

## JAPAN WILL ASK AN INDEMNITY

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PEACE WILL SOON BE RESTORED

Komura's Official Spokesman Says That His Country Wouldn't Have The Philippines as a Gift.

New York, July 25.—That Japan will demand an indemnity of Russia in the negotiations for peace and that the war will be declared at an end at the conclusion of the negotiations at Portsmouth, N. H., next month is the belief of Baron Komura, head of the Japanese peace delegation, who arrived here today, as voiced by Almar Sato, who is the official spokesman for the baron on this mission. Mr. Sato in an interview tonight said:

"I am confident that peace will be successfully negotiated by the appointed delegations. The Japanese will be guided by moderation, and no excessive demands will be made, but the sentiment in Japan and Russia is for peace, and in the interests of humanity and prosperity there must be peace."

"The cost to Japan has been very great. On both sides the loss in men has been 570,000. Russia losing 370,000 of these. The war is costing Japan \$1,000,000 a day and there is a feeling that there ought to be an indemnity."

Asked as to the probability of an armistice, Mr. Sato said that probably would be among the first questions the plenipotentiaries would consider. Having the form of the negotiations on previous treaty negotiations, Japan will make the demands for Russia's consideration, he said.

The peace terms, while held in abeyance by those who know their text, were formulated by the emperor of Japan and his council. Mr. Sato was asked if in the midst of victory the Japanese people would not feel entitled to more than any treaty would allow, and Mr. Sato said:

"The Japanese are not so gentle as to abide by any decision he may make, but they pay great respect to the offices of President Roosevelt and his acts have done a great deal to emphasize the need for peace."

Mr. Sato further said that the Japanese would prefer to have the negotiations in the English language, as neither Baron Komura nor himself speaks French. The matter, however, would be settled after President Roosevelt had met the two representatives. As to the attitude of the Japanese members toward the Russian delegates Mr. Sato said:

"We admire Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen. The announcement of Mr. Witte's appointment to the peace party was very welcome to us than that of any other person could have been. We recognize him as a great statesman."

Of the future of China Mr. Sato said: "If the central government could work in harmony with the district or provincial governments China would become a great power, but at present that seems to be impossible."

Japan's attitude toward China was most friendly, said Mr. Sato, and while maintaining no moral Monroe doctrine over the empire, she felt that it was more or less under Japan's protection. This protection, by way of illustration, Mr. Sato said, was "not so strong over China as that of the United States over South America."

Mr. Sato emphasized the announcement made frequently before, that Japan does not seek territorial aggrandizement, and on this point the speaker said: "We want in Manchuria equal opportunity, or what Mr. Hay called the 'open door'."

In response to further questions Mr. Sato said Japan is overpopulated and that in the opening of Manchuria and Korea an attractive field for immigration would be no more home than is offered in Hawaii or America.

Mr. Sato said that while a desire for peace was the sentiment of Japan, it was not a desire for peace at any price. "Japan is in a very prosperous condition at present," he said, "and the war taxes do not fall heavily upon the people yet. There has already been subscribed \$250,000,000 to a new internal loan, and our prosperity is further indicated in the success of our foreign loans."

As to Japan's attitude toward America Mr. Sato laughingly asked: "You mean the yellow peril?" and then became more enthusiastic in his conversation than upon any previous topic. He said: "We are almost boyish in our enthusiasm and friendship for America. While we are friendly with China as an oriental, our greatest friends are America and England. Why, the first monument ever erected to any foreigner in Japan was that to Commodore Perry, and the policy and conduct of the American people for the last 50 years has been one of help to us. We regard America as an ally without a treaty."

The question was put to Mr. Sato as to any possibility of conflict with the United States in the future, as suggested by some of the American press at the outbreak of the war, and Mr. Sato asked what could bring about such a conflict. When it was suggested that Japan might covet the Philippine islands, he laughed heartily, and replied that Japan would not have the Philippines as a gift, even though a bonus accompanied the gift.

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of the Russian battleship Orsk, which was captured by the Japanese after a desperate fight, during which, according to one story, 300 men were killed or wounded and those mortally wounded were thrown overboard.

## E. H. HARRIMAN'S RELATION TO THE EQUITABLE LIFE

New York, July 25.—Respecting the Equitable Life matters E. H. Harriman said today:

"There has been nothing in the relations of myself or the interests I represent to the Equitable Life Assurance society and its allied companies that will not bear scrutiny. We have never requested nor received a favor from them. The financial transactions between our interests have been entirely legitimate. I personally had no loan with the Equitable Life, which could have been obtained without difficulty at any other like responsible institution on as good or better terms."

"There is nothing in the Union Pacific preferred stock syndicate that can be criticized. An opportunity was availed of by Dr. Hyde to join myself and the syndicate in the acquisition of Union Pacific preferred stock on a favorable basis. There was no profit or advantage to any one member of the syndicate over another, and the Equitable nor any of its allied companies or any one else was ever requested in any way to aid in financing the syndicate."

"There has been too much mystery surrounding the Equitable affairs. I have always been ready and willing to answer any questions asked by any one entitled to do so and have never tried in any way to avoid it, and will return in ample time to give any testimony that may be desired."

## RECOGNITION OF NORWAY. Question is Now Before the President for Decision.

Washington, July 25.—The question of the recognition of Norway as an independent state is now before President Roosevelt having been referred to him by Secretary of State A. S. E. On numerous occasions it has happened that a revolutionary party asked to be recognized as an independent nation, but Norway has not succeeded in Sweden through a revolution but merely has taken back the sovereignty which once had been given to the king of Sweden. Many private Norwegian citizens have asked the United States to recognize the new state and change, who until the secession was first secretary of the legation of Sweden and Norway. It presented a most formal request to the state department, which, however, has no official authority. All these requests, however, have been referred to the president.

## FIRE IN MINING CAMP. Man Burned to Death and Much Property Destroyed.

Coeur d'Alene, Ida., July 25.—Fire in the Lewis company camp on Mica bay, Coeur d'Alene lake, this afternoon, destroyed the plant burning to death George Kuhn, coe in camp No. 1, and severely burned a number of others, all of whom will recover. So fierce was the blaze and so strong the wind that the camp employees were compelled to throw themselves into Mica creek, cover their heads with wet coats and blankets and remain in the shallow stream until the force of the flames had spent itself. Property loss about \$5,000.

## PRESIDENT OF WAR COLLEGE. Brig. Gen. Thomas N. Barry Has Been Selected.

Washington, July 25.—Brig. Gen. Thomas N. Barry has been selected for president of the war college at Washington. He is now in Manchuria with the Russian army but no order will be issued assigning him to new duties until the return to the United States.

## Pumps in Bad Condition.

North Sydney, N. S., July 25.—The pumps of the Peary arctic steamer Roosevelt today were discovered to be in bad condition and workmen were taken on board to fix them. It had been expected that the Roosevelt would leave for the north at a late hour tonight, but the repairs to the pumps will delay her start until tomorrow.

## Ten Powers Accept Invitation.

Tangier, July 25.—Ten powers, signatories of the treaty of Madrid, have officially accepted the Sultan's invitation to the international conference on reforming Morocco. The United States, Sweden, Norway and Portugal had not replied to the invitations extended to them.

## Twelve Killed in Coal Mine.

Palermo, Sicily, July 25.—By an explosion in a coal mine here today 12 men were killed and many wounded.

## Demand for Daily Papers.

Washington, July 25.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Grauw today made public a communication from his department which states that 60 weekly papers in various towns and cities in Iowa are to be transformed into daily papers through an organization of capitalists whereby two pages of the papers are to be printed at one central place and distributed to the towns where the remaining two pages are to be printed with the local news. The plan is declared to have been made feasible through the greater demand for dailies on the part of the rural residents.

## PORTO RICANS ARE DISCONTENTED

Delegates from Every Municipality Excepting One Are Assembled To Memorialize Congress.

Sweeping Changes Wanted

Insular Senate Asked For—Would Have Officials Named by Governor And Confirmed by the Senate.

San Juan, P. I., July 25.—Delegates representing 65 out of 66 municipalities of Porto Rico and both political parties assembled in convention here today to memorialize Congress with a view of bringing about sweeping changes in the government of this island.

The memorial to Congress adopted by the convention recites that this is the seventh anniversary of the American invasion of Porto Rico and complains that the preponderance of power still rests with an executive council composed of heads of departments appointed by President Roosevelt.

"These heads of departments," it says, "are here knowing nothing of the language, customs, or needs of the country and 24 hours after disembarking take their seats in the executive council and determine the fate of the island."

The memorial calls for no change in the composition of the house of delegates, which consists of 35 members, elected by the people, but demands the following amendments to the Foraker law:

"First.—The organization of an insular senate, to be composed of two senators each from seven districts in place of the executive council."

"Second.—That the proposed senate be elected by the people, and that the power of making government business impossible in pursuance of which they managed to keep the house in a stormy session until 1 o'clock this morning, be taken from the executive council."

"Third.—That the secretary of Porto Rico, the attorney-general, the treasurer, the auditor, the commissioner of the interior continue in their present offices under the present titles, but that they form no part of the executive council."

"Fourth.—That the officials named be appointed by the governor with the consent of the insular senate and not by the president of the United States."

The memorial was adopted by a rising vote, the delegates cheering for five minutes.

The convention also adopted a petition for presentation to the insular legislature for the protection of the municipalities and the granting to them of several powers, bitter in tone, were made against centralizing the power in the hands of the executive council of Porto Rico and the executive council.

The gathering was serious and dignified and several of the delegates presided over by Mayor R. H. Todd, manager of San Juan, in the movement and was chairman of the convention. His reason for calling the members of the municipalities together was the organization under his management of the insular legislature throughout the island. One result of the convention is the permanent establishment of an organization known as the Porto Rican League, with Mayor Todd as president.

## FROMMAN RETURNS. He Comes with a Great Theatrical Program.

New York, July 25.—After an absence of six months Charles Fromman returned from London tonight. He announced upon landing that he would begin work immediately for the coming season in America and England and added: "The Empire theater in New York will begin its season with John Drew in a new play by Augustus Thomas. Mr. Drew's engagement will be followed by Maude Adams' season in Barry's play 'Peter Pan.' During her engagement under my management, will first appear in 'Beauty and the Beast.' Ethel Barrymore will have a happy play entitled 'Alice-Sit-by-the-fire.' Sothen and Julia Marlowe return from England in four weeks for my rehearsal of 'The Taming of the Shrew.' 'Twelfth Night' and 'The Merchant of Venice,' at the Knickerbocker theater in November."

## Timber Frauds in Montana.

Helena, Mont., July 25.—The trial of R. M. Mobson of Missoula under the indictment returned by the United States grand jury four years ago for subornation of perjury in connection with timber land entries in Western Montana began before Judge Hunt today. Special Assistant U. S. Atty. Maynard in outlining the case to the jury said it would be shown that Mobson and C. L. Griswold entered into a conspiracy to include many men and women to enter upon land to be afterward transferred to Cobban. The land was subsequently acquired by Sonthe Clark and in another suit now before the supreme court of the United States the government is seeking to set aside Clark's title to the land. Mr. Griswold is a government witness, the indictment against him having been nulled.

## To Extend American Commerce.

New York, July 25.—Plans have been completed for an effort by an exporting company of this city to extend American commerce into foreign countries. A floating exposition will be equipped and sent on a tour of the world. The "American floating exposition," as it will be called, will start from New York City, January, 1906. It will carry a limited number of samples of various merchandise of American manufacture, the samples to be displayed at each of the ports where stops will be made. Space will be allotted to exhibitors and salesmen on the ship.

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## REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF THE BENNINGTON

Washington, July 25.—A brief report of a preliminary examination by Naval Constructor Evans of the inside of the gunboat Bennington, whose boiler exploded last Friday, was received at navy department today. The dispatch sent by Capt. Drake, in charge, follows:

San Diego, Cal., July 25.—Constructor Evans has made a preliminary examination of Bennington inside, finds no leaks through hull plating; all leaks through sea valves and broken pipes stopped. Present list to be made up to shifting of boiler, D and some free water below berth deck in intercostal spaces. Will pump this water out by hand pumps then run down keel and examine equipment to make examination outside hull with divers; secure boilers, cleaning up living quarters, support of the government, threatened by the investigation board is convened by Rear Admiral Goodrich at San Diego.

The steam log of the Bennington for the second quarter, covering the period between March 30 and June 29, was received at the navy department today. It does not include the trip from Honolulu to San Diego, but will show the report of the inspection for that quarter. The department concluded not to include the Bennington in the investigation board is convened by Rear Admiral Goodrich at San Diego.

## FILIBUSTERING IN COMMONS. Opposition Under Redmond Leads Balfour a Merry Dance.

London, July 25.—The members of the opposition in the house of commons by John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, who was the main spring of the recent defeat of the government, yesterday inaugurated their threatened plan of making government business impossible in pursuance of which they managed to keep the house in a stormy session until 1 o'clock this morning, compelling Premier Balfour to have constant recourse to closure as the only means of advancing business.

One phase of Mr. Redmond's obstructionist tactics is likely to arouse great resentment. It consisted in blocking private bills for enterprises promoted at vast expense by municipalities and commercial companies for public works, such as railroads and tramways. No less than 27 such bills were blocked yesterday, the effect being to delay their operation for a whole year.

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