

ENVOYS AGREE ON THREE ARTICLES.

Pleasenitaries Made Good Head-way on the First Sections at Yesterday's Meeting

SAKHALIN ISLE COMES FIFTH

Chinese Eastern Railroad to be Ceded To China—Evacuation of Manchuria by Both Sides

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 14.—Although very rapid progress was made with the peace negotiations today, three of the 12 articles which constitute the Japanese conditions of peace having been agreed to by M. Witte and Baron Rosen on behalf of Russia, neither of the two articles to which M. Witte, in his reply, returned an absolute negative, was reached. The crisis, therefore, is still to come. It may be reached tomorrow, as the cession of Sakhalin comes fifth in the list. The three articles which were disposed of today are in substance as follows:

AGREEMENT TO DATE.

First—Russia's recognition of Japan's "preponderating influence" and special position in Korea, which Russia henceforth agrees is outside of her sphere of influence; Japan binding herself to recognize the suzerainty of the reigning family, but with the right to give advice and assistance, to improve the civil administration of the empire.

Second—Russia's obligation to evacuate Manchuria, each to surrender all special privileges to respect the "territorial integrity" of China, and to maintain the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations in the provinces, taper doors.

Third—The cession to China of the Chinese Eastern railway from Harbin southward.

There was never any question about the acceptance on the part of M. Witte of these "articles," the first two covering in more emphatic form the contention of Japan in the diplomatic struggle which preceded hostilities.

CHINA GETS RAILROAD.

The railroad, the building of which cost Russia an immense sum, estimated by some at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000, is to go to China. Japan and China, therefore, arrange between them the method by which the former is to be remunerated, and through this financial operation Japan may have a very considerable portion of her claim for "the expenses of the war" liquidated.

The railroad, built by the government of the Russian-Chinese bank, although built by government money advanced through the banks, and since its completion operated, managed and protected by the Russian government, Japan cannot take the railroad herself. To place herself in Russia's shoes regarding the railroad would be impossible to conceive the destinies of the three provinces of Manchuria, which she has promised to return to China.

But Japan is entitled to reimbursement for the expense to which she has been put in restoring the railroad below the former position of Liao-tung, and in building the bridges and rails across the gauge. If China could not find the money, some other power or powers might do so, and the road would become hypothesized to the powers which advanced the money, as other Chinese roads are to those who advanced the money for their construction.

WITTE IS INTERESTED.

It was M. Witte, himself, who organized the Russo-Chinese bank in 1898, and who has always been considered the real organizer of the Chinese Eastern company. Mr. Berg, the attorney of the Chinese bank, is attached to the Russian mission.

Both sessions of the conference today are described as "amicable." There were several slight jars between them, one of them serious. The plenipotentiaries are showing admirable tempers. The change in the weather may be partially responsible for the serenity manifested in the conference table, but it would be foolish to make any to say that the fate of such a far-reaching negotiation has been affected by a high degree of temperature and a few sunbeams.

SHIPPING BLOCK TODAY.

Tomorrow in the ordinary process the first stumbling block to a treaty of peace should result, as after Port Arthur, and the losses of Ida-Tong, which are included in article 4, and which M. Witte is undoubtedly prepared with slight modifications to accept, comes article 5, the cession of Sakhalin.

But it is by no means certain that when this obstacle is reached it will not be met with all the articles of which agreement is made, as possible are disposed of. If this course is allowed, and the Associated Press has

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Not One Square Inch of Skin on His Whole Body Unaffected—Awful Suffering from Raw Itching Humor—Screams Were Heart-breaking—Skin Peeled 20 Times.

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There is no way involved with any financial gain.

"Every day they sit," said a very high authority, "increases the chances of peace."

M. Sato told the Associated Press to-night that he came to Portsmouth hopeful of a successful issue of the negotiations, and nothing has occurred to alter his optimism.

TEXT OF TREATY.

The language of the three articles adopted today will form practically the text of the treaty of Washington if one is signed, subject of course, to a final revision. Each side has agreed to the articles and these are added in the protocol of each side session, which are officially signed by the plenipotentiaries the next morning.

"We do not seek to obtain public sympathy by such methods. American friendship, if it be sincere, as we believe it is, will not be overtaken by the fact that Japan, after a solemn compact entered into with Russia, will in particular or in conjunction proceed to make the public the negotiations now in progress until some agreement shall have been arrived at. So far from losing friendship in this country, we believe the Japanese plenipotentiaries will increase the prestige enjoyed by Russia in Manchuria, the retrocession of which is provided for in article 2, inasmuch as not even the Empress does not bind either Russia or Japan until a final agreement is reached and the treaty is signed."

It is, however, significant that M. Sato, while specifically stating that he did not seek officially, he gave it as his opinion that each power had now bound itself to the articles agreed to.

WITTE SCORED ONE.

In the discussion of the second article (covering the evacuation of Manchuria) it is positively stated that Russia won a victory. Baron Komura, it is declared, wanted to limit the obligation to evacuate Manchuria and to surrendered some privileges in the province of Ida-Tong, while M. Witte demanded that the obligation for evacuation and the surrender of special privileges should be mutual and that the evacuation of the troops should take place concurrently.

M. Witte is said to have contended that he was defending not only the interests of Russia but of all the neutral powers. On the other hand, the Japanese claim they did not yield the demand for simultaneous evacuation by the troops of both countries, but the distinct tone of the strong stipulation remains in the preservation of the territorial integrity of China.

A Japanese authority said to the Associated Press tonight:

CHINA'S INTEGRITY ASSURED.

The integrity of China is assured if the treaty of Washington is signed, and Japan has insisted that at this point be set forth in language that can neither be

PROMINENT JEWS CONSULT M. WITTE

Hebrew Delegation Waits on Russia's Representative by Previous Arrangement.

WAS QUESTION OF HUMANITY.

Discussed Means to Improve the Condition of Israeli Subjects of Great White Czar.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 14.—A delegation consisting of Jacob H. Schiff, Oscar S. Strauss, Adolph Kraus of Chicago, Adolph Lewisohn and Isaac Seligman arrived here this afternoon, and by previous arrangement will hold a conference with Mr. Witte tonight on the condition of the Jews in Russia. Mr. Witte is known to sympathize with the aspirations of the Hebrews for improved conditions, and if satisfactory assurances are given it can be stated that Russia, should she so desire, can place a foreign loan in the country through Jewish banking houses.

The Associated Press however is supported by the pro-Jewish deputation to state that at the preliminary meeting at which the conference with M. Witte was arranged, the subject of a loan was not broached.

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