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TEN CENTS A WEEK

INITIAL MEETING OF THE PEACE ENVOYS

First Days' Session Held At Portsmouth, N. H.

ALL BARRED FROM NAVY YARD

The first session lasted about one hour—little business was done other than exchanging credentials and arranging program.

Portsmouth, N. H., August 10.—The day which was to bring the initial meeting of the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries at the navy yard here, opened with delightful weather conditions.

It was expected at that time that the start would be made for the navy



MINISTER TAKAHIRA.

yard, where, by agreement reached yesterday, the first sitting of the plenipotentiaries was to be held at 10 o'clock would be at half past nine. There were many people waiting on the veranda of the hotel to witness the departure of the envoys. With the approach of the hour of meeting the feeling became more pronounced than before that an armistice would not be agreed upon unless the success of the negotiations was assured.

The position of the Japanese toward this formality and the hearty support which London is understood to have given Tokio, it is believed, has operated to minimize the wish of the Russians for a signed truce.

Another cause for their willingness not to press for an armistice at the first meeting is believed to be the recent opposition said to have manifested itself among the Russian forces at the front against peace negotiations. It is felt that to ask them to sign a truce might have a bad effect upon their spirits and serve to increase their opposition to the ending of the war.

Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira and Secretary Adato left the hotel Wentworth by automobile for the navy yard at 9:55 o'clock. They were greeted on the veranda by Acting Secretary Pierce and Governor McLaure. M. Witte and Baron Rosen started shortly after in another automobile, leaving by a secondary entrance which leads to their apartments.

It took about half an hour to cover the six miles from the hotel to the navy yard, and it was 10:30 o'clock when the envoys arrived at the naval stores building, where their sitting was to take place. The foreigners attracted no particular attention as they passed through the city today. At the navy yard the careful arrangements made by Rear Admiral Meade, the commandant, for excluding all persons not connected with the proceedings, operated perfectly every outsider being stopped at the entrance of the yard.

After the plenipotentiaries left the hotel for the navy yards this morning Mr. Honda, private secretary to Baron Komura, went to the apartments of the Russian mission, where he was received in the reception room by Mr. Shipoff, Mr. DePiancon, Mr. Batckoff and Mr. Berg. Mr. Honda said the object of his visit was to discuss the best program for the problems of

cards by the members of the two missions. The short conversation which followed was very cordial and it was decided that the cards should either be left at the office, one that a secretary from each side should convey them direct to the respective apartments and there be formally received. It is noticeable that with each day the members of the two missions are fraternizing more easily, and it is no longer a subject of comment when a Russian and a Japanese are seen talking together.

Baron Komura and M. Witte reiterated to third Assistant Secretary Pierce shortly before leaving for the navy yard today, a request that every one be excluded from the yard all throughout the time the envoys are meeting. Even the members of each mission to gain entrance will be required to show passes signed by their chief and countersigned by the commandant of the yard.

The first session of the peace conference has been concluded. It lasted about an hour. No business was done besides exchanging credentials and arranging a program for future sessions.

RIOTING RESUMED IN CHICAGO.

Non-Union Teamsters Were Knocked from Wagons and Beaten.

Chicago, August 10.—Rioting by union teamsters was resumed last night when several union men who had been unable to gain their old positions as teamsters attacked five of Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s nonunion drivers.

Two deputy sheriffs who were escorting the nonunionists from Ward & Co.'s barns, were routed by the union men, who flourished revolvers and threatened the deputies with bodily injury. Two of the nonunion teamsters who were knocked down and beaten with clubs fired a dozen or more shots at their assailants and the latter fled.

A riot call was sent in and in a few minutes afterward the rioters had disappeared. Inspector Shippy with 20 policemen drove to the stables in the patrols and ambulance. A search was made by the police but they could not find the sluggers. The men beaten by the strikers are Simon Block and Jerry Williams. Both were badly bruised about their heads. Several of their companions were less severely bruised when they went to the assistance of Blocks and Williams.

AMERICAN CONCESSIONS SAFE.

Morgan Does Not Care to Dispose of Chinese Franchise.

New York, August 10.—The uncertainty concerning the future control of the Hankow and Canton railroad and the concession for other construction now owned by the China-American Development company, were set at rest yesterday by the positive statement made in well informed quarters, according to the Herald, that J. P. Morgan & Co. are continuing their negotiation for the sale of the property and concessions to the Chinese.

It was learned further that the offers for the control of the China-American Development company, made by various European syndicates, are not being considered by the Morgan firm. From a financial point of view, several of these offers are understood to have been very tempting. If the attitude of the various Chinese governments had been different, the Herald continues, and more in harmony with the spirit in which the concessions were granted it might have been possible to sell the control to European bidders.

At the present time, however, the negotiations for the sale of the property have become closely intertwined with diplomacy.

Homesteaders Seek Lands.

Salt Lake, Utah, August 10.—Renewed activity is observed in the registration of applicants for lands on the Utah reservations. At all points in Utah where registrations are being made the number of applicants increases daily. At Provo, the total number registered to date of 9,834; at Vernal, 4,494; at Price, 1,035. It has developed that the area withdrawn from entry by the government is 209,000 acres, instead of 15,000 acres, as at first reported.

CITY WILL RECEIVE THOROUGH CLEANING

Officials In New Orleans Working to That End.

8 DEATHS AND 12 NEW CASES

The Most Drastic Measures Are Being Used to Put the Crescent City in Excellent Sanitary Condition—Other Yellow Fever News.

New Orleans, August 10.—Twelve new cases of yellow fever and three deaths reported by board of health.

Street Cleaning Campaign Started.

New Orleans, August 10.—A great street cleaning campaign was inaugurated here early today and will continue until nightfall. Besides the paid laborers of the city and the prisoners from the jails and houses of detention, thousands of volunteers took off their coats and rolled up their sleeves and went to work to give New Orleans a thorough scrubbing. Hundreds of carts and wagons were employed in carrying off the refuse.

The state board of health was in receipt of advice from a number of parishes today notifying it of their disposition to modify quarantine regulations. A number of boards have conferred at Lafayette and decided not to interfere with the movement of passengers from non-infected points who have health certificates and from infected points if they have served time in detention camps and been released by the marine hospital service.

Restrictions were taken off of freight provided it is shipped in fumigated cars.

Full confidence has been expressed in the marine hospital service. Additional appeals have come from the smaller towns for relief so that they may obtain food supplies and ice.

Gueydan, La., and Logansport, La., are among the towns thus complaining. The latter is on the Texas border, and because of the Texas quarantine has not had a train for seven days. Its supplies are nearly exhausted.

Baton Rouge is guarding against possible infection by the erection of an isolation hospital. Work on it has been rushed and it will be ready the moment a case is reported in that vicinity.

Alexandria, La., having lessened the severity of her regulations, has been able to receive 20 pouches of delayed mail, but is still anxious to secure outside newspapers describing the fever situation.

Governor Blanchard has received an appeal for assistance from Bon Ami, La., where there have been two cases. One has died and the other is moribund. There are 1,200 people in the settlement and only one doctor. Nurses and doctors are desired. The governor is doing all in his power to relieve the situation.

Foreign Immigration Stopped.

All foreign immigration into New Orleans is to be stopped until after the fever is stamped out. Large numbers of Italian immigrants were expected here in September and October, but as the bringing in of thousands of unacclimated persons would simply add fresh material for the fever, the immigration bureau will arrange for the diversion of the ships to other ports unless by that time there is no longer a trace of the disease here.

No Marked Change.

No marked change in the fever situation today though an early morning report of three deaths and eleven cases indicated the energy with which the Marine hospital service inspectors are now at work in ferreting out the sick. The surgeons ordered here by surgeon general Wyman to assist Dr. White are beginning to arrive. Drs. Rupert Blue, E. M. Stegar and F. C. Smith were among those who reported today. They will be at once assigned to districts.

Though the report of sixty cases in the preceding 24 hours was the largest number in a day since the fever was officially announced, the disease

continues principally confined to the section below Canal street. Of the sixty cases fifty-three are in the second and third districts, which are in that territory. More American and French names are in the list than formerly.

Inspectors of the health authorities are experiencing some refusals on the part of families to agree to the screening of rooms where there are sick patients. If there is persistency in this refusal, it is expected that orders will be issued to quarantine such houses permitting no one to come in or go out. It is believed that with such an alternative offered them, none will put obstacles in the way of scientific treatment of the fever.

Suspicious Cases in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., August 10.—The state board of health announced this morning that suspicious fever cases are being investigated at Holly Springs and Yazoo City. The supposed infection at the two places has not yet reached the stage of development where positive announcement can be made, but definite diagnosis is expected late this evening.

FIVE NEW COUNTIES NAMED.

House Reconsiders Vote of Tax on Liquor Dealers.

Atlanta, August 10.—A practical agreement has been reached on the new counties, the creation of which will be recommended by the committees which have had the question of new counties under consideration for several weeks past.

According to this agreement it is understood that five new counties are to be recommended by the house committee either Wednesday or Thursday. There is a possibility that six will be named in this report.

The six successful competitors for new county honors in the order selected according to an authoritative source of information, are as follows:

Jenkins county, to be formed from parts of Burke, Bullock, Screven and Emanuel, with Millen as the county seat.

Tift county, to be formed from parts of Berrien, Worth and Irwin, with Tifton as the county seat.

Toombs county, to be formed from parts of Montgomery and Tattnall, with Lyons as the county seat.

Hleckley county, to be formed from parts of Habersham and Franklin, with Toccoa as the county seat.

Cromartie county, to be created from parts of Appling and Coffee, with Hazlehurst, as the county seat.

In case it is decided to name six counties instead of five this year, it is practically determined that Grady county will be chosen.

Grady county is to be established from parts of Thomas and Decatur, with Cairo as the county seat.

House Reconsiders Vote.

It was carried by too close a vote to hold, and the house Tuesday reconsidered its action in fixing the tax on liquor dealers and dispensaries at \$1,000, killed the amendment calling for that amount, and by a vote of 94 to 69 adopted another one making the tax \$500, which is an increase of \$200 over the present amount.

The \$500 tax has yet to run the gauntlet of the senate before it can become enacted into law, and there appears to be a belief in some quarters that the senate will insist on reducing it.

It is not thought that the tax of \$500 would result in closing up a dozen bars in the state, and if such should be the case, the increased tax would more than double the state's present revenue from the liquor traffic, making it something close to \$400,000.

Engineer Dies at Throttle.

Macon, Ga., August 10.—Eugene Guilfoyle, an engineer on the Central railroad, fell from his post of duty at his engine to the foot of the cab, dead Tuesday afternoon as the train neared Montezuma, bound for Macon. He evidently had sudden warning, for he applied the brakes before he relinquished his hold on the lever. Life was extinct when his fireman came to his assistance and stopped the train. He was in charge of a heavy freight. Congestion of the brain is supposed to have been the cause of his sudden death.

THIRTEEN BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND

It Is Believed That Many More Are In the Ruins.

80 WOMEN UNACCOUNTED FOR

Work on Clearing Away Debris of the Collapsed Building Goes on With Rapidity—Corpses Taken from Building Greatly Disfigured.

Albany, N. Y., August 10.—Twelve dead bodies, many of them almost beyond recognition, were taken from the ruins of the department store of the John G. Myers company, which collapsed yesterday.

The known death list which tonight numbered only five, has become more than doubled.

In addition to these it is almost certain that 15 or 20 bodies still remain in the twisted mass of beams, brick, plaster, brick and lath that make up the main portion of one of the city's largest stores.

A day's work by skilled men from the wrecking crew of the New York Central and the Delaware and Hudson railroads, has resulted in uncovering barely half of the wreckage.

The injured in the hospital, including well, with two exceptions, Mrs. Elia J. Donahue, who was one of the first survivors to be taken out of the wreck, has several of her limbs fractured, and it is said that Mrs. William Borst, of Windsor, Minn., who was one of the few shoppers injured, is also reported to be in a critical condition.

It is thought scarcely possible that any of those now imprisoned in the debris can be alive.

Since midnight only a few corpses have been taken out. Fifty women employes are still unaccounted for, and as the firm has a complete list of these, grave fears are expressed for the safety of the majority. A large percentage of those in the central portion of the building which collapsed were women.

The thirteenth body was found this afternoon and identified as that of Miss Winifred Kelly, by her father, who had watched by the wreckage all night.

A thorough search carried on since early morning has revealed the fact that all the men and all but one of the women employed in the department store of the John G. Myers company, which collapsed yesterday, are accounted for.

About 30 cash boys out of 75 are not yet reported, but it is thought it scarcely possible that there are many of them in the ruins. The proportion of boys thus far known to be killed and injured is small.

These facts lead to the belief that the number of deaths will probably be considerably less than was feared. The dead found thus far number about 13, there is hope that not more than a dozen bodies are still in the wreck.

Jews to Appeal to Witte

New York, August 10.—The presence in America of Secretary Witte, the Russian peace envoy, is expected to bring about a lively debate now being held among the East Side Jews, many of whom favor sending a delegation to M. Witte with an appeal for the restoration of their brethren who are in Russia. Those with religious ideas are stoutly opposing the plan and the plan has thus far taken no definite shape. The Yiddish papers have taken up the subject. One of them is inviting its readers to settle the question.

Missionary from China Returns

Seattle, Wash., August 10.—H. Martin, who for about a year has been preaching and proselyting in China is in this city en route to New York and Washington. In the city he will call upon President Roosevelt and discuss the exclusion laws. He will also request of Chang Tai Tung, governor of two central provinces, for whom he acted as a missionary for the last three years.