

The Peace Negotiations Narrowing Down to Crisis

Climax to Come Monday When Indemnity Comes Up ---Control of Chinese Eastern Railroad to Be Handed the Pekin Government.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 17.—Five articles of the possible "Treaty of Washington" remained to be considered when the peace plenipotentiaries resumed their session at the navy yard this morning—Sakhalin, upon which it had been impossible to agree and which had been passed over; indemnity; limitation upon Russia's sea power; the surrender of the interned warships; and the grant of fishing rights on the littoral of the maritime provinces.

Remuneration for the cost of the war, it is believed is number nine, the first article to come up today. How far it will be threshed before it is passed over is problematical. Fishing rights, Russia will yield. There only remain limitations upon Russia's sea power and the surrender of the interned warships. The final struggle is close at hand and preparations are being made for it. When the remaining points of possible agreement are demonstrated then an adjournment will be taken probably until Monday, when the plenipotentiaries will show their last cards.

The Japanese are in the closest touch with their Government. They are keeping Tokio advised of every development of the proceedings. It was 5 o'clock this morning when last night's stream of cables to Japan was completed.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 16.—The prospects of peace are distinctly brighter tonight.

The plenipotentiaries are now laboring with a seriousness and earnestness which leaves no room for doubt that both are anxious to conclude a treaty.

Though the main points remain to be tackled and the plenipotentiaries of each side outwardly speak as if, unless the other gives way, the conference will go to pieces, the spirit of compromise is in the air.

When he returned to the hotel tonight, M. Witte, who was tired out with his hard day's work, said: "I am doing all I can for peace. Of the eight articles we already have considered, I have yielded much. No other statesman in Russia would have dared to do so much, and I have done what I have done upon my own responsibility."

Crisis Still to Come.

From an authoritative source, it is now possible to forecast with a fair degree of accuracy that the crisis will come on Monday next.

Articles 7 and 8 dealing with the Chinese Eastern Railway, having been disposed of today, there remains, in addition to the cession of Sakhalin, upon which agreement being impossible, the question of indemnity, which comes up as article 9.

The limitation upon Russia's sea power in the far east, the surrender of the interned warships, and the granting to Japan of fishing rights on the littoral north of Vladivostok.

To all except the latter, to which Russia will agree, a negative answer has been returned, absolutely in the case of indemnity and Sakhalin.

Perhaps the others may be modified and yielded by M. Witte, in order to strengthen his insistence upon Japanese concession upon indemnity and Sakhalin.

To yield on either of the latter, it can be regarded as practically certain that M. Witte would consult the Emperor.

The exchange of views on the five remaining articles is expected to be completed Friday or Saturday morning at the latest.

The plenipotentiaries will then adjourn until Monday, and the interim probably will be not by them to consult their respective governments.

When they meet Monday their last cards will be thrown upon the table. Proposals, perhaps, will be met by counter-proposition.

If there is to be bargaining, it will come then, and suddenly the conference will be over or peace will be secured.

Plenipotentiaries will come together, with their protocols drawn up to sign and part, or stay for the elaboration of the "Treaty of Washington."

Articles 7 and 8 were disposed of today, the former in "principle," the latter "unanimously," according to the official bulletins.

Article 7 provides for the cession to China of the branch of the Chinese Eastern Railroad running south from Harbin to Port Arthur and Dairen, and with a branch line connecting at Kwei-chang with the Shan Hai Kwan-Tien Tsin road.

Rights of Russian Jews

American Delegation Pleased Over Interview With M. Witte.

Chicago, August 17.—Adolph Kraus returned to Chicago yesterday well satisfied with the result of the conference of Jewish representatives with Mr. Witte in Portsmouth Monday night.

"There is no doubt," he said, "from present indications that the Russian assembly, when called, will take seriously the question of settling the Jewish rights."

"I notice in some papers the statement that the interview was prompted by Russia's need for money. This is unwarranted, and to the other men present there was not the slightest reference made to finance."

Crashed Into Caboose.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—Six Mexican track laborers were killed and six or seven were probably fatally injured by a rear-end collision between a Santa Fe work train and an extra southbound freight at Horseshoe Bend, last evening. The work train had just finished for the day, and was preparing to run to San Bernardino, when the freight crashed into the caboose, where the workmen were congregated, scattering them.

NUMBER THREE'S SNUG BALANCE TICKLES THE CITY DADDIES

And There Are Others Keeping Within Appropriation—Overdraft Bogey Vanishing.

The statement showing that No. 3 committee of the council will likely have a snug balance at the end of the year, instead of an overdraft, caused general satisfaction in city hall circles today.

It isn't customary for city council committees to have a surplus, and the aldermen generally find that the demands made upon the different bodies would mean the spending of double the appropriations, if they were all met.

This year, however, a tight line is being kept on the several bodies, and the effect of this will be seen at the close of the term.

It can safely be said that No. 3 will not be the only committee that has kept within its appropriation. There will be others in the same boat.

Mayor Campbell said today that there was a possibility of even the board of works coming out ahead. The finance committee will also sail close to the wind, and wind up with a balance.

If expectations are realized, the aldermen of 1906 will not have to provide for an overdraft when they come to strike the tax rate next spring.

Great, consequently, will be the joy of the city fathers, but their cup of joy will be no deeper than that of the citizens who have to pay the shot and keep the civic machinery in motion.

FOUR FAST BOATS TO CARRY MAILS

Govt. May Use the Allan Turbines and New C. P. R. Boats Next Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—It is understood that the Government is considering the advisability of an arrangement by which on the expiration next summer of the contract with the Allan for the carriage of the mails between Canada and Great Britain the service will be performed by the four fastest vessels on the Canadian route. That is by the Allan turbines, Victorian and Virginian, and the two steamers now in course of building for the C. P. R. The latter will have a speed of at least 18 knots, and possibly, of twenty. The Victorian and Virginian both made between nineteen and twenty knots on their trial trips. This will mean a very much faster service to and from the Canadian ports than has ever existed hitherto.

STRATFORD NEWS NOTES

Premier to Open the Horse Show—St. Mary's Man Robbed.

Stratford, Aug. 16.—Mr. A. Champlain of Toronto, Second International Vice-President of Machinists' Union, is in town, and had a conference with the members of the local union. Nothing could be learned regarding the robbery of the conference.

Premier Whitney has accepted an invitation to open the Stratford Horse Show on September 19. He will be escorted by a mounted patrol of Beaufort. News comes from Manitoba that Jos. Beavers, a well-known resident of St. Mary's, who went west a short time ago, was robbed of \$150.

NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS

Canadian Authority in Far North Recognized by America.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—Canadian authority is now fully recognized in the portion of the Arctic Ocean known as Beaufort Sea at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, as well as further east in Hudson Bay and adjacent waters. The Mounted Police patrol Beaufort Sea in small boats and have thoroughly established our jurisdiction over the American whalers, who frequent that remote region.

YELLOW JACK AT BROOKLYN

Man Recently From Panama Suffers from a Mild Attack.

New York, Aug. 17.—The Tribune says what is believed to be a case of yellow fever was found yesterday by Dr. Livingstone, of the Norwegian Hospital, Brooklyn. Dr. Livingstone was summoned to a house in Brooklyn and there found John G. Murphy, a laborer, violently ill. In a lucid moment he said he came from Panama a few weeks ago. At the hospital the other physicians agreed with Dr. Livingstone that Murphy had yellow fever. The health department was notified and Murphy was placed in an isolated ward. An effort will be made to find out what steamer he came on.

Want Timber Left Out.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 17.—The Chamber of Commerce by unanimous vote last night, sent to the reciprocity conference now in session in Chicago an emphatic protest against any attempt to remove or modify the tariff on timber and products.

Morocco Defies France.

Fez, Morocco, Aug. 16.—The Sultan has declined to accede to the demands of the French minister for the payment of an indemnity and the release of the chief of the Algerian settlement at Gharb, who was arrested in consequence of an indemnity and the release of the Algerian settlement.

Chinese Embassy Attacked.

Frankfort, Aug. 16.—A Tien Tsin dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung says an attempt was made on the life of the Chinese ambassador today as he was passing through the north-west gate of the city to his summer palace. Her assailant was dressed as a soldier and attacked her with a bayonet.

Eight Days Overdue.

New York, Aug. 17.—The British steamer Athos, which sailed from Port Antonio, Jamaica, for this port, on Aug. 2, with a cargo of fruit, is about eight days overdue and insurance agents are beginning to inquire about her.

SEES A PERIL IN OUR TARIFF

Foss of Boston Demands Reciprocity at Once.

CHICAGO CONVENTION OPENS

A Minimum and Maximum Tariff Suggested With the Dominion and Foreign Countries.

Chicago, August 16.—Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, speaking before the National Reciprocity Conference, which opened here today, paid a tribute to Canada's progress and urged that the United States should appreciate the need of tariff revision in the direction of reciprocity.

He favored a maximum and minimum tariff. He said in part: "Let the Chamberlain policy succeed in Great Britain, as it may, and thus complete the circle of hostile tariffs, and the talk that reciprocity is a sectional or an academic issue will cease. 'The peril is that our people will delay action too long; until a general tariff war has begun and ground is lost which may never be retaken. It does not settle the question or remove the danger to say that other nations can afford retaliations less than we.'"

"Such is the peculiar position of the United States, because of our wealth and resources, that we could best afford to institute and would profit most among all nations, by the institution of a flexible customs system. This would imply, of course, as in the case of Canada, a government readily responsive to the needs of the country and the demands of the people. Our statement should be eager, instead of reluctant, to bring our tariff conditions up to date."

"One chief cause of the phenomenal prosperity of the Dominion of Canada in the past decade has been the enlightened course of the government in encouraging the search for new markets and protecting old ones; promptly granting a preference here, as Great Britain, Mexico and South Africa, or giving an unmistakable hint there, as in the surtax upon German imports."

"The Canadian Government is now taking a further progressive step in appointing an expert tariff commission, two of whose three members are the minister of finance, and the minister of customs, to investigate upon scientific lines and devise a complete and persuasive device for new markets and protecting old ones; promptly granting a preference here, as Great Britain, Mexico and South Africa, or giving an unmistakable hint there, as in the surtax upon German imports."

WALTER SCOTT WILL LEAD

Saskatchewan Liberals Arrange for Coming Election Campaign.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Regina, N. W. T., Aug. 16.—The Liberal convention of the new Province of Saskatchewan met here today, and after passing a resolution favoring party government, elected Walter Scott, at 12, to lead them in the forthcoming election. It is understood the platform will strongly coincide with that of the Liberals of Alberta.

NORWAY WANTS IT

368,200 Votes For and but 184 Against Break With Sweden.

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 17.—Complete returns from last Sunday's referendum on the question of the separation of Norway from Sweden, show that 368,200 votes were cast for dissolution and 184 against it. The size of the vote is gratifying to the leaders of the Storthing and has aroused intense interest. At the last general election for members of the Storthing only 236,641 votes were cast.

A SUDDEN DEATH

Dr. George Couese, of Dundas Street, Passed Away Last Night.

Death came suddenly to Dr. George Couese, of 326 Dundas street. His health was apparently good, and he was out of his room yesterday morning, an hour before his demise, when he began to experience pains in the region of his heart. A doctor was sent for, but nothing could be done to save the sufferer and he passed away about 9 o'clock last evening.

Dr. Couese was formerly a resident of Gloucester, but came to live here two years ago. A wife, but no children, survives.

This Looks Warlike.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—The Japanese Government is sending a large number of fresh orders of armor plate and guns. Director Ecouis, of the Krupp firm, is rearranging the contracts with Japanese agents.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Warm.

London, Thursday, Aug. 17. Sun rises, 5:24 a.m. Moon rises, 3:41 p.m. Sun sets, 7:29 p.m. Moon sets, 7:36 a.m.

Toronto, Aug. 16, p.m. Fine weather has been general throughout Canada, except in British Columbia and the western portion of the Maritime Provinces, where showers have occurred. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 38-62; Victoria, 52-62; Kamloops, 54-82; Calgary, 52-88; Edmonton, 48-88; Qu'Appelle, 48-70; Winnipeg, 64-74; Port Arthur, 48-70; Parry Sound, 50-76; Toronto, 54-74; Ottawa, 54-72; Montreal, 57-79; Quebec, 52-60; St. John, 52-62; Halifax, 54-58.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, Aug. 17, 3 a.m. Today—Light to moderate winds; fine and moderately warm. Friday—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; fine, about the same temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	58	35	69	Fair
Winnipeg	64	39	69	Cloudy
Parry Sound	50	40	60	Fair
Toronto	58	40	69	Fair
Ottawa	58	40	69	Fair
Montreal	58	40	69	Fair
Quebec	58	40	69	Fair
Father Point	52	44	64	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

A few local showers or thunderstorms have occurred in the Territories, Manitoba and the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been very fine. More local showers are indicated for the Northwest, and very fine weather over the remainder of Canada.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 75°; lowest, 48.5°.

Iroquois Wins Fourth Race; Weather Suited Americans

The Canadian Challenger Defeated by Small Margin in Light Breeze—Tomorrow's Contest Decisive.

Charlotte, N. Y., Aug. 17.—The American yacht Iroquois won today's race for the Canada's Cup.

Charlotte, Aug. 17.—Today's yacht race for the Canada's cup will be sailed over a windward and leeward course, four miles to a leg, twice around, yesterday's race having been called off for lack of wind. The challenger, Temeraire, has won two races out of the series, and on more victory with the cup for the Canadians. The defender, Iroquois, has one race to her credit.

The weather today is what is described as ideal Iroquois weather. The heavy seas of yesterday have receded and a favorable breeze is blowing from the northwest, with prospects of freshening to possibly seven or eight miles an hour. These are exactly the conditions under which the American won on Saturday, and the Americans express themselves as confident of a victory today. On Monday, however, the Temeraire shifted her boom eight inches forward, giving her that much more spinnaker foot, which it was expected would help her in light airs. Charles Hershoff, the designer of the Iroquois, however, says it cannot increase the Temeraire's performance by more than 30 seconds. The start was made at 11 o'clock, with a time limit of five and a half hours.

The crews of the contesting yachts, after the postponement of yesterday's race, went to work at once to put the boats in the best of condition for today's contest. The Iroquois has changed her heavy weather mainsail into Saturday's light weather. There has been no change in either crew since yesterday. The judges' boat, the Pharamond, at 10:40, went out of the harbor to set the starting line buoy, which during the high sea of yesterday was displaced.

The Temeraire went out to the starting line at 10:15, the Iroquois following a few minutes later. The race was under full sail. The Iroquois sails seem to draw better. The mainsail of the Temeraire was wrinkled near the center of the boom, and the crew was at work ironing it out. The get-ready gun was fired at 10:30. Both the Iroquois and Temeraire were close to the starting line, the defender on the port tack, the challenger on the starboard, Iroquois to windward.

A. I. WALKER GETS GIBBONS MEDAL

Recent University Regulation Entitles Nine Others to Full Matriculation.

Principal Radcliffe, of the Collegiate Institute, announces that Mr. A. I. Walker, son of Mr. Joseph Walker, of Maple street, is the winner of the Alan Gibbons memorial medal, presented annually by George C. Gibbons, K. C., to the student of the Collegiate Institute who has taken the highest stand at the matriculation examination.

There is a new regulation of the University of Toronto which affects the standing of some students who appeared in the list of partial matriculants. It was formerly necessary to pass on all papers bearing on the one subject, but now a student may be grouped under the head of subjects, so that a student who has fallen below the required percentage in one paper may obtain a full matriculation on the group by a good standing in the other papers of this group.

The following students are concerned in this regulation, and are entitled to full matriculation: Herbert Bowes, Edmond Collins, Roscoe Graham, Douglas Marr, J. W. McCallum, Alan MacEwen, Wm. Burgess, Harold Shepherd and Walter G. Wright.

The name of Miss Kathleen Hyslop, who obtained the junior teachers' certificate at the recent examinations at the Collegiate Institute, was omitted from yesterday's list.

LUCAN SCHOLARS' FINE SHOWING

All Matriculation Students Successful—Many Carrying Off Honors.

The results of the departmental examinations held at the Lucan High School last night were most successful. They show that the record made by the school this year is the best in its history, twelve out of the thirteen who wrote on senior leaving having been successful. All the matriculation students were successful, a great many of them receiving honors. The majority of those who wrote will receive a certificate. The results:

HONOR MATRICULATION.

Reginald B. Smith, first class honors in mathematics, third class honors in English, history, Latin; Edna, second class honors in English; Walter Benn, honors in English and mathematics; Ethel Hayes, second class honors in English, history and mathematics; Lee Gordon McAndless, second class honors in English; Minerva Lucan, first class honors in English, history and mathematics; Janet M. Morton, first class honors in mathematics, and English, second class honors in history; Fred H. Downing, second class honors in mathematics, English and history; Ida Tennent, first class honors in English, honors in mathematics and history; Fred H. Downing, second class honors in English and history; Minnie L. Edson, second class honors, French and German.

SENIOR MATRICULATION.

Reginald B. Smith, Ethel Hayes, Walter Benn, Ivan Hayes, Minnie L. Beaton.

Part II.—Irene Davis.

Senior Leaving Part I.—Ivan D. Hayes, Ethel Hayes, Reginald B. Smith, Edna Guest, Walter Benn, Lee G. McAndless, Minerva L. Nell, Janet M. Morton, Alma M. Stanley, Ida Tennent, Fred H. Downing.

Part II.—Reginald B. Smith.

Junior Matriculation.

Rupert, Orin, Wilfred McDougall, Lyall Hodgins, Olive Hodgins, George Easton, Cornelius V. Rowell, Annie Guilfoyle, Mary Fox, Thomas Creighton, Pauline Stanley, Belle Martin, William Ward.

Partial Matriculation.—Lizzie Ryan, Cyril Thomas, Roy Thomas, Florence Nell, Clarence Standish, Kathleen Hodgins, Alex Hodgins, Florence Hodgins, Maria Lewis, Elma Hughes.

Junior Teachers.—Lillie Bell, Dorothy Cooper, George Easton, Edna Horton, Ethel Hodgins, Olive Hodgins, Christina Morton.

SIXTH BATTERY FOR NEW CAMP

Will Go to Petewawa in September.

The semi-centennial committee of the city council will meet tonight to wind up matters connected with the celebration of last week.

The committee was given an appropriation of \$500 by the council, its particular duty being to entertain a number of the mayors and officials of other cities, in addition to this, the committee undertook to defray a portion of the cost of illuminating the downtown section.

All accounts have been received, and when they are paid off it will be found that the committee will still be "in the red," as a balance of nearly \$100 will remain on hand.

SIXTH BATTERY TRAIN PLUNGES INTO THE RIVER

FOR NEW CAMP

Thirty Gun-Layers and Officers Railroad Disaster Reported From West Virginia—Many Lives Lost.

Norfolk, W. Va., Aug. 17.—A report just received here says that an excursion train over the Atlantic Coast Line from Kingston, N. C., bound for Norfolk, shot through an open draw near Bruceton Station in Norfolk County, about 7 miles from Portsmouth, Va., and about 30 miles from Norfolk. The train was bringing some 500 persons from Kingston and intermediate points to Norfolk, for a stay of today and tomorrow. The first report of the wreck is that a draw over the western branch of the Elizabeth River was open for a tug to pass through, and the excursion train engine, with one coach, went overboard into 25 feet of water. Every physician in the city of Portsmouth has been summoned to the scene. Many people are reported killed and injured, but authentic details are yet missing.

The officers, sergeants and gun-layers of the Sixth Field Battery are to form part of the artillery camp which is to be held at Petewawa, near Ottawa, this fall. The London contingent, which will be about 30 strong, will report at the camp on Sept. 20.

Such is the effect of the order just received from the military department at Ottawa by the commanding officer, Major C. B. Mills. When the battery were in camp at Carling's Heights it was believed that they were to be re-presented at the new central artillery camp, which had been notified by the drivers, of course, are not needed at the artillery camp, and only the men in the various batteries who do the actual handling of the guns will accompany their officers. In the London battery, the gunlayers all belong to the city, while the drivers come from the surrounding country.

There is an excellent artillery range at Petewawa, and the London boys have their first target practice under favorable auspices. This is Petewawa's first year, and it promises to be as far ahead of the other camps as Deseronto was imaginable. Lots of room is one of the great qualifications of the new gun range.

It is understood that the London battery will be in camp at Petewawa for four days. They will, of course, take their guns with them. The guns are not behind those of any other corps in Canada, neither are the men, which they will prove if they do as well as when on Carling's heights.