

ENVOYS OF PEACE MAKE PROGRESS

Question of Cession of Sakhalin a Stumbling Block—Russia Surrenders Ambitions in Manchuria—Crisis is Expected Soon.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 17.—The prospects of peace are distinctly brighter. The plenipotentiaries are laboring with a seriousness and earnestness which leave not the slightest doubt that both are anxious to conclude a treaty.

More Articles Disposed of. At the meeting of the Russian and Japanese envoys on Wednesday articles seven and eight were disposed of, the former "in principle," the latter "unanimously."

From both sides it is learned that the acceptance "in principle" of article seven only means that certain points remain to be elaborated, not that a dispute still exists. But this may possibly be only a convenient method of postponing until the final struggle the acceptance of an article which could be used in the ultimate compromise.

Russia Abandons Manchuria. Russia, by the acceptance of these two articles in connection with articles two, three, four, five and six, surrenders every vestige of her ambition in Manchuria.

Pressure on the Powers. There are persistent rumors about the hotel that several powers, including the Washington government, are bringing pressure to bear upon Japan to forego "the cost of the war" and content herself with such other compensation as she can secure out of the railroad, the Russian property in Port Arthur and Dalny, and the cost of the maintenance of Russian prisoners in Japan.

Wants Interned Ships. Japan will make a stiff fight for the possession of the interned Russian warships. Mr. Denison, the American legal adviser of the Japanese mission, spent most of the day in his office looking up the precedents on the subject.

Action Delayed. Article 5, the consideration of which was postponed until later, provides for the cession of the island of Sakhalin. Discussion appearing useless at this stage on account of the firm negative given in the Russian reply, it was decided, upon the motion of the Japanese, to defer its discussion, thus revealing the Japanese intention of postponing to the end the life and death struggle.

Death Was Accidental. Washington, Aug. 15.—The navy department has received the report of the board of inquiry which investigated the death of Raphael Cohen, a sailor on the cruiser Yankee, who according to a report to the department July 10 by Rear Admiral Bradford, commanding the squadron, to which the Yankee is attached, died as the result of a blow received in a boxing contest.

A Sad Condition. Madrid, Aug. 15.—The newspapers declare that 100,000 laborers in Andalusia are without the necessities of life. Several districts are at the mercy of the rioters and many landlords are seeking safety in flight.

River Claims Two More Victims. La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 15.—William H. Klavitt, aged 50, and Albert Bergau, aged 50, have been drowned in the Mississippi river while bathing. Six drownings have occurred here in the past few days.

Probable Solution. To the closest observers the final solution begins to crystallize quite naturally. The Russians yielding the cession of Sakhalin, Japan foregoing "the cost of the war," but taking compensation in the money to be refunded to Japan by China on account of the railroad, the Russian government property in Port Arthur and Dalny and remuneration for the maintenance of the 100,000 Russian prisoners in Japan.

Questions Settled. All questions relating to Korea and Manchuria, except the cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad and the main Siberian line running through northern Manchuria from the station Manchuria, on the Amur via Harbin to Vladivostok, are settled in the five articles already adopted.

Recognition of Japan's "preponderating influence in Korea." Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria, Russia to retrocede to China all special privileges.

Japanese obligation to restore the sovereignty and administration of China in Manchuria. Mutual obligations to respect the territorial and administrative integrity of China and the principle of the "open door."

The surrender of the Russian leases to the Liaotung peninsula, including Port Arthur, Dalny and the Blonde and Elliott islands.

Three Children Are Drowned During a Flood in West Virginia. Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 17.—Three children of Enos Adkins, living on a small branch of Guyan river, near Ranger, were drowned in the flood which swept this section Tuesday night.

Negro Lynched. Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 17.—A Commercial Appeal special from Lake Cormorant, Miss., says that Henry Young, the negro who shot and killed Edward E. Perry on the Bass plantation, near Lake Cormorant, last Sunday, was taken from Sheriff Withers and a deputy Wednesday night, and at the scene of his crime hanged by an armed mob. The negro confessed his guilt, but pleaded that he did not intend to kill Perry, a pistol for the possession of which they were contending, he said, having exploded. The mob numbered about 100 men.

Fixes the Blame. Cleveland, O., Aug. 17.—Coroner Siegelstein, of this county, has rendered a verdict in connection with the wrecking of the Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore road at Mentor, O., on the night of June 23, in which 19 lives were lost. The coroner holds that Walter F. Minor, the telegraph operator at Mentor, opened the switch which caused the accident.

Man Kills Two Negroes. Cordele, Ga., Aug. 15.—Parties arriving on the Albany & Northern train, bring reports of a shooting affray which occurred near Oakfield, 18 miles southwest of Cordele, in which two negroes were killed outright and three fatally wounded by a man named Malifa. Malifa is a woodsman for the Oakfield Naval Stores company. Seven negroes who had previously had trouble with the woods rider waylaid him, and Malifa opened fire, with the result noted.

Wealthy Farmer Hangs Himself. Ottumwa, Ia., Aug. 15.—J. E. Ritchie, 75 years old, a wealthy retired farmer of Davis county, committed suicide at his home near Boomfield Sunday by hanging. Despondency because of ill-health is supposed to have been the cause.

Buried with Military Honors. Washington, Aug. 15.—The late Rear Admiral A. E. K. Benham, United States navy, retired, who died at Lake Mahopac, N. Y., last Friday, was buried here Monday with full military honors.

MANY DIE IN ROCK SLIDE

FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS AT A PENNSYLVANIA QUARRY.

Twenty-Seven Men Buried Under the Mass—Twelve Killed and Six Injured.

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 17.—A mass of limestone, weighing thousands of tons, slid from a side of the quarry of mill A of the Lehigh Portland Cement company at Ormrod at noon Wednesday. Just five minutes before time to quit work, twenty-seven men were at work in the quarry, which is 1,000 feet long, 150 feet across and 100 feet deep. The heavy rains of the last two days had softened the earth and caused the slide of rock. Only nine of the men got away safe, four of whom escaped by running up on a mass of rock at the opposite side of the quarry.

TRADE AND TARIFF. Subjects for Discussion at Big Conference Which Opens in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Advocates of tariff revision, farmers, stockraisers, merchants and manufacturers, who met Wednesday at the Illinois theater to determine the best method of overcoming the antagonism of the United States senate to reciprocal trade relations with foreign nations, will probably bring their deliberations to a focus by the creation of a national tariff revision commission.

What form the movement, agitated originally in this case by livestock men of the west, and taken up by all advocates of tariff revision throughout the country, is to assume, depends largely upon the recommendation of the resolutions committee, which was understood to favor the appointment of a large commission, which will have permanency until tariff revision is secured.

QUARANTINE HURTS TRADE. Business in New Orleans Seriously Affected—Progress of Yellow Fever.

New Orleans, Aug. 17.—The yellow fever record up to 3 p. m. Wednesday was as follows: New cases, 66; total cases to date, 1,146; deaths on Wednesday, 4; total deaths, 176; number of cases under treatment, 414. The increase in the number of new cases was offset by the decrease in the death list as compared with the same hours Tuesday. It shows the effectiveness of the treatment of cases and conveys an air of encouragement.

Collision Kills Six. San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 17.—Six Mexican track laborers were killed and six or seven fatally injured as a result of a rear-end collision between a Santa Fe work train and an extra southbound freight at Horseshoe bend, 12 miles south of Corona, at six o'clock Wednesday evening.

A Fatal Quarrel. Milwaukee, Aug. 17.—As the result of a quarrel between two insane men over whether the world was coming to an end in the near future, Henry C. Bryant, an aged patient at the Riverside sanitarium, was assaulted by Frank Larscheid, another patient, and died Wednesday night. Larscheid is said by the hospital authorities to have struck his victim a stunning blow back of the right ear, the old man falling against a tree and concussion of the brain resulted, which terminated fatally.

Norway Republic Likely. Berlin, Aug. 17.—The younger son, Charles of Great Britain, for Prince Charles of Denmark to ascend the Norwegian throne, has failed, according to information received here from Copenhagen. The expectation is that Norway will establish a republic.

Fatal Collision. Cincinnati, Aug. 17.—One man was killed, two fatally injured and eight others seriously injured in a collision of a Baltimore & Ohio Southeastern passenger train and a street car at Winthrop place, a suburb of this city.

"DAVE" MARTIN OF PHILADELPHIA



Gov. Pennypacker's appointment of former State Senator "Dave" Martin to be state superintendent of insurance of Pennsylvania to succeed "Boss" Israel W. Durham, who has ruled the Philadelphia machine for several years, has caused a good many wry faces among the reformers, who have recently been having their inning in the Quaker town.

The question naturally arises whether the position will give Martin the right of succession to the full political powers of Durham. Mayor Weaver says: "He says that Philadelphia is going to get along without any boss at all and that the people are going to have the rare privilege of ruling. Mr. Martin refuses to predict anything for the future, but intimates that Mayor Weaver can himself be the boss if he wants to."

Mr. Martin is a man about 50 years of age and for years has been a factor in Philadelphia politics. He declares that he is a republican and never went outside of that organization except once, in 1901, when he joined the fortunes of the union party. His appointment as President Harrison's internal revenue collector at Philadelphia in 1892, on the suggestion of Senator Quay and his colleagues, aroused general protest.

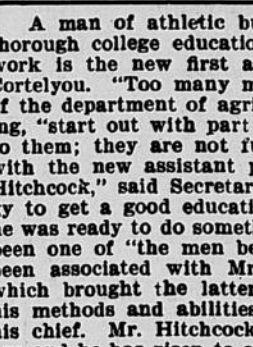
Since the time it became apparent, a reason of discontent in the case of the Equitable Life Assurance association, that the state of New York would bring civil proceedings against the former officers of the Equitable, there has been some curiosity as to the real motive of the official upon whose shoulders would fall the duty of compelling the restitution of any money which might be found to have been wrongfully taken from the insurance society by its directors, officers or others.

There will be a bit of dash and color to the struggle for the leadership of Tammany now that William Astor, Jr., has announced his intention to run for the office of mayor. Mr. Chanler has been a success in politics, in war and in society, not to mention in literature; and he has money enough to do credit to his branch of the John Jacob Astor line.



Mr. Chanler was one of New York's "soldier boys" in the Spanish war and he acquitted himself with credit in the battle and siege of Santiago that he received special commendation from Gen. Shafter. It has been a number of years since the society editors were doing full justice to the event which made Mr. Chanler a benedict, but it is not beyond their recollection that the bride was Minnie Ashley, the clever actress. Mr. Chanler is still an ardent yachtsman and a number of thoroughbred horses in which he takes great interest.

THE FIRST ASSISTANT-POSTMASTER GENERAL



A man of athletic build and training, with a thorough college education and a genius for hard work is the new first assistant under George B. Cortelyou. "Too many men" as Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, is quoted as saying, "start out with part of the egg shell sticking to them; they are not fully hatched, but with the new assistant postmaster general, Mr. Hitchcock, said Secretary Wilson, "had the energy to get a good education. When he came here he was ready to do something. Mr. Hitchcock has been one of the men behind the guns."

The faculty of choosing men and of getting the best work out of them is one in which Mr. Hitchcock excels. He demonstrated his ability in this direction on the baseball diamond when attending the public schools about Boston. He was captain of his team and handled his men so masterfully that they won the championship. To his early athletic training Mr. Hitchcock adds much of his success and his ability to do without injury the frequent midnight work that his duties have entailed.

THE NEW SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT



The Right Honorable James William Lowther, who was recently elected to succeed the Right Honorable William Gully, retiring speaker of the house of commons, is 57 years younger than the late speaker, who is in his seventeenth year. The new speaker is a man of marked ability. The parliamentary forms and manners of the house will not be new to him, for the reason that for some years he has held the office of chairman of committees and deputy speaker of the house. In his important position he has been called upon to preside over the meetings of the house whenever the house has been in committee. Mr. Gully, the retiring speaker, completes a well-rounded career and will accept a pension of £10,000 a year from the crown, in accordance with the usual custom. He has been a member of the house of commons for nearly 20 years. As a speaker he has exemplified all the dignity and stateliness with which this wigged and gowned personage has been by reputation invested.

Lofty Lineage. Prince Gustav Adolphus of Sweden, now the duke of Connaught's son-in-law, is a great-grandson of the German Emperor William I., and his ancestors include Gustavus III. of Sweden, King George II. of England, grand dukes of Baden and highnesses of Bavaria and Wurtemberg.

Not Reason, But Love. Joe—But, my dear fellow, is your income enough to justify you marrying? Fred—I'm afraid not. "Then what reason have you for taking so serious a step?" "I have no reason. I'm in love." Tit Bit.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Cheap Fuel. Fargo.—After years of high fuel rates, North Dakota promises to be able to furnish power more cheaply than any other western state. The problem will be solved by the lignite coal beds. It will not, however, be in the direct use of the coal for steam plants, but in the use of heating gas generated from the coal. This gas promises to do away with steam power plants in this state. The tests by the government have developed the fact that no other coal excels that of the North Dakota lignite in heating gas production, when cheapness of the fuel is considered. This opens up immense possibilities for this state in the way of manufacturing. Fuel has been so high that it prohibited manufacturing industries. This may be changed and the state can convert its wheat directly into flour. The use of gas from lignite coal is also likely to be recognized in the irrigation projects, and gas engines are likely to be put in instead of steam engines.

Grand Forks.—North Dakota State Fair. This is the next big event in Grand Forks and the perfect arrangements that are being made by the officers of the association indicate that it will be the best fair by far ever held in this state. Assurances are being received daily of exhibits, and the live stock exhibit now promises to be the largest that has ever been held west of Minnesota. Prominent cattle men of the state have interested themselves in making the fair a success and to that end will send the pick of their herds to compete for the liberal premiums offered. In all other departments the same story may be told, and the exhibits in each one will be varied and extensive. The fair opens on Tuesday Aug. 29, and closes Saturday Sept. 2.

A 2,000-Mile Excursion. On Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1905, the Great Northern Railway will run a special train from St. Paul to Washington, the Evergreen state. This train will be accompanied by experienced immigration agents, who will explain the country and points of interest enroute. Stop-overs will be made in North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington for the purpose of investigating the different sections. This is a grand opportunity to visit this wonderful region under the most favorable conditions. The excursion will stop at Spokane, Everett, Bellingham, Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria and the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon. For full particulars and other information apply to any agent of the Great Northern Railway.

Apples. Tower.—To those who may be skeptical as to whether apple trees will grow and bear fruit in the Mouse River valley, we will say that they may very quickly have their skepticism removed by taking a look into Henry Erickson's door yard, where may be seen a number of apple trees with branches bending with a large growth of apples about the size of peaches at the present time. In looking at those apples our mind ran back to the time when the writer was a boy anxiously waiting an opportunity when the moon was low and Mr. Farmer's dog safely chained. In the way of small fruit Mr. Erickson states they have gathered several bushels of gooseberries, raspberries and currants this season from their bushes.

Killed By Lightning. Tower.—During a severe electrical storm, Barbara, the thirteen-year-old daughter of John Becker, was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning. She was hurrying to her home when struck. She had been short of time when she was away from home with her father who was doing some carpenter work and on her way to the house she was carrying a square and some other tools. The father saw his daughter fall.

News Notes. Dickinson—Wolves are still causing losses to stockmen on the range. Jamestown.—Water henlock is killing off a few cattle over the state. Starkweather.—Steel is being laid on the extension of the farmers' road at the rate of two miles a day. Rolette.—H. Thorson, Elbow Lake, Minn., Charles F. Craig and A. M. Overson, Leeds, N. D., have organized the Rolette State bank.

Kathryn.—Telephone linemen have reached here and the people are now talking all they wish. Knox.—A resident returned home in time to discover his residence on fire. He saved the building. Minot.—The people of this place have discovered a fine swimming pool in the murmuring Mouse. Jamestown.—Easterners, who invested in North Dakota farming lands, are well pleased with their holdings.

Fargo.—Assistant Dairy Commissioner Flint is inspecting the creameries over the state and giving the officials valuable pointers. Fargo.—A lot of tows are compelling the merchants to remove hitching posts from the main to the side streets open for business and gives the town a better appearance. Tower.—In Norwich township, 18,000 gopher tails were brought to the clerk of the township, as a reward of a bounty offered by the supervisors.

Rolla.—The first shipment of radium from North Dakota has been received by Dr. R. D. Verret, who expects to use the radium in the treatment of several cases of cancer in his charge. Fargo.—The telegraphers' strike has increased the drought in North Dakota. Most of the intoxicants that are consumed in the state are sent by express, and since the strike this business has been practically discontinued. Washburn.—Some one opened the gates of the stock yards and let out over 200 head of cattle, six of which have not been located.

Grand Forks.—Nicholas Zalvan, employed as a car cleaner in the Great Northern yards, fell from the top of a passenger coach and broke both of his wrists.