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RUSSIANS FOUGHT REARGUARD ACTION

NO DETAILS OF RECENT OPERATIONS RECEIVED

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It is probable that the Russian advanced lines are crossing the railroad and will continue their retirement, more or less hurriedly, in order to avoid being flanked and pocketed until the positions at Siphung are reached. The main line between Manchuria and Siphung is in the hands of the Japanese, but it is not yet in collision.

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WATCHING AMERICANS.

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LAMSDORFF'S ILLNESS DELAYS NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—It is learned through official sources that owing to the illness of Count Lamsdorff, the Russian foreign minister, there has been a slight check to the negotiations between Russia and Japan. It is specifically learned, however, that this does not imply that there has been any hitch, but simply that the negotiations have unavoidably been delayed for the reason given.

DISCUSSION OF AN ARMISTICE DELAYED.

St. Petersburg, June 23.—2 p.m.—There is not likely to be any further move in the direction of an armistice until the plenipotentiaries are appointed, and the time of their meeting is definitely fixed. The Japanese were unwilling to discuss any new issue until those two questions are settled. This does not necessarily mean that all hope of arranging a suspension of hostilities before the meeting has disappeared, but as an indication of Japanese mood it impresses the desirability to which they could be induced to relinquish temporarily the strategic advantages which the existing situation affords. In this regard the Japanese are not yet in a position to discuss any new issue, and it is actually in the process of delivering a blow when Japan could easily plead that it was too late.

The delay in settling the matter of the plenipotentiaries is therefore all the more deplored by those desiring to avoid further bloodshed. Both countries seem to be perfectly willing to name negotiators, but each evidently desires the other to show its hand first.

On account of Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's illness, United States Ambassador Belmont was unable to have a personal interview with him either yesterday or today but it is believed that communication from Washington are passing in the hands of the acting minister, Count Lamsdorff has had a touch of fever, and his physician again to-day forbade him to leave his room, but promised to allow the minister to go out to-morrow.

Count Lamsdorff's illness naturally has created gossip to the effect that he is about to retire and that Muraviev, Russian ambassador to Rome, and M. D. Izyaslavski, minister at Constantinople, are named as his probable successors, but as yet there is no evidence that the rumors have more foundation than those of a similar character which preceded them.

There is strong reason for saying that the Russian plenipotentiaries will include a military man of high rank, though as yet there is no clue to his identity, except that it will not be Gen. Kouropatkin. The downfall of Admiral Alexieff and the suppression of the Far Eastern committee materially increases the likelihood that M. White will also represent Russia, since he is an inveterate enemy of "war cabinets," which now seems definitely to have fallen under imperial disfavour.

INDIAN LAND REFUSED.

W. J. Penderay Cannot Obtain a Lease of Any of Songhees Reserve for Works.

A special dispatch from Ottawa to the Times gives the information that the site on the foreshore of the Indian reserve which W. J. Penderay had in view for his soap and paint works, is not available owing to the refusal of the Indians to comply with the request for the necessary land.

COLLISION ON C. P. R.

Winnipeg, June 20.—The fast west-bound express of the Canadian Pacific and an east-bound stock-train collided head on at 5 o'clock this morning, 20 miles west of Kenora (Bat Portage), resulting in a bad smash-up of rolling stock. Engineer Perry, of the express, and P. Stacey, express messenger, both of Winnipeg, were killed. Bertram Watt, fireman, is seriously injured. Sam Bird, engineer of the stock train, and B. P. Pegg, mail clerk, were also injured. Four cars of stock were overturned. Railway officials state that no passengers were killed or injured. The express, which was due here at 9 o'clock to-night, will not arrive until 7 o'clock to-morrow.

HEAVY RAINFALL.

New York, June 23.—Following hours of great heat and humidity, a storm broke with intense violence, and more than one-half an inch of rain fell in thirteen minutes. The electrical display continued intermittently over a wide territory for hours.

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Mrs. Rogers, whose reprieve by the governor expires to-morrow, will not be executed. Later Judge Wheeler announced to the attorneys his readiness to grant the appeal, but stated that he would not sign the necessary papers until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This arrangement was made so Governor Bell might have an opportunity again to reprieve Mrs. Rogers. The court also announced in connection with the statement regarding the reprieve that the governor did not grant a further reprieve the court would issue an order returning Mrs. Rogers to the custody of the United States marshal pending a decision on the appeal. The attorney said that this meant that Mrs. Rogers would not hang to-morrow under any circumstances. This afternoon Governor Bell signed a reprieve for Mrs. Mary Rogers, the Bennington murderess, until December 31, 1905.

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