PEACE ENVOYS READY FOR WORK

Japanese and Russians Were Accorded a Warm Welcome At Portsmouth.

GREETED WITH APPLAUSE.

Both Parties Were Much Affected by The Hearty Demonstration of the American Public.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 8.—Arrangements have been completed for the initial meeting in the naval general store at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The present program is that there shall be present only the four plenipotentiaries and possibly a Russian and a Japanese secretary. The others of the mission will remain at the Wentworth.

The initial formality will be the exchange of credentials. It is fully expected that these will be found mutually satisfactory and that the envoys will then commence their work. After deciding the language to be used, the envoys will make arrangements for the time of meeting each day and for the number of meetings to be held. Luncheon will probably be served in the navy general store and it may be late in the afternoon before the plenipotentiaries leave the yard. Admittance to the yard will be absolutely refused to all persons not officially attached to the missions.

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

The negotiations for the first meeting were conducted between the plenipotentiaries direct.

The subject was taken up today at the luncheon and later the details were arranged.

It is not unlikely that several of the attaches of the plenipotentiaries may be called in the afternoon for consultation. Whatever the outcome of the negotiations it is believed there will be at least two meetings. In official circles here the belief is that although tonight, on the verge of the first meeting, the two missions appear very far from agreement, once the plenipotentiaries are in the conference room the position of each will be greatly modified and that they will make an earnest effort to come to terms. Already on the eve of the meeting there is evidence that the apparent indifference to the outcome, which has been evidenced in the last week by members of both missions is passing away.

BOTH SPARRING.

Although she has prepared an irreducible minimum, Japan will not present this in such a form. There will be demands in the Japanese terms, which her plenipotentiaries can modify. In short Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira will present Japan's program in as diplomatic a form as possible. The terms will be called bases for negotiations rather than demands, and while it has been made plain already that Japan will not play diplomacy at the conference, her plenipotentiaries, it is pointed out, propose to conduct the negotiations as diplomatically as possible.

On the other hand the Russians do not hesitate to reiterate that they will have no trouble in reaching an agreement providing Japan's terms appear to them reasonable. "But," added a member of the Russian mission, "Japan must remember that we are not forced to these negotiations; we have the alternative of war indefinitely without the prospect of loss of territory. We have come to the conference because of a real desire for peace, but not because we are unable or unwilling to continue the war indefinitely."

TOMORROW'S SESSION.

The second day's session, to take place Thursday or Friday, it is expected will be devoted either to a consideration of the Japanese peace terms, or to a proposition for an armistice, by the Russian plenipotentiaries. It has been estimated that if a basis of negotiations for peace is found the actual negotiations will consume something like five weeks' time before a treaty can be perfected and signed.

The landing and reception of the envoys today was a function replete with ceremony. The dignity of the nation's salutes was contrasted with the hearty exclamations of good will on the part of thousands of persons, who thronged the streets of Portsmouth and surrendered the court house, where Gov. McLane pronounced his cordial words of welcome.

BIG DEMONSTRATION.

The envoys of both Japan and Russia were much affected by the demonstration of the American public. Mr. Witte rode through the business section of the town with his tall silk hat raised above his head in constant acknowledgement of salutes. Ambassador Rosen, in the same carriage, was also uncovered in honor of the cheering crowds. In the carriage following were the two Japanese envoys, and they, too were not remiss in responding to the hurrahs of the crowds. Three carriages were occupied by each mission, and in the procession through the streets of Portsmouth the Russians and Japanese were given alternate positions, the first, third and fifth carriages being Russian and the second, fourth and sixth Japanese.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED.

The public was rigorously excluded from the navy yard, where the envoys came ashore. The landing was effected most expeditiously and everything moved without the slightest interruption. The Russian suite was proceeding to the breakfast room from the landing when the salute from the battery announced the landing of the Japanese.

The envoys were met at the courthouse by Third Assistant Secretary Peirce, who presented Mr. Witte to Gov. McLane, and then Baron Komura. The senior Russian commissioner presented his suite to the chief executive of New Hampshire and the Japanese plenipotentiary did likewise. Gov. McLane's formal speech of welcome was responded to by a profound bow of both parties. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Russians were arranged on the right of the governor, the Japanese on the left, with Mr. Peirce on the immediate right. The group was then surrounded by the governor's staff and council and the entire party was photographed.

No one except the governor's staff and council, United States Senators Burnham and Gallinger, Representatives Sullivan and Currier and Assistant Secretary Pierce were present at the courthouse function, although crowds surrounded the building.

IGNORED EACH OTHER.

When the Hotel Wentworth was reached shortly after 3 o'clock there was an outburst of applause carried on in good natured rivalry. The Russian suite ignored the elevator and climbed the stairs to the second floor.

The Japanese, who arrived a moment later, were lifted to their floor. Although private dining rooms had been provided for the plenipotentiaries, both suites took dinner at the same time in the main dining room of the hotel. The Japanese were early to dinner and were assigned a table in the center of the long room. They had only half concluded their dinner when the Russian envoys entered and were escorted to the extreme end of the room, directly past the Japanese table. No sign of recognition, however, was made by either.

Concluding dinner Baron Komura and Minister Takahira strolled on the wide veranda of the hotel down past the dining room windows and mingled with the curious crowd that was endeavoring to catch a glimpse of the distinguished diners within. They soon returned and entered the hotel.

When the Russians concluded dinner, they, too, showed signs of sociability. They first strolled into the billiard room of the hotel, where they remained for some time and then sauntered leisurely on an inspection tour of their surroundings.

A PRELIMINARY QUESTION.

One of the interesting preliminary questions to be settled by the conference is the language in which the negotiations shall be conducted. Mr. Witte speaks only French and Russian, while Baron Rosen has also a command of English. Both of the Japanese are proficient in the English tongue, but Baron Komura speaks very little French. It is realized that if English is chosen as the medium of communication, translations must be made to Mr. Witte. Should French be the language decided upon, translation will have to be made, preferably into English for the Japanese.

While there are no official statements or predications regarding the outcome of the forthcoming negotiations tonight, the prevalence of a good feeling is noticeable throughout the environs of the peace missions.

ADMIRAL MEAD HOST.

As the guests of Rear Admiral Mead the plenipotentiaries and their suites were introduced this evening to about 60 guests, which included prominent members of Portsmouth society.

Informality again characterized the whole affair. The Russian mission entered the navy general store about five minutes before the Japanese. The Russians turned to the right of the hall, after paying their respects to the commandant and Mrs. Mead, and the Japanese to the left. It was not long before the members of the two missions were thrown together and they showed no hesitation in joining in the general conversation with the guests. Baron Komura and Baron Rosen were especially cordial in their greeting and were soon engaged in a long conversation, retiring to one side of the hall.

Mr. Witte refused to permit his luncheon to be served until he had assisted in serving all of the ladies in the group about him. The democratic sight of the ranking Russian plenipotentiary handing refreshments to the guests was one of the interesting incidents of the luncheon. Before leaving the Russian and Japanese again greeted each other cordially.

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"Several enlisted men of Companies G and H were seriously wounded about 10:30 o'clock today by the explosion of a three-inch shell found by the men in the hills, where the artillery had camped in March of last year. One of the men attempted to drive the shell into the ground, when it exploded.

Private Butts of Company G was fatally wounded and Privates Becker of Company H, Furgant of Company H and Robinson of Company G are also badly injured. Several others are slightly injured."

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