

Will Meet in Washington

American Capital Selected as a Meeting Place for Peace Negotiators.

French Influence Tried Hard for a European Capital.

The Hague and Geneva Deemed Within Russian Sphere of Influence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—America's national capital has been selected as the seat of negotiations between the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan for a treaty of peace.

It was as follows: When the two governments failed to agree upon either Chicago or Paris, the President suggested the Hague, but both governments have requested that Washington be chosen as the place of meeting.

The statement was supplemented shortly afterwards by a semi-official announcement that "after meeting and organizing, the plenipotentiaries of the two governments, if it should be found to be unprofitable in Washington, may adjourn to some other place."

Now that some of the details of the negotiations which have been pending for more than two weeks are known, the selection of Washington is regarded as the only logical solution of the problem presented to the plenipotentiaries.

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A REALISTIC PERFORMANCE. Strolling Players Do Cannibal Stunt in Free-for-all Fight.

Budapest, June 15.—Three killed and sixty wounded are the casualties resulting from a fight yesterday between strolling players and villagers at Derekyhaz, Hungary.

Two Thousand Foundry Men Out and Three Thousand More to Go.

New York, June 15.—A strike inaugurated by the International Brotherhood of Foundry Employees against the New York and New Jersey Foundrymen's Association extended rapidly today.

GERMAN STEAMER SUNK. Russian Cruiser Said to Have Sent Merchantman to the Bottom.

London, June 15.—The German steamer Tetartos was sunk by the Russian auxiliary cruiser Don May 30, according to information received today.

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The Day At Ottawa

Autonomy Discussion Will Be Resumed on Monday Next.

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V. V. & E. Measure Is Again Referred Back to the Committee.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, June 15.—The debate on the autonomy bill will be resumed on Monday and continued until it is concluded. The opposition will present several amendments to the third reading. The big fight will be on the redrafting of the bill.

Mr. Monk gave notice of an amendment to the French language should have the same status as in the Dominion parliament. This will give rise to an acrimonious debate.

The Canadian-Mexican steamship service on the Atlantic will commence July 20. It provides for call at Cuban port, St. Thomas, and Havana.

There was a lively discussion in the Commons over the live discussion in the department. Several Conservative members charged that the department was deliberately being overworked for partisan purposes and several instances of this were cited.

The Union Label Bill was up in the Senate committee today. J. G. O'Donoghue, counsel for the Trades and Labor Congress, was heard for the bill, and Mr. Stewart, assistant secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, was heard against it.

The railway committee considered the V. V. & E. railway bill. When the bill was up last week it was held over until it looked into it. This was done by the report of the sub-committee under Mr. Stewart's chairmanship.

The committee divided on the motion of Mr. Monk to refer the clause back to the sub-committee. This was carried on a vote of 53 for to 51 against.

MAKE-UP OF THE STRAWBERRY. The strawberry is a great favorite, and the present season has produced an enormous quantity of the fruit.

Water soluble salts (including free lime and iron)..... 83.600
Lime and iron..... 1.740
Potash..... 0.850
Sugar..... 5.800
Starch..... 0.800
Oily matter..... 0.154
Cellulose and seeds..... 2.462

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As to nutritive value, the strawberry can count for little unless we regard it as a source of iron, and one-half ounce of the fruit contains 0.145 grams of iron. This is a considerable amount for a fruit of this size.

The transport service will consist of a large covered in and fully provided with all the necessaries of life, and every necessity to comply with the law governing passenger vessels and will be as comfortable as possible for the miners. Mr. Killen, secretary of the western federation, states that the meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17.

A well-attended meeting of the union federations was held on Saturday, June 17. The executive board of the western federation will superintend the election and all the underground employees in No. 1 shaft are entitled to vote.

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