

PRESIDENT HAS BACKING OF POWERS IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE

Hold Center of World's Stage During the Negotiations.

SECRETS WELL KEPT

Declaration of Armistice Will be First Notification to Public.

Washington, June 8.—Pending negotiations for the promotion of peace in the far east have assumed within a few hours an unexpectedly favorable phase. While it might be too much to say at this moment that peace is in sight, in view of the delicacy of the exchanges now in progress, it is certain there is greater prospects now for a successful termination of present negotiations than has been at any time. It can be said the result of Ambassador Meyers' audience with the czar yesterday was distinctly favorable.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—President Roosevelt, striving with excellent prospects of success to end the bloody war, is now the central figure on the world's stage. One of the obstacles, it seems, will be overcome, once both Japan and Russia ever agree to accept his good offices for the arrangement of preliminaries.

The belligerents are expected to be able to arrange peace terms direct. The president is believed to share the Emperor William view that the belligerents should be allowed to settle the actual terms without outside interference. Evidence also exists that Roosevelt has secured the support of several continental powers and that at the proper time they will appear at his back.

Exactly what is transpiring at Washington is being carefully guarded. Diplomats here are still greatly at sea, not being able to do more than venture a shrewd guess and indulge in speculation.

The interest with which moves on the Washington chessboard are being followed is evidenced by the manner in which ambassadors and ministers who learned of Ambassador Meyer's audience with the czar yesterday flocked to the American embassy today in search of information. But the situation seems to be so delicate that the ambassador is compelled to display the most complete reserve.

If Japan proves moderate in her demands, peace seems at last to be close ahead. An armistice probably will be the first evidence the world will have that the two powers have agreed to shake hands.

French Ambassador. Washington, June 8.—M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, had a half-hour conference with the president at the executive offices today. At the close of the interview the ambassador said he could not discuss the object of his call, and that if anything is to be made public it would have to come from the president.

Given Deciphered Dispatches. Washington, June 8.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis called on the president immediately after the visit of Jusserand. While he would admit nothing as to the nature of his visit, there is excellent reason for the statement he presented to the president the deciphered cable dispatches from Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg and Ambassador Reid at London.

Nothing to Make Public. Loomis expressed the belief that nothing would be made public here in an official way today regarding peace negotiations. He admitted the situation was delicate and indicated that as a reason for not making public any details concerning the negotiations in progress.

Others Call. Washington, June 8.—Ambassador Durand called upon the president at the White House this afternoon. Minister Takahira is expected to call later.

Follows Family Council. St. Petersburg, June 8.—It now transpires Ambassador Meyer's audience with the emperor had been preceded by a family council at Tsarskoe-Selo at which it is understood the decision was reached peace was desirable if Japan's terms are not too onerous.

Another Disappointment. St. Petersburg, June 8.—Ascension day, one of the most important of the Russian religious holidays, was not marked by the appearance of the ex-

EXPLOSION WRECKS PARIS, ILL., BANK; BOOKKEEPER NURSING A BROKEN ARM

Paris, Ill., June 8.—The Edgar county National bank was wrecked by dynamite at 4 this morning. The charge also demolished Bradshaw's jewelry store and Wetzell's shoe store adjacent to the bank. The vault was wrecked, but the safe in which were the bank funds is intact.

A strange circumstance is that Walter Juntunen, bookkeeper of the bank, has a broken arm, which he says was caused by a brick flying into his window across the square from the explosion.

HART'S TRIAL GOES OVER TO NEXT TERM

Continuance Granted Because of Absence of Material Witness in Case. Joseph D. Hart, who is charged with murdering James Poppis, a Greek, by striking him on the head with a pick handle, today through his attorneys asked a continuance until the September term of court and it was granted him. The ground upon which the motion for continuance was granted was the absence of a material witness, H. A. Weld appears for the defendant.

MUCH GRAFT AT MILWAUKEE

Twenty Supervisors and Others Implicated by a Confession. Milwaukee, Wis., June 8.—Register of Deeds Otto J. Seidel, Jr., and ex-Supervisor Edward F. Strauss have made confessions to the district attorney concerning "grafting" which they said has been going on in the county board for some years. Twenty or more supervisors are implicated, as well as a number of contractors and business men. The confessions will be laid before the grand jury about to convene, and many indictments probably will be returned.

THE SHAH NEED NOT PAY

Paris Court So Decides After Ruler of Persia Balks. Paris, June 8.—A court has decided that the shah of Persia cannot be compelled to pay the debts incurred in France because he is a sovereign, and therefore not amenable to French law.

ANOTHER IS SHORT

W. W. Karr, Disbursing Officer at Smithsonian Institution, in Trouble.

SUM OF \$46,000 IS TAKEN

Confesses to Series of Peculations Covering Period of 15 Years. Washington, D. C., June 8.—W. W. Karr, disbursing officer of the national museum, which is operated as a bureau in the Smithsonian institution, was arrested yesterday on complaint of Samuel P. Langley, secretary of the institution, on a charge of embezzlement. Karr admitted his guilt and confessed to having stolen about \$46,000. His peculation, he said, was begun about fifteen years ago.

No Money to Pay Bills. Last Monday, when bills against the national museum were received by the Smithsonian institution, it was found that there was no money in the treasury to a particular account out of which these bills could be paid. Officers of the institution were astonished over this condition, as they had supposed there was a credit of \$50,000 to the fund in question. An investigation was made and Karr confessed.

Had No Confederates. It is said by associates of Karr that as far as known, he had no bad habits, and had made no expenditures beyond his means. In his confession he said he did not know what became of the money, and that nobody else was implicated in his peculations. Karr is 52 years old and has a wife and four children.

Papers Change Tone. There is a significant change in the tone of the Russian newspapers like the Novoe Vremya, which never heretofore have even admitted the possibility of the conclusion of hostilities until Russia had recovered her military prestige by victory. Today the papers discuss calmly the advisability of ending the war if Japan's terms are reasonable. The payment of a big indemnity would be too humiliating. The Novoe Vremya says bluntly if Japan asks too much it will pay Russia to prolong the contest indefinitely.

PORTLAND FAIR TO RECOGNIZE POETS

Joaquin Miller Declines Exclusive Honors, So They Are Made General. Portland, Ore., June 8.—Saturday July 15, has been set for Joaquin Miller day at the Lewis and Clark exposition, though Mr. Miller himself, in a letter to the department of special events, insists that it be called "poets' day," and that all poets be invited. Invitations will be sent to all poets of recognized worth, particularly those in the west. In his letter the veteran poet of the Sierras says: "I have tried on the halo which you have fashioned for me, and it doesn't fit. I am not entitled to first place, except by right of antiquity. There are many poets—most of them poets of promise as yet—but let us get them all together; it will help all around, and harm no one." Mr. Miller has promised to be present without fail.

The 15th of July will be the culmination of "western authors' week," during which a notable gathering of western writers in various lines is expected at the exposition. One of those specially invited is Edwin Markham, who was born at Oregon City, only 12 miles from the exposition site. Mr. Markham now resides at Westerleigh, Long Island, N. Y. The west has many writers—poets, novelists, short story writers and authors of notable books in various fields of literature—and now for the first time is afforded an opportunity for them to meet and become acquainted.

No exposition ever has given such recognition to the makers of literature. Commenting upon the designation of a day for Joaquin Miller, the San Francisco Call says editorially: "The officers of the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland have struck out something original by dedicating one day of the exposition to Joaquin Miller. He gave the state of Oregon its sobriquet, 'The Emerald Land,' from which it has come to be known as 'The Emerald State,' and his fame is closely connected with Oregon, where his career began. He is a native of Indiana, and was taken to Oregon by his parents, when a child, over the old Oregon trail, which so many traveled and so many perished. The honor proposed for him is also a conspicuous recognition of literature. Joaquin Miller is part of the pioneer history of Oregon, and he is a citizen of the republic of letters. The state sets the pace for its elders in the treatment of literary genius, and the effect upon other commonwealths will be watched with interest."

Joaquin Miller now lives in a home he has built on "The Heights," at Diamond, Cal., the identical point where John C. Fremont, the pathfinder, first gazed upon the glorious Golden Gate. His first home in Oregon was near the town of Eugene, in the Willamette valley, where one of his brothers still resides. Later, Joaquin Miller lived at Canyon City, in eastern Oregon, where he was a pioneer county judge. His poems breathe the aroma of the vast fir forests of Oregon, and glow with the gleam of the snow-clad peaks in that state and California. By general acclaim he is the dean of western poets, and undoubtedly he has achieved a wider fame than any other living writer on the Pacific coast.

Timbers in Tunnel Burn. Denver, Colo., June 8.—Fire has broken out in the timbers of the Denver & Rio Grande tunnel at Ruby, 24 miles west of Grand Junction, and temporarily tied up traffic between Denver and Salt Lake City. The tunnel is 530 feet long.

Prices Sent Up. London, June 8.—Prices on the stock exchange advanced sharply on news of peace negotiations.

RUSSIAN LOSSES AT SEA ARE INCREASED

Gunshu Pass, June 8.—According to reports received by Linevitch from naval officers, the losses of Rojestrensky's fleet were from 9,000 to 10,000 officers and men killed or drowned and about 5,000 prisoners.

ANARCHIST REACHES FOR GUN TO KILL VICE PRESIDENT FAIRBANKS

Presence of Detectives Prevents an Assassination at Flint, Mich.—Deed Attempted on Crowded Speakers' Platform.

Flint, Mich., June 8.—James McConnell, 32 years of age, and living near Flint made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Vice President Fairbanks yesterday afternoon after the vice president had finished an address to an immense crowd at the celebration of the city's golden jubilee and the laying of the corner stone of the new federal building here.

Reached for Gun. McConnell forced his way through the crowd up to the speaker's side, but as he reached in his hip pocket for a revolver, three Detroit detectives pounced upon him and quickly snapped on handcuffs. He was removed to a police station.

The attempt to kill the vice president was witnessed by a crowd which filled every available inch of standing room about the platform, and cries of "Lynch him! Lynch him!" were heard as McConnell, fighting desperately, was carried to a patrol wagon.

Even then the anger of the assembled citizens could not be quieted, for several infuriated citizens followed the wagon to the station, where McConnell, trembling like a leaf, begged the patrolmen to protect him from the mob.

Was Not Disturbed. Vice President Fairbanks was not disturbed by the attempt on his life. He was accorded an unusual demonstration by the people.

McConnell's pockets were filled with anarchist literature, and he boasted that some day he would accomplish his purpose and successfully dispose of a man he asserted was an enemy to organized labor.

Vice President Fairbanks left for the east last night.

FLOOD IS WORSE

Grand River Still Rising at Grand Rapids, But Falling Above.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 8.—Grand river is still steadily rising here. The only encouraging news comes from upper river points, where the water is reported to be stationary or falling.

6,000 Out of Work. About 100 concerns are closed today because of the flood. Six thousand men are out of employment. As yet, however, the damage to buildings is not great. In the business districts only Front street on the west side and North Canal street on the east side are flooded.

Train Through Bridge. Cumberland, Wis., June 8.—A freight train on the Soo road broke through a bridge west of Barton. Two brakemen and a fireman were injured. All wagon bridges in the vicinity are washed out. Ridgland reports Assemblan Scott's flour mill at Prairie Farm washed away by the flood.

SUBMARINE BOAT LOST WITH CREW

Explosions Occur on Practice Trip off Plymouth, England—Fourteen Men Drown.

Plymouth, Eng., June 8.—Submarine boat "A-8" was lost off the breaker this morning while proceeding to sea for practice. Three explosions are said to have occurred on board before she foundered.

Of 18 officers and men, including her regular crew and men who were in training, 14 drowned. The others were picked up.

The explosions are believed to have been caused by the escape of gasoline.

OLD BALL PLAYER INSANE

"Pete" Browning Afflicted as Result of Accident Years Ago. Louisville, Ky., June 8.—Louis (Pete) Browning, formerly one of the greatest ball players in America, was today committed to the insane asylum. Some time during the latter part of his baseball career he was struck on the head with a pitched ball. To this injury is attributed his insanity.

Girl, Aged 12, Dies of Fright. Elm Grove, Ill., June 8.—Lillian Long, aged 12, died last night of convulsions brought on by being frightened a week ago when a large dog sprang at her.

Editors Convene at Oklahoma. Guthrie, Okla., June 8.—The 20th annual convention of the National Editorial association convened here yesterday afternoon, with 787 delegates present. Tonight there was a reception and ball.

Bar Tobacco and Intoxicants. Philadelphia, Pa., June 8.—Dr. Harriet S. French at the annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. declared no user of tobacco or intoxicants should be allowed to teach the young. A resolution to this effect was passed.

Wife Murderer Must Hang. Peoria, Ill., June 8.—The supreme court has refused the application of the attorneys for Otis Bots, under sentence of death for wife murder, for a supersedeas. Bots strangled his wife to death with a hair ribbon on Jan. 5.

KING OSCAR REFUSES TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION

Declines Audience With Delegation Sent From Norway.

REVOLUTION GOES ON

Army is Ordered to Render Allegiance to the New Government.

Christiania, June 8.—The Norwegian flag will be hoisted throughout the country at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Stockholm, June 8.—King Oscar has refused to receive the deputation that applied to present him with the Norwegian storting's address.

Text of Reply. The request that the king receive the deputation was sent by the president of the storting, Berner, who received a telegram reading as follows: "As I recognize the revolutionary steps which the storting, in violation of the constitution and act of the union and in revolt against its king, has unfortunately taken, I decline to receive the deputation."

The king is receiving telegrams expressing sympathy and devotion from all parts of the kingdom.

Proceeds With Reorganization. Christiania, June 8.—The council of state is proceeding with the reorganization of the government in the manner indicated in the program prepared before the final step was taken by which yesterday's peaceful revolution was accomplished.

Army Notified. The department of national defense has issued a decree to the army indicating it must comply with the new conditions, rendering allegiance to those now conducting the government. The council resolved to eliminate the emblems of union from the war flag of Norway.

ENQUIST ORDERED TO STAY. Czar Puts Russian Ships at Disposition of U. S. Government.

Manila, June 8.—Rear Admiral Enquist received at 6 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."

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

REACH NO TERMS

Another Conference to Settle Teamsters' Strike Proves Futile.

Employers Flatly Refuse to Consider Propositions They Advance.

Chicago, June 8.—Peace in the teamsters' strike is as far off as ever. The railway express companies are still firm, and policemen and deputy sheriffs will not be withdrawn from trucks and wagons, if the Employers' association can prevent their withdrawal.

Shen in Control. President Shea seems to be in full control of the teamsters again. He is expecting \$22,000 to be contributed for strike benefits, and this, he says, will keep the strike alive for at least two or three more weeks. Plans are said to have been matured by the teamsters to continue the strike "all winter."

Conference Falls. Chicago, Ill., June 8.—After a conference lasting five hours between the Employers' association and the teamsters' committee having full power to settle the strike, all negotiations were declared off at 9 o'clock last night, and there is no immediate probability of a settlement.

Propositions Rejected. The union submitted a number of propositions which the employers flatly refused to consider at all. Among these were: That if the strike is declared off all police and deputy sheriffs now protecting non-union men should be withdrawn.

That the business houses refuse to receive from or deliver to express companies any merchandise.

That all the strikers be given positions before any new non-union men are hired.

Beef Hearing Goes On. Chicago, June 8.—The "beef trust" investigation by the federal grand jury is to be prosecuted to the end. After two weeks of uncertainty, during which time the government prosecutors have been in Washington, instructions were received yesterday from United States District Attorney Morrison that the inquiry should continue.

SIXTEEN HURT AT INVERNESS MINE. Inverness, June 8.—An explosion occurred at the Inverness coal mine today. Sixteen persons are reported injured.

TEST TRAIN MAKES NEW TIME RECORD

Fort Wayne, Ind., June 8.—A test train on the Pennsylvania railroad today made a record run from Chicago here. One hundred and forty-nine miles were covered in 129 minutes.

A SEVERE BLOW FOR F. AUGUSTUS HEINZE

Montana Supreme Court Renders Decision That May Put Him Out of Business.

Helena, Mont., June 8.—The supreme court has denied an application for a writ of supervisory control as sought by F. Augustus Heinze. His attorneys stated in the argument if the writ were not granted Judge Borquin of Butte, would strike out Heinze's answer in the suit involving \$5,500,000 and render judgment against him for the full amount, thus effectually putting him out of business.

George Johnson Fails to Recover from Serious Accident.

George Johnson, a young man living near Coal Town died this morning from burns received Monday, while burning corn stalks on his father's farm. When his clothes caught fire, he did not have the presence of mind to use the best methods in extinguishing them, but started to run, which fanned the flames until he was severely burned.

Railroad Man Promoted. J. E. Murphy, engineer in charge of the maintenance of way on the Galesburg division of the Burlington road, has been promoted to a place in the office of Chief Engineer Breckinridge, at Chicago. His successor has not been appointed.

House Elects Committee Chairman. London, June 8.—James William Lowther (conservative), deputy speaker of the committee, was unanimously elected speaker of the house committees in succession to William Court Gully, who recently resigned.

Intimation Given. New York, June 8.—That a new disclosure in the Equitable scandal overshadowing in importance all others and involving something like \$10,000,000 soon will be made by State Superintendent of Insurance Francis Hendricks, was stated yesterday by one of the society's directors at an adjourned meeting of the board called to elect a chairman and reorganize the society's executive committee.

This statement threw the board into a state of consternation. President James W. Alexander and Vice President James Hazen Hyde are concerned in the new scandal.

Superintendent Hendricks, it is said, had run on to evidences of questionable transactions in his investigation.

More Resignations. Yesterday's meeting of the board scarcely was less interesting in detail than the stormy one last Friday. There were hot personal encounters again, and three more members of the board resigned. They are Robert T. Lincoln, Joseph T. Low and Marvin Hughtit.

EIGHT COUPLES WED AT ONCE. Appleton, Wis., June 8.—Five per cent of the population of Little Chute will be married next Tuesday afternoon and evening, and the 350 Hollanders of the village already have plans for a gala day.

Sixteen young people of the village have yielded to the machinations of cupid, and all will be wed within a period of six hours. Merchants and citizens generally will join in a mammoth celebration.

The four village dance halls have been engaged and temporary pavilions will be erected. Hollanders from over the eastern section of the state will be present.

MINE OWNERS CALL MEETING. May Break Agreement With Illinois Union as Result of New Law. Springfield, Ill., June 8.—The declaration of the United Mine Workers of Illinois that they proposed to stand by the new "shot firer" law caused officers of the Illinois Coal Operators' association to issue a call for a meeting here June 20 to consider the abrogation of the contract between the miners and operators. The mine owners are opposed to the law because its enforcement will entail an additional expense. Under the agreement each miner must fire his own shots.

SUCCEEDS PINCKNEY IN CONGRESS. Houston, Tex., June 8.—John M. Moore of Richmond county, democratic nominee, has been elected to congress from the eighth district in the special election in succession to the late John M. Pinckney, who was killed April 24 during a riot at a prohibition mass meeting at Hempstead.