

FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Powers Soon Again to Be Addressed on the Subject.

Roosevelt Won't Be Happy Till He Gets It—Last Winter Every Power Addressed Except Russia Responded Favorably, and the Czar Accepted the Principle Then—So Far the Prospects Seem to Be Bright.

Washington, Sept. 18.—According to a statement made by an official of the State Department yesterday it is practically certain that President Roosevelt will soon address the powers again on the subject of an international peace conference at The Hague. The step may be taken within a week, but it is more likely that nothing will be done until the President returns to Washington and confers with Secretary of State Root regarding the matter.

When Mr. Roosevelt does call the attention of the powers to the matter again, taking up his plan where it ended last winter, when the Russian Government spoiled the chances of a conference by refusing to participate until the war in the east had come to an end, the first step will probably be a circular note to the powers, suggesting that the time is now opportune for a discussion of the subjects which shall come before the conference. When the plans become partly defined, the Government of the Netherlands will issue a call for the conference. Such was the plan outlined last December, and it is not likely that it will be changed to any great extent.

Every power addressed ten months ago by Secretary Hay on the subject responded favorably with the exception of Russia. The St. Petersburg Government, however, accepted the principle of the conference, but said that under the existing circumstances the war was not practicable for Russia to enter into a peace conference. Japan consented to participate, at the same time making a condition that none of the questions of the war then existing be discussed. It is believed here that it will take some weeks for the various powers to reach an understanding as to the subjects to be discussed by the conference and it is not thought probable that the meeting can be convened before some time next year.

There have been many questions brought to prominence by the Russo-Japanese war just ended, and these will undoubtedly be set forth by either Russia or Japan for discussion.

ARMISTICE IN EFFECT.

Pickets and Forces are Moved Back—Red Cross Figures.

Godzuanyu, Manchuria, Sept. 18.—An order by Gen. Linewich putting into effect the stipulations of the armistice arranged by Gens. Ovanovsky and Fukushima, has been published and distributed to the army. The order directs the immediate cessation of hostilities, the retirement of pickets to the neutral zone and the establishment of a post of communication. It forbids all other communications between the armies.

Armies Move Back. Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, Sept. 18.—As a result of the armistice which was effective Saturday the outposts of the main positions on both sides will move back about two-thirds of a mile and hereafter will display white flags.

A representative of the Red Cross administration shows that altogether 80,000 beds and twenty trains were supplied, and \$11,000,000 were expended during the war.

Komura's Condition. New York, Sept. 18.—The following bulletin was issued yesterday on the condition of Baron Komura, the Japanese envoy, who has been ill in this city for some time: "The condition of Baron Komura continues favorable in every respect and a prompt convalescence is expected by his physicians."

A SUCCESSFUL RAID.

Dutch Worst in Eastern Seas—The Germans Win Battle.

The Hague, Sept. 17.—An official despatch reports a successful raid made by the pretender, Sonnebat, of the Timor Archipelago, who recently invaded Dutch territory, killed 32 persons and carried off 82 captives.

More Fighting. Berlin, Sept. 18.—An official despatch from Harushas, German Southwest Africa, says: "Major Kellers column of colonial troops engaged the insurgent Hottentots westward of here September 13. After five hours' fighting the natives gave way, leaving 20 dead. Two Germans were killed and 12, including Major Laereker, were wounded."

U. S. General in India. Washington, Sept. 18.—Major Gen. Arthur MacArthur, who has been the senior United States military attaché with the Japanese army, will not return immediately to this country, but has received orders to travel to India for the purpose of inspecting the British military forces in that country.

Falls Overboard and Drowned. Chatham, Sept. 18.—Bert Richmond, a fireman on board the steamer City of Chatham, is thought to have fallen overboard when the boat was docked at Detroit Saturday night, and drowned. He was about 25 years of age and his home was in Dover.

Jammed Fingers in Vice. Belleville, Sept. 18.—The 7-year-old son of Sam Hibbard was playing with some other children with a vice Saturday morning, and in some way got the fingers of one of his hands so badly jammed that one of them had to be amputated.

Sir Gilbert's Lecture. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Sir Gilbert Parker addressed the Canadian Club on Saturday on "Canada 20 Years After." Dr. Courtenay presided, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the guest of honor.

Yellow Fever Bulletin. New Orleans, Sept. 18.—The yellow fever report to 6 p. m. yesterday: New cases 24, total to date 2,573, deaths 2, total to date 285. Cases under treatment 228, cases discharged 1,918.

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SCALDS IN THRESHING ENGINE.

Crawled into Firebox to Make Repairs and Was Caught.

London, Sept. 18.—James Hood of London Township, when trying to make some repairs on his threshing engine Friday afternoon, was fatally scalded. He attempted to stop a leak in a pipe shortly after he had raked the fire and shut down steam. Crawling into the fire-box to do so, the first tap on the pipe caused the remaining steam and hot water to fill the fire box and Hood was terribly scalded. He was pulled out with much difficulty and brought to the Victoria Hospital, where he died yesterday afternoon.

O. J. C. FALL RACES.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—The first day of the O. J. C. autumn races—Saturday—saw cloudy weather, with a fast track. The record:

First race, 8-4 mile, any age—1. Merry England; 2. LaLonde; 3. Light Brigade. Time, 1:12 1-2.

Second race, 5-8 mile, 2-year-olds—1. Miss Anxious; 2. Away; 3. St. Joseph. Time, 1:00 1-2.

Third race, 1-16 miles, 3-year-olds and over—1. Our Bessie; 2. Arrah Jowan; 3. Crestfallen. Time, 1:46 3-4.

Fourth race, 1-4 miles, 3-year-olds and over—1. Sir Ralph; 2. Wire In; 3. Gay Minister. Time, 2 mins.

Fifth race, 13-4 miles, 3-year-olds and over—1. Butler Laddie; 2. Ben Crockett; 3. Frank Somers. Time, 3:22 3-4.

Sixth race, 3-4 mile, 3-year-olds and over—1. Chateleine; 2. Albert; 3. Miss Morgan. Time, 1:13 3-4.

Seventh race, 3-4 mile, 3-year-olds and over—1. Blumenthal; 2. Bonnie Reg; 3. Sand. Time, 1:13 3-4.

PEACHES

Persons desiring peaches fresh from the tree of that finest of all peaches, the Crosby, or of the most noted peach in the world, the Elberta, can have their wants supplied either by my agent, C. D. Williamson, or personally by myself at any time after the 18th of September. Every basket guaranteed to be honestly packed.

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WARD-HEELING, WIRE-PULLING CHARACTERIZE OUR SCHOOL

Such is the Serious Expose and Character of the City School Board—Newspaper Proprietors and Editors Check by an "Influence They Won't Touch"—Messrs. Robertson and Paxton are Criminally Liable to Heavy Fines—Transact Business Without Manipulating the Merits—Could Not be Elected by Citizens at Large—Such are Mayor's Charges.

The Public School Board—and incidentally the proprietors and editors of the local newspapers—have a grand opportunity to-day to "see ourselves as others see us," or, at least, as some others see us; for Mayor Cowan held up the looking glass with considerable energy at last night's City Council meeting, and the reflections his worship found therein were not particularly complimentary.

It is seldom that a public body receives a more drastic or terrible arraignment than that which was handed out to the School Board. They were plainly told that their institutions and proceedings were permeated with graft, and wire-pulling and ward-heeling. They were assured that it seemed "almost impossible for these men to do things on their merits" and told that they "couldn't be elected by the reputable people of the city at large." An impersonal exception was made to "a few of them," but three at least were singled out for special serious attention. Trustees Wm. Robertson and Richard M. Paxton were definitely accused of graft and informed that they were criminally liable to disqualification and heavy fines—and a third, unnamed, was instanced as supplying the "influence" that the editors and proprietors of our city papers don't come up against.

More than that, the Mayor intimated that a very similar state of affairs must exist in the Collegiate Institute Board, as he said, Rev. Dr. Battisby—a member thereof—had called him up to congratulate him upon his determination to do away with it and said, "If you knew the facts of the workings of this Board as I know them, you would never stay your hand till its extermination was accomplished." The charges arose during the discussion of Ald. Austin's motion to abolish the C. I. and P. S. Boards and form a Board of Education in Chatham. His worship read the report of the last meeting of the School Board from The Planet and the criticisms of some of his statements and figures made by the trustees.

"Now," said the Mayor, "I have taken pains to verify my figures as to their expenditures of this Board from their own figures. I find them as follows:—

Central School, \$6,000.00

Heating plant, 5,500.00

Fitting up additions, new lavatories, floors and walks and fitting up two new rooms now occupied, 2,500.00

Repairs, 500.00

\$14,500.00

McKeough School, \$84,000.00

Heating plant, \$84,000.00

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