

RAILWAY CESSION IS DISPOSED OF.

Article Seven is Practically Acceptable to Both Sides, While Light is Agreed to

PEACE PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

Main Points, However, Remain to Be Contested by the Plenipotentiaries At Portsmouth

Peace articles agreed upon: Recognition of Japan's preponderant influence in Korea. Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria.

Japanese obligation to restore the sovereignty and administration of China in Manchuria.

Mutual obligations to respect the integrity of China and the principle of the "open door."

Surrender of Russian leases to the Liaoning peninsula, including Port Arthur, Dalney and the Blomde and Elliot islands.

Cession to China of the Chinese Eastern railroad.

Retention by Russia of the portion of the line through northern Manchuria connecting the Trans-Siberian road with Vladivostok.

Issues to be met: Indemnity. Cession of Sakhalin. Limitation of Russia's sea power in the far east.

Surrender of interwarships. Grant to Japan of fishing rights on the coast north of Vladivostok.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 16.—The prospects of peace are distinctly brighter tonight. The plenipotentiaries are laboring with a seriousness and earnestness which leaves not the slightest doubt that both are anxious to conclude a treaty. Though the main points remain to be contested and the plenipotentiaries speak as though the conference would go to pieces unless the other side gave way, the spirit of compromise is in the air. When he returned to the hotel tonight, M. Witte, who was tired out with his hard day's work, said:

HAS YIELDED EVERY ONE. "I am doing all I can do for peace. Of the eight articles, I have already considered I have yielded seven. No other statesman in Russian would have dared to do so much, and I have done what I have done on my own responsibility."

From an authoritative source it is now possible to forecast with a fair degree of accuracy that the crisis will come on next Sunday. Articles seven and eight, dealing with the fate of the Chinese Eastern railway, having been disposed of today there remains in addition to the cession of Sakhalin, which was passed over, the question of indemnity, which comes up tomorrow as article nine, the limitation of Russia's sea power in the far east, the surrender of the interwarships and the grant to Japan of fishing rights on the coast north of Vladivostok.

To all except the latter, to which Russian will agree, a negative answer has been returned, absolutely in the case of indemnity and Sakhalin. Perhaps both the others may be modified and accepted by M. Witte in order to strengthen his position in insisting upon a concession from Japan regarding its demands of an indemnity and Sakhalin.

Before yielding on either of the latter, it can be regarded as practically certain that M. Witte would consult the emperor.

LAST CARDS MONDAY.

The change of views on the five remaining articles is expected to be completed on Friday or Saturday morning at the latest. The plenipotentiaries will then adjourn until Monday and the interim will probably be used by the plenipotentiaries to consult their respective governments. When they meet on Monday their last cards will be thrown upon the table. If there is to be bargaining, it will come then, and suddenly the conference will be over and peace will be assured. The plenipotentiaries will come together with protocols drawn up to sign and part or all remain for the elaboration of the "treaty of Washington."

Articles 7 and 8 were disposed of today, the former "in principle," the latter "unanimously," according to the official bulletins.

Article 7 provides for the cession to China of the branch of the Chinese Eastern railroad running south from Harbin to Port Arthur and Dalney, and with a branch line connecting at New-Rading with the Shachan-Tientsin road.

Article 8 provides for retention by Russia of the line through northern Manchuria, which forms the connecting link of the main line of the Trans-Siberian and the Soviet railroad, with its terminal at Vladivostok and Muravsk.

NO DISPUTE EXISTS. From both sides the Associated Press is informed that the acceptance "in principle" of article 7 only means that certain phrases remain to be elaborated, not that a dispute still exists. But this may be possibly due to a convenient method of postponing until the final struggle the acceptance of an article which would be used in the ultimate compromise.

Russia, by the acceptance of these two articles, in connection with articles 2, 4 and 5 surrenders every vestige of her ambition in Manchuria. She closes the door to the warm water, too.

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free part of Dublin, upon which she levied her millions, and retains only the Pacific railroad, the link of the railroad connecting her European possessions with the maritime world, and upon the Pacific. The right to police it with Russian troops or railroad guards is given up and its protection will become the duty of China.

WITTE'S OTHER MISSION.

To Correct Mistaken Ideas Regarding Russia's Jewish Policy.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—It is explained to the Associated Press this afternoon that M. Witte's mission, in addition to undertaking peace negotiations, was for the purpose of correcting certain mistaken impressions in America regarding the attitude of the Russian government on the Jewish question. He is to explain, too, the government's proposals for reforms, a committee of ministers, after careful consideration, having formulated a project for reform which it expects to submit to the proposed national assembly for final action.

M. Witte, as president of the council of ministers is familiar with the Russian government's intentions regarding the Jews and has also a close personal knowledge of the Jewish question in all its details.

Prominent Jews here, however, are pessimistic regarding the outcome of the promised reforms and have little hope for any favorable Jewish legislation from the Duma.

Reports received from Portsmouth that negotiations may be broken off at the end of the week, and possibly sooner, have found a distinct echo in high official quarters here, where pessimism is distinctly noticeable.

The announcement that the emperor's manifesto summoning the duma will be issued Saturday has added to this pessimism, because it had been declared that its date of issuance would be dependent either on the conclusion of peace or the breaking off of the negotiations.

May Leave Monday.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The Matin states that M. Witte has informed their Portsmouth correspondent that he expects to leave on Aug. 21, that he never thought there would be a happy issue to the conference, and that he did not understand why the Japanese wished to continue the discussion after the delivery of the Russian note last Saturday rejecting the two most important clauses of the conference, namely, reimbursement for the cost of the war and the cession of Sakhalin, clauses which the Japanese themselves declared to be irreducible.

CAUGHT ON CROSSING.

Express Train Kills Three and Injures Ten at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Aug. 16.—Through the mistake or negligence of some one, a fast running train, express from New York to Cincinnati on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern crashed into a Winston Place trolley car on the grade crossing at Mitchell avenue, Winston Place, a suburb of this city, tonight, and three people were killed and 10 were injured.

DEAD.

Robert J. Smith, William Tuitinger, An unidentified man.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A. H. Newton, mail clerk, S. P. Spaulding, engineer, Chillicothe, O., heard arms cooked by steam; Wilbur Maish, William Gallivan.

According to eye-witnesses of the wreck, it was due to an error of John Driscoll, gate tender at the crossing, he having signalled the street car to cross.

The engine and mail car were also thrown from the track.

BOYCOTT AND WHEAT.

James J. Hill Apparently Tears The Outcome in Orient.

Minneapolis, Aug. 16.—President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railroad, who returned Sunday night from New York, today gave out a short interview upon the crop conditions and the trade outlook for the coming year. He said:

"If the Chinese boycott prevents the export of our wheat 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 well informed ever since the crop report came out. 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 of the situation is evidence that the Chinese situation is causing grave concern among the handlers of the northwest's wheat crop.

SURVEY BOAT SINKS.

Hancock Goes Down on Lake St. Clair After Collision.

Detroit, Aug. 16.—The United States large survey boat Hancock was sunk in Lake St. Clair today, about two miles north of the Grosse Pointe lighthouse. No lives were lost. E. S. Wheeler, assistant chief United States district engineer, was on board the Hancock making soundings for the proposed 250-foot channel.

The Hancock was crossing the channel when the package freighter Birmingham of Buffalo, bound up, struck her bow and damaged the Hancock so seriously that she sank in two minutes. The officers and crew escaped in life boats.

The Hancock is 100 feet long and is 12 years old. She will probably be raised. Capt. Charles I. Wilson of Detroit, who was in command of the Hancock, said that he had exchanged port signals with the Birmingham.

SUPERVISION OF INSURANCE.

President Roosevelt Considers Feasibility of Federal Control Of Interstate Business.

HE CONFERS WITH OFFICIALS

In the Light of Recent Events He Will Probably Discuss It in Message To Congress.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Aug. 16.—Federal supervision of insurance was this afternoon the subject of a conference at Sagamore Hill, so important that one of the participants, James M. Beck, formerly an assistant attorney-general of the United States and now special counsel for the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, missing the regular train from Long Island City to Oyster Bay, chartered a special train in order to meet his engagement with the president.

The parties to the conference were the president, Senator Dryden of New Jersey, president of the Prudential Insurance company, and Mr. Beck.

Senator Dryden arrived at 12:30 this afternoon. Mr. Beck reached here 15 minutes later and in time to join the president's luncheon party, which consisted of American companies and foreign companies, including the Equitable Life Assurance society, has manifested a deep interest in the problem of national control of the insurance business.

DEEPLY INTERESTED.

The president for a considerable time but especially since the disclosures made during the last few months regarding the operations of the Equitable Life Assurance society, has manifested a deep interest in the problem of national control of the insurance business.

In his message to Congress last December he said: "The business of insurance vitally affects the great mass of the people of the United States, and is national in its application. It involves a multitude of transactions among the people of the different states and between the states and the national government. I urge that the Congress carefully consider whether the power of the bureau of corporations cannot constitutionally be extended to include interstate transactions in insurance."

Several months ago, at the president's request, the subject of national supervision of insurance was investigated by Commissioner Garfield of the bureau of corporations, when the conclusion was reached that, under existing federal laws, the insurance business could not be supervised by the bureau of corporations, because, in the light of the Constitution and in view of certain decisions of the supreme court, it was not regarded as interstate commerce.

DRYDEN'S BILL.

At the last session of Congress Senator Dryden, who is recognized as an authority on life insurance, introduced a bill in the senate providing, in brief, for supervisory control of interstate insurance business by the bureau of corporations. It was along the lines of this measure that today's conference proceeded.

The president is known to be in favor of federal control of the insurance business. It can be brought about constitutionally. Whether it can be the point yet to be determined. That the supreme court of the United States eventually will be called upon to pass on the question there is little doubt.

At the conclusion of the conference Senator Dryden talked frankly. "We discussed the whole subject of federal supervision of the insurance business," he said, "and our talk was very satisfactory. Personally, I am heartily in favor of such supervision by the national government, because it would insure to companies doing business in several of many states a well-defined and a definite policy."

TO CALL OUT SUGGESTIONS.

"I introduced in the senate at the last session a measure providing for supervisory control of interstate insurance by the bureau of corporations. I did so because I wanted to call out suggestions and to sound public opinion on the subject. I had the bill referred to the judiciary committee in order that it might be passed upon in its entirety by the supreme court in the senate. I expect to reintroduce the measure early in the next Congress, perhaps in a slightly different form. The principle of the new measure, however, will be the same as that of the first bill."

My opinion is that a very large majority of insurance companies will favor national supervision. Under existing arrangements we are obliged to conform to different laws and regulations in practically every state. The laws and regulations are being changed continually and different insurance departments place different interpretations on the same law. What insurance companies want is a uniform, harmonious and continuing policy, and that, we believe, is to be had only through national supervision."

"Are there not legal or constitutional obstacles to national control of insurance?" was asked.

CONTENTION OF LAWYERS.

"Ah, yes," replied Senator Dryden. "There are lawyers who maintain that it is absolutely unconstitutional and they point to decisions of our courts in support of their contention. The case generally cited is that of Paul vs. Virginia, decided by the United States supreme court in 1848. I think the decision being handed down by Justice Field. In that decision it was held that insurance was interstate commerce. In some subsequent decisions, however, notably in the lottery cases, ground was given for the belief that the question of federal supervision of insurance was in the forthcoming message to Congress, in the light of which we will be able to decide."

While no announcement was made of the conclusions of the conference, if any were reached, there is ample authority for the statement that President Roosevelt will discuss the question of insurance in his forthcoming message to Congress, in the light of which we will be able to decide.

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Developments in the last six months. That he will recommend the enactment of legislation providing for federal supervision of interstate insurance there is no room for doubt.

LOOMIS WILL RESIGN

Because He Expects to Get a Diplomatic Position.

Springfield, O., Aug. 16.—Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, was today shown the report from Lenox, Mass., that Col. W. C. Ronger was to be made assistant secretary of state when Mr. Root assumes the portfolio. Mr. Loomis made a statement, in which he, for the first time, indicates his intention to resign. He also said that upon leaving his present position he expects to be given a diplomatic position and that at present he has no idea of his successor, nor to what country he will be assigned.

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