

PRESIDENT'S NOTE TO RUSSIA AND JAPAN

In Interest of Civilized World
He Urges Them to Open Direct
Negotiations for Peace.

NO INTERMEDIARY NECESSARY.

Baron Speck von Sternberg, German
Ambassador, Has Been His
Right Bower.

Washington, June 9.—An identical note, the text of which by authority of the president was made public late tonight at the White House, has been forwarded to the governments of Russia and Japan by President Roosevelt. In the interest of the civilized world, the president urges the warring nations to conclude peace. It is suggested by the president that the negotiations for peace be conducted "directly and exclusively" between the belligerent nations. The note indicates the president's belief that an intermediary may not be necessary to effect conciliatory negotiations, but likewise expresses the president's willingness to do all that he properly may to do to promote the preliminary arrangements for a time and place for the meeting of representatives of the Russian and Japanese governments.

TEXT OF THE NOTE.

The following is the text of the dispatch as given out:

"On June 8 the following dispatch was sent by the president by the diplomatic channels to the Japanese and Russian governments:

"The president feels that the time has come in the interest of all mankind when he must endeavor to see if it is possible to bring to an end the terrible and lamentable conflict now being waged. With both Russia and Japan the United States has inherited ties of friendship and good will. It hopes for the prosperity and peace of each, and it feels that the progress of the world is set back by the war between these two great nations.

"The president accordingly urges the Russian and Japanese governments not only for their own sakes, but in the interest of the whole civilized world, to open direct negotiations for peace with one another. The president suggests that these peace negotiations be conducted directly and exclusively between the belligerents; in other words, that there may be a meeting of Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries or delegates without any intermediary, in order to see if it is not possible for these representatives of the two powers to agree to terms of peace. The president earnestly asks that the (Russian) Japanese government do now agree to such a meeting and is asking the (Japanese) (Russian) government to agree likewise.

"While the president does not feel that any intermediary should be called with respect to the peace negotiations themselves, he is entirely willing to do what he properly can, if the powers concerned feel that his services will be of effect in arranging the preliminaries to the time when the plenipotentiaries can be arranged directly between the two powers, or in any other way, the president will be glad, as his sole purpose is to bring about a meeting which the whole civilized world will pray may result in peace."

The foregoing note was forwarded to the Russian and Japanese governments yesterday. It is rendered especially significant by the fact that it was prepared and sent only after assurance had been received from Tokyo and St. Petersburg that such a proposition would be welcomed. While both Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, and Minister Takahira of Japan, were constant of the nature of the note, it was sent to the respective governments through them. It was called by direction of the president to St. Petersburg and Tokyo and there delivered directly to the Russian and Japanese governments respectively by Ambassador Meyer and Minister Giresom.

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In addition to the assurances received by President Roosevelt from Ambassador Meyer after his audience with the czar, and from Minister Giresom, who had conferred with the mikado's government, the president has indicated to the representatives of the two governments at this capital his intention. He also discussed the subject with representatives of other important powers accredited to this capital. While no intimation of the attitude assumed toward the proposition by either Ambassador Cassini or Minister Takahira is obtainable, it is known that other diplomats with whom the president conferred cordially endorsed his intention. Baron Speck von Sternberg, German ambassador, has throughout been the president's right bower in the negotiations and as the personal envoy of Emperor William has been able from the outset to assure the president material and hearty support of the German emperor in his effort to bring about peace. It can be said that for days the German emperor has been supplementing the efforts of the president with communications to the czar urging peace. Through Grand Duke Michael, who attended the wedding of the crown prince, the emperor sent the most urgent advice to the czar that peace in the interest of Russia be concluded without further hostilities. The close personal friendship between the president and the German ambassador has been an important factor in the preliminaries.

AS VIEWED IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, June 9.—(Midnight.)—M. Boutchir, first secretary of the French embassy, had a long conference with Foreign Minister Lamoriniere this afternoon, and M. Bonnard, the French ambassador, is hurrying back from Paris. France, instead of displaying jealousy at the initiative taken by President Roosevelt rather than in endeavoring to draw from Tokyo some statement of probable terms. At the Russian embassy tonight Count Cassini received most cordial advice from St. Petersburg, and he was unwilling to comment on any phase of the situation.

PRESIDENT PAYS VISIT TO WIFE'S VIRGINIA FARM

Charlottesville, Va., June 8.—President Roosevelt paid today his first visit to the Albemarle farm, which Mrs. Roosevelt recently purchased from William N. Wilmer, a New York banker, and which she purposes using for visits at any time she may feel like leaving Washington for rest and quiet. Small crowds gathered at several points en route.

The president left the train on which he came from Washington at Red Hill, a little over nine miles south of Charlottesville. While he alighted from the train he was cordially greeted by Mr. Wilmer. To the persons on the platform President Roosevelt lifted his hat in greeting and said:

"I am glad to meet you, gentlemen. I am glad to become a landholder in your community."

The president rode horseback to the farm of Joseph Wilmer, 12 miles distant, to join Mrs. Roosevelt. The ride was down the Hardway river, which abounds in beautiful scenery. The afternoon was almost perfect.

No French Cabinet Changes.

Paris, June 9.—Rumors to the effect that there would be a rearrangement of the cabinet has brought out an authoritative statement that the portfolio will remain as at present until Premier Rouvier finally decides whether to retain the foreign office portfolio for himself or hand it over to another minister, which decision will not be arrived at for several days.

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the prompt announcement of the convoking of a national assembly, may avert the threatened crisis which the liberals are forcing on the government, or it may only serve to precipitate it. Moscow is now a perfect hotbed of protest against the existing regime, and the address which the delegation from the all-Russian zemstvo congress has brought to St. Petersburg to present to the emperor has been the members of the government. Nothing approaching such language used in the document from men of such standing as those who signed it has ever before been heard in Russia. There is a peremptory ring about it which is ominous. Those bearing the address came to St. Petersburg claiming to be plenipotentiaries of the Russian people delivering an ultimatum, not begging terms, but demanding rights and almost threatening the government with civil war if it does not yield. What is more ominous still is that the body which this document represents has not left Moscow, but has only adjourned awaiting the emperor's reply.

ADMIRAL ENQUIST'S ACCOUNT OF BATTLE

Every Time Squadron Turned
Toward North Japanese Vessels
Outstripped Them.

OWING TO SUPERIOR SPEED.

Next Morning, Not Wishing to Again
Face the Enemy, He Made
For Manila.

St. Petersburg, June 10.—The emperor has received a long telegram from Rear Admiral Enquist, dated at Manila, June 5, describing that portion of the battle of the Sea of Japan on May 27 which took place between the island and Kotsu island. Admiral Enquist says:

"There was a clear sky with a fresh south wind and a very foggy horizon. A Japanese squadron appeared at 1:45 p. m. to the north and engaged us in a tactical conflict, not permitting us to pass them in the direction of Vladivostok. Every time our squadron turned toward the north the superior speed of the Japanese enabled them to outstrip us, while at the same time they concentrated their fire on our leading battleships. The Japanese squadron consisted of nine battleships and cruisers, and the Japanese in battling Chiryo maneuvered separately, trying to take our ship between two fires."

"Fifty minutes after the opening of the battle our formidable cruiser was sunk and the battleship Borodina was disabled. Soon afterward the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff was on fire, losing her masts and funnels and becoming disabled.

"Our squadron turned to protect the Kniaz Souvaroff, but the Borodina returned the fire in the face of our position, but before sunset our squadron resumed its voyage to the northward.

"At this time one of our torpedo-boats near the Kniaz Souvaroff hoisted a signal that the command had been transferred to Rear Admiral Nodol. The Kniaz Souvaroff then left the column severely damaged.

"The Borodina, which was then at the head of the column, received the enemy's concentrated fire and at sunset, after firing her last shot, sank.

"Perceiving the number of Japanese torpedo-boats engaged in the action the squadron, which had now lost the Kniaz Souvaroff, the Borodina, the Orel, the Kamchatka and the Russ, turned to the southward.

"My cruisers in fighting the Japanese cruisers suffered greatly by the large caliber of the Japanese projectiles. With the coming of night the Japanese torpedo-boats were enabled to report, owing to my inability to distinguish between the Russian and Japanese vessels.

"Several times I endeavored to escape to the northward, but was always obliged to turn to the southward.

"On the morning of May 28, not knowing the whereabouts of the rest of our squadron, I endeavored to find the whole Japanese and pending coal, I decided the ships under my command should make for Manila.

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