

FRENCH INFLUENCE WILL BE FOR RUSSIA

Will Do All in Her Power to Aid
Her in Reaching Satisfactory
Peace Arrangement.

WITTE - ROUVIER INTERVIEW.

It Is Believed that Russian Plenipotentiary and French Premier Have a Complete Understanding.

Paris, July 23.—As a sequel to the conference between Premier Rouvier and M. Witte, at the foreign office on Saturday, the Russian plenipotentiary held an extended conversation with M. Nelloff, the Russian ambassador, after which a special courier left for St. Petersburg having dispatches for the emperor.

The utmost discretion has been observed with reference to the exchanges made at Saturday's meeting, but there is reason to believe that the French premier is now fully acquainted with the Russian standpoint, and with the line of action which M. Witte will adopt at the peace conference.

M. Witte appears to be satisfied with M. Rouvier's assurance that France will adopt every possible means to assist her ally to reach a satisfactory arrangement. The friendly relations of the French government with Great Britain will undoubtedly play a prominent part when the period for a direct exchange of views begins.

It is believed that this was the chief point discussed during the conversation at the Quai d'Orsay, but until the lines are defined on which the negotiations will be conducted, France can only promise to use her influence for the best interests of her ally. Until now both parties have succeeded in keeping their respective programs from publicity and assertions emanating from various quarters purporting to specify the claims of each side are purely speculative.

The universal desire here is that the result of the conference will be a cessation of hostilities, while the hope is expressed that Russia will be able to find an issue from her present situation without sacrificing her national self-respect.

WITTE-ROUVIER INTERVIEW.
Paris, July 22.—The Russian plenipotentiary had a two hours' talk with Premier Rouvier today and was received in audience by President Loubet at the Elysee palace. No authoritative statement was given out concerning the meeting. One report is that M. Rouvier and M. Witte went over the prospective peace negotiations, dwelling particularly on the influence France could exert on Great Britain to induce the latter to moderate the Japanese demands.

It is also the accepted view that M. Witte is favorable to a Russo-Japanese understanding, by which lasting peace in the far east would be secured. The prospects of this understanding are regarded as one of the chief means by which Japan may be induced to abate the severity of her conditions, particularly on the question of indemnity. The French officials speak favorably of such an understanding, the conclusion of which, besides benefiting Russia and Japan, would strengthen France in the far east as the ally of Japan, and Great Britain as the ally of Russia.

Among M. Witte's callers at the hotel were some of the leading financiers connected with previous Russian loans. However, M. Witte has no need of sounding financial sentiment, as he has been completely advised on this subject through the representatives of the Russian finance department and by the Paris branch of the Russo-Chinese bank, of which he was one of the chief organizers.

It is recalled that M. Rouvier's cautious attitude contributed to limit further French investments in Russian securities. When the last Russian loan was attempted, however, M. Rouvier's caution was not due to any hostility toward Russia, but solely to hostility to a continuation of the war.

In this respect the general view of the financiers here, one of whom remarked: "Russia is able to secure all the French money she wants to make peace, but not a centime to make war."

After his conference with M. Rouvier and his visit to M. Loubet, M. Witte passed the rest of the afternoon in returning the visits of personal friends.

PORTSMOUTH PREPARING FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Portsmouth, N. H., July 23.—Preparations for the peace conference are progressing rapidly and satisfactorily, and by Aug. 5, the day on which the plenipotentiaries are expected to reach Portsmouth from Oyster Bay on board the Mayflower and the Dolphin, all will be in readiness for their reception. The Washington government and the government of New Hampshire are cooperating in the effort to make the surroundings of the conference as hospitable as possible, and are receiving generous assistance from the people of Portsmouth and the adjacent villages of Kittery, Me., where the navy-yard is located, and Newcastle, N. H., near which the plenipotentiaries will have quarters in the Hotel Wentworth.

The tentative program provides that the plenipotentiaries shall land at the navy-yard and go immediately to the office of the commandant, officially to pay their respects. The arrival of the two missions will be heralded by the firing of an ambassadorial salute for each mission.

The marine guard which has recently been increased, will render the prescribed salutes and may escort the party from the navy-yard through the town of Portsmouth to their quarters, a distance of about five miles. As the navy yard is on the Maine side of the Piscataqua river, the governor of New Hampshire will probably receive the plenipotentiaries in Portsmouth, and formally welcome them to the state.

From an authoritative source it is learned that both missions expect that the question of an armistice will be the first subject broached after the conference is convened. The Japanese will insist that this be for a limited period, and will, it is believed, suggest that one month, in their opinion, will furnish adequate time for the conference to complete its work. The signing of this truce will, it is expected, form the first chapter of the negotiations. Throughout Portsmouth and the vicinity the keenest interest is displayed in the conference, and the people are taking much pride in the arrangements. The outlook is that the plenipotentiaries will have more invitations for excursions and entertainments than they will be possible for them to accept.

FOUND: The ideal place to spend Pioneer Day, Saltair.

GET OUT of the hot city and GET IN line for a dip at Saltair July 24th.

YELLOW FEVER IN NEW ORLEANS.

Public Officials, State and National, Doing All They Can to Prevent Its Spread.

TO HAVE INSPECTION SERVICE

Mexican Authorities Are Not Afraid But Havana Institutes Quarantine.

Washington, July 23.—The officials of the public health and marine hospital service are working in harmony with those in Louisiana in the effort to prevent any spread of the yellow fever from which an Italian died yesterday in New Orleans. Dr. A. H. Glennan, acting surgeon-general in the absence of Dr. Wynant, who is now in Honolulu, has dispatched Surgeons G. M. Guitierrez from Cairo, Ill., T. H. Richardson from Savannah, and J. H. White from Mobile to proceed to New Orleans and assist the marine hospital officials stationed there.

A thorough outgoing passenger medical inspection service will be organized so as to prevent the departure of any persons who may have been exposed in any way to the disease. The application of the methods employed at Havana for stamping out the disease will include the destruction of mosquitoes and the screening of patients infected with the disease.

Dr. Glennan said tonight the situation is well in hand and expressed the hope that the disease will not spread.

MEXICO ISN'T AFRAID.

Mexico City, July 23.—The health authorities here say there will be no quarantine against New Orleans, should it turn out that yellow fever exists in that city. The theory on which the Mexican sanitary authorities deal with yellow fever is that it is only communicated by a species of mosquito; thus the unreasonableness of quarantine precautions.

EX-SECRETARY OF WAR LAMONT DIES SUDDENLY

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 23.—Daniel Scott Lamont, secretary of war during the second administration of President Cleveland, died suddenly at his home at Millbrook, Dutchess county, tonight at 9:15 o'clock. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont were out driving this afternoon, and Mr. Lamont appeared to be enjoying the best of health. After dinner he complained of feeling ill, and Dr. Stewart of New York, who is a guest at the house, immediately went to his aid.

The physician diagnosed the case as an attack of heart failure, and in spite of heroic treatment Mr. Lamont passed away within half an hour.

At his deathbed were Mrs. Lamont and two daughters, Frances and Beatrice. Several guests at the Lamont home were also present when the end came.

MR. CLEVELAND'S COMMENT.

North Sandwich, N. H., July 24.—When informed early today of the death of Daniel S. Lamont, former secretary of war, Mr. Cleveland, who is spending the summer at his country home in this village, was deeply affected. The news of Mr. Lamont's death was carried to Mr. Cleveland by a representative of the Associated Press. Upon hearing the news Mr. Cleveland said:

No death outside the circle of my own family could have affected me more. My relation to the dead in public station, in private life and in the most affectionate friendship taught me to know him as an able, conscientious and true man."

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BLACKMAR BURIED

Boston, July 23.—Veterans of the civil war, Sons of Veterans, members of the Women's Relief corps and other patriotic societies today paid honor to the late William W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

During the morning the body lay in state in memorial hall at the state house, surrounded by the battle flags borne by the troops of the commonwealth during the civil war. The casket was draped with the national colors and guarded by Grand Army comrades. Ten thousand persons passed through the hall and looked on the face of the dead commander.

Early in the afternoon 30 Massachusetts posts of the Grand Army, followed by the funeral party and a troop of state cavalry, escorted the body to the Second Unitarian church, of which Mr. Blackmar was a member.

Among the honorary pallbearers were Lieut.-Col. Curtis Guild, Jr., former Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long, former Gov. John I. Bates, former Gov. John Q. A. Brackett and Mayor Patrick A. Collins.

At the conclusion of the services at the church the body was escorted by the cavalry troop to Cedar Grove cemetery, where interment took place in the Blackmar lot.

Henner, the Painter, Dead.

Paris, July 23.—Jean Jacques Henner, the distinguished painter, who had been seriously ill for some time, died today. He was born in Alsace in 1829 and died at Boulogne. He held membership in the Academie des Beaux-Arts. He held membership in the Academie des Beaux-Arts and was a grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

Fatal "Tossing" Accident.

Portland, July 23.—Louis Spangier, a private of company A, O. N. G., of Bucks city, was so severely injured while being "tossed" last night at the company camp near the Lewis and Clark fair grounds that he will probably die.

One of his comrades holding the blanket accidentally let go and Spangier's weight was sufficient to depress the blanket so that he hit the ground. His head struck a root protruding from the ground, and he sustained a blow believed to be a fatal injury to the base of the brain.

Up to a late hour tonight he had not regained consciousness.

The company is still on its way home from the regimental encampment at Seaside, and had received permission to remain over in Portland a few days after the other companies had departed, in order to see the exposition.

Military Convicts Escape.

Spokane, Wash., July 23.—Five military convicts escaped from the guard house at Fort Wright Saturday night. All of them were sent into the fort to serve sentences for desertion from other army posts. The names of the men are Frank Burton, Joseph Carroll, James Collingwood, Herman W. Lamp and Harry Lindon. They are

supposed to have spent the night in Spokane, but no trace of them was found today.

The outbreak was one of the most daring ever attempted at Fort Wright. With the whole post out of doors enjoying the cool evening air, and from six to ten guards in an adjoining room, the five desperate men saved their way through two iron bars three-quarters

of an inch thick, and escaped through a window.

Child Falls from Train.

Butte, Mont., July 23.—While Mrs. James Van Dusen was asleep in her seat on the westbound Burlington train near Belgrade this afternoon, her five-year-old boy wandered out on the plat-

form and fell from the train, which was speeding at the rate of 30 miles an hour, and was instantly killed.

The mother did not miss her child for some time, but the body was picked up by a work train and taken to Helena, where an inquest will be held.

Mrs. Dusen was on her way to Portland to join her husband, who came over from the fatherland several

months ago and established a home for his wife and two children. The woman was almost distracted when she got off the train at Butte to return to Helena, where the body of her dead child awaits her. She cannot speak English.

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Best national Walrus—Black enameled smoker's stand.

Oldest man present—silk umbrella.

Oldest Lady present—One black dress pattern.

Lady with largest family present—One tapestry table cloth.

Bestest Girl present—French stand mirror.

The fattest woman present—One pair gold plated candle sticks.

Leanest man present—One copper lined cigar case.

Best score Auerbach & Bro. score—One silk parasol.

Best score Gentleman Bowler—Half a dozen silk handkerchiefs.

To the one who guesses nearest to the number of tickets given away free that day—Reason ticket to Saltair.

To the person who has bought goods of Auerbach & Bro. for the greatest number of years—One pair blankets.

For the boy or girl under 15 years making the greatest number of words from the letters used in P. Auerbach & Bro. \$5.00 in merchandise.

For the lady and gentleman 15 years who writes the best piece of poetry, the first letter of each line to spell P. Auerbach & Bro.—\$5.00 in merchandise.

Put your rhymes in an envelope and be sure to put your name and address on them and leave them in our advertising department.

To the person who will buy the most goods of P. Auerbach & Bro. from July 15th to Aug. 5th, showing duplicate checks—One fine table set.

TUESDAY MORNING SPECIALS!

Those who want the most for their money they expend will be here.

CLOAK DEPARTMENT SPECIAL.

LADIES DUCK SKIRTS—Black and blue backgrounds, white dotted designs, trimmed with washable braid, regular \$2.00 values, for \$1.00, two hours only. 93c

LINEN TOWELINGS. SPECIAL.

150 quality checked linen Glass Toweling at \$1.00 a yard. This is one of the greatest bargains ever offered in LINEN TOWELINGS. They are 18 inches wide, come in all sizes, checks, blue or red, and are worth and usually sold at \$1.50 a yard. Tuesday from 10 to 12 o'clock, 12 yards to a customer, at per yard. 84c

A HOSIERY DRIVE For Three Hours Only. SPECIAL.

Ladies' tan full regular made Maco Cotton Hose, all sizes, the finest 50c grade you've ever bought, on Sale Tuesday 10 to 12 o'clock, at— 19c

BLACK DIMITIES. SPECIAL.

These fine sheer black fabrics are perhaps the most preferred of all Black Materials for evening gowns and waists. They come in dotted and striped combinations, and always sell at 35c, but Tuesday from 10 to 12 o'clock 12 yards to a customer, at— 14c

CENTS' FURNISHINGS DEPT. SPECIAL.

MEN'S STIFF BOROM SHIRTS. Fifteen dozen fancy striped and figured dress shirts, mostly light patterns, \$1.50 and \$1.75 values, for \$1.00, two hours only. 85c

SHOE DEPARTMENT! SPECIAL.

Little Gent's Satin Calf Shoes, extension sole, sizes 5 to 13, worth \$1.25. Special for two hours, per pair. 49c

SHOE BARGAINS. Values that are making the department famous. You surely want to share in such good bargains as these, and with every dollar purchase a ticket to Saltair free.

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