

PEACE PROSPECTS GROW BRIGHTER.

Resumption of Negotiations in
Paris for a Russian Loan
The Direct Cause.

COUNT CASSINI SHAKES HIS HEAD

Does Not Believe Peace Talk is War-
ranted—Japan Might Not De-
mand Indemnity.

Paris, March 24.—Prospects of peace between Russia and Japan assumed a more definite and almost a tangible aspect today as the result of the announcement of the resumption of negotiations for a Russian loan.

Postponement of the loan occurred through the stand taken by the financial element against proceeding while the uncertainties of war continued, while a willingness to resume negotiations was construed as meaning that their strong influence for peace finally had prevailed with the authorities at St. Petersburg.

The effect of the first announcement was to stimulate the market and particularly Russian securities. A reaction occurred on fears as to the effect that the heavy demands of the loan would have on the market and doubts concerning the uses to which the loan will be put.

RAW BLEEDING SCALY ECZEMA

Looked More Like a Piece of Raw
Beef Than a Human Being.
Doctors Useless.

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"Blood and pus oozed from the great sore on my scalp, from under my finger nails, and nearly all over my body. My ears were so crusted and swollen I was afraid they would break off. Every hair in my head fell out. I could not sit down, for my clothes would stick to the raw and bleeding flesh, making me cry out from the pain.

"My family doctor did all he could, but I got worse and worse. My condition was awful. I did not think I could live, and wanted death to come and end my frightful sufferings.

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"My cure was so wonderful I thought I would write you about it. I cannot praise Cuticura enough. I wish I could tell everybody who has Eczema to use Cuticura. My condition was so terrible that what cured me cannot fail to cure anybody of this awful disease. If any one doubts the truth of this letter, tell them to write to me.

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contracts for government supplies will be required even after the conclusion of hostilities. Coupled with the announcement of the resumption of the loan negotiations came a strong intimation from official and diplomatic quarters that steps looking toward peace had been definitely taken by Russia. The foreign office declined to confirm a report that France was likely to be the intermediary; but diplomats who are actively interested for the first time gave credit to the statement that Russia had decided to seek peace.

to be not entirely correct as other powers have continued toward a pacific solution and it is expected they will take part in its realization. It appears that some of the lesser powers, including Sweden, are assenting to that end.

Russia's chief aim is said to be avoidance of having peace plans arouse the animosity of the powerful war element at home.

The receipt of an official dispatch at St. Petersburg on March 20 saying that the Japanese were approaching Vladivostok is said to have induced the Russian government to seek a pacific solution. On the other hand, it is insisted that Japanese proximity to Vladivostok promises to be a chief obstacle in the way of peace.

AS VIEWED IN WASHINGTON.
Washington, March 24.—While keenly interested in the interpretation placed by Paris on the significance of the resumption of the negotiations for the Russian loan, European diplomats in Washington tonight confessed that they were inclined to regard at first this step as confirmation of the official news which has reached the United States within the last 24 hours that the emperor is resolutely determined to continue the war for the present.

If Paris financiers, as reported, have decided to take up the loan save on the condition that the proceeds shall not go toward the war fund, official Washington, with the exception of the Russian embassy believes that the important fact marks the besting of peace negotiations. The several European ambassadors directly interested are anxiously awaiting news from their foreign offices on this point.

Count Cassini, Russian ambassador, expressed the belief tonight that no inference that peace was in sight could be drawn from the reopening of the negotiations. He learned several days ago that the loan would be "casually" floated, and while he is aware of the desire among some French financiers that the war come to an early ending, he scents the idea that such a condition has been attached to the loan.

Most Washington diplomats who are in a position to follow the inside workings of the European chancelleries believe that peace is as possible. As one diplomat expressed it tonight: "If the matter can be approached in a way that will not too seriously embarrass Russia, I have reason to believe that peace is possible. It is a serious consideration at St. Petersburg."

LONDON COMMENT.
London, March 23.—Two possibilities of arranging peace between Russia and Japan, and the financial contest between the two countries, are attracting greater attention for the moment than the strategic developments in Manchuria. Comparisons are drawn between the respective status of the two nations in the money market now and at the beginning of the war.

The spectacle of the Russian minister of finance inviting newspaper editors and correspondents to verify by personal inspection the national bullion deposits, while Japan is negotiating an enormous loan on better terms than her previous small, timid issues, puts the development of the credit of the two belligerents into vivid contrast and is greatly commented on.

The London papers express little doubt that Russia will obtain her loan in France eventually, but on hard terms. It is reported that the new Japanese loan is already fully underwritten, and that dealings have begun at a substantial premium.

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