

JAPAN STANDS FIRM

Will Not Concede Anything From Her Original Demands

Portsmouth, Aug. 24.—Baron Ishikawa, editor of the Hochi Shimbun, of Tokio, in answer to an inquiry received by cablegram from his paper to the effect that Japan will not view with favor any modification of the peace demands that include the sale of a part of Saghalien, or waiving the claim for reimbursement for war expenses. The reply says: "Saghalien is a vital necessity to the Japanese people, and cannot be divided. Forty-five years ago Russia proposed to divide the island. Japan would not consent, declaring the whole belonged to Japan. The proposed indemnity of a billion wouldn't meet the cost of the war. I do not like the attitude of the Russians, and if Russia maintains her present attitude it is doubtful if there will be peace. We must fight for a lasting peace."

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The foreign office announces that the outlook for peace is brighter. Ambassador Meyer is making daily visits to consult the czar.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Ambassador Meyer's report of his three-hour conference with the czar has been forwarded to the president. The state department this morning authorized the following: "Meyers has been acting under instructions direct from the president in the manipulation of the St. Petersburg end of the effort to bring about peace at the Portsmouth conference."

Portsmouth, Aug. 24.—The Japanese and Russian envoys are resting. Witte and Rosen took in the beautiful weather, and went in an automobile to "Magnolia," the summer home of the Russian ambassador. The Japanese remained in the hotel today, but will go tomorrow to Manchester, N. H., to visit the factories, which Komura is anxious to see. It is generally conceded that the latest terms submitted by the Japanese can be accepted by Russia as the basis for negotiations.

Portsmouth, Aug. 24.—It is understood Witte wants Japan to wipe out unconditionally the demands for indemnity or reimbursement. Then Russia could point to a victory, diplomatic, and feel she had not surrendered any principal. Then Japan could later bring up items of the cost of the war, and the care of prisoners, under different circumstances, and the envoys would stand more chance of reaching an agreement.

London, Aug. 24.—The Reuter Telegraph Company, in a St. Petersburg dispatch, says that Count Lamsdorff has authorized the statement that Russia, under no circumstances, will pay any indemnity, directly or indirectly, nor make any concessions of territory whatever.

Lamsdorff said: "This decision is absolutely final. It is not a question of amount. Russia is adhering to principles. This is not a war in which Japan can expect indemnity. It would be contrary to the national interests of Russia, and would be entirely out of accord with the present military position of the adversaries." The foreign office will make a statement tomorrow concerning the visit of Ambassador Meyer. The impression prevails that his conference with the czar has left the Portsmouth crisis unsolved.

Linsvitch Wakes Up. St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—General Linsvitch reports fighting near Bailoum Chou, and that his troops repulsed the Japanese after a struggle. He also reports he had repulsed attacks in three places in Korea.

Such soda water as we are serving. Must be splendid, 'cause everybody says so. You like good soda, don't you? Then you can't help liking ours—no one can, it's so delicious and fresh, so frigidly cold.

Zinn's

SERGEANT MAY STEP OUT. Disagrees With President on Chinese Exclusion.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Relations between President Roosevelt and Frank P. Sargeant, commissioner-general of immigration, are becoming so strained as a result of the modified rules for the admission of Chinese that it is regarded as doubtful whether Mr. Sargeant can remain in the office if further changes are made. Not only Mr. Sargeant, but almost all other officials of the department of commerce and labor are strongly opposed to further concessions to the Chinese, and they favor rigid enforcement of existing exclusion laws.

Advices received here state that President Roosevelt proposes to make such changes in the rules governing the admission of Chinese as will prevent the humiliating experiences reported, and will permit all high Chinese to visit the United States as readily as citizens of other foreign countries. The president, it is said, is not influenced to take action by the existing boycott, but in the expectation of modifying further the regulations. He has thus far been prevented from taking the intended action by the protests of Commissioner Sargeant.

Against Chinese Labor.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—At its regular weekly meeting Wednesday afternoon, the Seattle chamber of commerce, by unanimous vote, adopted the report presented by a special committee, of which Judge Thomas Burke was chairman, relative to the Chinese exclusion laws, and their enforcement. The resolutions favor first of all a strict and literal enforcement of the laws in so far as they provide for the shutting out of all Chinese coolies or laborers. The vigilance of the immigration officials, it holds, should not be relaxed in the slightest degree in this particular.

The department of commerce and labor, however is emphatically denounced for its alleged harsh treatment of members of the three exempt classes, students, merchants and travelers, applying for admission to the country. The report declares that harsh and insulting methods and the abundance of prevailing red tape should be done away with, and the exempted classes allowed to come and go as freely as the citizens of the country. In no other way, declares the resolution, can friendly and advantageous trade relations be maintained between the United States and China.

Great Man Dead.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Indianapolis, Ind., says: Philip Krigh, known as "Indiana's 700-pound man," is dead at his home in Stilesville. He had been ill for several months with dropsy, and suffered greatly during the hot weather. For several years Krigh was in the employ of a circus, where he was exhibited as the largest man in the world. His weight often reached 775 pounds. He was over six feet high, but his bones were very small. It required two tailors to take measurements for his clothes, as it was impossible for one man to reach around his body. It took several yards of double width goods to make him a suit.

Bethel Baptist Association Meets.

New Albany, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The annual meeting of the Bethel Baptist Association, consisting of a number of churches in the counties of Clark, Floyd and Washington, opened here this morning at the Culbertson Avenue Baptist church. The Rev. U. S. Clutton, pastor of the Culbertson Avenue church, delivered the introductory sermon. Dr. B. F. Stalker is moderator of the association, and J. A. Kemp, of Salem, clerk. The meeting will close tomorrow.

Buffets and Polishers in Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 24.—The National organization of the Buffets and Polishers opened its national convention here today. The attendance is large and nearly every state in the Union is represented. Many important matters concerning wages and hours of labor will be considered.

Yellow Fever Situation.

New Orleans, Aug. 24.—Twelve new cases and three deaths were reported up to noon.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 24.—A case of yellow fever has been discovered in Ottawa county, near Grand Rapids. It is that of Godfrey Limburg, a lineman, who left New Orleans a week ago, while a patient.

Mrs. Hanna Better.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Hanna, widow of the late senator, who has been very ill at Bar Harbor, Me., is reported better.

THAT WEARY CASE

Small Army Fry Continue to Agitate the Military Social Tadpole Pond

Wooster, O., Aug. 24.—The deposition of Miss Anna Berry was read in the Taggart case this morning, and described Taggart as "irritable, peevish and devoted. Miss Berry's father, an ex-congressman, and now a judge, testified, by deposition, that "Captain Taggart was fond of liquor, but I never saw him drunk. I entertained Mrs. Taggart at my home in Newport, Ky., and she conducted herself as a lady of refinement."

Mrs. Lytle, a typical old Southern "mammy," said that in Manila Taggart was cross at his wife. Thought it was on account of the Filipino servant, Augustina, with whom the captain was very intimate. She saw them sit very close together in the hall. She never saw Mrs. Taggart drink or smoke. The night Mrs. Taggart came home late with Lieutenant Fortesque the captain grabbed her and shouted bad words at her, struck her, pulled her hair and tore her clothes off. The captain was harsh many other times.

Mrs. Taggart is expected to testify Saturday. Mrs. Emma Lytle, nine years nurse or cook in the Taggart household, testified that much liquor was kept in the house. Not much, she said, at Manila, but she declared the captain drank lots in the tropics.

The nurse testified that she saw the captain summon Augustina from her bed on the transport, en route to Manila, by poking her in the side with his cane. On cross-examination she said she hadn't actually seen Taggart, but said the cane looked like his, and supposed Taggart must be at the other end of it.

EDITOR WHO SHOT

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Clarence Edwards, acting city editor of the Chronicle, who shot at C. H. Harwood, a reporter was arraigned before Judge Hogan this morning, on the charge of assault with intent to commit murder. His trial is set for August 30th. Harwood was in court, seemingly but little the worse for the encounter Sunday evening. He seemed determined to prosecute. Edwards' bail was fixed at \$2000.

EDUCATION WINS OUT

Portland, Or., Aug. 24.—County Judge Lincoln Webster today sustained the will of the late Amanda W. Reed, who died at Pasadena, bequeathing a million to the Reed Institute, in Portland. The heirs contested on the ground that Mrs. Reed was a resident of California, the laws of which restrict the amount of benevolent bequests. The court holds she was a resident of Oregon, and the estate should be administered here.

Will Irrigate Tonight.

Portland, Or., Aug. 24.—Immigration, colonization and their relations to irrigation and development of the West, is the issue in the closing of the general meeting of the national irrigation congress today. The address was "Irrigation in India," by William E. Curtis. Reports of committees will be followed by the election of officers and reports of the chairmen of the sections. Tonight the delegates will be given a reception by the Commercial Club.

A paper by James J. Hill, who was prevented by his wife's illness from attending, was read, in which the lumber and cattle barons were denounced. He declared congress should amend the land laws, which he said are "now employed solely to increase the holdings of dishonest men." He cited the land fraud exposures, showing the result of the present laws.

Boise, Idaho, was chosen as the next meeting place of the irrigation congress.

Many men spend their lives advertising themselves and then expect to be paid for it in transportation to Paradise.—Cleveland Leader.

RIFLE SHOOT AT SEA GIRT

Great National Tournament Opens in New Jersey This Morning

Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 24.—The great national shooting tournament under the auspices of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice opened at the Sea Girt National Rifle Range this morning. It is the third tournament of its kind ever held in this country under the law of congress authorizing these competitions in marksmanship and providing for the requisite funds for holding them. How much the interest in these annual tournaments has increased is apparent from the fact that only 15 teams competed in the tournament in the fall of 1903, four of them being from the army and navy. Ohio and Michigan were the only states which sent complete teams. At the tournament in 1904, which was held in Fort Riley, Kan., 19 teams took part, while this year 40 teams, representing nearly every state in the Union, Hawaii, and the District of Columbia have been entered, besides teams from the United States infantry and cavalry, the navy, the marine service and the academies at West Point and Annapolis.

The present meeting is held under the supervision of General W. P. Hall, U. S. A., one of the members of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, representing the government, Captain Rhodes of the general staff, is post adjutant, and Lieutenant Albert S. Jones, secretary of the National Rifle Association and two army officers will act as statistical officers. Captain Alvin H. Graff, First regiment, New Jersey National Guard, is post quartermaster, Captain Hoff ordnance officer. Congress has appropriated \$4,000 to defray the expenses of the tournament, and the state of New Jersey and the National Rifle Association have also contributed liberally to insure the success of the event.

The riflemen of the various teams and individual crack shots began to arrive here last week, and found everything ready for their reception. A city of tents had been erected back of the range, which will give ample accommodation to all the sharpshooters already here, and those who will arrive here during today and tomorrow. Governor Stokes has opened headquarters here, and will entertain a large number of prominent visitors during the tournament. Several governors, United States senators, and members of congress, besides other prominent officials and officers of the army, are expected to attend the shooting as the guests of the governor.

This morning the individual contests for the national individual championship began. Among the contestants are many members of the competing teams and individual crack shots from various clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association. The shooting this morning was slow firing at the 200, 300, 500, and 600 yard ranges. It will be followed immediately by a rapid fire contest at 200 and 500 yards. That will end today's program. The program for tomorrow morning includes skirmish runs in the individual match. In the afternoon the pistol match for individual contestants will take place in three divisions, slow, timed, and rapid fire.

The team shooting contest will not begin until Saturday. It will open at 8 a. m. with slow firing at 200 and 600 yards, and will be followed immediately by the 20 and 500 yards rapid firing contest. There will be no shooting on Sunday. On Monday the national team shooting match will be continued, and on Tuesday it will be concluded with skirmish runs. On Wednesday the various trophy matches will begin, which will end on Saturday, September 2.

Among the prizes to be competed for in the team shooting are the government trophy, authorized by congress, the famous Hilton trophy, presented by the late Judge Hilton, and the bronze "Soldier of Marathon," presented by the commander-in-chief on behalf of the state of New York. Each trophy carries with it a money prize and individual medals to the members of the victorious teams. The prizes competed for in the National Rifle Association contests include the Wimbledon cup, the Leech cup, the Hale silver target, silver medals and cash

prizes aggregating \$1,000. The last event on the program is the president's match for a championship emblem, \$50 in cash, and a commendatory autograph letter from the president.

Will Protect Home Industries.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 24.—For the first time in the history of this town the annual picnic of the Grocers' and Butchers' association is held right here instead of at some resort out of town. This is the first tangible result of the inauguration of a policy of protecting home industries, which was agreed upon by the merchants and citizens of Battle Creek at a recent meeting. The citizens are determined to buy all they need from the local merchants instead of sending mail orders to Chicago and other cities. It is expected that the example of the citizens of Battle Creek will find imitators in many other smaller towns in this state.

THE TAFT JUNKET

Taghoban, P. I., Aug. 24.—The Taft party was received here at 10 o'clock this morning, and taken for a ride on the coast guard cutters. They took luncheon with Governor Curry, of Samar, who introduced the delegation to 500 children from his province.

Kansas R. F. D. Men Meeting.

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 24.—The second annual convention of the rural mail carriers of this state opened here this morning. Over one thousand members of the organization and their wives are in attendance. The total number of rural mail carriers in this state is over 1500 and constantly increasing.

Suspended His Suspense.

Sacramento, Aug. 24.—B. J. Jackson, aged 73, a prominent merchant, and a pioneer, hanged himself in the basement of his store this morning. No cause is assigned.

One More Victim.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 24.—Bertha Knuth, aged 19, is dead, making the sixth victim of Sunday night's street car collision.

Luther Heyne and Miss Carrie Prever.

two young people from Lebanon, were married at Albany yesterday.

GREAT BOAT RACE

Twenty of the Fastest Power Boats Start at Signal This Morning

Chippewa Bay, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Twenty of the fastest motor boats of the country crossed the starting line this morning when the signal for the starting of the opening race for the American Power Boat Association's gold cup was given. Hundreds of large and small craft of every description swarmed around the bay and near the starting point off Bell Island, and thousands of persons watched the progress of the race from the score of large and small islands which the competing boats had to pass in their course. The course is in a southerly direction seven miles, to a point near the mouth of Goose Bay, thence with a turn to the back stretch, which runs parallel to the first half of the course and leads past Grenadier Island and Dark Island back to the starting point with another turn, which makes the total course 15 miles. Each contestant has to cover the course twice at each race.

The gold cup, offered by the American Power Boat Association was first won for the Columbia Y. C. by Price McKinley with his Standard. Last year it was won from the N. Y. C. by the Chippewa Yacht Club with Willis Sharpe's Kilmer's Vingt-et-Un II. The N. Y. C. is determined to win back the trophy if possible, and entered as its challenger Andre Masselet's 60-horse power Panhard II. The Frontenac Yacht Club is also ambitious to win the trophy, and at the race this morning was represented by the T. Z. R., owned by A. B. and W. W. Richardson, of Dover, Del. After the race this evening the visiting clubmen will be the guests of the Chippewa Yacht Club. The races will officially close on Saturday at sunset.

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Advertisement for Jos. Meyers & Sons, Salem's Greatest Store. Features: Three Days Selling Of Ladies' Suits, Silk Shirt Waists & Jacket Suits, Bathing Tuits, Trousers, and Hammocks. Includes a list of prices and a small illustration of a woman in a dress.