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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## PEACE IN FAR EAST IS ALMOST ASSURED

### The World Pleased At the Appointment Of M. Witte.

#### STRONG ADVOCATE FOR PEACE

It is now a recognized fact that the Peace Party has the ear of the czar—Russian securities advance on strength of appointment.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—M. Witte's appointment as chief Russian peace plenipotentiary was announced today in the Official Messenger in the following words:

"Owing to the serious illness which beset M. Muraviev on his arrival in St. Petersburg, which made it impossible for him to familiarize himself with, at such short notice, the considerable material connected with the negotiations, his majesty, the emperor has been pleased to appoint president of the committee of ministers, Witte, to the post of chief plenipotentiary. Spontaneously all parties recognize that M. Witte's selection makes for a successful termination of the peace negotiations. The mere fact that the emperor at last yielded to the pressure for M. Witte's appointment is accepted as being a complete assurance that his majesty is sincerely determined to end the conflict and make peace, if possible basis is obtainable. Every influence which championed M. Witte was for peace while, on the contrary, those who opposed him were for a prolongation of the struggle.

France, through Ambassador Nelidoff, strongly urged him for the post, but the main credit for M. Witte's selection belongs to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, who never ceased to press for his selection. Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte are now in close alliance."

M. Witte had a prolonged audience with the emperor at Peterhoff this afternoon at which the whole subject of the peace negotiations was gone over in detail. The difficulties of the situation were freely discussed and indications were given that his majesty is more apt personally to govern M. Witte's course than the formal instructions which have been given him.

M. Witte will leave St. Petersburg next Wednesday for Paris, sailing as previously announced from Cherbourg on July 26 on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Mme. Witte will accompany her husband as far as Paris, where she will remain for the present, though she may possibly join M. Witte later in the United States.

M. Witte's personal solicitation M. Korotovitz, one of the ablest young diplomats who formerly was secretary of the Russian legation at Paris, will be attached to the Russian mission.

Stocks rose on the bourse on the improvement of the Russian securities abroad, due to M. Witte's appointment as chief peace plenipotentiary. According to information received here, Japan intends to claim the island of Sakhalin by right of conquest and its formal cession will be one of her untarable demands.

The government has issued another \$5,000,000 in paper roubles, the whole outstanding paper obligations being \$495,000,000 against \$547,000,000 in gold.

The bourse Gazette regards the latest issue as being a forced issue to protect the gold reserve.

#### Itinerary for Japanese Envoys.

St. Paul, Minn., July 15.—President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway is personally arranging the itinerary for the Japanese peace plenipotentiaries, their journey from Seattle to Washington. The party which is headed by Baron Komura will arrive at Seattle on the steamer Minnesota July 20. They will travel eastward over the Great Northern to Duluth where they will embark on the steamer Northwest for Buffalo, via the Great Lakes. At Buffalo the party will be taken by the Pennsylvania railroad to Washington, arriving there early in August.

#### President Roosevelt Notified.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 14.—President Roosevelt has been notified by the Russian government, of the appointment of M. Witte, chairman of the committee of ministers to the position of principal envoy of Russia to the forthcoming peace conference. The president has expressed satisfaction at the designation of M. Witte feeling assured that it means much to Russia to have so eminent a statesman on the committee and that it will make for permanent peace between the belligerent nations.

#### FRENCHMEN CELEBRATE.

The French Capital is Gaily Decorated and is Thronged with People.

Paris, July 15.—The French national holiday was celebrated today. The boulevards were thronged with merry-makers and all the leading thoroughfares were elaborately decorated. There was a brilliant review at Longchamp which was attended by President and Madame Loubet, the cabinet officers, the diplomatic corps and a vast throng of people. About 20,000 troops took part in the maneuvers. A notable feature of the review was the presence of 128 officers from the British naval squadron at Brest, all in full uniform. Their arrival was the occasion of an enthusiastic reception the day before the British national anthem. President Loubet gave a luncheon to the British officers and to a number of French military and naval men in the Elysee palace at noon. Public games and dancing are going on in all the public places under the control of the municipality and the theaters will give free performances.

#### English Honor French Holiday.

Brest, July 15.—The British squadron dressed with bunting and fired a salute of 21 guns today in honor of the French national holiday. Later the crews of the British ships headed by their bands went ashore, where they were accorded an enthusiastic reception and participated in various festivities.

#### CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

Japanese Minister, Takahira and President Shonts of Canal Commission.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 15.—President Roosevelt today has the following visitors:

Togoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, and Theodore Shonts, and John F. Stevens, respectively, the chairman and chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission.

Mr. Takahira made an engagement several days ago to see the president today. It was his desire to discuss with Mr. Roosevelt, not only the arrangements for the reception of the peace plenipotentiaries at Sagamore Hill, but also to consider some details of the peace conference at Portsmouth, N. H.

Chairman Shonts and Chief Engineer Stevens are here to consult the president generally in relation to canal matters. The president had not met Mr. Stevens since his appointment to succeed Mr. Wallace as chief engineer.

#### May Be German-Swedish Alliance.

Berlin, July 15.—The substance of the statement made at Stockholm yesterday to the effect that a German-Swedish alliance was seriously contemplated was submitted to the foreign office here today and the authoritative statement was made that the question of an alliance between Germany and Sweden had never come before the foreign office, nor had it been discussed to the slightest extent. Of course the foreign office could not deny that Emperor William and King Oscar had not spoken of an alliance during their interview at Gelfe yesterday because the subjects of their conversation are not known here.

#### To Invite Admiral Togo.

New York, July 15.—The committee named by Mayor McClellan to consider a plan for submission to the next mayor for the centenary celebration in 1907 of the first use of steam in water navigation, has decided to send an invitation to Vice Admiral Togo, of the Japanese navy to attend.

## THREE LIVES LOST IN RAILROAD WRECK

### And Seven Passenger Are More Or Less Seriously Hurt.

#### BOTH ENGINES ARE DEMOLISHED

A Passenger and Suburban Train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway Collide 30 Miles from Chicago With Fatal Results.

Chicago, July 15.—A passenger train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railway leaving St. Louis at 11:30 last night collided with a suburban train at Stegar, Ill., 30 miles from Chicago.

Three were killed, and seven passengers were more or less injured.

Some of the injured may die. The engines of both trains were demolished, and the first coach on the suburban train was smashed. The dead:

James Lyke, engineer of the suburban train.

George Epstein, Chicago.

Ferdinand Hoyle, Chicago.

The seriously injured:

Fireman Miller, Chicago Heights, Ill., back broken.

Charles Hoyle, Crete, Ill., skull fractured.

James Crooks, Chicago, back injured.

Dwight I. Wood, brakeman on suburban train, leg broken and his side bruised.

A Gilmore, engineer on the St. Louis train, shoulder dislocated and internal injuries.

F. P. Ross, Chicago, shoulder injured, arm broken and internal injuries.

#### TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BURNED.

Hello Girls Flee for Their Lives from the Burning Building.

Columbus, O., July 15.—Fire early today damaged the mechanical apparatus in the Central Union Telephone company's building to such an extent that the entire telephone service will be suspended for days. The financial loss to the company will reach perhaps \$25,000.

Night operators fled for their lives as a shout of warning came from the alleys in the rear of the building. Fifteen girls were at work at the time. None of the girls were injured.

The fire started in the main terminal box in the rear room of the third floor of the building, and was under good headway when discovered. Many cables and the distributing racks, containing thousands of wires, wrapped in the flames and all were more or less destroyed.

#### Earnings of the L. & N.

New York, July 15.—The Louisville & Nashville Railroad company today issued a preliminary statement for the year ending June 30, last. It showed gross earnings of \$38,541,672, an increase of \$1,597,879, as compared with the previous year. Operating expenses \$26,285,846; an increase of \$1,144,318 over last year and a surplus for the year after dividends and charges were paid of \$3,580,664, a decrease of \$107,507, as compared with the year preceding.

#### President to Lay Cornerstone.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 15.—The county commissioners of this county have decided to ask President Roosevelt to lay the cornerstone of the million dollar court house here. The president is coming here on Aug. 10, to address the Mine Workers, and if he agrees to lay the cornerstone, it will be placed in position that day. The president will bring his son Kermit and his nephew Philip with him on the trip to see the coal region and the mine workers.

#### Crops Injured by Heavy Rains.

Washington, July 15.—The heavy rains of the last two weeks are reported to have seriously injured crops in eastern Virginia and North Carolina, particularly cotton in eastern North Carolina, and it is feared that cotton growers in that section will lose heavily as a result.

#### ALACHUA COUNTY

Should Make a Good Display at the Florida State Fair.

The Mid-Winter Fair, to be held at Tampa, is a State institution and every person interested in the advancement of the State should take an active part, as far as possible, in the exhibition. Every county has something to show, and the success of the fair depends on the enterprise of the people, be it county or State.

The manufactures, the products of the soil, all go to show what can be found in every county. When all are placed on exhibition they do much to attract people to the several localities.

The Board of Directors of the Florida State Fair Association have elected Jesse E. Burtz, city editor of The Sun, as one of the vice-presidents, and he would be pleased to hear from anyone who contemplates having any articles for exhibition. His territory will be Alachua county and he will confer with the County Commissioners and leading citizens at an early day and ascertain what the county will do. A fair appropriation will no doubt be made.

Individuals are requested to not stand back and wait for some one else to take the lead. It is a fair for Florida, and it is in the power of the people to make it a big thing. If you want information, address Jesse E. Burtz, Gainesville, Fla.

#### JOE MANASSE'S SALE.

Great Mid-Summer Cost Sale Will Begin Friday, July 21.

Attention is called to the great mid-summer cost sale of men's suits, dry goods, shoes, hats, gentlemen's furnishings and notions, which will be held at the store of Joseph Manasse for eight days, beginning on July 21.

Mr. Manasse makes a semi-annual practice in January and July of each year in closing out all goods left from the season's sale, and in this lot some excellent values are offered, which can only be appreciated by those who call and look over the stock. These goods are first-class in every respect, and those availing themselves of the opportunity may secure excellent bargains.

The terms will be spot cash, as the management cannot afford to charge goods at the prices on this sale.

#### The Colsons Are Happy.

A letter from Perry M. Colson, who, with his family, left this city a few days ago for Asheville, N. C., states that they arrived safely, and are delightfully located.

"This is a delightful place," continued Mr. Colson. "The weather is nice and cool, and we are compelled to sleep under cover for comfort. This city is 2,800 feet above sea level, and one of the prettiest places I ever saw. It is a great summer and winter resort, and there are now about 20,000 visitors here."

Mr. Colson states that he would like so much to remain with his family during the summer, but business calls him home, and he expects to return Monday next.

#### Petition for Final Discharge.

U. S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, ss. In re R. B. Porter, Bankrupt. In the matter of Petition for Final Discharge.

On this 7th day of July, A. D. 1905, on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1905, before said court at Jacksonville, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and that notice thereof be published in The Gainesville Sun, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors notice of said petition and this order addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable James [L. S.] W. Locke, judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at Jacksonville, in said district, on the 7th day of July, A. D. 1905.

JAMES W. LOCKE, Judge.  
A true copy.  
Attest: E. O. LOCKE, Clerk.

## INVESTIGATE THE TOBACCO REPORT

### Is the Appeal the Planters Send Secretary Wilson.

#### SPECIAL AGENTS ARE SENT OUT

Department of Agriculture Will Do All in Its Power to Prevent the Tobacco Trust from Manipulating the Market.

Washington, July 15.—Through the receipt of numerous communications from the south and statements appearing in the press at various times that the statistics of the department of agriculture on tobacco were being manipulated in the interests of the so-called tobacco trust, Secretary Wilson has begun an inquiry into the subject.

Pending the investigation the publication of the tobacco statistics of the several districts will be held up although the regular monthly figures by states will be given out on Monday next.

It was stated at the department today that special agents have been sent to the dark tobacco districts of Tennessee and Kentucky to verify or correct the department's figures. This action Mr. Hyde, the chief statistician said was in defence to the sentiment which had been engendered that the department's figures were wholly incorrect.

Mr. Hyde has been given direct charge of the investigation which it is believed, will be concluded within two or three weeks.

#### UNDERGOES PAINFUL OPERATION

General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., Recovering from Sugeon's Knife.

Boston, July 15.—Reports from Passasset, Cape Cod, say that Major General Leonard Wood has just undergone the delicate surgical operation of trepanning to remove a bony growth from his head. The operation, it is said, was entirely successful and the general is making rapid progress toward recovery. No details have yet been received. The operation was made necessary by a mishap several years ago when General Wood received a severe blow on the head by accident. A swelling developed, but surgeons were soon able to determine that it was not of cancerous growth and not in the least likely to have any permanent ill effects.

Many inquiries, it is said, have come in from Washington since the operation to all of which there has been returned the answer that everything was progressing satisfactorily.

#### Thirteen Die From Heat.

New York, July 15.—Thirteen deaths attributed to the hot weather were recorded in New York Thursday. In addition a score or more of persons were overcome by the heat and are under treatment in the city hospitals. Despite a drenching rainfall during the forenoon and scattered showers throughout the day, the thermometer rose to a maximum of 85 degrees. During the afternoon the drop was more decided than for the past five days and a strong westerly breeze is bringing a share of relief. The high humidity and the continuance throughout the night of temperatures varying only slightly from those of the hottest hours of the day have caused the heavy fatality attending the present hot spell in this city.

#### Texas Mob After Negro.

Waco, Tex., July 15.—A negro who is believed to be Frank Majors, who made a brutal attack on a white woman in the southern part of this county Tuesday night, stabbing and beating her into unconsciousness, has been captured at Cameron. The prisoner was spirited away by the officers of mobs were in pursuit. The negro before being captured ran from the officers as mobs were in pursuit. The negro before being captured ran from the officers and was fired upon receiving several severe wounds.