

NO WORD YET FROM JAPAN

Russia Has Not Been Notified of Plans For Meeting.

EAGERLY AWAITING

United States Hears From Both Parties But Suppresses News.

St. Petersburg, June 13.—This evening the foreign office made the following announcement to the Associated Press: "Japan has not yet informed us where and when she desires us to meet her plenipotentiaries, but we may receive a communication at any moment."

Reply Received.

Washington, June 13.—It was announced today the formal reply of the Russian government to the president's identical note of last Thursday is in the hands of the American government. The response was handed to Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg by Count Lamsdorff, and transmitted by the ambassador to the president. It can be said that it is in perfect consonance with the oral assurances given the president yesterday by the Russian ambassador, Cassini.

Will Not Make Public.

The president has decided not to make public the replies of Russia and Japan to his appeal for the cessation of hostilities. This determination was arrived at at the suggestion of both belligerents that the publication of the responses at this juncture might not be desirable. Official assurance is given, however, that informal statements of the contents of the replies are not only accurate, but practically as complete as the information contained in them.

CHINESE BOYCOTT GROWING SERIOUS

Guilds Determined to Keep Up Bars Against American Goods.

Tientsin, June 13.—The boycotting of American goods by Chinese guilds is daily assuming more serious proportions. The guilds have quietly determined to carry the boycott through, and the aspect for American manufacturers is rather gloomy. Native newspapers are refusing advertisements of American goods.

ITALY AND CONGO TROUBLE

Alleged Attempt to Poison King Victor's Agent Causes Trouble.

Rome, June 13.—Italy may refuse to send emigrants to the Congo Free State, and all Italian officers serving there may be recalled, as a result of the alleged attempt to poison Capt. Baccari by the Congo authorities. Baccari was sent to the Congo by King Victor to report on the situation. He charged the Congo officials with trying to suppress his report by killing him. Foreign Minister Tittoni informed the chamber of deputies that the government was making a rigid investigation.

SLEEP ON TRACK IS FATAL

Two Chicago Men Feared Wet Grass Near Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 13.—Alexander Alexander, 673 North Maplewood avenue, Chicago, and Arthur Bingham, 888 Whipple street, Chicago, were killed by a Milwaukee train near Marion yesterday. Sidney Houseman of Chicago said that Alexander and Bingham lay down to rest between the rails because the grass was wet, and a work train ran them down.

Want Lower Rates.

Springfield, Ill., June 13.—The hearing on the petition of 6,000 Illinois shippers asking for a reduction of freight rates was resumed yesterday before the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners. Several witnesses were heard, but the hearing was not concluded.

GREENE AND GAYNOR GET 6-MONTHS' DELAY

Montreal, June 13.—Judge Hall today granted the petition of counsel for Gaynor and Greene to be allowed to appeal to the supreme court. This action undoubtedly will cause a delay of six months.

LACKED A LEADER

Russian Survivors of Battle of Sea of Japan Tell Sensational Stories.

NO ONE KNEW OF THE PLANS

Crews Had No Gun Practice and Were Demoralized from Long Sea Voyage.

Vladivostok, June 13.—Officers who survived the battle of the sea of Japan tell most sensational stories of the causes of the Russian disaster and of the complete demoralization which followed the sinking of the flagship Kiaz Souvaroff and the wounding of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. It has been learned that not a single officer of the fleet knew the commander in chief's plans. The admirals in command of divisions knew no more than the sublieutenants, and had to rely only on the signals of the flagship. Rear Admiral Nebogatoff, upon whom the command devolved, had seen Rojestvensky only once after the junction of their squadrons, and then only for 15 minutes.

Had No Practice

All the stories of extensive target practice in Madagascar it seems were false. During the entire voyage there practically was no training in gunnery worthy of the name, and the big gun practice was confined to three shots per vessel. Ugly stories are told of the happenings at Madagascar. Some of the crews certainly were untrained in gunnery, and exhausted by the eight months' voyage under trying moral and physical conditions were no match for the veteran Japanese, whose marksmanship was wonderful.

Ships Structurally Weak.

The Japanese concentrated their fire on one ship until it was placed out of action, and then on another, thus successively sinking the Oshyaba, Alexander III, and Kiaz Souvaroff. Some ships developed deplorable structural defects.

BLOWS WATER UP 2,000 FEET

Sixteen and One-Half Tons of Blasting Gelatine and Zelnigite Explode.

Cairo, Egypt, June 13.—Ten tons of blasting gelatine and six and one-half tons of zelnigite were exploded in the bay here yesterday. The explosives had been shipped from Glasgow to Alexandria, but the boat was partly wrecked near Aboukir.

Owing to the contact with water the explosives had generated gases which made it a public danger, so it was conveyed a quarter of a mile out into the bay from Aboukir and sunk in 15 feet of water. Then it was exploded by electricity.

There was a tremendous upheaval of water. The sea became a churning mass for a great distance around and a waterspout of gigantic height arose toward the sky to a height of 2,000 feet its base being 200 feet in diameter.

SUNK BRITISHER

Russian Cruiser Destroyed Vessel Found Carrying Contraband.

SAVES CREW AND MAIL

Gen. Linevitch and Others Send Protest Against Making Peace Terms.

Singapore, June 13.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Dnieper recently stopped the Dutch steamer Floris in the straits of Malacca and transferred to her 42 of the Chinese crew and mails belonging to the British steamer St. Kilda from Hongkong, captured by the Dnieper with contraband on board and sunk in the China sea. European officers of the St. Kilda returned here on board the Dnieper.

Admits Point in Contraband.

St. Petersburg, June 13.—A written decision of the high admiralty court handed down today admits the principal of conditional contraband in case of cotton and timber.

What a Bluff is This.

St. Petersburg, June 13.—The czar received a telegram from Guntzling Saturday signed by Gens. Linevitch, Kuropatkin, Kaulbars, Sakharoff and other generals protesting against making peace and in favor of continuing the war until it should be successful. They declared if peace be considered now the enemy, intoxicated by success, assuredly would exact conditions that would be injurious to the honor of the country. The army, which is in splendid condition, is burning with a desire to revenge the defeat of the Baltic fleet.

Russians Attack.

Tokio, June 13.—It is officially reported on June 11 some mixed columns of Russian troops attacked in the vicinities of Yingsheng, Ershihilpao and Shuenantai. All attacks were repulsed. The losses are not stated.

STABBED IN THE STOMACH

Premier Delynniss, of Greece, is Badly Wounded.

GAMBLER LAY IN WAIT

Caught Victim Entering House of Deputies at Athens.

Athens, Greece, June 13.—Premier Delynniss was stabbed in the stomach and seriously wounded this afternoon by a gambler named Gherakaris.

In House of Deputies.

The premier was ascending the main stairway in the chamber of deputies, when the assailant rushed from out of concealment and inflicted a fearful wound on the statesman.

Was Arrested.

Gherakaris was arrested.

CADETS AT WEST POINT GRADUATE

Exercises for Class of 114 Held in Big Tent—Gen. Taft Gives Diplomas.

West Point, N. Y., June 13.—Graduation exercises of the first class of cadets, 114 in number were held today under a covering of canvas in front of the library. An exceedingly large crowd, mostly friends of the cadets, was in attendance.

The address to the graduating class was delivered by Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey, president of the board of visitors, which was followed by an address by Gen. Chaffee and by the delivery of diplomas by Secretary Taft.

FARMERS ARE MAKING HAY

Heavy Crop of Clover in State—Fruit Suffers from Drought.

The weekly crop bulletin for Illinois for the week ending June 12, follows: The week opened warm with temperatures of 90 degrees and over registered in all districts. The middle of the week was cool followed by warmer at the close. The mean temperature for the week was about 3 degrees above the seasonal average. Rain was needed until the 9th and 10th when general rainfall occurred in the central and northern districts. The drought continues in the southern district, and vegetation is suffering for moisture.

Corn has made marked advance in most parts of the central and northern districts. Most fields have been cultivated once and many a second time. The crop is clean, has a healthy color, and shows a good stand. In the southern district the conditions are not so favorable, where the plant is generally small, is growing slow, due mostly to lack of moisture.

Oats continue exceptionally promising in the northern district, but have deteriorated slightly in the central, and decidedly in the southern district. In the latter districts moisture has been deficient at the critical period, and many fields are heading low.

Rye is ripening and promising. Barley has made good growth. Wheat harvest has begun in some localities of the southern district, and in others the crop is ready to cut. It is turning ripe in the central district, the heads generally being well filled. A few fields are affected with rust or fly, but the general outlook for the crop is promising.

The mowing of clover now extends to the northern district, the output generally being good. Timothy is promising in the northern district, but has deteriorated somewhat in the other districts.

Small fruits have suffered some from drought, but the outlook is generally favorable. Blackberries and raspberries are ripening. The yield of strawberries is heavy in the northern district. Grapes are setting full and promise a heavy crop. Cherries are ripe, but very scarce. As the season advances the outlook for apples becomes less encouraging. Some orchards will produce a fair yield, but much complaint is made of the fruit falling, and the output in most sections will be light.

Gardens and potatoes are doing well, except in the southern district, where moisture is badly needed.

Peace Prospects Stimulate.

St. Petersburg, June 13.—The belief that peace will be arranged continues to be reflected on the Bourse, where today business fairly boomed, fairs rising 1 1/2 points.

CONFEDERATES WRECKED GOING TO ENCAMPMENT

Louisville, Ky., June 13.—A special train carrying confederate veterans to the reunion at Louisville is reported derailed near Golden Gate, Ill., on the Southern railway.

Four Persons Killed.

A telephone message from Albion says four persons are known to have been killed at Albion, 11 miles from Golden Gate.

St. Louis, June 13.—The local office of the Southern railroad has received a report that one person was killed and five injured in the wreck at Golden Gate.

WORST OF FLOOD PASSES LA CROSSE

Water Reaches Edge of Dike and Few More Inches Would Have Been Disastrous.

LaCrosse, Wis., June 13.—The crest of the flood due to the rise of the Mississippi river and its tributaries is believed to have been reached. The dike forming part of the system of bridges crossing the Mississippi here barely held out yesterday, with the water within a few inches of the top, another rise of a few inches meaning that it will go out. Four more factories, which had been operating with difficulty, were compelled to close and the flood has been extended farther in the residence district. Thousands of head of live stock pastured in the low lands along the rivers have been drowned.

ACCEPTS CALL TO BE HEAD OF NORTHWESTERN

Abram W. Harris, of Maryland, is Offered an Important Educational Position.

Chicago, June 13.—Abram W. Harris, LL. D., president of Jacob Tome institute, Port Deposit, Md., recently was offered the position of president of Northwestern university, and accepted the call. Matters have arisen in the meantime, however, that demand his presence at his own institution, so that Dr. Harris will be unable to leave there before next fall. Therefore no action will be taken by the Northwestern board of trustees looking to his election for some time to come. The invitation to Dr. Harris by the Northwestern committee on nomination is said to have been unanimous, but no announcement was made of it even after his acceptance was received.

STRIKE DIES OUT

Unless Fresh Developments Occur Teamsters Will Lose Fight.

NEITHER SIDE IS ACTING

Deliveries Almost Normal and Presence of Guards Only Evidence of Trouble.

Chicago, June 13.—The teamsters' strike has come to a stage where it will die a natural death unless new life is injected into it by the strikers.

During the past 24 hours nothing of any importance whatever has developed, neither side to the controversy having made any aggressive move. According to the employers involved in the trouble, they have succeeded in getting their business back to almost normal conditions, and that in a very short time the strike will be a forgotten incident with them.

Deliveries Almost Normal.

Chicago, June 13.—The delivery of goods in Chicago was almost normal today, and but for the presence of policemen and deputy sheriffs on the wagons there was no evidence of the teamsters' strike. Neither the teamsters' organization nor the Employers' association is apparently doing anything except waiting.

Withdraws Many Acres.

Washington, June 13.—The secretary of the interior has ordered the withdrawal of entry of 1,059,000 acres of land in the Santa Fe and Las Cruces land districts in New Mexico to be added to the Gila river forest reserve.

GERMANY DECIDES TO HAVE FORT IN CHINA

Berlin, June 13.—An imperial order to fortify Kiaochow bay, a German concession in the southern part of Shantung peninsula, has been issued.

BIG TRUST IS PLANNED

Equitable Interests May be Joined With Others.

RESOURCES ARE VAST

Mercantile and Morgan Concerns Are in the Deal.

New York, June 13.—The organization of the largest trust company in the United States and one of the largest financial institutions of the world is said to be a part of the plan of Thomas J. Ryan in negotiating the purchase of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance society held by James H. Hyde. Ryan's plan was reported today to be to consolidate the Equitable, Mercantile and Morton trust companies, all of this city, with the last named in control.

Deposits of \$100,000,000.

It is expected that this would result in creating a financial institution with deposits of \$100,000,000; a capital stock of \$7,000,000, and surplus of \$22,700,000.

LAKE SHORE MAKES HIGH SPEED MARK

Inspection Train With Three Cars Easily Runs 526 Miles in 470 Minutes.

Chicago, June 13.—In connection with an ordinary inspection trip from Buffalo to Chicago, a record breaking run between Buffalo and Chicago was made yesterday by a Lake Shore special. With an engine and three heavy private cars General Manager Marshall and Chief Engineer Handy, together with three division superintendents, made the run in 7 hours and 50 minutes—a distance of 526 miles, in 470 minutes. This schedule, which was made with perfect ease and comfort, is two hours faster than the schedule which will be required for the "Twentieth Century Limited" to make its 18 hour trip from Chicago to New York, and extended east of Buffalo, would make a schedule from Chicago to New York of 14 hours and 25 minutes.

GIVES MILLIONS TO EVADE TAX

Shrinkage of J. Montgomery Sears' Estate Surprises Boston.

Boston, June 13.—The will of J. Montgomery Sears, the largest individual taxpayer in Boston, was filed for probate yesterday. It gives an estate of about \$4,000,000 to the widow and two minor children. Joseph H. Choate is one of the three executors. Mr. Sears inherited \$9,000,000 and was supposed to have increased this to \$16,000,000. He was assessed in Boston for \$5,000,000. It is believed that to escape the inheritance tax of 5 per cent he set some time ago away the \$12,000,000 not accounted for.

DANCING MASTERS FOR PEACE

Rival Organizations Consider Ways and Means of Burying Hatchet.

Columbus, Ohio, June 13.—Two hundred men and women from all over the United States and Canada are here to attend the annual convention of the two organizations, the American Association of Dancing Masters and the International Association of Masters of Dancing. A committee was appointed to confer in regard to the burying of the hatchet which has hung between them since a meeting held at the world's fair at Chicago. About 150 new dances will be passed upon by the convention.

TRAIN SERVICE IS RESUMED

New York Subway Open After Flood of 36 Hours.

New York, June 13.—For the first time in more than 36 hours through train service in the great underground railway system was resumed today. The full extent of the damage caused by the flood has not yet been determined.

Refused Stay of Execution.

Albany, N. Y., June 13.—The court of appeals today refused to grant a stay of execution of the death sentence, to permit a motion for a reargument in the case of Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of William M. Rice.

BEGIN THIS FALL

Work by Rock River Traction Company Expected to Start at Rock Island.

BUILD FIRST TO GENESEO

Arrangements Completed for Financing the Road—Conference at Chicago.

A special committee of the Rock River Traction company, which plans to build into this city, conferred with a representative of eastern capitalists in Chicago Saturday evening, and satisfactory arrangements were made with the agent to finance the road. The arrangements were satisfactory to the committee, but it is now necessary to have the arrangements confirmed by the directors of the Rock River Traction company, at a meeting to be held in Prophetstown June 19.

Prominent Company Interested.

In addition to making the arrangements for the disposal of the bonds to be issued, which will be \$1,800,000, arrangements were also made with a well known trust company to underwrite the bonds. The bonds are to be what is known as a 30-year 5 per cent gold mortgage bonds. The trust company that will underwrite the gold bonds is one of the most responsible in the land, and every indication now points to a successful financing of the road.

Prospects Bright.

In speaking of the financing of the road, F. E. Andrews, a committee member, stated: "Everything looks very bright for the beginning of the work this fall. If possible work will begin at Rock Island and it is expected that 20 miles of the road between Rock Island and Geneseo will be completed this fall."

PRISON FOR CAPT. KIRKMAN

Army Officer in Ft. Niobrara Scandal, Dishonored by Court Martial.

Omaha, Neb., June 13.—Capt. W. G. Kirkman, of Niobrara, was sentenced by the second court martial to a term in the penitentiary and was dismissed from the United States army. The charges against Capt. Kirkman arose out of the scandal connected with the suicide in this city of the wife of Lieut. Chandler, a brother officer.

SIX KILLED IN WESTERN FIGHT

Fight Between Idaho Ranchers and Cattle Thieves Sanginary.

Blackfoot, Idaho, June 13.—Later reports from the Jackson's Hole country indicate that the recent battle between ranchers and outlaws was more sanginary than was indicated by the earlier reports. It is now stated that six persons were killed, four outlaws and two ranchers. Several horses were slain, five being shot down in one spot. The ranchers, it is reported, succeeded in recovering the cattle which the outlaws were attempting to drive away.

BUY BOGUS CHECKS

Standard Oil Company Was Swindled Out of \$100,000 in the East.

DUPLICATES OF GENUINE

Pass Banks and Are Discovered Only When They Come Into New York Offices.

Van Buren, Ind., June 13.—That merchants in this vicinity had been fooled out of \$100,000 by bogus checks on the Standard Oil May pay roll developed when Assistant Treasurer F. S. Davis arrived from New York to investigate. The forged pay checks range in face value from \$80 to \$1,000, and are duplicate numbers of the genuine Standard checks, through which fact the fraud was discovered.

Passed Banks.

The forgeries passed the banks and were not discovered until checking up began at the company's office. The signature of F. S. Blake, treasurer of the company, is so well imitated that it deceived bankers familiar with it. It is said that bogus checks are being received at New York from the Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky oil fields, in each of which investigations are being made.

STEAMER ASHORE BURNS

Fire Follows Foundering Below Port Huron in St. Clair River.

Port Huron, Mich., June 13.—The steamer Yakkia, owned by the Gibraltar Transportation company, of Cleveland, which has been aground in the St. Clair river below the city since Saturday, caught fire during the night and was practically destroyed. The crew is safe.

NEW POINT OF ATTACK

Mayor Weaver Has Council Chairman Arrested.

OUT ON \$10,000 BAIL

Charged With Having Interest in Philadelphia City Contracts.

Philadelphia, June 13.—At the instigation of Mayor Weaver, a warrant was issued today for the arrest of Frank H. Caven, select councilman chairman, charged with being interested in city contracts in violation of his councilman's oath.

In \$10,000 Bail.

Caven was arrested and held in \$10,000 bail for a hearing Thursday. Caven secured bail and was released.

HUNGRY SOLDIERS STARTED THE RIOT

Looted Provision Stores in Russian Town and Jewish Owners Defended Property.

Warsaw, June 13.—The outbreak of rioting at Breslthovak during which many persons were killed or wounded originated in a conflict between Jews and army reserve men bound for the far east. The soldiers are said to have looted provision stores and the Jews in defending their property are alleged to have fired on the troops who returned the fire. The town is now occupied by the military.

BAN PUT ON ENDLESS CHAIN THROUGH MAILS

Postoffice Department Issues Order Urging Rigid Enforcement of Anti-Lottery Law.

Washington, D. C., June 13.—A thorough enforcement of the anti-lottery law is urged on postmasters and all other postal employees in a general order promulgated today by Postmaster General Cortelyou. The order says that the terms of the law bar "endless chain" enterprises, so-called "gift concerns," or similar enterprises offering prizes, dependent on lot or chance, including "guessing" or "estimating" contests for prizes, as well as drawings and raffles of every kind.

SUITOR WREAKS VENGEANCE

Shoots Parents of Girl He Was Not Allowed to See.

Glens Carbon, Ill., June 13.—A sheriff's posse is searching for August Margel who is charged with having shot and killed Mrs. Josie Heller and slightly wounded Frank Heller, parents of Mary Heller, who had refused to permit Margel to pay attention to their daughter. The tragedy occurred last night, but no trace of Margel has been found.

NOTED AUSTRIANS EXPIRE

Baron Rothschild and Archduke Joseph Pass On Same Day.

Vienna, June 13.—Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild, brother of the head of the Austrian branch of the firm, died today.

Vienna, June 13.—Archduke Joseph of Austria died today, aged 72.

NIGHTMARE LED TO DEATH

New York Broker Plunges Through Fourth Story Window and Falls.

New York, June 13.—Springing from bed in a nightmare, Carl A. Gausson, a wealthy broker, today plunged through his bedroom window to the areaway, four stories below, and was dead when picked up.

General Gomez Given \$100,000.

Havana, June 13.—The house of representatives has unanimously appropriated \$100,000 for the benefit of Gen. Maximo Gomez. The precariousness of the condition of the general is increased by the spread of gangrene.

LEADER OF FAMOUS CHARGE FOUND DEAD

Minneapolis, June 13.—Col. William Colville, of Red Wing, Minn., who led the famous charge of the 1st Minnesota regiment at the battle of Gettysburg, was found dead in bed here today at the Minnesota soldiers' home.