

RUSSIA FIRM AS TO AN INDEMNITY

Czar Will Not Pay One Penny but is Willing to Divide Island of Sakhalin

AND PAY FOR MAINTENANCE OF HER PRISONERS OF WAR

This is the Only Basis Upon Which Compromise Can be Effected--Adjournment Taken at Portsmouth Until Monday

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—Ambassador Meyer today communicated to President Roosevelt Emperor Nicholas' last word and his ultimatum that Russia will not pay one penny indemnity to Japan in any wise whatsoever.

Russia is ready to agree to a division of Sakhalin, Japan retaining that portion previously belonging to her, Russia retaining the northern portion.

Russia will pay for the maintenance of her prisoners, but will make no other concession in addition to those already made.

If Japan does not accede to these terms, peace is impossible and the war will continue.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 26.—Official statement.—In the sitting of Aug. 26 the conference has proceeded to the signature of the protocol of previous sitting. The next sitting will be held Monday, August 28, 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Witte made the following statement to the Associated Press regarding today's session: "We approved and signed the minutes of the last session and at Baron Komura's request adjourned until Monday, when it is to be presumed the Japanese will have something to submit."

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 26.—As indicated in these dispatches last night, there was no rupture in the peace negotiations today. Peace is by no means assured, but an important crisis has been averted and the fact that the life of the conference has been prolonged adds materially to the chances of a favorable issue.

According to the Russian version it was Japan and not Russia which weakened this afternoon. Witte publicly announced after the sitting that it was Komura who asked for adjournment until Monday in order to have time to submit the new proposition. Yet it is known that Witte has received instructions sent after the president's intercession at Peterhof through Ambassador Meyer to agree to a division of Sakhalin and to permit liberal compensation for Russian prisoners of war and cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad, but to continue absolutely to refuse to pay a war tribute under any guise. This was described as Russia's "ultimatum."

FOR A BACKSLIDER.

John D. Rockefeller Asked the Prayers of His Congregation.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26.—John D. Rockefeller asked the prayers of those at the prayer meeting of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church tonight for a fellow church member, who had allowed the demon rum to again take hold upon him and cause him to fall.

"I have been feeling sad all evening for this poor young man and I am sure you sympathize with him in his troubles. If we pray for him and send him a message that we are praying for him against strong drink I think it would materially help him in casting off the almost overpowering hand of the demon," he said.

Rockefeller sat down and joined in the prayer offered by one of those present for the young man. Aside from these few remarks and joining in the hymns and bowing his head in prayer Rockefeller took no other part in the services.

HOTEL MAN DEAD.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 26.—Horace Birtwell, manager of the Savary hotel here and the Pilgrim at Marshalltown died today.

leaving over the same old question of money the stumbling block to the agreement.

No adequate account of the proceedings at today's meeting is forthcoming. The plenipotentiaries by agreement excluded the secretaries. There were no minutes. There is no record. This in itself is extremely significant and is considered a hopeful sign. Emperor Nicholas' response to Ambassador Meyer and his instructions to Witte are remarked as his last word so far as indemnity is concerned. The compromise by which Japan can secure a comparatively moderate sum of money is still open. Russia is willing to divide Sakhalin. Japan, on Wednesday, claimed the entire island by right of occupation, offering only to sell back the northern half at the price of the cost of war.

The elimination of the demand for surrender of Russia's interned warships and limitation of Russia's sea power, was conditional upon her acceptance of this proposition. Komura and Takahira want time to consult their government before agreeing to yield further. For the first time there appears dissension in the Japanese camp as to the advisability of making another conciliatory step. Many of the attaches are strongly of the opinion that they should not recede another inch. The most prominent of them said tonight to the Associated Press: "We only offered one half of Sakhalin upon condition that we should receive for it the price we fixed. The island is ours by right of conquest. If Russia imagines we will give up half of it for nothing she is much mistaken. Our answer should be: 'Come and take it.'"

The main hope of peace rests upon the fact that both sides are at heart sincerely anxious to end the war, that all principles involved in the quarrel have been settled in favor of the victor and that with each day's prolongation of the negotiations the pressure on both sides will increase not to allow the mere question of money to stand between them.

The medium of communication between Kaneko, who is acting for Japan in the four parlors with the president, and the Japanese plenipotentiaries, has been discovered. It is Japanese Consul General Uchida at New York. After Kaneko's visit to Oyster Bay yesterday a long account of the interview was transmitted by telegraph in cipher to Komura by Uchida.

BOYCOTT WEAKENING

Consul Sammons Makes Flattering Report in Regard to It.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Consul Sammons, of Nanchang, China, has sent to the state department a report in which he takes a very optimistic view of the boycott on American goods. He declares the strongest movement in favor of the boycott is to be found in Shanghai, where the most goods are landed, but that only certain elements in the city favor it and leading merchants are firmly opposed and will force the anti-American agitation to die out soon.

MEETING POSTPONED.

Convention of Catholic Societies Which Was to Convene in New Orleans.

St. Louis, Aug. 26.—National Secretary Anthony Matte announced Friday that owing to the prevalence of yellow fever in New Orleans, the national convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, which was to convene in the latter city is indefinitely postponed. The executive board will meet in Cincinnati September 10 to make other arrangements.

DARING ROBBERY OF JEWELRY STORE

Three Pistols Shoved in Face of Clerk at Chicago

WHEN HE PLACED TRAYS CONTAINING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF GEMS ON COUNTER BEFORE THREE STRANGERS.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Three robbers, one of whom was afterward captured, committed a daring robbery this afternoon in the jewelry store of C. W. Johnson, 270 Wells street. They secured jewelry and uncut diamonds valued at several thousand dollars.

The three men on entering the store requested F. E. Lindahl, the clerk, to allow them to look at some diamonds. He laid a tray on the counter, and as soon as he did so three revolvers were pointed at his head, and he was ordered to put up his hands. Lindahl complied, but edged over to an electric bell placed in the floor for exactly such emergencies. Mrs. Mary Nelson heard the alarm,

TEN DEATHS FROM FEVER YESTERDAY

Woman from Memphis Breaks Out in New Orleans

FORTY-SEVEN NEW CASES

OPENING OF SCHOOLS IN CRES-CENT CITY POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 2.—TOTAL NUMBER DEATHS 242.

New Orleans, Aug. 26.—Report to six p. m.: New Cases 47 Total Cases 1712 Deaths Today 10 Total Deaths 242

New Orleans, Aug. 26.—An increase in the deaths over the past few days was recorded in the report of the past 24 hours, but was regarded as without special significance. All schools were to have opened on September 25, but it is announced that the date will be extended to October 2.

Health Officer Aucoin, of Assumption, wired today that there were two cases of yellow fever at Bayou Boeuf and seven cases at Amelia postoffice.

FUTURITY WON BY ORMONDALE

California Colt Won by Close Shave from Timber

PURSE WORTH \$42,680

CROWD OF 55,000 WITNESSED CONTEST—RECORD TIME OF 1:15 4/5 MADE BY ARTFUL LAST YEAR EQUALLED.

Sheepshead Bay, L. I., Aug. 26.—Ormondale won the futurity today and equalled the record hung up last year by Artful, running the six furlongs in 1:15 4/5. Timber was second, only a nose in front of Belmore.

The winner belongs to the Ormondale stable, California, owned chiefly by W. O. McDonough, although a racing interest is held in the colt by Andrew Miller, of this city. Timber bore the colors of Harry Payne Whitney, while Belmore represented the well known trainer, Fred Burlew.

A Spectacular Race. The race was one of the most spectacular in the history of the stake. The two-year-olds were a hard lot to handle at the post, but were sent

CZAR REFUSES TO COMPROMISE

Notifies President Roosevelt That He Will Not Pay a Dollar of Indemnity

SAYS HE WOULD RATHER FIGHT IT IS NOW UP TO THE JAPS

Unless They Recede from Their Position the War May be Resumed in the Next Few Hours--President's Last Offer Was Liberal

Oyster Bay, Aug. 26.—Russia has refused finally to accede to President Roosevelt's propositions looking to an agreement of peace. Emperor Nicholas has communicated to the president through Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg his response to Roosevelt's latest suggestions. That response was received by the president today. Its specific terms are not disclosed here. It is known, however, that Russia declines to pay to Japan an indemnity in any amount or in any form.

Through Witte, Russia has indicated her willingness to reimburse Japan for the care of Russian prisoners, and perhaps make some concessions regarding Sakhalin island but he insists that a dollar of indemnity will be paid.

That Witte speaks by authority of his emperor there is no room for doubt, and it is surmised that the emperor has informed the president of the nature of the instructions he has given his representatives at Portsmouth.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27, 2:34 a. m.—The curtain has been rung down on the St. Petersburg stage and the center of interest in peace negotiations have been transferred to Portsmouth. Emperor Nicholas, after carefully weighing the consequences of his act has said his last word. Russia will make no financial contribution to Japan in any form whatsoever and unless Japan accedes to President Roosevelt's efforts to effect a compromise between Russia and Japan his efforts will have proved unavailing.

The American ambassador yesterday in former President Roosevelt of Russia's ultimatum. He agrees to cede half of Sakhalin and pay Japan for the maintenance of prisoners of war, but nothing more. Russia declares she would rather fight than pay an indemnity.

Saturday morning Meyer received his latest communication from the president and called on Foreign Minister Lamoriniere. What final proposal was contained in President Roosevelt's communication it was impossible to

learn accurately; but there is reason to believe it suggested compromise on the basis of Russia paying Japan for Sakhalin. Russia's final answer was communicated to Ambassador Meyer, who at once informed the president. No stone was left unturned and no effort spared here to secure a settlement.

Every single obstacle save one standing in the way of the signing of the peace treaty at Portsmouth has been overcome. In the matter of a financial contribution Russia's answer was a firm and persistent refusal; and there is excellent authority for the statement that if the Portsmouth negotiations fall it will be solely on the question of money.

In his determination not to pay indemnity Emperor Nicholas believes he has all of Russia at his back and there are many excellent reasons for believing this is so.

It is a fact that President Roosevelt's efforts to persuade Russia to effect a compromise have failed, and Russia's attitude leaves practically no room to doubt that this is so, peace still depends upon Japan foregoing an indemnity.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 26.—While the latest terms suggested by the president for an amicable adjustment of their differences between Japan and Russia are not disclosed, it is known that they were framed on broad humanitarian lines and in the interest of the most enlightened civilization. It is permissible to say, in the words of an authority: "If the civilized world could know at this time the precise nature of the propositions made to Russia and Japan by President Roosevelt, it would seem that the force of opinion of the great neutral opinion of the world, would induce the plenipotentiaries and their governments to pause and consider seriously the results, before breaking off finally the present conference without an agreement. Indeed, they might scarcely dare, in the face of the world's opinion, to refuse to accept, in principle, at least, the suggestions offered by the president."



THE SHOE THAT PINCHED.

Uncle Sam—Wow! Great Jumping Jacks! Get it off, John. That shoe pinches.

but instead of informing anybody of the fact that there was trouble in the store she ran in to make a personal investigation. A revolver was promptly placed at her head, and she and the clerk were ordered to keep still on pain of instant death.

The thieves then rushed from the store, carrying with them a tray of rings and diamonds, and ran to a waiting buggy. With drawn revolvers they drove through the streets at a high rate of speed and fired several shots at pedestrians as they passed them.

A patrol wagon full of police was soon on their track, and finding pursuit warm the robbers separated. One who gave the name of W. L. Edwards was found in a lumber yard where he was attempting to hide. He admitted his guilt, but said he robbed the store by himself.

He declared he would surrender a portion of the plunder if the police would allow him to go and get it. He was taken to the place under guard, and a number of rings and a few diamonds were recovered. The greater part of the booty, however, is in possession of the other two.

Lindahl said tonight that he was unable to give the exact value of the jewelry taken, but it would be several thousand dollars.

SWEEPED AWAY BY FLOOD.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 26.—The vicinity of Big Otter Creek in Clay county, 65 miles north of this city, was visited by a cloudburst yesterday afternoon in which John Pickering, wife and four children were swept away by the flood. The mother was the only one saved, she having clung to some floating debris.

Dr. White today telegraphed Dr. Heber Jones at Memphis the result of his investigation of the case of Mrs. Frank Guerrero, the woman ill with yellow fever whom he believed to have been infected in Memphis. Dr. White has from the woman a certificate issued to her by Dr. Jones August 14, to the effect that she had been in no infected point for 30 days, having resided in Memphis for the thirty days preceding August 17. She left Memphis August 15, reached New Orleans at noon on the 16th, was taken ill the 17th. Her case was diagnosed as yellow fever.

Ormondale was a favorite in betting at post time. He carried an immense sum of public money, although Timber and Flip-Flap at 6 to 1 and 5 to 1 were heavily backed.

Waraw, Aug. 26.—A serious situation prevails here. Business is almost suspended. Police patrols are stopping all persons in the streets including occupants of carriages, demanding from them proofs of their identity. There have been many arrests, and many persons have been injured in disturbances. The prisons are overflowing.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26.—The Aerolite, 2:12 3/4 and Leola, 2:10 3/4, trotted a mile to pole in 2:10 flat, breaking the world's team record for trotting mares.

ROBERT LEE SOLD.

Richmond, Ind., Aug. 26.—Robert Lee, trotter, 2:00 3/4, has been sold to English parties for \$2,600.

away on pretty fair terms. The seventeen colts and fillies were all in a bunch until the quarter pole had been passed. Then Jacobitt showed in front and looked like a certain winner. His mastery was shown by Ormondale as at his heels with Timber and Belmore close behind. A furlong from home they rushed to the front with Timber gaining inch by inch on the two in front. The son of Ormondale under a magnificent ride by Redfern never faltered until the last stride, when the Whitney colt showed a fine burst of speed, rushed past Belmore and would have won a few yards further on. The finish was a splendid one and aroused the big crowd intensely. The fast time was something of a surprise.

The futurity purse this year amounted to \$42,680 several thousands short of early estimates. The winner's share was \$3,680. To Whitney as the owner of the second horse, \$3,083 was awarded and to Fred Burlew, owner of Belmore, \$3,160. To McDonald and Miller, as breeders of the winner, an additional sum of \$2,000 was given and to James E. Maddren, breeders of the second and third horses \$1,250 and \$800 awards were made.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 26.—Charged with assisting two postoffice robbers to escape from the La Crosse county jail, J. M. Childers, aged 50, turnkey under Sheriff Housen, was arrested tonight and given a hearing before Court Commissioner Alfred Harrison. Falling to give bonds Childers was taken to the jail over which he has been sole guard for four years, to await examination September 5. Childers is held to answer for the escape of H. E. Trainer, July 31 and Andrew Cunningham August 15. They with James Crane, who is still in custody, were arrested for robbing the Stoddard, Wis., postoffice July 6.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Aug. 26.—Frank Fries, of Chicago, was shot to death today by John Quodo at Buxton, during a quarrel. Quodo escaped.

SCHOOL FOR DUETING.

A school to teach dueling has been established in Paris. The school was a necessity, as many persons were being hurt in duels through carelessness and lack of skill.

BARRACKS BURNED.

Canton, Ohio, Aug. 26.—The United States barracks at Westlawn cemetery, where the late President McKinley's tomb is, burned today. The origin is unknown. The flames spread so rapidly that soldiers sleeping in a room in the barracks were able only to save personal effects. Twelve guns and 600 rounds of ammunition were burned.

Mearns, Mich., Aug. 26.—In attempting to save the life of her pet dog, Nana Hulberg, 9 years old, was instantly killed by a Pere Marquette passenger train. The dog made a dash in front of the approaching train and the child rushed on the track to snatch the dog from danger. The dog was saved, but the child was ground to death under the wheels.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED BY TRAIN WHILE TRYING TO SAVE HER DOG'S LIFE.

HE TURNED MEN OUT

And Jaifer is Now in Trouble With Uncle Sam.

SITUATION AT LEEVILLE.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 26.—Dr. Devron at Leeville reports 233 cases of yellow fever now under treatment and a total of 28 deaths to date.

SHOT TO DEATH.

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