

# WASHINGTON THE MEETING PLACE

## WHERE PEACE TERMS WILL BE DISCUSSED

### Japan is Urged To Be Moderate In Her Demand for Indemnity from Russia.

Saigon, June 14.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Kuban, anchored off Cape St. James, near here, this morning, and the governor ordered her to depart immediately, and dispatched a French warship to enforce the neutrality of these waters.

Twenty-eight of the colliers which supplied the Russian fleet with coal have left Saigon, and thirty more of them are preparing to sail.

The British steamer Carlisle, which is understood to have on board war munitions intended for the Russians, has been detained here under surveillance.

### CONSIDER PROSPECT OF PEACE REMOTE.

Pekin, June 14.—In German and other circles here the prospects of peace between Japan and Russia are considered remote. It is supposed that Japan intends to inflict a final and crushing blow upon the Russian army of Manchuria before entertaining any proposition for peace.

### RUSSIAN HOSPITAL SHIP RELEASED.

Nagasaki, June 14.—The Russian hospital ship Kostroma, which was captured during the battle of the Sea of Japan, was released today, and she sailed for Shanghai.

The hospital ship Orei, which was captured at the same time, will be taken before the naval prize court at Saesoo for trial.

### IS RUSSIAN REPLY SATISFACTORY TO JAPS?

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Russia's formal response to President Roosevelt's appeal to the Far Eastern belligerents for a cessation of hostilities has been commended to the Tokio government by the President. The note written by Count Lamsdorf by direction of Emperor Nicholas and handed by the minister of foreign affairs to Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg, was placed in turn in the hands of Minister Takahira by the President and transmitted by Mr. Takahira to Tokio. The President is in hourly expectation that a response may be received from the Japanese government.

Doubt is expressed in some quarters whether the Russian response is satisfactory to the Tokio government, which is wary of Russia and has indicated its intention of not sacrificing its dearly bought victories at arms for the sake of diplomacy which is now being waged.

Minister Takahira is inclined to look askance at that part of the Russian note which reads: "As to an eventual meeting of Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries charged with ascertaining how far it would be possible for the two powers to elaborate conditions of peace, the imperial government would have no objection in principle of such an attempt, if the Japanese government expressed a desire therefor."

Japan has indicated plainly that if there is a conference between its plenipotentiaries and those of Russia, it must be held with a definite understanding that a sincere effort to reach a permanent peace agreement is to be made.

An American official thus expressed in a few words Japan's position: "If Russia is sincere in her desire for peace, peace can be arranged; if not, Japan is ready to go on with the war."

No suggestion of a serious lull in the peace negotiations is made at this moment. Such inquiries as are possible to make at present have elicited assurances that the situation is favorable for an amicable arrangement of the peace conference. The negotiations now have to do with the selection of a location for the conference and the number of the plenipotentiaries. These details may be adjusted satisfactorily soon, although it is pointed out that the negotiations may be prolonged for several days. Assurance is given at the White House that as soon as the arrangements have been completed a formal announcement of their purport will be published to the world.

### NO INDICATION OF HITCH IN NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, called at the White House at 11:30 a.m. today for a conference, and was received by the President in the blue room.

The ambassador remained in conference with the President for fifty minutes. At its conclusion Count Cassini declined to discuss the nature of the conference, but said that the preliminaries of a hitch in the peace negotiations had been reached, as to the place or time of holding the peace conference.

### GOVERNMENT URGED TO TAKE ACTION.

London, June 12.—4.40 p.m.—A considerable stir has been created in shipping circles as a result of the sinking of the British steamer St. Kilda. The foreign office has been bombarded with telegrams from the owners of the ship and urging that action in the matter be taken.

The foreign office is awaiting details, but in the meantime has drawn the attention of the Russian government to the matter. The Russians are expected to claim that the St. Kilda was carrying

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contraband, and that they were unable to take her to a Russian port.

### SINKING OF BRITISH STEAMER ST. KILDA.

Singapore, June 14.—According to statements made by those of the crew of the St. Kilda, who were landed here by a tug, a crew was sent on board the St. Kilda on June 4th, and the steamer followed by the Dnieper until next morning. Land was then fixed a torpedo to the stern of the St. Kilda and deserted her. The torpedo failed to sink the steamer, so the Dnieper opened fire on her. A dozen shots were fired by the cruiser before the St. Kilda sank.

Washington, June 14.—Gradually the negotiations for peace in the Far East are nearing a focus. The one point which the energies of those directly concerned in them are being directed is the choice of a place for holding the conference of plenipotentiaries of the belligerent powers. It is known officially that three cities are now under consideration by Russia and Japan. These cities named in the order of likelihood of their final selection are Washington, The Hague and Geneva.

Thus far no decision has been reached. Paris and London have been eliminated from the question. It is understood that the Russian government has preference for some European capital. After objecting to the holding of the conference in Paris, the Japanese government expressed a willingness to consider other places offering adequate facilities, although it is assured that Japan's preference would be some Far Eastern city, practically within the theatre of war.

### RUSSIANS RESUMED THEIR POSITIONS.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—In a dispatch dated yesterday, Gen. Linvitch says the Russians after a fight on June 11th occupied the villages of Syfongtoy, Hillipon and Chakhsat. The Japanese detachment on the Mandarin road has retired south to Minhuague and the Russian advance posts have resumed their position at Yandilline pass, on the Minhuague road.

### RAIN DOES NOT STOP MILITARY OPERATIONS.

London, June 15.—The Japanese correspondence in the Daily Telegraph at Meiji, Japan, says: "The rainy season has started in Manchuria, and the mud in the roads is knee deep, but this will not interfere with military operations. Heavy rain, which will be expected within a few days."

### THE REPLY FROM RUSSIA SATISFACTORY.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—6.42 p. m.—The words in the last line of the Russian note, commencing "As to an eventual meeting of Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries," the Associated Press was informed that the conditional clause applies to the communication. If Japan has decided to agree to a meeting to which Japan had already consented.

### ADVISE JAPAN TO BE MODERATE IN DEMANDS.

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### ARMISTICE MUST BE SOON ARRANGED.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—1.20 a. m.—Every foreign minister and ambassador now in St. Petersburg attended a reception given by Foreign Minister Lamsdorf yesterday afternoon. Several diplomats who displayed unnecessary nervousness earlier in the day over the concluding terms of the foreign office communication in the Gazette, saying that "the imperial government has no objection in principle to the meeting of the plenipotentiaries," by President Roosevelt if the Japanese express a desire therefor, therefore were assured after talking with the foreign minister and learning that the communication did not reproduce the exact text of the note.

### KILLED THE SNAKES.

Honolulu, June 7.—The steamship Albatross had a bite of snakes, some of them rattlesnakes, on her last trip for exhibition in a local zoo. Efforts were at once made to prevent them being landed as there are no snakes in the island and it has been a policy of long standing to keep them out. Snakes from the zoo were killed. The reptiles were all killed before they got through the customs by Collector Stackable.

### BE SELECTED SHORTLY.

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should not be acceptable to Japan, Russia is disposed to the selection of The Hague.

The principal objection to Manchuria is the probable time necessary to get the plenipotentiaries to the scene. It is understood that the task of the plenipotentiaries will be the conclusion of a limited armistice. This must come soon in order to avoid a general engagement, which reports from the front indicate that Field Marshal Oyama is already launching.

### DECISION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

Paris, June 14.—The highest Russian authorities say, concerning the Tokio dispatch saying that Minister Takahira had represented that M. Nelidoff would probably be the Russian plenipotentiary, that no such appointment has as yet been communicated here.

The view prevails in Russian diplomatic quarters that the place of meeting will not be in the Far East, as that would be fraught with difficulties of communication, and they are inclined to believe that some European point will be selected. The apparent inclination being toward The Hague or any other neutral point. Naturally, if some European point is chosen, M. Nelidoff is considered likely to be the representative of Russia.

Baron Rosen's instructions remain unchanged. He will proceed to the United States on June 28th.

It now appears possible that the question of an armistice may be arranged at or near the seat of war, and it is possible that Pekin may be the place selected for taking up this subject. In any case the negotiations relative to an armistice and the point for the meeting of the plenipotentiaries have reached a stage where a final decision is considered imminent.

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### MUNICIPAL VERSUS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—The official announcement is made that Washington has been selected for the location of the peace conference. The announcement came in the form of an official statement issued by Secretary Loeb by direction of the President. The statement follows: "When the two governments were unable to agree upon either Chfoo or Paris, the President suggested The Hague, but both governments have now requested that Washington be chosen as the place of meeting, and the President has accordingly formally notified both governments that Washington will be selected."

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### IMPRISONMENT AND FINE.

Seattle, June 14.—F. M. Barrett and F. Bone, wealthy business men of Wenatchee, Wednesday pleaded guilty in the federal court to conspiracy to defraud the government by inducing Italians to take out timber claims near Kallispell, Montana, and were sentenced to one year in the United States penitentiary and payment of a fine of \$1,000 and the costs of the action.

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