

THE NEWS OF A WEEK CONDENSED

SUMMARY OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST

Progress of Peace Negotiations Between Russia and Japan—Foreign and Domestic Items of Interest Told in Brief.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Russia's reply to the Japanese terms of peace were delivered by M. Witte to Baron Komura. Upon the two crucial points, indemnity and the cession of the island of Sakhalin, the reply is an absolute non-possimus. Other points are accepted as bases for discussion, while still others are accepted conditionally.

The envoys have settled the first three peace conditions, giving the Japs preponderating influence in Korea, providing the open door in Manchuria and ending the Chinese Eastern railroad in China.

A break in the peace negotiations was narrowly averted when the Sakhalin issue was brought up. The discussion was postponed. Diplomats believe the envoys will be able to effect a compromise, as both powers seem anxious to conciliate.

Russia's attitude in the peace conference is attributed to pressure brought on the czar by the kaiser, who seeks to block Japan and England in their plan for controlling the far east by preventing peace.

Japan has redeemed every pledge by restoring Manchuria and the railroad to China, declares the Peking correspondent of the London Times.

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

The New Orleans yellow fever record to date is: Deaths, 176; total cases, 1146.

Eleven cases of yellow fever have been discovered at Mississippi City, Minn., and it is said the presence of the fever there has been kept a secret since July 20.

Two cases suspected to be yellow fever are reported in Indiana, at Crawfordville and near Michigan City.

New Orleans quarantine threatens to delay the opening of oyster season. A famine is in prospect. The grain export business is affected. The scourge is spreading.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Federal supervision of insurance was the subject of a conference at Seneca House held by President Roosevelt and a number of leading insurance officials.

It is expected that in his next message to congress the president will recommend the enactment of legislation providing for federal supervision.

A mass of limestone weighing thousands of tons, slid from a side of the quarry of mill A of the Lehigh Portland Cement company at Ormsford, Pa., burying 27 men, of whom 12 were killed and 6 injured.

Never before, it is said, has such activity been witnessed in the erection of steel mills, furnaces and shops as is now being done in Pittsburgh and the Monongahela valley.

Three children of Enos Adkins, living on a small branch of Guyan river, near Ranger, W. Va., were drowned in a flood which swept thence on.

John Jebeles in a fit of jealousy fatally shot Miss Lela McBride, aged 22, at Auston, Ala., and then fired a bullet into his own brain, dying instantly.

An attempt was made on the life of the empress of China as she was passing through the northwest gate of the city to her summer palace. Her assailant was dressed as a soldier, and was bayoneted by the guard.

Two men were killed, two fatally injured and eight others seriously injured in a collision of a Baltimore & Ohio Southeastern passenger train and a street car at Winton place, a suburb of Cincinnati.

An official account of the disturbances at Bielostok, Russian Poland, confirms the report that 40 persons were killed. Jews opened fire on the troops, who replied with volleys.

Thomas A. Elliott, night city editor of the Free Press, died in Detroit of typhoid fever, aged 45 years.

The police at Gramscicchio, Sicily, fired on strikers who were stoning them, killing seven and wounding a number of others.

Three children, each three years old, met death in Chicago by falling from open windows in different parts of the city.

Mrs. Naomi Aldrich, of Grayling, Mich., is in jail charged with having poisoned her two boys, aged 10 and 12, to collect \$50 life insurance on each.

Bishop Fallows, in a sermon at the Princeton, Ill., Chautauque, said that John D. Rockefeller is insane on money and sets an example for grafters.

A negro who attempted to assault a white girl at Sulphur Springs, Tex., was burned at the stake by a mob of 500 men.

Twenty firemen were scalded by an explosion of grease in a burning soap factory in New York city.

Trade reports were less uniformly favorable, but adverse factors were of a temporary nature, and the net results for the week were satisfactory, according to Dun's trade review.

Edward Drouin, formerly a wealthy and influential merchant of Philadelphia, is dead at Florida, Ill.

The court of inquiry in the Bennington disaster has completed its investigation at San Diego, Cal., and the members will now prepare their report.

A score of persons were more or less seriously injured in St. Louis as the result of a violent wind and rainstorm.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will ask congress to amend the law requiring the unloading and feeding of live stock each 28 hours.

A census bulletin prepared by Prof. W. F. Wilcox, of Cornell, declares that the birth rate in the United States has been steadily declining since 1860.

The United Verde copper mine of Jerome, Ariz., for a controlling interest in which Senator Clark, of Montana, paid \$26,800, now earns for its owners \$600,000 a month.

Four persons were killed in one day while climbing the Alps.

Booker T. Washington, in a convention of negroes in Washington, declared the south is the place for the black man. Thousands of acres of Indian land in Utah have been opened to homesteaders.

Vice President Fairbanks was orator of the day at the dedication of a monument to Ethan Allen, at Burlington, Vt.

The stable attached to the summer home of Craig Biddle, at Radnor, Pa., was burned. All of the horses and carriages were saved. The loss is \$40,000.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson criticizes the action of the Norwegian storting and declares for a republic.

The coroner at Cleveland, O., in his official session, says the night telegraph operator at Mentor, O., threw the switch that caused the wreck of the Lake Shore Twentieth Century Limited, in which 19 persons lost their lives.

Delegates from all sections of the country talked at the first day's session of the big Chicago trade convention in favor of a plan for reciprocity as a cure for the evils of American commerce.

President Roosevelt, in an address at the commerce convention says 13,000 persons were killed and 84,155 injured in railway disasters in the United States during 1904.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to the convention of the National Negro Business league in New York, says self-help is the hope of the black man and the solution of the race problem.

President Roosevelt, in an address at Chautauque, N. Y., favored enforcing the Monroe doctrine, but not increasing it, and asked wise control of big corporations.

A fast east-bound passenger train on the Nickel Plate road collided with a west-bound freight train at Kishman, O., resulting in the death of 12 persons, while at least 25 others were injured.

Eight of the freight crew is believed to have been the cause of the disaster.

Mrs. Harvey McPherson Null, charged with murder in the first degree in having, it is alleged, poisoned her husband, a well-to-do farmer, and H. C. Kelley, a farmhand, charged with aiding and abetting her in the crime, have been arrested at Pratt, Kan.

Twenty thousand citizens of Quebec witnessed the unveiling of a monument to the Quebec soldiers who lost their lives in the South African war. Earl Grey unveiled the monument.

The ancient three-story and attic house at Elm and Prince streets, New York, in which President Monroe died on July 4, 1831, was partially destroyed by fire.

Dr. Austin Drake, of Springfield, Ill., won a 20-year contest for a \$3,000,000 estate in New York.

James Showley and Ernest Campbell, both young men, drove into a barn near Wynn station, Ind., to escape a storm. Lightning struck the barn, killing both men.

Dispatches received at the state department from China show that Shanghai is the only place where the boycott against American goods has assumed anything like a serious aspect.

At Canton the movement has become more headway, but at other points it has not been successful.

Ambassador Tower has been asked to represent the United States at the international earthquake conference in Berlin.

Five thousand idle workmen, armed with pickets, are roaming through parts of Spain. Many others seek jails to get food and shelter. Farmers and land owners ask the government for relief.

Wong Kai Kah, Chinese imperial trade commissioner, comes to the United States to discuss the boycott and proposed a new exclusion treaty.

By a modified order President Roosevelt makes about 85,000 more acres of public land subject to entry in the Uintah Indian reservation.

Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant, will pay taxes on \$40,000,000 worth of property, \$2,000,000 being in personal holdings in his residence.

John D. Rockefeller's gifts are reported to exceed his income, and he is mentioned as a rival of Andrew Carnegie in the race for poverty.

The war department may soon order arrests, as the result of an expose showing that the government has been defrauded of \$150,000 on fur contracts at the Scotch mill arsenal.

The teamsters' convention at Philadelphia adjourned, after exposure of Chicago strike secrets. Chicago will be the next meeting place.

Secretary Taft told Filipinos who asked for a promise of independence that self-government is far distant and the United States will brook no interference with plans.

The total commercial value of all the railroads in the United States is placed at over \$1,000,000,000.

A student told by a convict in the Joliet (Ill.) penitentiary is believed to explain the murder of Policemen Pennell and Devine, of Chicago, three years ago and led to the arrest of a man suspected of being implicated.

Minister Rockhill and consuls in China are instructed by the state department to watch the progress of the boycott against American goods.

Earl Kell Field, the daring automobilist, lost a leg and was otherwise injured in an auto accident in Cleveland.

Harry Parker and Harry Johnson confessed to the murder of Pawnbroker Joseph Moyer at Detroit.

Perry J. Luster, formerly manager of the Cumberland Telephone company, of Guthrie, Ky., who disappeared from that place July 29, on which date his wife was found dead in her room with a bullet through her brain, is under arrest at Ogden, Utah.

Secretary Taft, in a banquet address at Manila, says Filipinos must learn the principles of democracy by education and that a representative assembly will be granted natives in 1907 if no insurrection exists.

Congress of the Russian Union of Peasants, held in Moscow, demands universal suffrage, broader power for the proposed assembly, and the division of the state domain and lands owned by religious organizations among the people.

Chief Collins, of Chicago, will send detectives to Brockton, Mass., where an attempt will be made to identify Chauffeur Marshall as the slayer of Chauffeur William Bate, of "Dove" murder mystery.

The meeting of the National Baptist convention, which was to have been held in Chicago September 13-19, has been postponed until October 2.

Fire that broke out in the heart of the business section of Bakersfield, Cal., destroyed ten buildings.

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PEACE SEEMS TO BE LOST.

THE PLENIPOLENTIARIES ARE APPARENTLY IN ABSOLUTE DEAD-LOCK.

Outside Influence the Only Power that Can Bring the Conference to Successful Conclusion. Roosevelt Takes Hand.

Portsmouth, Aug. 19.—President Roosevelt does not intend to allow the peace conference to fail if it is in his power to bring the negotiations to a successful end. Last night he sent a confidential man to Portsmouth with a message to M. Witte. The messenger will say to M. Witte that it is the president's earnest desire that he shall send Baron Rosen or somebody in the confidence of M. Witte and of equal powers to Oyster Bay at once to see the president. The president has made his message most urgent. He almost demands that M. Witte shall send a representative to Oyster Bay. The president is determined that the peace conference shall not end in a break if he can bring about peace, and it is understood here that he has a most pressing communication for M. Witte and the peace conference.

The president has been in constant receipt of reports of the press conference. He is expected that M. Witte stands, there can be no peace. He will urge on the Russians that they shall ask the czar to recede from the position they have taken on the four points in dispute and thus give the mikado a way to make concessions all at once and end the war. A reply from M. Witte is expected early to-morrow, as the messenger reaches Portsmouth. It is expected that M. Witte will grant the request of the president and send either Baron Rosen or some other influential member of his suite.

Just after midnight President Roosevelt brought to a close a long and important conversation by telegraph with Assistant Secretary of State Pierce, who is at Portsmouth. Mr. Pierce declined to discuss the conversation.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 19.—President Roosevelt's only visitor yesterday was Baron Kaneko, who studiously conceals his precise mission, but it is known to be a confidential representative in this country of the Japanese government. This was his fourth visit to the president in a few weeks, and the second within a week. Reasons developed yesterday for the statement that Baron Kaneko's call had relation to the peace proceedings at Portsmouth, although it appears reasonably certain he did not come as a representative of the Japanese envoys.

Central Illinois farmers laugh at reports of corn "firing," started to influence markets, and says one of the largest crops in the history of the state is now practically assured.

Referee Plimley of Vermont, allowed claims of the French government against Venezuela aggregating about \$650,000.

Federal agents in Chicago recovered 268 diamonds declared to have been smuggled and seek evidence to catch a gang which is engaged in wholesale smuggling.

The storking has been surmised to meet on Aug. 21, when the question of a republic may be referred to the people.

Former Statistarian Hyde writes Secretary Wilson that he will return to America "as soon as possible."

Rose Plimley, aged ten years, of Boston, swam a mile in Dorchester bay in 33 minutes.

Federal secret service men in Chicago keep track of witnesses in the beef trust inquiry who show a disposition to get out of the jurisdiction of the court.

Henry Sienkiewicz, the noted Polish author, was sentenced to confinement in his home in Warsaw for an indeterminate period because of attacks on Russia methods in the schools.

A fur scandal, involving \$150,000 and several inspectors of army supplies has been unearthed in Philadelphia.

A political revolution is pending in Cuba. The liberals threaten to resort to arms if defeated at the approaching elections.

Thirty thousand teamsters plan to form a separate union after a conference in Philadelphia convention. About 7,000 Chicago members are in the movement against Shea.

Chairman Shonts has returned from Panama, and says the first and most important work of the commission is providing for the care of 20,000 canal employes.

Henry Chandler Egan, of the Ex-mo Country club, Chicago, won the amateur golf championship for the second time, defeating D. E. Sawyer on the links of the Chicago Golf club.

The steamship Eastland, of Chicago, bumped into a launch at South Haven, Mich., and men and women on the smaller craft were hurled into the water as the little boat sank, but all were saved.

A camp exploded at the home of Will Elliott in Paducah, Ky., and the family did not awaken until the house was in flames. Three children were burned to death and the parents badly injured.

The beef trust cases are set for trial early in October.

Cornelius Shea was again elected president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters at the convention at Philadelphia.

Opposition of members of both houses may influence President Roosevelt to abandon plans for an extraordinary session of congress in November.

The battleship Kansas, the largest war vessel ever built in the east, was launched at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding company in Camden, N. J.

Miss Anna Hoch, daughter of Gov. Hoch, of Kansas, acted as sponsor for the ship and christened the vessel with spritz water.

The Norwegian people in a referendum decided almost unanimously in favor of dissolving the union with Sweden. The people do not desire a republic.

George Fraundrider and Eddie Rockinger, each about 12 years of age, were drowned in the millpond at the Kaumazoo river at Marshall, Mich. Both lads were playing upon the roof of a dam and slid off into the river.

Death is the penalty fixed by the governor of Newchwang, China, for joining in the boycott against America.

Lightning struck a street car in New York, causing a panic in which 14 persons were injured.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The annual report of the interstate commerce committee, giving the railroad statistics for the year 1904, shows that the total number of casualties to persons on the railways in the United States was 94,201, of which 10,046 represented the number of persons killed and 84,155 the number injured.

Of the persons killed, 441 were passengers, the number wounded was 9,111, and one person killed, out of every 1,622,267 carried, and one injured out of every 75,523 carried.

Iowa City, Iowa, Aug. 19.—Lars Peterson, a carpenter, committed suicide in a coffin which he made to order for himself. He went into the basement and put the finishing touches on the casket. Then he attached a small rubber hose to a gas jet and turned on the gas. He laid the casket on the floor, got into it and stuck the other end of the hose through a small hole in the lid. He was asphyxiated in a few moments. His wife went to look for him and found him dead in the casket.

GOPHER GOSSIP.

St. Paul.—Daniel Ferguson, seven years old, is killed by a street car.

St. Paul.—Pat Ebbas, a former pugilist, shoots holes in barroom mirrors.

Minneapolis.—The outing of the state editorial association is arranged for next week.

Monticello.—The 12-year-old son of Mr. Mitchell of Sulida died from sunstroke.

Minneapolis.—The state now has \$3,000,000 loaned to school districts and municipalities.

Winona.—High water is causing much trouble in the sanitation sewage system of this city.

Brainerd.—It is estimated that 10,000 to 12,000 harvest hands will be needed in the Northwest.

Winona.—The Minnesota guardsmen will send a rifle team to the works for contest at next week.

St. Paul.—Attorney General and Young rules that Food Commissioner Slater may appoint volunteer inspectors.

Minneapolis.—Fifty thousand dollars will bring the Grand Army encampment to Minneapolis next year.

Northfield.—Ole C. Lund of Tansboro, Wis., was killed by a runaway, striking his back and dying from his injuries. He was 60.

Two Harbors.—The Duluth & Iron Range road has received about 2,000 steel ties from the Carnegie steel works for experimental purposes.

Elk River.—Lightning struck the barn of the Mississippi and Rum River Boom company, and it was burned to the ground. Loss \$15,000.

St. Paul.—Gertrude Heck, the five-year-old daughter of Mathias Heck, died of health received by playing while playing with fire near her home.

Stillwater.—Ambrose Lee, a St. Paul workhouse prisoner, was released from the Como institution on a parole, issued by the state pardon board.

Rochester.—Rochester is to experiment and have a home coming and free street carnival this year, the date being for one solid week, Aug. 20 to Sept. 2.

St. Paul.—Governor Johnson came to the aid of the Aikin high water sufferers with a check for \$200. The money was sent to the general relief committee.

Hinckley.—Work on the new schoolhouse is being rapidly pushed and the building is expected to be ready for occupancy in time for the fall term.

Fort Snelling.—Private John Mastiff, company I, Twenty-eighth infantry, was accidentally drowned while rowing on the Mississippi river with two other soldiers.

Hastings.—The Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company has bought Elevator A in this city from the Miller Elevator company of Minneapolis for \$2,500.

Delano.—Seven old couples live within Delano's borders who can boast of having been married over fifty years and have lived together during that period.

Minneapolis.—A well dressed young man, who was killed by a street car, was an expert diamond thief and a diamond from the jewelry counter in the New Store and after an exciting chase escaped.

Sank Center.—George Truax, aged 31, was killed on the Great Northern tracks between here and Melrose. Truax had lived here nearly all his life, and for several years was in the lively business.

Minneapolis.—Despondent over his situation in his family, Xavier Traber, who was shot himself while alone in his little shop at 1006 Main street northeast. His decomposed body was found by a friend.

Osakis.—Way freight, west bound, conductor R. E. Landis, ran over a laborer who was supposed to be Don Axelman, said to have a brother in Dayton, Ohio, who attempted to catch the train at this station.

St. Paul.—Minnesota has furnished to its various districts, villages and other municipalities \$2,000,000 in the last few years for the construction of new schoolhouses, drainage ditches, good roads and public buildings.

Duluth.—Mrs. Augustus Metzner, wife of a business man of Sparta, Wis., came to Duluth and registered at a hotel as "Miss Maloney of Two Harbors," and in the night took a dose of morphine which caused her death in hospital.

Mankato.—County Auditor Weaver has prepared a statement of the cost of the third trial of Dr. George Koch of New Ulm, showing an expense of \$4,612, exclusive of attorneys' fees.

St. Paul.—Elsie Mattson, 2 years old, 864 Maryland street, died as the result of drinking fly poison. Coroner A. W. Miller investigated the case and decided that death was due to accident. The child suffered great agony for several hours.

Minneapolis.—The first car of new-crop Minnesota wheat reached the city Aug. 8, coming from Kasota, consigned to the Van Dusen-Harrington company. Being the first lot in and grading choice No. 1 northern, it brought a high price, going at \$1.06.

Duluth.—Mrs. H. Hendrickson, 80 years of age, residing east of Lake George, in Hubbard county, was returning home from a neighbor when she became lost. A searching party was organized and it was not until the end of the sixth day that her absence that she was found.

Minneapolis.—Frank M. Crane, for whom no warrant was issued some time ago on a charge of grand larceny, has been arrested in Chicago and will be brought back.

Cloth.—The postoffice was entered by thieves, but only a small amount of change and stamps were secured. This is the second robbery of post-offices in this vicinity recently.

Owatonna.—A northbound freight train on the Rock road struck and killed the 19-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick. The parents, who live between Meiford and Clinton Falls, some seven miles north of Owatonna, were in the field to work, taking the child with them.

St. Paul.—State Treasurer J. H. Block has addressed a letter to the state board of investment, using the sum of \$2,145,000 of Virginia state bonds now held by different state funds, in order to give ready money to loan to Minnesota counties, cities, villages, towns and school districts, which have made applications, and have been refused on account of lack of funds.

St. Paul.—The ticket brokers of St. Paul and Minneapolis have agreed not to buy, sell or exchange tickets issued by the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo lines on account of the state fair to be held in St. Paul the first week of next month.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA.

Crop Report.

Barley cutting is finished in all sections but the extreme north where it is progressing favorably. Spring