

REFUSE TO GO TO PARIS

Japanese Will Insist on Negotiating Near Home.

WITTE IS GLOOMY

Report Peace Plans Are Threatened With Snag Denied.

Tokio, June 14.—A report of the Japanese minister at Washington telling of his interviews with President Roosevelt and announcing the proposal that peace plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan meet in Paris and the appointment of M. Nelidoff, Russian ambassador to France is the Russian chief plenipotentiary, was received today.

Will Refuse to Meet at Paris.

Japan will refuse to have the meeting take place in Paris because it is the capital of Russia's ally and also on account of the great distance from Japan and the delay involved. It is expected Japan will propose that the plenipotentiaries meet at some point close to the theater of war. The Japanese plenipotentiary has not yet been selected.

Reply Awaited.

Washington, June 14.—Russia's formal response to Roosevelt's appeal was communicated to the Japanese government and a reply is hourly expected.

No Fear of Hitch.

Although there is no suggestion of a serious hitch in negotiations made at this moment, doubt is expressed in important quarters whether the Russian response is satisfactory to Japan.

M. WITTE GLOOMY IN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER

St. Petersburg, June 14.—The Slovo this morning published a remarkably sensational interview with M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers. He evidently spoke with the profound conviction that affairs of state are going from bad to worse and under personal irritation produced by intrigues which compel him to sit idle during the present crisis.

Black With Pessimism.

Every word was black with pessimism. He made it clear that Foreign Minister Lansdoff, for one, opposed his having anything to do with peace negotiations. He emphatically denied the report he is going abroad charged with a mission in regard to negotiations for peace.

SEVEN SHIPS ARE "SUNK"

Forts Defending Washington Hold Own Against Fleet.

Fort Hunt, Va., June 14.—Several ships of the "enemy" were "sunk" yesterday and last night in Virginia coast waters in their attack upon the forts defending Washington. The success of the forts' part in the war game was due largely to the efficiency of the sixty inch searchlights. The forts were not "damaged" by the return fire of the warships.

FOR MILLIONAIRES' USE ONLY

Whisky, Evaporated from 265 to 30 Barrels, Ready in Kentucky.

Paris, Ky., June 14.—Two hundred and sixty-five barrels of whiskey purchased by a Boston liquor firm 25 years ago from the G. G. White Distilling company, and which has remained in their warehouses in East Paris ever since, has been transferred to new barrels, the owners having procured a wholesale liquor dealer's license. Only about 30 barrels are left on account of evaporation. The whisky will be shipped east and sold only to millionaires' clubs. It runs about 150 proof.

Arizona Lawyer a Suicide.

Tucson, Ariz., June 14.—Thomas Satterwhite, a former attorney general of Arizona, committed suicide in his bed yesterday by shooting. He had been suffering with nervous prostration, and lost money in mining operations.

MUST TAKE PHONES OUT OF THEIR HOMES

Flora, Ind., June 14.—The national conference of Old German Baptist Brethren at its session here decided that members should not permit the use of the telephone in their homes and many members now using the telephone should have it removed from the house.

OVERCAPITALIZED

Is Charge Made at Springfield Rate Hearing Regarding Railroads.

AUDITOR OFFERS EVIDENCE

Denied That Reduction of 25 Per Cent Was Offered in State in 1902.

Springfield, Ill., June 14.—The Illinois shippers who are contesting for lower freight rates before the railroad and warehouse commission, yesterday afternoon rested their case and the railroads began offering evidence this morning.

Has More Evidence.

Additional evidence to show overcapitalization of Illinois roads was introduced through Capt. Eubanks, chief clerk in the office of the auditor's office. It was shown that returns made by railroads to the state board of equalization and railroad commission were inconsistent. A tilt took place between William Brown of the railroads and Gen. Hamblin, when the former brought up the matter of the report circulated that the railroads had offered a 25 per cent reduction.

NOT OFFERED IN 1902.

General Freight Agent Handblin, of the Burlington, testified that he was a member of the committee and that a 25 per cent reduction was not offered the shippers in 1902.

MIDDIE FROM THIS DISTRICT DROWNS

Louis L. Vertrees of Bushnell Meets Death While Swimming from Cruiser Newark.

Annapolis, Md., June 14.—Midshipman Louis L. Vertrees of Bushnell, Ill., a member of the third class at the naval academy, was drowned yesterday afternoon while swimming from the cruiser Newark, upon which he was stationed off Hackett's Point, about seven miles above Annapolis. Information was conveyed to the naval academy by wireless telegraphy, the only other detail given being that efforts were being made to recover the body. Vertrees was 21 years of age.

90-CENT GAS FOR BOSTON

Combine Accepts Terms Made by the People After a Hard Fight.

Boston, June 14.—Ninety-cent gas for greater Boston is made a certainty on the announcement at the state house that the Boston Consolidated Gas company has accepted the legislative charter act passed last winter. The corporation will combine all the local companies. The reduction in price is the result of a hard fight by the people, which also forced the capitalization of the company down to \$15,124,600 from a sum three times as great, which was the original plan.

GETS A SETBACK

Mayor Weaver Meets Rebuff at Hands of Philadelphia Council.

DELAY FOR HIS ORDINANCE

Excited Crowd Kept from Doing Violence to Members By Squad of Police.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 14.—Amid cries of "thieves" and "crooks" and under the protection of a squad of police, the committee on street railways yesterday referred to the city solicitor for his opinion as to the legality of four bills repealing ordinances granting street car companies the right to use 110 miles of street to lay tracks without the city receiving any compensation for the franchises.

MAJOR WEAVER'S FIRST SETBACK.

The meeting was in all respects as sensational and stormy as that held by the committee on finance some weeks ago when the gas lease was under consideration. The "repeaters" were introduced at the instance of Mayor Weaver and the action of the committee is the first setback the mayor has received since the inauguration of the reform movement which began with the fight on the gas lease.

FAIRBANKS AT IOWA CITY

Addresses Graduating Class of the State University.

Iowa City, Iowa, June 14.—Before a large audience Vice President Fairbanks delivered the annual commencement address at Iowa university today on "The Spanish-American War, Its Causes, Conduct and Effects." A large part of the address was a eulogy of McKinley.

ATTENTION IS DIVERTED

Strike Issues Pale Before Charges of Graft.

DRISCOLL TELLS ALL

Payments to Labor Leaders to Secure Peace He Declares Common.

Chicago, June 14.—The teamsters' strike, according to the secretary of one of the unions, seems to be taking care of itself. Both the teamsters' joint counsel and the Employers' association are doing nothing. Meanwhile deliveries were being made as if there were no strike.

Strike Lost Sight Of.

Chicago, June 14.—The teamsters' strike proper has almost been lost sight of, the situation of both sides of the controversy being occupied more with the charges of bribery in connection with labor unions in Chicago than with the real issue. Within the next 24 hours, it is said, a history of the secret transactions of the labor unions in Chicago, for the past four years will be made public, and that the information will implicate many labor leaders, who it is asserted have accepted bribes to call off strikes. The man who is expected to give this information is John C. Driscoll, former secretary of the coal team owners' association, who has been intermediary between the employers' and teamsters' unions in this city for the past four years.

HAS DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

Today Driscoll said that he would appear before the grand jury with documentary evidence showing that several labor leaders have been receiving large sums of money through Driscoll, which it is declared by the latter, employers were forced to pay to prevent the employees being called out on strike. To substantiate his statements Driscoll displayed last night a bank check book, the stubs on which he said corresponded to the amounts paid by Driscoll according to his own statement was this:

Bribes Aggregate \$80,000.

An employers, or an organization of employers affected by a strike or who were likely to be, would ask him to use his influence to bring about an adjustment of the difficulty. The fees according to Driscoll, paid to union men, ranged from \$100 to thousands, the aggregate being estimated by him at \$80,000. Driscoll declares that he never received a dollar of this money for his efforts in averting trouble except from organizations of which he was secretary.

JIG AND CLOG WILL BE LEFT IN DANCE PROGRAM

Convention of Masters Decides That They Are Among the Best Limb Developers.

Columbus, O., June 14.—If the plans of the dancing masters of the country, who are now in annual session here, go through, and it is believed they will, the old-time jig and clog, with a dash of the waltz, will be a prominent feature of all well-developed dance programs in the country, from that of the Hod Carriers' union to that of the most ultra-refined set in Boston.

The jig and the clog, the masters say, are the proper thing in developing the limbs, in teaching grace with activity of motion, and all the other things that the waltz has been doing for centuries past, and from now on, the "Jim Crow hop," the "Croppie-Lie-down" and kindred dances will have the official approval of the organization.

STATE GRAIN DEALERS MEET

Association Convenes at Decatur and Hears Addresses.

Decatur, Ill., June 14.—The 12th annual meeting of the Illinois Grain Dealers' association convened here yesterday. About 250 members and commission men from outside the state are in attendance. Prof. E. M. East of the University of Illinois spoke on grain improvement and corn breeding. H. A. Foss, board of trade weighmaster of Chicago, spoke on "Weights in Chicago," and W. S. Cowen, chief grain inspector at Chicago, talked on "Grain Inspection."

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, George H. Hubbard of Mount Pulaski; vice president, E. M. Wayne of Decatur; treasurer, H. I. Baldwin of Decatur.

The association passed a resolution thanking Gov. Deneen for the interest he had taken in affairs pertaining to the grain business. Peoria was chosen as the next place of meeting.

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Two Men Die in Chicago Hotel Either From Accident or Suicide Pact.

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World's Light Heavyweight Championship Won by Cuban.

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Twenty-Nine Injured in the Wreck of Confederates' Special.

Albion, Ill., June 14.—Three persons were killed and 29 injured in the wreck of the eastbound passenger train on the Southern railway at Golden Gate, Ill., 12 miles east of here, yesterday. The train was a "cotton special," carrying confederate veterans to the reunion at Louisville, Ky. While running at a speed of 50 miles an hour, the engine struck a spread rail on a trestle, 20 feet high, and the engine and four coaches were overturned and fell to the bottom of the ravine.

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Washington, June 14.—Gen. Absalom Baird, U. S. A., retired, died today near Relay, Md.

INSANE WOMAN KILLS FAMILY AND SUICIDES

Tucumcari, N. M., June 14.—Mrs. George Campbell, wife of a ranchman, while insane today, with a rifle chaged her husband from home. She then killed her five children and ended her own life by shooting.

NO MORE DIRECTORS LEAVE THE BOARD

Equitable Officers Have Harmonious Session—Morton Elected a Member.

New York, June 14.—The executive committee of the Equitable Life Assurance society met today with vice-president Hyde presiding and elected Chairman Paul Morton a member of the committee. There were no further resignations from the board, nor were the resignation of officers and directors already tendered acted upon. Chairman Morton said he would take no definite action to outline his policy of administration until he had received the report of Superintendent Hendricks.

PREMIER OF GREECE DIES OF HIS WOUND

Stabbing Fatal—Deed in Revenge for Stringent Measures Against Gambling.

Athens, June 14.—Theodore P. Delyannis, premier of Greece, who was assassinated by a professional gambler named Cherkakis at the main entrance of the chamber of deputies at 5 p. m. yesterday, died within three hours after the attack. The assassin, who was arrested immediately, said he killed Delyannis in revenge for the stringent measures taken by the premier against the gambling houses, all of which recently were closed.

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HARD BLOW TO AMERICA

Dalrymple, Scotch Export, Fears for City Ownership.

TOO MUCH POLITICS

Gives Startling Views at Philadelphia After Visit to Chicago.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 14.—Coming to this country an ardent advocate of municipal ownership of street railroads, and at the special invitation of Mayor Dunne of Chicago, James Dalrymple of Glasgow says he has seen enough to be convinced that municipal ownership will never do in a republic, and that it is one of the greatest dangers with which the people of this country must contend.

Build Up Machine.

"To put street railroads, gas works, telephone companies, and kindred concerns under municipal ownership," he said last night, "would be to create a political machine in every large city that would be simply impregnable. These political machines are already strong enough with their control of policemen, firemen, and other officeholders.

"If, in addition to this, they could control thousands of men employed in great public utility corporations, political machines would have power that could not be overthrown. I came to this country a firm believer in public ownership and upon the special invitation of Mayor Dunne of Chicago to advise him upon the Chicago situation. What I have seen here, and I have studied the situation carefully, makes me realize that private ownership under proper conditions is far better for citizens of American cities.

Has Told Dunne.

"I have so told Mayor Dunne. He is disappointed, of course. I am not sure that he agrees with me at all, nevertheless, my investigation, not alone of conditions in Chicago, but in every great American city, has borne upon me with finality that there is no greater menace to your republic than this idea of municipal ownership. Understand me, I still believe in public ownership of public utilities, but not for America.

"In America I should advise all cities to sell their franchises upon the best possible terms and protect the city by drawing up short leases. With a short lease the city will always be in a position to exercise a corrective influence upon corporations if public rights are absolutely disregarded. Short leases should, of course, contain renewal clauses, so as to protect stockholders in corporations who would know that their business would not be interfered with as long as it was conducted with a proper view of giving citizens service to which they are entitled."

CAN FIND NO CROP REPORT LEAKAGE

Secretary Wilson Tells Cabinet He Has No Evidence of Wrongdoing.

Washington, June 14.—Secretary Wilson informed the cabinet at the usual Tuesday session yesterday that although he had made a strict and impartial investigation into the charges of leakage of advance information concerning crop reports he had been unable to find any evidence sustaining them. The investigation is by no means concluded.

Vandegrift Elected Captain.

Urbana, Ill., June 14.—Carl Vandegrift of Cantrill has been elected captain of the Illinois baseball team for 1906. Taylor and Brooks were opposing candidates. Vandegrift played third base and made an excellent record this season. He led the batters most of the time. Rotgubel will be the only player missing next year.

PRAYS FOR UNION

Chaplain Makes Fervent Appeal at Confederate Vets' Opening Session.

Louisville, Ky., June 14.—The 15th annual convention of the United Confederate Veterans assembled here today. The attendance exceeds expectations. Preparations for the accommodations of old soldiers have been made on a lavish scale. Chaplain General J. William Jones in his invocation asked that the blessing of Almighty God descend on the president of the United States and that he might be present of this whole country and of every section.

TAKE A BAD GANG

Postoffice Inspectors Run Three Forgers Down After a Long Chase.

CHANGED MONEY ORDERS

Work So Cleverly Done It Deceives Banks—Smoothest in the Business.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 14.—Postoffice inspectors last night arrested John M. Reed, John Whitney and James Stewart, of New York City. The charge against the men is altering, raising and forging United States postal money orders. The officials say that the prisoners have operated in every part of the United States and that the department has been trying to run them down for over a year.

Most Dangerous of Kind.

They are said to be the smoothest and most dangerous of their kind in the country. Their method has been to secure a money order for 25 cents, and with the aid of chemicals raise it to \$75 or \$100. Then taking the raised order to a merchant would purchase some article and get the change. The work on the orders was so cleverly done that many of them were put through local banks without detection.

IS AGROUND WITH RESERVES ABOARD

All Efforts to Float Monitor Puritan in Potomac Unsuccessful for Two Days.

Washington, June 14.—The monitor Puritan is reported to the navy department to be hard aground off point Lookout in the Potomac. She has on board the Naval Reserves of the District of Columbia. All efforts for two days to float the ship so far have proven unsuccessful.

Ousted in Tribe Tax War.

Hitchcock Dismisses Acting Agent Who Refused to Enforce Law.

Washington, June 14.—Secretary Hitchcock has dismissed from the public service Chief Clerk Wisdom of the Muskogee Indian agency on the charge that while acting as agent he refused to obey the instructions of Indian Inspector Wright in the matter of the enforcement of the Creek tribal tax law. Mr. Wisdom made the defense that as acting agent he was not under the same requirements as a regular agent.

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VICTIM OF A JOKE SUICIDES

Loss of Pay Checks Drives Aged Milwaukeean to Suicide.

Milwaukee, June 14.—Worry over the loss of pay tickets entrusted to his care by his employer, and which were taken as a joke, caused Charles Schmidt, aged 65 years, to commit suicide by hanging himself.

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Oyama Closing in Takes New Position—Lone Russian Cruiser Seen.

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UNION MEN OPPOSE WAR

Swedish Workingmen in Sympathy With Norway.

PRESSURE ON RIKSDAG

Letter From King Oscar Contains Intimation of Favorable Action.

Stockholm, June 14.—The attitude of the laboring classes is likely to prove a potent factor in overcoming any possible disposition on the part of the section of the riksdag to suggest the adoption of coercive measures towards Norway and in influencing the chamber in favor of accepting the dissolution of the union of Norway and Sweden.

Talk of Strike.

Swedish labor unions are daily telegraphing to Norwegian unions saying they will refuse to take up arms and the social democratic party has issued a proclamation to the working classes stating it is the firm decision of the workman not to respond to a call to arms. It asserts they intend to go out on strike over the whole country if the riksdag should make such a call.

Christiana, June 14.—King Oscar's long letter to the president of the Norwegian Storting, M. Berner, defining his position, as cabled to the Associated Press, was yesterday read in the Storting which was crowded at its opening this morning, after the Whit-suntide recess. The document was referred to the special committee, without comment and the Storting adjourned to await the committee's report. There was no demonstration whatever.

Reply Will Be Short.

The Associated Press understands a short reply will be sent reaffirming the constitutional rights of the Storting. The government of Norway and members of the Storting welcomed the message, seeing in the last paragraph an indication that the king and riksdag will probably confirm the dissolution of the union after a reaffirmation of the contention that the union could not be dissolved without the consent of Sweden and King Oscar.

Did Not Overstep.

Stockholm, Sweden, June 14.—King Oscar in a long and vigorously worded letter to the president of the Norwegian Storting, M. Berner declares that the accession of the oath of Norway's king makes it the king's duty not to pass over in silence the pronouncement of the Norwegian council of state on the occasion of his majesty's veto of the consular bill. The king maintains that he did not overstep his prerogatives under the constitution and says that consideration for the union imposes on the king the duty of exercising his constitutional rights.

Norwegians Here Active.

Washington, June 14.—Norwegian residents of the United States have appealed to the president formally to recognize the new government of their country. Senator Dolliver called on the president today and presented to him a memorial adopted by delegates to the Norwegian musical festival recently held at Fort Dodge, Ia., urging him to recognize diplomatic and consular officers appointed by Norway.

Need Not Settle It Now.

If the president should assent to this request it would mean the recognition of the new government by the United States. It may be several weeks before a determination of the question will have to be made.

Auctioneers to Organize.

Chicago, June 14.—Auctioneers of all the principal states are gathered in Chicago in response to a call issued several months ago for the purpose of organizing an international association. One of the purposes of the new organization will be to eliminate the license fee and provide for the establishment of examining boards in the different states.

Illinois Undertakers Convene.

Springfield, Ill., June 14.—The 25th annual convention of the Undertakers' association opened yesterday. Two hundred delegates attended. Recommendations were presented for further and more comprehensive legislation covering embalming and other features of the business.

ALL DANGER FROM FLOOD HAS PASSED

Hannibal, Mo., June 14.—All danger from the flood is past, and the Mississippi river is falling. The levees have held, but damage resulting from the inundation of lowlands through levee fissures has been heavy.