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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

RUSSIANS CONSIDER JAPAN'S PROPOSALS

Envoys Working Hard to Dispose of Small Claims.

CLASH IS BEING LOOKED FOR

Article 3, which relates to the Cession of Sakhalin Islands to Japan Will Be Fought by the Russians—St. Petersburg is Pessimistic.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 16.—Article 4 of the peace conditions has been agreed upon.

Portsmouth, N. H., August 16.—The peace conference began at two minutes before 10 o'clock. The plenipotentiaries went to the navy yard in their motor cars, but the trip was a somewhat slow one on account of the drizzling rain which made the roads muddy. Ten minutes after their arrival at the naval stores building the negotiators had taken their places in the conference room and work began.

That making peace is a strenuous life is illustrated by the daily program of work of the peace envoys and their suites. Eight sessions of the conference have been held since the arrival of the missions at Portsmouth one week ago, and all but one of these has been long as to hours. Outside the sessions every one connected with the work has continuous and taxing occupations with but few hours for rest and practically none for recreation.

The envoys have breakfast before 9 o'clock; they are in the navy yard before 10 o'clock and with the exception of a brief space for luncheon, served in the conference building, they stay in session until evening. After this, a hurried dinner is served at the hotel and the work of the evening and night begins. Last night M. Witte and Baron Rosen there was an outside duty and one of almost as much importance as peace between Russia and Japan, namely, the consideration of the amelioration of the condition of the Jews in Russia which a delegation of the American Hebrews. The secretaries busied themselves in bringing records up to date and preparing cables.

Cable Tolls Run High.

An idea of the volume of cables which daily are sent to Europe and the Far East may be had from the statement that Sunday one cable company handled \$19,000 worth of business including dispatches from both peace-makers from its headquarters here.

Both sides are very keen in the matter of their facilities for communication. The heavy tax on the local telephone wires made it impossible for them to get quick service between the hotel and their conference rooms in the navy yard, and complaint was made, with the result that Secretary Pierce had two direct telephone systems installed between these points, one for the Russians and one for the Japanese.

Citizens Excluded from Navy Yard.

The exclusive use of the navy yard, so far as civilians are concerned, is still possessed absolutely by the members of the peace commission. Yesterday in addition to the regular guard of marines which from the first was placed over the naval stores building, a detail of secret service men was added. They surrounded the building and kept constant watch throughout the session.

Considering Article 4.

At the morning session today consideration of article 4 which relates to the Liao Tung peninsula and the surrender of the Russian leases was begun. As the cession of Sakhalin island is the fifth article the natural deduction would be that today would witness a collision and possibly a deadlock.

But it appeared more likely that the question of the cession of the island which neither side is now prepared

ty of a rupture on the other, it is regarded as a practical certainty that neither will insist at this juncture upon precipitating a situation which will decide this issue. The plan is almost certain to pass over the disputed articles and see how far an agreement is possible, then to return and attack the obstacles.

Article 3, which was agreed on yesterday, it developed today, was incorrectly stated to be the cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad. That article comes later. The third article pertained to the restoration of the Chinese administration in the province of Manchuria, and was a natural sequence to article 2, providing for mutual evacuation and mutual recognition of Chinese territorial integrity and the "open door" policy for which American diplomacy has fought. The mistake was due to the fact that that railroad question involved generally in the question of restoring Chinese administration in Manchuria was touch.

Must Abandon Indemnity Demand.

New York, August 16.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that an important personage declared to him yesterday that if Japan did not abandon her demand for an indemnity the negotiations at Portsmouth would be broken off this week. Every preparation, he said, has been made for a general mobilization with a view to a supreme effort in Manchuria in the present year. True, the chances of victory were dubious, but Russia would play her last card before accepting dishonorable conditions of peace.

The order for the mobilization will be issued in the middle of August (old style) if peace has not been previously concluded.

News from Manchuria.

Field Headquarters, Japanese Army in Manchuria, August 13, 5 p. m., via Fusan, August 15.—(Delayed in Transmission)—The Japanese reconnaissance in force along the line of the railway on the Kikin road from the Chang Tuf Line drove in the Russian outposts. On Aug. 12 eleven Russians were killed and ten captured in a counter reconnaissance in the section of Kinyton. The Russians were driven back by the Japanese outposts.

Observe Moon's Eclipse.

New York, August 16.—Although conditions here were not ideal last night, many persons saw the eclipse of the moon. The skies were filled with banks of fleecy clouds, which, for the greater part of the evening obscured the face of the satellite. There were periods every few minutes, however, which afforded a good view of the eclipse. The moon entered the penumbra as observed from New York at 2 minutes past 8 o'clock and at 17 minutes to 10 o'clock was in the shadow of the earth. It appears as though a liberal slice had been cut off from its southern horn. The middle of the eclipse was recorded at 15 minutes to 11 and at 13 minutes to 12 the moon had entirely left her shadow of the earth. She was clear of the penumbra and all such entanglements as 17 past 12 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Investigate Stock Transportation.

Chicago, August 16.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, accompanied by Dr. E. S. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, arrived in Chicago last night and they will begin an investigation into live stock transportation. We have come to Chicago to learn the actual condition of the live stock traffic, said Secretary Wilson. We want to see for ourselves just what the situation is so we can handle it intelligently at Washington. The law provides that cattle shipped in cars which are not provided with conveniences for feeding and rest shall be taken out and fed at least once in 28 hours. We want to determine what conveniences are necessary to feed and rest cattle in transit.

Lightning Strikes Three Women.

Lake City, Fla., August 16.—Three negro women in a house near here were struck by lightning during a storm. One of them was

FEWER NEW CASES OF FEVER REPORTED

Federal Authorities Feel Hopeful Over Situation.

NEW CASES 13 AND DEATHS 5

A Large Majority of the Cases Reported Come From the Location of the First Infection—General Public is Now More Hopeful.

New cases of fever in New Orleans since 6 o'clock p. m. Monday—13. Total cases to date—1,031. Deaths today—5. Total deaths—171.

The number of new cases and deaths up to noon today shows a slight improvement in the yellow fever situation in New Orleans. The few cases continue to appear from day to day in the state, but there is no general or violent spread of the pestilence outside of the original center of infection.

Alabama and Mississippi continue free from the disease three suspicious cases at Raymond, Miss, being today pronounced not yellow fever.

Dr. Guiteras expected, he stated today, that New Orleans would be free from the infection in forty days.

New Orleans, August 16.—Fewer reports than usual were made in the earlier hours of the day of new cases of yellow fever, giving rise to the hope that the strenuous campaign of the marine hospital service has been entirely successful, and that all the old, concealed cases, have been brought to light. That is the end that Dr. White has been working steadily to achieve, for he has said frequently that when he has knowledge of every existing case he can fix a time within which the fever may be exterminated. The United States soldiers at Jackson barracks who have been kept prisoners for the past two weeks in order to guard the garrison from infection have been chafing under the restraint put upon them. Today it was announced that 200 of them would be taken in special trains to West End tomorrow for a day's recreation.

General Public Hopeful.

Hopefulness among the general public was manifested today over the yellow fever situation from the shrinkage of cases during the preceding 24 hours and the belief is gaining ground that 105 cases, reported on Saturday will prove to be the top notch figures of the present visitation of the fever. As already pointed out in The Associated Press dispatches all cases of fever which bore any resemblance to yellow fever were included in last week's daily lists with the result that many of the yellow fever cases were subsequently diagnosed as malaria.

Hereafter, more care is to be taken in investigating reports of sickness and with the doctors co-operating it is expected that all the yellow fever cases found will be promptly turned up without the necessity of including in the reports fevers of other kinds. In order to meet the objections of doctors that inspectors have been following in their tracks and invading house from which they have already reported fever, Dr. White has put into effect a rule which will make such conflicts impossible in the future. Wherever a case has been reported, the householder is to be provided with a card of the doctor, giving the temperature and condition of the patient, which will protect such house from further intrusion.

The weather, was a trifle cooler today, but there is no indication of a decided fall in the temperature. Sudden changes in the temperature are injurious to yellow fever patients, alternations from high to low temperatures generally having a marked effect on the death rate.

Deaths Among Foreigners.

Of the twelve deaths in the preceding 24 hours seven bore Italian names, two German, two English and one French. All were below Canal street.

cases. Twenty-seven have been discharged, and many of the present patients are convalescent. The hospital authorities say that confidence in the treatment given in the institution among the foreign races.

The Italian sisters of the missionary order of the Sacred Heart have volunteered their services in charity work, and are working actively to relieve distress among the Italian population.

Mississippi is Free From Infection.

Birmingham, Ala., August 16.—A special to the News from Jackson, Miss., says that Dr. William Krauss, the Memphis yellow fever expert, today examined the three suspicious cases reported at Raymond, and declared they were not yellow fever. Mississippi is still free from infection.

LOCHLOOSA LAONICS.

Charming Visitors to That Charming Town—Too Much Rain.

Lochloosa, August 16.—We are having much rain now and the cotton crop has fallen short at least three-fourths.

Mrs. M. E. Taylor of Gainesville is visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. McEwen of this place, and she has two charming daughters. The Lochloosa people had a nice time at a fish fry Saturday in their honor. After the fish fry the Misses Taylor and Miss McEwen had a pleasant time boat riding on the lake with Tom Morrison of this place.

Mrs. Josephine Bates of White City returned home yesterday after a long visit to friends and relatives.

The friends of the Misses Taylor will give a complimentary ice cream party before they return home on Saturday.

A Jolly Party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powell and four children, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wood and two children, and Mrs. Gibson, formed a jolly party of Archer folks who passed through the city yesterday en route to Seabreeze. They have made all arrangements for a stay of two or three weeks, and it is needless to add that they will enjoy their trip to the fullest extent.

Arrested for Attempted Assault.

Roberta, Ga., August 16.—Alford Howard, a negro, charged with attempted criminal assault upon Miss Mamie Childers, has been arrested and is held to await trial before the superior court. His preliminary trial occurred Monday and the court placed the negro's bond at \$500. The attempt was made about 11 o'clock at night. He entered the room through a window. His presence soon awoke the young lady, who began screaming, which aroused Mrs. Childers and the rest of the family. There was no demonstration against Howard, and the law will be permitted to have full sway.

Mormons Ask for Damages.

Knoxville, Tenn., August 16.—Damage suits aggregating \$40,000 were filed in federal court at Greenville, Tenn., by Mormon missionaries, who charge that they were roughly handled in Greene county when they attempted to preach Mormon doctrine. The suits are styled F. J. Sorenson v. Dan Price, et al., W. T. Battle v. Smithson, et al., Olaf Jetson v. Dan Price, et al. In each suit \$10,000 damages are asked for personal injuries. Hon. W. D. Wright, United States Attorney for the eastern district of Tennessee, is one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

Annual Meeting of Eagles.

Denver, August 16.—The eighth annual meeting of the Grand Eyrle of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, began here today. The gathering promises to open a new epoch in the history of this fraternity. The ritual is to be wholly revised along Masonic lines so as to place the order on a firmer basis and greater restrictions will be placed on membership, although no occupational matter under consideration is the establishment of a home.

The recent heavy rains have been of great benefit and laid the dust. It is

OHIO IS SWEEPED BY TERRIFIC STORM

Heavy Rainfall Cause Streams To Overflow Banks.

SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE INJURED

Lightning Strikes Traction Cars and Farm Residences—Many Bridges Are Washed Away—Property Loss Will Be Considerable.

Cincinnati, August 16.—Reports received during the night and today indicate that the storm of yesterday and last night caused damage estimated several hundred thousand dollars southwestern Ohio, and less serious in other parts of the state and Kentucky and Indiana.

In Hamilton, O., the rainfall reached 2½ inches, causing a flood in Miami river which washed away several small bridges and blocked train service for several hours.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton bridge near Miamisburg was washed away, and it was necessary to transfer passengers over a temporary structure.

Lightning struck a traction car near Middletown, O., during the storm as Mrs. William Kroeger, of Louisville, suffered a broken rib and other injuries.

At Middletown the rain fell to 4.25 inches, and both traction and steam railroads were washed out at several points.

Near Mansfield, O., James Finner aged three years, died from the effects of a stroke of lightning, but his parents who were stunned, recovered.

Miss Nellie Smith and Miss Lu Wilson were seriously injured by lightning bolt which struck a farmhouse near Marysville, O. Several other persons were stunned by lightning near Circleville, O., but all recovered.

David Watts, the 14-year-old son of a wealthy farmer in Fayette county, Ky., was perhaps fatally injured by bolt of lightning while standing under a tree.

The damage to crops was especially heavy in Butler and Warren counties, O.

INVESTIGATION IS RESUMED

Grand Jury at Washington Takes Up the Cotton Leak Scandal.

Washington, August 16.—The grand jury of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, today resumed its investigation into the leakage of cotton crop reports of the department of agriculture, C. C. Clark, chief of the bureau of statistics of the department, being the first witness. A mass of books and papers were carried into the jury room, it being understood that they were to form the basis of a minute examination of the methods of the department employed in the east in the preparation of the crop reports.

District Attorney Beach reported on completing the investigation a short time, and to be able to secure indictments against more than one person, notwithstanding the presence of Mr. Hyde, the former chief of the department and referee of Messrs. Packham and Haas to be.

Gold Hunter Killed by Train.

Middletown, N. Y., August 16.—Stephen Caldwell, of Philadelphia, died from being struck by a train near here. He was 86 years of age. Caldwell well was in the rush to dig for gold fields in 1849. He was a fortune teller. While returning to his home the vessel was burned, and his property were lost, but he was rescued and floated a long time. He was turned to California and was injured in a mine disaster.

Knights of Khorassan Meet.

Detroit, Mich., August 16.—The annual convention of the Order of the Knights of Khorassan was held here today. The attendance was reported to approximate 5,000 and the session was the four day