

complete reserve. If Japan proves mod-erate in her demands, peace scems at last to be close ahead. An armistice probably will be the first evidence the world will have that the two powers have agreed to shake hands.

TO LEARN JAPAN'S TERMS. Paris, June 8 .- It is definitely known that the Russian foreign minister, Count Lamsdorff, seconded by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers has initiated overtures through th Russian representatives abroad to learn Japan's disposition and terms of peace. These overtures, it is said here, began three days ago and were the basis of the decidedly more hopeful view which the officials began to have. At the same time it was then and still is recor-nized that Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte represent the peace element and it is not yet clear how far the movement is shared by the emperor. How-ever, Count Lamsdorff's position gives the overtures the force of coming from responsible quarters, whereas the pre-vious movements lacked official origin. This clears the way for conversations between officials and diplomats here and at other capitals, which are now actively going on. These necessarily actively going on. These necessarily are circuitous, owing to Russia's in-sbillity to approach Japan directly, M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador here, has already conversed with the French suthorities, who are fully aware of the desires of Count Lamsdorff and M.

The change of the foreign office port-folio from M. Deleasse to Premier Rou-vier will lend strong aid toward bringing the parties together. This is like to occur both through the Japanes authorities here and indirectly with London as an intermediary of Japan with British and American influences are chiefly relied on to move Japan now that Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte have made the perliminary approaches. The sentiment here is strongly against over optimistism, as it is said that perious obstacles remain. One of the chief among them is the emperor's failare personally to approve Count Lams dorff's initiative which leaves doubt ellent acquiescence of the emperor. Diplomats here hold the yelw that To-Japanese control. The diplomats also believe that Tokic will be very down terms until it is clear that Em-peror Nicholas is willing to treat for 100 A CO

PRESIDENT AND EMPEROR'S VIEWS ALIKE.

Berlin, June 8.-The interview Baron Speck von Sternberg the German ambassador at Washington, has had with President Roosevelt and the cable cor-respondence between the ambassador and the foreign office here resulted in president and emperor finding that had identical views on the sub-Ject of peace and were nearly of the Same opinion as to the method of drawing Russia and Japan into nego-tlations. The joint view appeared to be that others, including France and Great Britain, ought to be left out be-course to be supe of a community of cause to be sure of a community of views among all would be a slow and cumbersome business and would im-press Russia as taking on the charac-ter of outside pressure. This is pre-clealy what, as the Associated Press is informed President Roosevelt and Emperor William wish to avoid. They wanted the emperor of Russia to take the initiative and sought only that he should avail himself of the American should avail himself of the American and German governments as instru-ments for making the first step toward peace. The Russian government was informed through Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador at Washington, through Count Alvensiehen, the Ger-man ambassador at St. Petersburg, through Mr. Meyer, the American am-bassador at St. Petersburg, and through Count von Osten-Sacken, the Russian Count von Osten-Sacken, the Russian mbassador at Berlin, of what the

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Manila, June 8 .- Rear Admiral En-Manila, June 8 .- From the stories told quist received at 1 o'clock this morning by the Russians who escaped from the the following cable from St. Peterssea fight in the Korean straits, it apburg pears that the Japanese completely sur-"Remain at Manila at the disposition prised the Russian fleet. The Russians of the American government. Affect were steaming peacefully along. There epairs as much as possible. (Signed) was no sign of the Japanese fleet and Gov. Gen. Wright has requested Rear Admiral Train to arrange for the dis-position of the Russian warships and

which six of ser crew were killed.

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their officers and crews.

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RUSSIAN PRESS MODIFIES

ITS TONE RECARDING PEACE

st. Petersburg, June 5 .- There is a sig-

nificant change in the fone on the part of some of the Russian newspapers, like

the Russian ships were not cleared for action, nor were the batteries manned. The attack came with a suddenness that made the unpreparedness o the Russians for battle a glaring mistake that never could be corrected. Two lines of torpedoboats suddenly appeared and encircled the Russian fleet. The rapid fire batteries were turned loose but with apparently little effect on th Japanese boats. Over the approaching torpedoboats came a hall of 10 and 18-inch shells from the Japanese way yes-

the Novoe Vremya, which never have inch shells from the Japanese war ves-sels in the distance. The torpedoboats advanced at full speed, one division going in a westerly, and snother in an easterly direction. The Russian cruis-ers and battleships prepared to repel the attack. The cruisers manned their port batteries and the battleships their eraphased battleships. No attempt was even admitted the possibility of the cenclusion of hostilities until Russ'a has recovered her milliary prestige by a victory. Today the papers discuss calmly tory. Today the papers discuss calmly the advisability of ending the war if Japan's terms are reasonable. The pay-ment of a big indemnity they declars would be too humiliating. The Novoe Vremya says bluntly that if Japan asks too much it will pay Runda to prolong the contest indefinitely, while the Russ argues that if representatives of the peo-ple are called together Japan will see herself confronted by the whole ration and she will readily agree to reasonable terms. starboard batteries. No attempt was made to prepare the batteries on the made to prepare the batteries on the other side of the ships, and it was here the Russians blundered. When the Japanese torpedobat scame within fir-ing distance the Russians opened fire. Then it was the Japanese executed a maneuver that threw the Russians into confusion. The two encircling lines met south of the Russians but instead of south of the Russians, but instead of continuing in that direction they turn-ed at a signal from Admiral Togo and ed at a signal from Admiral Togo and at full speed charged between the three lines of Russian ships, one division passing between the cruisers and the line of hospital ships and transports and another division passing between the transports and the battleships on the other side. The Russian ships were unprepared for an attack of this char-acter, and for a time were helpless against the discharge of Japanese tor-pedoes. Hardly a cruiser or battleships here

against the discharge of Japanese tor-pedoes. Hardly a cruiser or battleship remained unscathed. The Russians were completely demoralized, and dur-ing the last dash of the torpedoboats not a shot was fired to stop them. In the meantime, Togo, with his battle-ships and cruisers encircled the Rus-sian fleet and with his big guns com-pleted the work of destruction.

ROJESTVENSKY'S LOSSES.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, June 8. According to reports received by Gen. Linevitch from naval officers who have arrived at Vladivostok, the losses of Admiral Rojestvensky's feet were from 9,000 to 10,000 officers and men killed or drowned, and about 5,000 prisoners. Gen. Batjanoff, commander Third Manchurian army, add of the Third Manchurian army, addressing the troops yesterday on the occasion of the empress' birthday, told them he hoped soon to be able to telegraph the news of a Russian victory to her ma-jesty. Later in conversation with the correspondent of the Associated Press correspondent of the Associated Press the general declared that the defeat of the fleet was a sad and hard blow, but it would not affect the morale of the troops, who with the doggedness of the Russian soldier were prepared to fight on as long as the emperor gave the word

word. "If the sea is lost," he added. "Rus-sia can still have victories on land. Pence, unless Japan is reasonable, is impossible."

Chicago, June 8 .- Peace in the teamsters' sirike seemed today to be as far away as ever. Settlement with the away as ever. Settlement with the express companies and a demand by the unions that police be withdrawn from wagons with the calling off of the strike were apparently insuperable ob-stacles to an adjustment. Prosident Cornelius P. Shea, of the Teamaters' union, toek an active part in the latest conference with the employers, al-though be was reasonable for blacking TO REMAIN AT MANILA

conference with the employers, al-though he was responsible for blocking peace negotiations several days ago, al before negotiations several days ago, al-ter he had been left out of a meeting between a committee of employers and teamsters. Shea would have been ex-cluded from the new conference if the employers had agreed to the demand of the union officials that the employers' attorney, Levy Mayer, also should keep away. This domand was refused promtaway. This domand was retured pront-ly, and shea was called in. He made a vigorous fight against altering the propositions of the teamsters to suit the domands of the comployers. With peace efforts again coming to naught the prospective spread of the strike to 8,000 truck teamsters em-

ployed by members of the team-owners organization was today again a vital organization was today again a vitat issue. Many of the owners were in favor of forcing matters with the dri-vers, but it was generally hoped that the mentral element in the association would make a bard fight to keep from becoming lavoived in the strike. Beginning with a "peace ergument" a labor discussion at North avenue and Debay streets today grew hito a right

Robey streets, today grew into a rlot, which blocked two lines of street cars, held up traffic in streets, brought two police patrol wagons and ended when one man was taken to the hospital and four others were in cells, several heads were bruised. Incidentally

GRAND RIVER RISING.

Many Residences in Grand Rapids

Surrounded by Water.

and she will readily agree to reasonable terms. "Riven the revolutionists." the Russ adds, "are not traitors. They are fighting the present rotten bureaucracy and not the mother country. They would not tol-erate a disgraceful pence." "Inversal regret is expressed in official circles at the retirement of M. Delcasse, until recently. French minister for for-eign affairs. He was regarded as a true friend of Russik, was a personal friend of Foreign Minister Count Lamsdorff and was a sincere and unequivocal support of the dust alliance. The Novee Vremya says! Surrounded by Water. Grand Rapids, Mich., June 8.-The Grand river is still rising here. The only encouraging hows conces from the un-river points, where the water is reported to be stationary or failing. Many resi-dences in the seath end are completely surrounded by deep and swift currents. Workmen are strugging frantically to keep the North end dike from going to pieres, and it scenas to be fbout an even chance whether they will succeed. A spe-cial to be five the whether they still succeed. A spe-cial to be four the form going to united for 60 hours. The conditions on White river, above the town, are worso than had been expected. The damage to crops, bridges and dams will reach hun-areds of thousaids. Three large dama at white bound the perior and sensi-ter to be the away. We know how to appreciate true friends, we have so few of them." The Russ and the Blovo consider M. De-casse to be the victim of trying to play the impossible rele of a connecting link. stween two rivals-Russia and Great

The Slovo says: "M. Deleases"s policy was ever directed towards the isolation of Germany, but he forget that an alliance with Great Br.t-ah would run any political system aimed against Germany. The British alliance has not helped France in Morocce, but it has embrelled her with Germany. M. Deleases pays the penalty by retiring, as complications can be easier avoided with him out of the calinet and his retirement will not affect the dual alliance." It now transpires that Ambassador Moyor's audience with Emperor Nichelas had been preceded by a family counci-at Tassico-Sicle, as it is understood the decision was reached that peace we en-tertainable if Japan's conditions were not too operous. While Cloud, Hisperia and Ferry were completely washed away. About 100 concerns, large and small, are closed today because of the flood, Six thousand are out of employment. In the south end of the city today ev-ery house on Earle street, Letteller, South Front, Gelock, Court, Olive atreet, West Wealthy avenue and Tol-ford direct is notically under water and ford street is partially under water and the flood is threatening to overflow a still larger area. The railroad situation is improving.

RACES TOMORROW NIGHT

The main event in tomorrow evening's blue races at the saucer will be a fiv-mile motor paced race between Hardy bowling and Saxon Williams. This event should be a hummer, as both riders have trained for it, and both are out for blood. The other events will be a half-mile open race, two heats and a final. Iver bayson will be in one heat, and Hopper in the other. If both of these riders audity, it will bring them together in the and. The refers also a three-quarter- mile han-dicap consolution race for the prefession-als. The amateurs will ride in a two-mile open tap race, and a one-mile handi-sap. ADMIRAL ENQUIST'S SHIPS. Breech-locks to be Taken from Guns and Engines Disconnected.

Manila, June 8.-In the matter of the disarmament and internment of the Rus-sian warships here. Rear Admiral Train will probably take the breech-locks from the guns and disconnect their engines. The Russian efficers will be paroled within the limits of the islands, while the crews of the versels, on the given word of Rear Admiral Enquist, will be paroled within the city limits. Cap.

ment which was passed upon by Sena-tor W. A. Clark, his brother, J. Ross Clark, and T. E. Gibbon. Tucked away in this document was a stipulation that the Clark road should make no exten-sions after the completion of the main line to Los Angeles without first se-curing the censent of Mr. Harriman. This innocent little clause, which on the face of it did not appear to be prefudi-cial to the Clark interesta, has proved to be a stumbling block and a rock on which the spill has, it is alleged, ocwhich the split has, it is alleged, oc curred.

LAS VEGAS BRANCH.

It will be recalled that some time ago Thomas Kearns, who is interested in the new road to the extent of \$250,000, ve out in an interview in S co that the San Pedro was in San Fran. RAVE going to cisco that the San Pedro was going to build at once a road to Goldfield from Lag Vegas. This was emphatically de-nied two days later by W. H. Ban-croft, who had just been elected vita president of the new road and repre-sents the Harriman Interests. Then came the junket of the Salt Lake Com-mercial club to Los Angeles and the re-conduce at the chamber of commerce in ception at the chamber of commerce, on which occasion President W. A. Clark of the road delivered a speech in which he promised that the road would build a branch line to the Nevada gold fields. This emphatic statement was greeted with hearty applause by both the residents of Los Angeles and Salt Lake, who were present.

When it came to fulfilling the prom-ise, however, Senator Clark found that the Harriman directors were obdurate, the Harriman directors were obdurate, and would not listen to such a proposi-tion. The reason for this is obvious. The Southern Pacific, which is con-trolled by the Marriman interests, al-ready has a line into Troopab, to all intents and purposes, from Reno. This line is the best on the cutire Marriman system when carriess and mileage are

line is the best on the cottre Harriman system when earnings and mileage are taken into consideration. Should a line be built from Las Ve-gas to Builfrog, Goldheid and Tenopah it would give competition, to say noth-ing of a short haul to the smelters. Why spend good money to build the line and then have to divide up on the earnings when there already was a line in from the north? That was Har-riman's argument.

the in from the north? That was har-riman's argument. Senator Clark, who is a fighter, saw the trap into which he had been lod and as a consequence has been look-ing around for a way to get out of it. He promised the line and the line ought to be built, he argued.

"BORAX" SMITH JOINS FORCES.

Then it was he thought of "Borax" Smith, the millionaire borax king. Smith, the millionaire borax king Down at Los Angeles recently Mesars Clark and Smith got their heads to-gether and the result has been the in-corporation of the Tonopah & Tidecorporation of the Tonopah & Tide-water railway to run from Las Vegas past the borax deposits and on to the Nevada goldfields. While Mr. Smith is ostensibly building the branch Sen-ator Clark is backing him, and standing in with him, thereby throwing the gauntiet down to Harriman. No time has been lost. Advertise-ments calling for teams and graders were inserted in the Descret News and other papers last week and at the pres-ent time there are close upon 100 teams at work on the new raircad, despite the agreement and Harriman's with-

the agreement and Harriman's with-holding of his consent.

W. A. CLARK WAS WARM.

This followed a very lively meeting of directors in Los Angeles. In which Senator Clark is said to have volced his sentiments to the effect that be had been fooled. He left Los Angeles in a been fooled. He left Los Angeles in a hurry, breathing a get-even spirit, and arrived in Butte in a very warm frame of mind. So abrupt was his departure that General Manager R. E. Wells, as it will be recalled, had to follow him up. He passed through here about two weeks ago and only stopped over, both coming and going, between trains. On his return to Los Angeles work on the his return to Los Angeles work on the branch from Las Vegas was started.

president of the Western Pacific) for work requiring fine tact and diplomacy, Capt. Colton, assistant secretary and cashier for the company, also voted Inch Basis. proxies. The meeting was held in the

office of the last named in the Dooly block.

yesterday afternoon's real estate meets In discussing the meeting afterwards Judge Valle offered some explanation ing ever the proposed water bond in-junction suit, and a motion to with-draw the opposition of the association to the bond issue was offered by Judge E. F. Celborn. The judge was formerly county judge in Gumison county, Colo, and is an experienced attorney, and he fails to see that there was any-thing illegal or wrong in the issuing of these backs. It is remarked today, that as to the acceptance of the Constitution of the State of Utah. He explained that this had never gone on record an the books of the company. This tecnnicality, he said, had been rectified at the special meeting called for that purpose. "Utah has a good Constitution," he affirmed, "I have always admired it. The Rie Grande wants to take advantage of its good laws that are now on the statute and those which may be placed on it at a later date. That is all there is to it." and that while there might be plans a little better, what was done was done with due consideration for the needs of the times and the exigencies of the occasion. Changes of methods of pro-cedure may be suggested from time to time, and improvements along this line may be taken advantage of as oppor-tunities may offer. Judge Colourn says the time is past for doing an eight-inch main business on a four-inch main basis, and with the money to be real-ized from the sale of the bonds the much needed revision of the local vaterworks system may be actively undertaken and pushed through. However, out of regrent to Preddant J. W. Houston of the association, who was bringing the suit to endoin the sale of the bonds, the fudge withfrew his motion at yesterday's meeting until next Saturday night, when a special meeting of the association. The senti-ment is in support of Judge Colourn's position, and it is claimed that if he had pressed the matter to a vote, his motion would have carried. Judge Collourn said today, that there is no acrimony in the matter one way or the other, and it will be settled with-out trouble. In the meantime is to it." In the meantime there is consider-able guessing going on and efforts on the part of some of a legal frame of mind to locate the Ethiopian in the fuel pile. While it may be a coincidence, Con-

sulting Engineer Virgil Bogue of the Western Pacific came in from New York on the same train that carried Mr. J. B. Andrews last night, and Chief Engineer E. J. Yard also is exto arrive here before the end week. While Judge Vaile proproted it its week. poses to return to Denver this evening, Mr. Andrews will remain here, as he puts it, taking in Salt Lake's attrac-tions for a few days.

tions for a few days. Mr. Andrews courteously declined to discuss anything except the weather with the "News" this afternoon, and referred the reporter to Judge Valle. The latter dedged all questions like an artist, and took as his theme of con-versation his happy boyhood days, when he used to go to school-all of which would tend to the theory that

today's meeting was a very important one, a little acorn, in fact, out of which the Western Pacific oak would comgence to aprout.

That something is moving in West-ern Pacific on the west side is apparent, Platties presumably for this com-pany have bought a right-of-way through the block owned by Joseph A. and John A. Silver on Eighth West and Ninth South, while a number of lots in Desky and Burlington additions over Jordan have been bought up this week.

YOUNG HOODLUMS.

Will Be Prosecuted for Creating Disturbance at Calder's Park.

John Read and John Reese, the two young men who were arrested vesters

young men who were arrested yester-day for disturbing the peace at Cal-der's park on Tuesday night, will prob-ably be arraigned before Justice of the Peace Bishop at Farmer's ward this afternoom. Special Deputy Sheriff W. J. Horne, who swore to the complaint against the defendants, claims that they sneaked into the park without paying any admission fee, and when upbruided for their conduct in that re-spect, they commenced using vile and obscene language towards the officer and interfered with the dance which was going on in the payilion. The county atternay and the sheriff hoth state that they will use every ef-fort to prevent hoodlumism at the

fort to prevent hoodlumism at the various resorts, and they propose to prosecute these two men to the limit so that it may be a warning to others who attempt such a thing in the fut-

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PAUL MORTON MAY BE CHAIRMAN OF EQUITABLE

New York, Jane & Alvis W. Krech, president of the Equilable Trust com-many and a director of the Equilable Life Assurance scolety, made a statement to-day with reference to a story printed to the directors of the Equilable a member intimated that the report of the state su-perintendent of insurance would show a new impropriety involving \$10,000,000 Mr. Krech said: "There is absolutely no truth in the statement. No mention of an impropriety involving \$10,000,000 was made at the meet-ing of the directors Weidhedday I know absolutely nothing of a \$10,000,000 secondari or any other scatalar in which the Equit-sing of the directors Weidhedday I know absolutely nothing of a \$10,000,000 secondari or any other scatalar in which the Equit-sing for the directors Weidhedday I know absolutely nothing of a \$10,000,000 secondari or any other scatalar in which the Equit-able Trust connection." August Eelmont. Senator Chauncey M. Depew and David H. Moffait, threas of the five members of the committee appointes to name a chairmanship of the board of directors, were in conference at President Alexander's office today. It was raid that Louis Fitzgerald ard J. B. Peogran, the New York, June & Alvin W. Kreen,

directors, were in conference at President Alexander's office today. If were said that Louis Fitzgerald and J. B. Forgan, the remaining members of the committee, prebably will get to town later in the day.

probably will get to town later in the day. President Alexander was before Super-intendent of Insurance Henricks today in the investigation, which is being made by the state insurance department into the affairs of the Ecultable society. The nominating committee adjourned until tomorrow without definite action, except. It was learned, the final dismissal of indee Gravie name from consideration

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