as a sign that there is still hope for a settlement on a basis of concessions.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK. Japanese Army in Korea in Touch With Oyama. LONDON, Aug. 21.—The Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent says that despite the heavy rains, the Japanese have advanced in northern Korea. The Russians abandoned their advance works and were driven back. After crossing the river the Russians destroyed the bridges and there was no sign of the Russians south of the Tumen. The Japanese army in Korea has already effected a certain communication with Field Marshal Oyama.