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THE PEACE OF PORTSMOUTH
HAS PASSED INTO HISTORY

For the Sake of Concord Japan Yielded All Points in Final
Dispute—Russia Would Not Budge an Inch—Treaty
Will Be Drawn for a "Just and Lasting" Peace.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 29.—Two long and bloody wars between Japan and Russia are ended. The terms of peace were settled by Mr. Witte and Baron Komura at the session of the conference this morning, and this afternoon preliminary arrangements for an armistice were concluded and the actual work of framing the "Treaty of Portsmouth" was by mutual agreement turned over to Mr. DeLafayette, the great Russian international lawyer, and Mr. Dennison, who for twenty-five years has acted as the legal adviser of the Japanese foreign office.

The treaty is expected to be completed by the end of the week. This happy conclusion of the conference which a week ago would have been shipwrecked had it not been for the humane intervention of President Roosevelt was sudden and dramatic. For the sake of peace Japan, with the magnanimity of a victor, at the last moment yielded everything still in issue. Russia refused to budge from the ultimatum Emperor Nicholas had given to President Roosevelt through Ambassador Meyer. No indemnity under any guise but immense Japan for the maintenance of the Russian prisoners were his last words, which had been repeatedly reiterated, in Mr. Witte's instructions. In the form of a written reply to the Japanese compromise proposal of last Wednesday afternoon were delivered to Baron Komura this morning.

Mr. Witte went to the conference declaring he was powerless to change the dot of an "s" or the cross of an "i" in his instructions. Emperor Nicholas' word had been given not only to him but to President Roosevelt the head of a foreign state. When Baron Komura therefore first offered the new basis of compromise outlined in the Associated Press despatch of last night the complete renunciation of indemnity, coupled with a proposition for the redemption of Sakhalin at a price to be fixed by a mixed tribunal consisting of representatives of the neutral powers—in fact if not in words the solution offered by President Roosevelt—Mr. Witte again returned a non-possimus. It was what Mr. Witte termed in his interview with the Associated Press the "psychological moment." Mr. Witte did not flinch. He expected a rupture and as he expressed it afterwards, he was stunned by what happened.

Baron Komura gave way on all the disputed points. With the understanding that the Japanese to grasp the mental processes of their adversary in the field of battle and upon the ocean had realized in advance that peace could be obtained in no other way. They had warned their government. President Roosevelt had also it is believed, advised Japan that it was better to meet the Russian position than to take the responsibility of continuing the war for the purpose of collecting tribute.

The Mikado at the session of the cabinet and other statements yesterday had sanctioned the final conclusion. When Baron Komura yielded, the rest was mere child's play. Articles 10 and 11 (interwarships and the limitation of Russia's sea power in the far east) were withdrawn. Japan agreed that only that portion of the Chinese Eastern Railroad south of Changhai, the position occupied by China, should be ceded to Japan.

Both sides, once the deadlock was broken, wanted a "just and lasting" peace and in that spirit it was decided to practically neutralize Sakhalin, each country binding itself not to fortify the half of the island, and Japan assuming an obligation not to fortify the LaPerouse Strait between Sakhalin and Hokkaido, which would have Russia's commercial route to the Pacific.

The plenipotentiaries went further. They decided to add a new clause in the nature of a broad provision for mutual commercial privileges by which each

country will secure for the other the benefit of the "most favored nation" clause and the "open door."

The new treaty will therefore be a wonderfully friendly document of a character almost to raise the suspicion that the two countries have not only negotiated peace but have concluded the basis of a future alliance. There is, however, no evidence as to whether any secret clause are to be appended to the present treaty.

Before leaving the conference plenipotentiaries were exchanged with the president at Oyster Bay. Both Baron Komura and Mr. Witte telegraphed. The former congratulated himself on attaining Mr. Roosevelt's feet. In his message he said: "History will ascribe to you the glory for the peace of Portsmouth," and adding the expression of Russia's hearty appreciation of the president's "generous initiative."

The Russian declared that diplomatically the Japanese made their colossal effort when they agreed to consider the conditions agreed. The Japanese correspondents plainly showed their dissatisfaction with the terms during the afternoon. One gave the true note when he said: "Tell me that the Mikado has approved it and I shall be satisfied."

In that sentence was compressed the Spartan heroism of the Japanese nation, and when later Mr. Sato issued the official explanation of the reasons that moved the Japanese to accept the peace, it showed the Mikado had approved, there was a perceptible change in the feeling of the Japanese. Considerable disappointment, however, continued to be manifested.

Despite the fact that neither of the Japanese plenipotentiaries would talk for publication, however, the Associated Press can present their line of reasoning in the words of a word.

"The Russians may indulge in boasting now. They may call it a diplomatic victory, but we are confident that upon calm consideration the world will applaud our course. To yield upon the question of our demand for the expenses of the war was the only road to peace. We had attained the object of the war. We had established our predominant position in Korea, we had obtained the lease to Port Arthur and the adjacent territory, we had secured the Chinese Eastern Railroad, and the evacuation of Manchuria. We had even obtained important rights along the Russian littoral. These covered the objects of the war which we have kept steadily in view for almost months of bloody war. These objects insured the resumption of progress and civilization in our part of the world. To have now set ourselves a new object—that of obtaining a new object—to defray the expense of the war—would have involved a continuation of the sacrifice of blood and treasure, at the end of what? We could not go to Moscow or St. Petersburg. The internal conditions in Russia had to be considered. Our very success might have created conditions which would make it impossible to secure indemnity. Besides, the final analysis there was the recognition of the fact that to obtain indemnity a country must hold the other by the throat. That is the lesson of history. We recognized such a purpose that our people might return to the normal life of the world might proceed."

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