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NO PEACE OVERTURES MADE BY RUSSIANS

France Is Hopeful That She May Be Mediator.

NOTHING SAID TO JAPAN AS YET

Some of the Most Influential Person- ages in St. Petersburg Have An- nounced for Peace, but Minister Lamsdorff Hasn't Made a Move.

Paris, Feb. 23.—Russia has not given any indication to France that she is ready to take up the question of peace and therefore the authorities here do not feel qualified to discuss the St. Petersburg reports giving the precise terms. The reports are explained substantially as follows:

"The public sentiment has lately been steadily augmenting throughout Russia, particularly outside of St. Petersburg and within recent days some of the most influential personages in St. Petersburg have come out favorably to peace and have sought to impress responsible officials that the time has arrived to take definite action. However, those having the chief responsibility, such as Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, have not yet shown a willingness to accept peace arguments. Therefore, so long as the Russian foreign office is not prepared to accept the peace view, it is considered doubtful of achievement. In spite of this, the peace reports are considered a hopeful sign of a tendency in the highest quarters toward peace."

The Japanese legation points out that peace negotiations require certain definite steps between the parties, and as Russia has not yet made the slightest overture to Japan concerning terms to Russia, in which position to elaborate Pacific conditions.

The officials of the legation incline to the view that the St. Petersburg reports were designed to sound official sentiment in Japan. What Tokio will say is not known.

Grand Duke Paul at Moscow.

Moscow, Feb. 23.—Grand Duke Paul arrived here today. He was met at the railroad station by his children Dmitri and Mary, who had been under the care of the late Grand Duke Sergius and Grand Duchess Elizabeth.

Alexis Does Not Fear Death.

New York, Feb. 23.—Grand Duke Alexis has started for Moscow, according to a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg. When remonstrated with he is said to have replied: "I am on the list of those condemned to death, so it does not matter."

ECHOES FROM RUSSIAN STRIKE.

Democratic Party at Warsaw Issues a Manifesto.

Warsaw, Feb. 23.—The Polish national Democratic party has issued a manifesto discountenancing a revolution.

"There are no arms," says the document, "no money and no leaders and no aid can be expected from other countries. Austria is weak, France is Russia's ally and England is always practical. Therefore a revolution would only result in useless bloodshed. Better continue the work quietly and peacefully and attain our ends."

All the schools in this city are now closed except the elementary schools for young children, the proprietors of private schools having decided to close owing to the uncertainty of the situation.

Trains for Vienna are unable to leave Warsaw in consequence of the strike. Later in the day all the employees of the Vienna railroad struck, and the entire traffic by street route from Warsaw to Austria and Germany was suspended. The strikers forcibly prevented the bringing out of locomotives from the round houses.

THREW BABY INTO FIRE PIT.

Engineer is Covered with Pistol White Dastardly Crime is Committed.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 23.—G. W. McCaffery, engineer in charge of an 18-horse power boiler in a building of

Furnace street has informed the police that about 2 o'clock last Tuesday morning two men and a woman entered the boiler room and while one man covered him with a brace of revolvers, the other threw a package into the fire pit on the red-hot coals.

McCaffery says he heard the scream of a baby as the package struck the fire.

Before leaving, the men threatened to kill McCaffery if he ever revealed a word of the matter.

McCaffery says he has been unable to eat or sleep since, and could keep silent no longer.

All three of the party were so disguised that he would not give a good description of them.

BOY KILLED BY STREET CAR.

Little Fellow Attempted to Cross the Track and is Run Down.

Atlanta, Feb. 23.—While in the act of running across Davis street near Hunter at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday morning, Horace Arthur Plunkett, 8 years old, was run down by a Magnolia and Orme street car.

Though C. W. Long reversed his current when he saw the boy start across the street, he was too late, and the child, caught under the tender, was dragged several yards up the street.

When the car could be stopped, the child was extricated and his father, R. T. Plunkett, an employe of the Western and Atlantic railroad, who resides at 99 Davis street, was notified. The child, who was still alive, although his head was crushed, was put in the car, and with his father started for the hospital. The boy, however, died at Marietta street, and his remains were then taken to the undertaking establishment of H. M. Patterson.

ENGINE LEAPS INTO RIVER.

Two Engineers Believed to Be Drowned in Chattahoochee River.

Columbia, Ala., Feb. 23.—The engine and tender of the Central passenger train, No. 13, westbound, pitched headlong into the Chattahoochee river here Tuesday night.

Engineer E. Pate and Fireman Bates went down with it.

The draw to the bridge was partly open for the passing of a steamboat. A misunderstanding of signals was probably the cause of the disaster.

Engineer Pate was well known, having run on this road for 30 years or longer. The rest of the train narrowly escaped the fate of the engine and its crew.

It is supposed that Engineer Hawes was also aboard the engine, and was drowned. The latter was an extra man going to his run out of Dothan.

COLLEGE MUST PAY FINE.

Penalty for Co-Education of Races by Kentucky Court.

Richmond, Ky., February 23.—Berea college has been fined \$1,000 for violation of the Day act.

This is the law passed by the general assembly of Kentucky at its last session prohibiting the co-education of the white and negro races. While the law is general in form, it was aimed directly at Berea college, which has for 50 years conducted a school and college for the education of all youth of a good moral character.

When the law was passed the college authorities at once declared their intention to abide by its provisions pending a decision as to its constitutionality. In order to raise the question a technical violation of the act was committed and on such violation by consent, the college as a corporation was indicted.

Once Poor; Now Lord Mayor.

Richmond, Ind., Feb. 23.—From a house painter to lord mayor of Oxford, Eng., is a big jump, but is the feat that has been accomplished by Robert Buckell. Some years ago Buckell resided in that state and followed plumbing and painting. He surmounted many obstacles as an obscure workman, and the English prejudices he afterward overcame were numerous. Buckell, who is a native of England, was noted as an unusual man while residing in Indiana. He introduced better and quicker methods of doing work and brought many workmen from England.

DUTY ON TOBACCO AND SUGAR REDUCED

Philippine Tariff Bill Reported By House Committee.

TRIBUTE PAID TO WASHINGTON

Chaplain of the House Delivered Eloquent Prayer in Which the Father of His Country Was Praised—Washington's Farewell Address Read.

Washington, Feb. 23.—With but one negative vote, the house committee on ways and means today authorized a favorable report on the Curtis bill reducing the duty on tobacco and sugar from the Philippine islands to 25 per cent of the Dingley tariff. The bill was amended by inserting the word "wholly" in the provision requiring products to be wholly the product and growth of the islands.

A provision also was adopted specifying that the articles subject to the internal revenue tax shall pay the tax upon being placed on sale in this country.

In the Senate.

In accordance with long-established custom in recognition of the day the senate began its proceedings today with the reading of Washington's farewell address.

There was, however, some delay in beginning the ceremony. This was due to a misunderstanding. The senate adjourned yesterday to meet at 11 o'clock, an hour in advance of the regular time today, but failed to notify Mr. Perkins, who had been selected to read the address. He was not present when the senate convened and before he could arrive, Mr. Pettus suggested the absence of a quorum. Mr. Perkins proceeded with the reading.

In the House.

On convening of the house today the chaplain delivered an eloquent prayer in which he spoke of the life and character of George Washington, he said, was clear in his conceptions, strong in his convictions, wise in counsel, heroic in battle and magnanimous in victory.

The discussion of the army bill was again taken up. Mr. Hull, of Iowa.

France Replaces Gifts.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Ambassador Jusserand presented to the congress today the replica of the original marble bust of George Washington, which was destroyed by a fire in the library of congress in 1851. The ceremonies took place in the rotunda of the capitol, where the bust was unveiled and in the president's room in the senate wing, where speeches were made by the ambassador on behalf of the French donors and by Senator Wetmore, of Rhode Island, and Representative McCleary, of Minnesota, on behalf of the two branches of congress. President Pro Tem. Frye, of the senate, presided over the ceremonies.

Celebrating Washington's Birthday.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Washington's birthday was generally observed at the national capital. Aside from ceremonies at the capitol celebrations were held by various local patriotic societies. All federal and municipal offices and most of the business houses were closed.

New Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Baltimore, Feb. 23.—The new tuberculosis dispensary of Johns Hopkins hospital, for which Henry Phipps of Pittsburg, gave \$20,000, has been formally opened. Mr. Phipps, in acknowledging the thanks of the hospital trustees and faculty, urged the students to remember the responsibility resting on them in conducting investigations of the disease and said he expected great results from their efforts.

"Sunset Limited" Wrecked.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 23.—Southwestern Pacific passenger train No. 9 known as the "Sunset Limited," from New Orleans for San Francisco, was wrecked near Sandy Fork, 70 miles west of here at an early hour today. Five cars are reported to be in the ditch. A tramp was killed and several passengers were injured.

BOODLER FAINTS IN COURT.

The Trial of Kratz Was Suspended for Half Hour—Accused a Sick Man.

Butler, Mo., Feb. 23.—Shortly after entering the court room today where he is on trial on the charge of accepting a bribe while a member of the St. Louis municipal assembly, Charles Kratz suddenly became pale and it was necessary to assist him into Judge Depton's private room, where he lost consciousness.

Mrs. Kratz was with her husband, and a physician was summoned. Kratz has been ill for several months and recently underwent an operation, the wound from which has not entirely healed. The trial was delayed for more than a half hour before Kratz again entered the court room. He was looking pale and trembled noticeably as he walked to his accustomed seat, facing the jury, accompanied by his wife and a physician.

Charles T. Gutke, a former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, then took the stand. He testified that he went with Kratz to the residence of Phillip Stock and that the latter asked him to handle the suburban bill in the house, but that he (Gutke) said he could not, as there was a combine of 19 in the house and that he could not act for all of them without consulting them. This is the first time Gutke has appeared as a state's witness in any of the bribery trials.

SOLONS TO SEE BULL FIGHT.

Special Train Will Carry Texas Legis- lators to Mexico.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 23.—The International and Great Northern railroad management, representing George Gould, is to furnish transportation for members of the Texas state legislature to attend the great Washington Birthday bull-fighting carnival at Nueva Laredo. A special train of ten Pullman sleeping cars has been made up at Houston for Austin, there to be impressed into the service of the lawmakers.

The event is advertised as a unique celebration of Washington's birthday. The arena, where bulls, men and the horses are sacrificed in honor of the memory of the father of his country is just across the Rio Grande river from the American town of Laredo.

The Texas legislature long ago made participation in bull fights a felony, and now the members of the present body have arranged a journey of 300 miles to and across the border to witness the proceedings of a bull fight.

COMMISSIONERS ENROUTE HOME

Men Who Went to Panama to Settle Differences Are Returning.

Panama, Feb. 23.—Dr. Charles A. Reed, of Cincinnati, and Thomas T. Goff, of Washington, the commissioners appointed to settle remaining differences between the United States and Panama arising under the canal convention, having concurred with the Panama commissioners and satisfactorily decided the Diaz condemnation suit and also that of a small property near the hospital are both passengers on the Panama railroad steamship Advance, sailing from Colon for New York today.

Jos. W. Lee, who will be a member of President Roosevelt's Rough Rider body guard at the inaugural ceremonies at Washington March 4, is also a passenger on the Advance.

Dentists Meet at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 23.—A joint convention of the southern branch of the National Dental association and the Tennessee State association met here Tuesday. About 300 delegates were present. The proposed revival of the old Southern Dental association will be discussed. President Charles I. Alexander delivered his annual address.

Unique Figure Dies in Poor House.

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 23.—Jerry McCraith, a unique figure in the early history of the northwest is dead at the county poor farm. McCraith gained considerable notoriety some years ago by filing a claim in San Francisco to the largest part of what is now Oregon, Washington and Idaho, under an old Spanish grant.

HALF A HUNDRED BODIES RECOVERED

From Mins Where the Terrible Explosion Occured.

THE CORONER IS INVESTIGATING

No Hope is Held Out That Any of the Entombed Miners Will Be Rescued Alive—Water Now Fills the Mine and Rescue Work is Retarded.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 23.—Two staff correspondents of the Birmingham News who have just returned from Virginia mines say that when they left there at 3 o'clock this morning 48 dead bodies had been taken out.

A number of corpses, the rescuers reported, were still in sight but could not be reached because of the water.

The explosion broken the water pipes, flooding a large part of the mines. It is, therefore, possible that no few of the men were drowned, as several bodies have been seen floating around in the flooded rooms.

Forty-four corpses have been taken to Bessemer, where a vacant store room has been secured and is being used as a morgue. Within the building bodies in every form of mutilation are stretched out on the floor for identification. In very many instances it is impossible to identify the corpses so badly are they blackened and mangled.

Absolutely no hope is held out now of finding any one alive in the mine, especially in view of the discovery that many of the rooms are flooded.

It is said that the report that several men were taken out alive but afterwards died, is untrue. It is now stated that the muscles of three bodies relaxed when they were brought out but there was no life in the bodies.

Coroner Paris is busy inquiring into the disaster, having already empanelled a jury.

Newspaper men who have made a close estimate on the number of men in the mine say that there were 116 and that there is no doubt but that every man is dead.

From now on the work of recovering the bodies will be slow, because of the presence of water in the mine.

Up to 11 o'clock today the bodies of 54 miners who were killed in Monday's explosion at Virginia mines, had been recovered.

Little progress had been made by the rescuers since 2 o'clock this morning because of the water and wreckage which have been encountered in the back rooms of the mine.

Mine Boss Hartley, who had left the flooded mine just before the explosion occurred, figures that the total number of men in the mines was a few below one hundred, but the check weighman insists that 106 men were checked off, and it is said that several entered the mine who did not check off.

A number of the dead men were only recently put to work from other places in the district and for this reason it is difficult to determine just how many men were in the mine.

Preparations are being made for the funerals of the victims whose bodies have been recovered.

Rescuers who came from the mine shortly before noon reported that bodies which could not be reached were decomposing and that the odor was almost unbearable.

It is hoped now to get all the bodies out before tomorrow morning.

Port Receipts Increased.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 23.—Savannah's cotton port receipts record has again been broken by a grand total of 1,391,791 bales received at this port up to and including today. Savannah's growing importance as a leading cotton port has been demonstrated and the net receipts for any full season has been surpassed. The largest net receipts for a season in the history of the port heretofore was 1,297,422 bales. The gross receipts this season to date were 1,585,857 bales, against 1,618,112 bales last season, while the net receipts this season reached 1,391,791 bales, against 1,646,385 bales last season in the same date.