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Portsmouth, N.H., Aug. 10.—Reimbursement for the expenses sustained in the prosecution of the war and the cession of the Island of Sakhalien constitute the main features of the peace conditions handed by Baron Komura to M. Witte at the conclusion of the morning session of the plenipotentiaries here. The word "indemnity" is carefully avoided, the term employed being "reimbursement" for the cost of the war. No sum is fixed, the amount being distinctly omitted for mutual adjustment between the two countries after the Japanese expenditure has been ascertained. These are the two all-important conditions, and those which the Russian plenipotentiaries find absolutely unacceptable.

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Under M. Witte's instructions, these relating to the limiting of Russia's naval power in the Far East and the granting of fishing rights in the waters of the Bering Sea; the relinquishment to Japan of the Russian warships interned in neutral ports, and finally a limitation upon the naval strength of Russia in the Far Eastern waters.

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they plunged again into their work, and the lights in their rooms burned until long after midnight. Much excitement prevailed about the hotel, the corridors of which were thronged by the summer guests and newspaper correspondents, all discussing and speculating upon the terms; while off the corridors dozens of telegraph instruments were clicking off dispatches to all four quarters of the globe.

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The Russian plenipotentiaries here are not optimistic as a result of the disclosures of the Japanese terms. They telegraphed their papers a pessimistic view of the prospects of peace, taking their stand that the Japanese demands as to Sakhalien and indemnity were excessive, and such as Russia in the present circumstances was not forced to yield to.

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