

PEACE PROSPECTS BRIGHTER

The Only Stumbling Blocks Now Are Indemnity and Saghalein Island

Portsmouth, Me., Aug. 17.—The envoys this morning went to the navy yard over muddy roads but in bright sunshine. The conference began at 9:30. Witte has recovered from his slight illness of yesterday. Korosevich, the Russian secretary, said: "There are splendid prospects that we will bring the deliberations to a close by Monday or Tuesday. There are still two great questions for consideration, which are about indemnity and Saghalein, which might take longer than the others."

London, Aug. 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says a prominent banker confirms the report of a Russian loan made in America. He stated supplementary telegrams were sent Witte yesterday. The feeling in regard to peace is more optimistic here.

Portsmouth, Aug. 17.—Witte, before leaving for the conference, said "We expect to take up article 9, 10, 11 and 12, and perhaps article 5, which was passed over the other day. As the matters are in a manner co-related, so we believe we can handle them together. I can give no idea as to how long the conference may continue, as I am not good at guessing." He would give no indication as to the nature of the article, nor his opinion as to what action would be taken. For the first time since his arrival Sato expressed a positive opinion as to the outcome of the negotiations. He said he was satisfied with the progress, as they were getting along fast. "I think we will have peace, but this is just my personal opinion." Provisions of the articles have been agreed upon, and will be part of the treaty. They were drafted with the view of being embodied in any treaty which may be made. I think it is intended for the conference to take up all their problems before going back to discuss Saghalein."

Portsmouth, Me., Aug. 17.—Korosevich telephoned at 1:15 the following message from the conference rooms: "During the session we discussed article nine, but failed to reach a decision. We finally decided to take note of the divergence in views, and proceed with the discussion of later articles. We will resume the discussion at 3 o'clock."

Portsmouth, Me., Aug. 17.—While the envoys maintained their cordiality at the conference this morning, it is known that Komura and Witte discussed the indemnity earnestly, and, on the part of Witte, with much feeling. Witte declared that he favored peace, but could not agree to it on terms that would be humiliating to his government.

Portsmouth, Me., Aug. 17.—A high authority says the failure to reach an agreement on article nine sounds the death knell of the negotiations. Later discussions will prove to be a mere formality. Articles 10 and 11 were discussed this afternoon. They concern the limitations of Russia's naval strength on the Pacific, and 12, relating to the opening of the Siberian fisheries to Japan.

FOREST FIRES RAGE

Montana Timber Being Destroyed by Widespread Flames

Helena, Mont., Aug. 17.—Advices today from Western Montana are to the effect that forest fires are increasing. The greatest damage being caused is by the one in the vicinity of Clifton, where a large number of men, under the direction of federal officers, are fighting the flames. The burning forests cover an area of seven miles, presenting a solid wall of fire before the fighters. It is impossible to estimate the damage at this time, though it will reach a large figure.

That Chinese Boycott

Minneapolis, Aug. 17.—J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, who returned Sunday night from New York. Wednesday gave out a short interview upon the crop situation and trade prospects and conditions for the coming year. "If the Chinese boycott prevents the export of our flour to the Orient, that will force about 20,000,000 bushels of wheat into other foreign countries, mainly into Europe. Mr. Hill has been going over the crop situation very carefully since his return from the East, and has, in fact, kept informed ever since the crops began to mature. He believes that the Northwest crop will be fully up to the average, if not above. The fact that the Chinese boycott enters into his interview on the situation is evidence that the Chinese situation is causing grave annoyance among the handlers of the Northwest's wheat crop.

MRS. TAGGART TOMORROW

Wooster, O., Aug. 17.—The depositions of C. J. Brugner, master, and other officials of the Relief, who served when Taggart was quartermaster of the ship, declared Taggart was sober and devoted to his wife and children. H. B. Mulcourt, formerly inspector of police under Taggart, at Manila, made a similar deposition. The attorneys for Mrs. Taggart propose to ask the court to grant her a divorce upon the strength of Taggart's admissions on the stand. If the motion is not granted, Mrs. Taggart will probably go on the stand tomorrow, when her attorneys begin her presentation of her case. Taggart was recalled today to testify to certain parts of letters not introduced yesterday. Attorneys for Taggart are making a final effort to get into the evidence of the hospital record of Mrs. Taggart's illness at Cincinnati. Subpoenas have been sent commanding the attaches to bring the hospital records to court.

Excursion in the Ditch

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 17.—An excursion train on the Atlantic Coast line was derailed into a water-filled ditch near Boone station this morning. Many are reported killed and injured. All physicians available have been rushed to the scene of the accident. The accident occurred at Bruce Station. Five hundred excursionists were on the train, which ran into the drawbridge, which was either open or broke under the weight of the train and engine. One car was completely submerged in 25 feet of water. At 3 o'clock two dead and 30 injured had been taken from the wreck.

Giles Beats Egan

Chicago, Aug. 17.—E. E. Giles, of Pittsburg, defeated the national champion, Egan, for the Exmoor cup on the Exmoor Club links this morning, 3 up, 1 to play.

Beat the Dutch

Amsterdam, Holland, Aug. 17.—A dispatch says the Chinese attacked a Dutch post at Rambong, and killed 24 of the garrison.

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UINTAH LANDS DRAWN

Thousands Gather at Provo, Utah, to See the Lands Parcelled Out

Provo, Utah, Aug. 17.—Thousands are here to witness the drawing for the Uintah lands this morning. The drawing took place on an elevated platform, supervised by a committee appointed by the secretary of the interior. Envelopes containing the registrations made at Provo, Wernal, Price and Grand Junction were placed in a box, and 5772 names will be drawn. The first five names, in the order drawn, were: Ray Daniels, Provo; Noah M. Bladock, Vernal, Utah; Cary L. Ball, Salt Lake; John H. Partridge, Goshe; Frank C. Moyle, Salt Lake. Daniels is only 21. It is reported he has been offered \$100 for five years and \$5000 cash for his selection when he proves up.

Deer Lost \$100

Hillsboro, Aug. 17.—Judge H. T. Bagley, Wednesday fined George Armstrong, Charles F. Miller, Sam Varley and Charles Stevens, of Forest Grove, \$25 each for violation of the game law relative to killing deer. The party of four went out to Gales creek district and landed a five-pronged buck. It is authoritatively stated that the man who killed the deer is a well-known pioneer, aged 73 years, and that the weapon used was the first Marlin rifle ever brought to Washington county. The joke of the proceeding is the fact that the hunters gave a piece of the venison to the justice of the peace, named Adkins, on Gales creek, and when the officers searched the place he "peached" on the part. The minimum fine was imposed.

Georgia Populists Meet

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Populists from all parts of this state are assembled here today for the purpose of preparing things for the coming political campaign. The executive committee of the party met at the Cannon Hotel at ten o'clock this forenoon, and was called to order by Chairman J. J. Holloway. He addressed the meeting and called attention to the importance of an early start in laying plans for the coming election. The usual committees were appointed and after several other members of the committee had spoken, recess was taken until this afternoon. It is generally expected that the populists will develop unusual energy and activity during the coming campaign.

Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Muster

Manchester, N. H., Aug. 17.—The annual muster of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen opened here this morning with a parade, the largest and most interesting ever held in this city. Companies from all parts of New England were represented and among the members were many men well known all through the East. Henry B. Fairbanks was the chief marshal of the parade and Fred S. Bean, Manchester, Chief E. S. Hosmer, Lowell, W. E. Mayberry, Braintree, Mass., Chief J. D. Randall, Portsmouth, and Andrew J. Cummings, of Portland, Me., acted as judges.

Louisa's Confederate Monument Unveiled

Louisa, Va., Aug. 17.—The Confederate erected here in honor of the brave men from this district who were killed during the civil war, was unveiled today with impressive ceremonies. Many prominent citizens delivered addresses, and, after the unveiling ceremony, joined the crowds at their popular celebration.

Indiana Elks in Session

Muncie, Ind., Aug. 17.—The annual convention of the Indiana Association of Elks opened its two days session here today. Every district of the state is well represented and many members are accompanied by their wives and families. An elaborate programme for the entertainment of the visitors has been prepared, including several excursions to interesting points in the vicinity.

Illinois Day at the Fair

Portland, Ore., Aug. 17.—Today is Illinois Day and the state, in whose honor the day has been named, was well represented on the fair grounds. Governor Charles S. Deneen, of Illinois, accompanied by a large party of prominent citizens of his state, arrived here early this morning in a special train from Chicago. They were received at the station by President Goode and other officials of the exposition and escorted to the fair grounds. He was taken directly to the Illinois state building, which had been carefully prepared for the occasion. A large collection of souvenirs of Abraham Lincoln and other great men from Illinois had been installed in the building during the past week and everything was in readiness for the honored guest. An informal reception was held by the governor, and afterwards he addressed the gathering in front of the building from the steps of the portico. Mrs. Deneen, who accompanied the governor on this trip, was the guest of honor at another reception arranged in her honor by the ladies of the fair.

START OF MOTOR BOAT CRUISE

Leave Hudson to Make 400 Mile Voyage Among "Thousand Isles"

Hudson, N. Y., Aug. 17.—This was an eventful day for this town, which usually is not the scene of stirring events. The entire population was on its feet early and a veritable holiday spirit pervaded everything. Many houses were decorated and on the river front flags and gay bunting were lavishly displayed. During the morning hours the motor boats who were to start from here on a four hundred mile trip which will end at Thousand Islands, began to assemble here. As the boats arrived, the captains were received by the race committee to receive instructions for the cruise and permits to pass through the Erie canal. When the signal for the start was given at noon, about twenty motor boats, all spick and span and with all their metal parts highly polished, started their machinery and began to churn the waters of the Hudson. Accompanied by the Commodore of the Albany Yacht Club the fleet will run up the Hudson to Albany, where they will spend their first night. The captains of the fleet will be entertained by the Albany Yacht Club. At Watervliet the boats will enter the Erie canal and they will leave it at Oswego, where they will be entertained by the Oswego Yacht Club. From Oswego the fleet will run to Thousand Islands, where the Thousand Islands Yacht Club has prepared a rousing welcome for them. It is expected that all the boats taking part in the cruise will go to Frontenac to witness the water carnival there on the evening of August 25. On the 24th, 25th, and 26th of August the races for the American Power Boat Association challenge cup will be run under the auspices of the Chippewa Yacht Club. The cruise will officially end on the evening of August 26th.

Conference of the Disciples of Christ

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 17.—Several hundred delegates and as many lay members of the Christian church, or Disciples of Christ, arrived here yesterday and this morning to attend the annual conference of the church, which was opened this morning with a meeting in the First Congregational church. The conference is an international affair and there are delegates from all parts of the United States, and from many foreign countries in attendance. The headquarters are at the Native Sons Hall. The large evening meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association, while the business meetings will be held in the First Congregational church.

She Will Visit Peking

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—Advices received by the liner Mongolia, and corroborated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, state that Miss Allice Roosevelt will not return here with Secretary of War Taft and his party, scheduled to return on the Korea, about October 1st. Miss Roosevelt, it is said, has been invited to visit the family of Mr. W. W. Rockhill, at Peking, and will leave the Taft party upon her return to Japan from Manila. Accompanied by her companions, Miss McMillan and Miss Boardman, she will proceed to Peking, later returning to Japan or Shanghai, where she will board the steamer Mongolia, arriving here November 3d.

Chicago Markets

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Wheat 82 1/2; corn, 53 1/4; oats, 28 1/4.

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