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RUPTURE OF PORTSMOUTH PEACE CONFERENCE THREATENED; YELLOW FEVER GAINS FRESH HEADWAY IN LOUISIANA

SUMMARY OF
The St. Louis Republic
Friday, August 18, 1905.

THE WEATHER.

FORECAST.
St. Louis and vicinity.
Partly cloudy and generally
showery Friday, with light tem-
peratures.
Saturday—Partly cloudy Fri-
day, showers and cooler weather
at night and Saturday.
Temperature.
Maximum, 84 degrees at 3 p. m.;
minimum, 64 degrees at 6 a. m.;
direction, east in forenoon, southeast in af-
ternoon; maximum velocity, eight
miles an hour at 1 p. m. Precipi-
tation, none. Humidity, 73 per
cent at 7 p. m. Barometer,
30.0 at 7 a. m.; 29.8 at 7 p. m.
Stage of the river, 17.7 at 7 a. m.
Sun rises 5:35; sets 6:51;
length of day, 1:16. Moon rises
1:54; last quarter August 21; new
moon, August 25; first quarter,
September 1; full moon, Septem-
ber 13.

HUNDRED CASES OF YELLOW FEVER ON BAYOU LAFORCHE

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New Orleans, Aug. 17.—At 10 o'clock to-night very discouraging reports were received by wire from several Louisiana points.
More than 100 cases of yellow fever have been unearthed at the mouth of Bayou Lafourche, among the fishing camps and trappers of the lower section. The discovery was made by Doctor Stark, Parish Health Officer of Lafourche. The situation is regarded as alarming, and inhabitants of the entire section are fleeing, panic-stricken.
The Marine Hospital Service dispatched Doctor Devron, with a corps of assistants and all the nurses he could summon, on a special train over the Southern Pacific late to-night. They will arrive in the stricken section early to-morrow, after going down the Lafourche on a small steamer.
Two new cases are reported from Terre Haute plantation to-night by Doctor Corbett, now in command of the St. John and St. Charles parishes.
Five new cases developed at Patterson, La., to-day. Four new cases are reported from Mississippi City late to-night. The situation there is growing more alarming. This brings the total number of cases in the State, outside of New Orleans, to about 300.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY NEAR RUPTURE?

Two Great Nations Near the Point of Breaking Beyond the Knowledge of the Public.
SERIOUS SITUATION EXISTS
England is Convinced That the Kaiser is Seeking to Form a European Combination Against Her.
HURRIED CONFERENCE CALLED
Chancellor Von Buelow and Under Secretary Von Muehlberg Summoned to Castle of Wilhelmshohe.

PEACE CONFERENCE DEADLOCKED ON THE INDEMNITY QUESTION; PESSIMISM IS AGAIN THE NOTE

Baron Rosen Most Democratic of All Peace Commissioners
Crisis in the Negotiations at Portsmouth Has Been Reached—Break May Come Soon.
NO PROGRESS YESTERDAY.
Articles Relating to Indemnity, Warships and Limitation of Russia's Naval Power Are Passed.
BOTH SIDES STAND FIRM.
While Witte Seems to Have Conceded All He Means to Give, Hope of Peace is Not Entirely Gone.

While there was no such sudden drop in temperature yesterday as occurred Wednesday, nor was the wind such a prominent factor at any stage of the afternoon, the day was one of tolerable comfort and the heat was not oppressive in any sense.
As a contrast to the forty-eight miles per hour reached by the wind in the sudden "blow-up" of Wednesday, the highest velocity attained yesterday was eight miles an hour. Throughout the day, however, a steady breeze of six or seven miles an hour was blowing, the lowest point being that of three miles an hour, reached at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when the temperature had already dropped to 79 degrees and when the day was cool enough without the breeze.
No rain fell yesterday, although a suspicion of cloudiness hovered about the horizon for a time. "Possible" showers are threatened for today.

WOMEN MAY SUE DOCTOR PALMORE

Mrs. Schmidt of the German-American Alliance Discusses Legal Action.
WILL NOT CRITICISE FOLK.
Ladies' Auxiliary to Meet Saturday to Take Action Regarding "Lid" Protest—To Have National Backing.

NEW GAS FACTORY FOR SOUTH SIDE

Immense Plant, Capitalized at More Than \$1,000,000, Planned for North American Co.
MAY SUPPLY UNITED RAILWAYS
Concern is Said to Be Capable of Furnishing Power for All Street Cars Throughout the City.

STORMY SESSION OF ENVOYS; THREE MORE PEACE ARTICLES DEBATED, BUT NO AGREEMENT

Japan Adheres to Her Demand for Indemnity and Russia to Her Refusal—"No Foot of Common Ground," Declares London Times Correspondent.
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WESTERN WAR.
On Pages 12 and 13, Birth, Marriage and Burial Records and New Corporations on Page 12, Death Notices on Page 7, Council Meetings on Page 2.

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1. New Gas Factory.
 2. May Sue Doctor Palmore.
 3. England and Germany Near Rupture?
 4. Peace Conference Blocked.
 5. Social Issues at Newport.
 6. Prevention Against Fever Here.
 7. Funds for Panama Canal.
 8. Uncle Sam Buys "Love Candy."
 9. Leach Gains Official Aid.
 10. Yellow Fever a "Bugle."
 11. Get a Choice of Lint.
 12. Vined for Stinging Girl's Check.
 13. Way on Grand-Pat Tariff.
 14. News of the Railroad.
 15. Saver's Son From Live Wire.
 16. Woman's Letter Read in Court.
 17. Morche's Grave Laid to Rest.
 18. Brother's Act Causes Death.
 19. Twelve Attempts to End Life.
 20. Good Costumers in Team.
 21. Investigating Wackerich Case.
 22. County Light Penetration Sued.
 23. Narrow Escape in Runaway.
 24. Fifth Regiment Inspected.



MRS. J. VALENTINE SCHMIDT.
Who threatens to sue Doctor Palmore for criminal libel.

In the transfer of more than one hundred lots along both sides of the River des Peres, east of Broadway, in Chronole, yesterday by Virgil M. Harris and his wife to the Southern Improvement and Manufacturing Company, the first step toward the erection of a gas works and general fuel supply yards to cost \$1,000,000 was made.
According to a statement made last night by an official in the improvement company, the gas plant is to be one of the most magnificent concerns of its kind in the United States.
The plant is to be built for the North American Company, which controls the Laclede Gas Light United Railways and Union Electric Light and Power company. The executive officers in the Southern Improvement and Manufacturing Company, which are to engineer the erection of the mammoth plant, are C. H. McMillan and J. B. Moberly, according to information which is considered authentic.
The cost of the gas plant alone is estimated at nearly \$1,000,000, and work on the structure is expected to begin the coming autumn. It may not be completed until about the middle of next summer.
A large charge is to be maintained to operate between the coal fields owned by the North American Company in Kentucky and the fuel yards along the river, in the extreme southern part of the city and in the country.
It is quite likely that when the new gas plant has been completed the United Railways will depend on the concern to furnish power enough to run all street cars in operation by the United Railways. The erection of the gas plant and fuel-supply yards will insure a saving to the North American Company over the cost of rail service, besides avoiding dangers from congestion of freight traffic. The Union Electric plant, at the foot of Middle street, will be supplied with fuel by barges direct from the mines.
A syndicate organized by the Mercantile Trust Company has been buying up property in the vicinity of the River des Peres and Broadway, in the name of Virgil M. Harris, for nearly a year, and it has succeeded in securing more than 200 acres.
About one-half of this amount was transferred to the Southern Improvement and Manufacturing Company yesterday, and it is said that the balance will change hands in a short time. The improvement and manufacturing company gave a deed of trust on the property to Jacob Klein, trustee for C. H. McMillan, for \$500,000, due in three years, with 4 per cent interest.
Both C. H. McMillan and J. B. Moberly, who are to head the concern, are also connected with the Mercantile Trust Company.

BURGLARS ESCAPE AFTER AN ALARM

Woman is Awakened and Follows Men Into the Street, but the Invaders Get Away Safely With Jewelry.
Mrs. Mary Doyle of No. 64 North Eleventh street was awakened shortly after midnight this morning by footsteps in the room adjoining that in which she was sleeping, and as she arose from her bed, she saw two men leaving.
She called for help, but the burglars escaped. Upon investigating she discovered that the thieves had stolen \$6 in currency, one pair of diamond earrings, valued at \$25, a diamond stud worth \$75, a diamond ring worth \$25 and three other gold rings, valued at \$30 each.
The first floor of the building is being remodeled, and the burglars experienced little difficulty in effecting an entrance to the lower floor. From the first floor the thieves climbed up a stairway and entered the kitchen.
From there they went from one room to another, ransacking drawers and scattering clothing over the house. They had just completed their work when Mrs. Doyle was awakened. She followed the burglars down the stairs, but the men made good their escape. The police were notified, but no arrests were made.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Berlin, Aug. 17.—According to several high officials of the Government, Prince Von Buelow, the Imperial Chancellor, who yesterday left Norderney, where he was spending his vacation, for Berlin, went to-day to the castle of Wilhelmshohe, to see Emperor William.
Doctor Von Muehlberg, Under Secretary of the Foreign Office, was suddenly recalled to join the Chancellor at Wilhelmshohe.
The reason for these movements is, so far, only the subject of conjecture, but it is known that the relations between Great Britain and Germany have recently been on the point of breaking to an extent beyond the knowledge of the public.
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EXPERT AT WORK ON BANK BOOKS

Receiver Essen Reduces Force in Lewis Institution to Six Clerks.
Fred Essen, receiver of the People's United States Bank, yesterday put an expert accountant at work on the books of the institution. He hopes to be able to file his first inventory with Judge McWhinney in the Clayton Circuit Court within a few days.
Essen also reduced the working force in the bank to about six clerks, claiming that that was all he would need for the present. There were some twenty other clerks, all of whom were retained by President E. G. Lewis, who is busy corresponding with the stockholders.

WOMEN INJURED ON CAR WHILE ROUNDBY CURVE.

The Misses Josephine Brown and May Count Strained in Falling From Seats.
As a result of being thrown from their seats and rolling to the platform of an Olive street car, last night, Miss Josephine Brown, 19 years old, of No. 424 Vernon avenue and her friend, Miss Mary Count, were bruised about the body.
The young women occupied a seat near the rear of the car. When rounding the curve at Euclid and Maryland avenues they were thrown from their seats to the aisle.
Both rolled to the platform. After riding to Eighteenth street they had their injuries dressed in a corner drug store and returned home.

CONDUCTOR AND PASSENGER FIGHT OVER FARE PAYMENT.

As a result of a fight with a conductor over the payment of his fare, Robert Randall of No. 318 Chestnut avenue is locked up, charged with disturbing the peace.
Randall boarded a Market street car. When at Eighteenth street the conductor asked for his fare. Randall claimed that he had paid, but the conductor declared he had not.
The two began fighting. Randall receiving a punch on the jaw, Patrolman Collins boarded the car and arrested Randall.

Photograph of Baron Rosen on his way to the Hotel Wentworth. The Russian Ambassador to the United States, while not as genial a man as Witte, is quite unaffected and simple in his habits and manners. He spends several hours daily scanning the daily newspapers, reading with keen interest the editorial comments on the peace conference, and, no doubt, keeping his chief, Mr. Witte, informed as to the trend of public sentiment in the United States.



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SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE REPUBLIC.
London, Aug. 18.—The London Times this morning prints the following: "Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 17.—Such reports as come haltingly in from the conference indicate that this morning's session was stormy. Or, if not stormy, it was of evil omen for peace. No single step in advance appears to have been taken. The antagonists parted as they met, divided by an impassable gulf, implacable and irreconcilable."
"In plain words, Japan adhered to her demand for reimbursement of her war expense, the amount to be determined hereafter. Russia adhered to her refusal, firmly stated in her original answer."
"But there is more than that. What is thought ominous is that, after three hours' discussion, they discovered no foot of common ground on which to stand or stop. They appear to have convinced each other or each to have convinced himself that discussion is useless. Of compromise there is as yet no hint. If any such proposal or suggestion has been made by either it may be disclosed later. I offer you impressions which, if not from the highest authority, appear to have a basis."
"It is too soon to say the resources of diplomacy are exhausted, but it may be doubted whether they have been used very freely. If both parties to a conference begin by announcing ultimatums the probability of final agreement is not great."
"I am quoting what was said to me before to-day, but said with reference to indemnity or the cession of Sakhalin. What has happened to-day is in similar spirit. The Russians seem to expect that public opinion will justify their refusal. If that refusal is refusal of all reimbursement, American opinion will not justify it. All opinions here are expressed prudently while the conference still sits, but there is no doubt that this people heartily approve of Japan's demands, so far as known."
"This morning's discussion on article ix, the reimbursement of Japan's war expenses, was, if not embittered, sufficiently earnest to show that both sides are immovable. Witte took for his part what may seem an almost humorous view."
"We will pay you," he said, "all you have expended to do us good, all your outlays for the maintenance of prisoners, any expense in that nature which you will desire to us. We will pay it gladly, liberally, without question. But for what you have spent to do us evil, not a kopek."
"And the whole is summed up in this sentence: "It is only too evident that any agreement is impossible."
"As to article x, concerning the surrender of the interned ships, the Russians held it to be contrary to international law and no agreement was possible. Article xi is for the limitation of Russian naval power in the far East, and an agreement is hardly possible on this. Witte declared that Russia has no present intention of increasing her fleet in far Eastern waters, and offered to make that declaration formally. Beyond that he declined to go this afternoon. The Japanese declined to accept, and the subject stands over."
"All articles will be passed on by to-morrow afternoon, and there is every prospect that the four will be rejected. Then comes the protocols to be drawn and signed, and the preparation of the documents for publication. All this is expected to take three or four days."
"The purpose on both sides seems to be the same. Both apparently wish that the conference should accomplish as much as possible, and agree on as many points as possible. Both sides say this. Both seem to suppose that there must presently be another conference, and, while the acts of this conference cannot be binding on the next, it is thought unlikely that a future conference should neglect or reverse the decisions of this, if still applicable."

ONLY WITTE NOW IN PEACE CONFERENCE.
The only chance now is for a compromise—Russia to yield Sakhalin and Japan indemnity. Neither will yield both, and perhaps at the final show of hands will yield neither.
Mr. Witte, under the imperial instructions given him before he left St. Petersburg, has agreed neither to pay war tribute nor cede a foot of Russian soil. St. Petersburg, therefore, in the last resort, remains to be heard from.
Doubtless this is reason why he favors a postponement to-morrow over Sunday. Baron Komura will welcome an adjournment of two days in order that he also may lay the situation before his Government for its final decision.
The sudden revival of deep pessimism to-night was induced by the report given out when the plenipotentiaries returned to the hotel, that no progress had been made to-day. But to those in the inside that was not surprising. There has been always the glint of cold steel in the appearance of the Russian plenipotentiaries.
And the few words Mr. Witte said to the foreign newspaper correspondents were, as usual, not encouraging. He looked tired and said nothing had been accomplished.
"To-morrow," he said, "we will finish articles xi and xii."
"What then?" he was asked.
"Then we will go to dinner," he replied.
NEWS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL PREVENT RUPTURE.
No very great hope was vouchsafed in the Japanese camp. "We are not buffers," said Mr. Sato, and from an authoritative source the Associated Press correspondent received a distinctly bad impression regarding the outlook.
It was compiled, however, with an expression of the hope that if it developed that the conference was going to pieces President Roosevelt might again step in.
"We have heard that the President, having brought us together, has washed his hands of further responsibility. But he is resourceful. He might do something."
"What?"
"That I cannot say."
The Japanese view was explained.
"We came asking only what we wanted. Our terms were moderate. The world thinks so. It looks bad, I say so. I believe so. But the conference may yet be saved from shipwreck. Mr. Witte has been gracious. He has done what he can. It is not impossible that the final report and recommendations of the Russian plenipotentiaries was passed upon and transmitted to-night to the Emperor at Petersburg.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Mary Hunt, 41 years old, had a narrow escape from death when horse she was driving ran away. PAGE 14.
Assurances have been given that the site at the World's Fair grounds will not be removed until September 4. PAGE 14.
Health Commissioner Snodgrass institutes investigation into case of woman who alleges dispensary physician refused to treat her. PAGE 14.
Paul D. Cable purchases the lighting franchise for St. Louis County. PAGE 14.
Merchants from Texas report that cotton crop will be heavy. PAGE 12.
As a further precaution against yellow fever in St. Louis persons from infected districts will be detained. PAGE 2.
Woman in East St. Louis twice attempts suicide through dread of losing her star boarder. PAGE 12.
Receiver Essen has engaged an expert accountant to go over the books of the Lewis bank. PAGE 1.
William E. Rebatock was fined \$5 for hitting Maud Parker on the cheek at Jefferson Club carnival. PAGE 4.
North American Company plans \$1,000,000 gas factory for South St. Louis. PAGE 1.
Mrs. Schmidt of the German-American Alliance may sue Dr. Palmore. PAGE 1.
The St. Louis County Court revoked license for Morche's Grove. PAGE 3.
Acting under instructions from Washington, Postmaster Wyman has withheld all mail addressed to the Home Supply Company. PAGE 3.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

A Provo, Utah, man draws the privilege of selecting the first claim in the Uintah Reservation. PAGE 4.
John Barrett declares to the Transmississippi Congress that the yellow peril, instead of being a bogie, is rather apt to prove a blessing. PAGE 4.
Governor Bennett inspects Fifth Regiment at Camp Lincoln. PAGE 14.
Doctor Leach, the arsenic expert, succeeds in securing official support from Governor Blanchard to pursue his experiments. PAGE 1.
Chairman Shonts declares that work on the Panama Canal was not stopped because of the lack of funds. PAGE 1.
Two youths who were selling "love candy" were arrested by postal authorities at Detroit, Mich. PAGE 1.
Citizens of Paris, Tex., avert the lynching of a negro by an appeal to the mob which had already placed the rope around the negro's neck. PAGE 1.
J. A. Thompson of Pittsburg kills himself in Philadelphia, claiming that he was abandoned to poverty by his brother, who is wealthy. PAGE 4.

SPORTS NEWS.

Phillips defeat the Cardinals in last game by score of 4 to 1. PAGE 4.
National Golf Champion H. Chandler Egan is beaten by E. E. Giles of Pittsburg. PAGE 4.
Nathan Strauss defeats Lacerda in 25th bout at Pennsylvania meeting. PAGE 4.