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RUSSIA REJECTS PEACE OVERTURES

Unofficial Offer of Japan's Turned Down--Lansdowne's Speech Thought to Be Precursor of Intervention by Britain, United States, and Possibly France--Stoesel Reported to Have Asked an Armistice.

London, Nov. 10, 5.45 p. m.--Japan unofficially has made representations to Russia looking to peace. This action has resulted in failure and such intimations, even privately are not likely to be renewed.

Although the suggestion of a pacific settlement was made unofficially, it actually had behind it all the weight of an offer by the Japanese government. It was made direct to Russia. No power acted as an intermediary.

The proposition was put forward tentatively and unofficially so that the Japanese government would be in a position to deny any report that it was suing for peace. The failure of these direct negotiations, however, resulted in bringing intervention within a measurable distance. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne's plea for arbitration at the Guild Hall banquet taken here to be a pointed suggestion to the United States and France that the time is approaching when the powers must take some action. It can be definitely stated that Lord Lansdowne made his speech with full knowledge that Japan would not openly propose mediation for peace from three powers--the United States, France and Great Britain.

There is a definite impression here that the initiative will come from President Roosevelt, though the action may be joint. It is mooted that Lord Lansdowne only spoke so openly yesterday evening because he had good reason to know that Mr. Roosevelt, if elected, contemplated making an effort to bring the belligerents to discuss the terms of peace.

Lord Lansdowne's remarks are held by those in high confidence to mean that whatever the United States may do in the matter Great Britain will participate.

Stoesel Asks for Armistice? Tokio, Nov. 10, 10.45 a. m.--It is reported that General Stoesel, commanding at Port Arthur, has asked the Japanese for an armistice, the purpose of which is not stated. A confirmation of the reports is undeniably true. It is hoped here that General Stoesel will capitulate before the city proper is taken. The Japanese soldiers are angry and inflamed on account of the alleged abuse of their wounded by the Russians. They believe they will be murdered if captured. Under these conditions it will possibly be difficult to avoid a massacre when the troops meet in the final combat.

Japs and Russians at Horse Play. Himeka (ten miles south of Mukden), Nov. 10.--The weather today was warmer with slight rain. Along the eighty miles constituting the front of the Russian army everything was quiet, except for occasional skirmishes and artillery duels on the centre and left, where gunners fire occasionally for the sake of practice, so as to have the range should the Japanese take the offensive. Sometimes outposts indulged in fusillades. When the Japanese joyfully display a white disk, indicating a miss, the Russian riflemen reply by raising a shirt on a bayonet.

The Japanese are industriously continuing work under the cover of darkness, digging immense trenches into which they expect to direct the water of the Shaku river.

Jap Advance Repulsed. Mukden, Nov. 10.--The Japanese today assumed the offensive on the left bank of the Hun river and occupied three villages. The Russians, however, attacked, drove them out and again established their original lines of defence. Vice-Admiral Skrydloff arrived here today.

Russians Repulsed With Heavy Loss. London, Nov. 11.--The Daily Telegraph's correspondent with General Oku cables under date of Nov. 9: "The Russians made several determined attacks upon Lamutung and Sushinpo, but were repulsed with heavy losses. The artillery laid the villages in ruins."

Nogi Reports Destructive Bombardment. Tokio, Nov. 10, 8.30 p. m.--A report from General Nogi's headquarters before Port Arthur, dated Nov. 9, says: "The enemy's military warehouse situated in the northern part of Port Arthur, was bombarded Nov. 6 with heavy siege and naval guns. The bombardment caused a conflagration. On the afternoon of Nov. 6 the magazine of an old battery on Sangchow mountain was exploded by our shells."

Japs Explode Russian Mine. The Foo, Nov. 10, noon--Eleven Mountain, according to Chinese, 120 of whom arrived here today from Port Arthur, is proving a costly obstacle to the Japanese. On the morning of Nov. 9, 5 and 6 fired assaults on the position which were repulsed by the Japanese who were repulsed. During the second assault a shell striking over the crater hills from Pakchang, dropped on the mountain and demolished a tunnel mine controlling the station and exploded other mines.

The Russians were holding the trenches on the boundary of the mined section six or seven hundred were killed. The Japanese not having reached the place, were unhurt. Else mountain owes the best part of its strength to the peculiar topography of the surrounding country which prevents a direct artillery fire and does not enable the Japanese to advance trenches with the success evident elsewhere. The Japanese advanced on it both instances from behind distant hills with the fullest force the ground would allow, but in the long distance which they were compelled to traverse, in the fire of machine guns their ranks were melted. Both times the Japanese broke the wire entanglements in places. One soldier with a leg torn off was seen trying to bite the wire.

Russia Will Brook No Mediation. Washington, Nov. 10.--Emphatically but with all courtesy, Russia through her ambassador abroad, has several times informed the neutral powers that she will brook no mediation at this time in her war with Japan. It can be announced that Russia expects her wishes will be respected by all the powers to which she has communicated her views.

Count Casini, the Russian ambassador, said tonight to a correspondent of the Associated Press, "I can announce that I have very good reason to believe that my government's emphatic opposition to any mediation at this time will be respected and observed by all neutral powers."

Of the suggestion made in Great Britain that the United States take the lead in a more for intervention, the ambassador hesitated to repeat what he has announced so many times that he has positive assurances ready to offer his services, has not the slightest intention to take a step toward mediation unless induced by both belligerents. The Russian government is fully aware of the views of this government on the subject and it is deemed unnecessary the Russian embassy here again to announce that it is confident the attitude will be strictly adhered to.

Alexieff Home Again. St. Petersburg, Nov. 10.--Victor Alexieff arrived in St. Petersburg tonight.

Tokio-Seoul Railway Completed. Tokio, Nov. 10.--It is officially announced that the Seoul-Pusan Railroad was completed today. Traffic will begin on December 1. The time between Tokio and Seoul will then be fifty hours.

King Edward's Birthday Celebrated by Japs. General Oku's Headquarters, Nov. 10, 4 p. m., via Fusan, Nov. 11.--A spirited Russian attack on an advance post last Tuesday night was repulsed after a half hour of musketry fire. The scouting of positions is progressing. The birthday of King Edward was celebrated by the military attaches yesterday. The camp was en fête through the hospitality of General Oku. Prince Nashimoto, Field Marshal Oyama and the correspondents participated in the celebration which was succeeded by dances and wrestling matches. Colonel Tsuchi received the congratulations in behalf of the British.

UNFOUNDED RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES. Story That R. W. Scott Retire in Favor of Belcourt is Discredited -- Fitzpatrick Could Have Blair's Old Job if He Wanted It.

Ottawa, Nov. 10.--(Special)--There is considerable talk about changes in the cabinet, but there is no good foundation for these reports. The story that Hon. R. W. Scott is to retire and that Mr. Belcourt is to take his place is not correct. Every now and again Mr. Scott is being retired in the newspapers but that is all there is in it.

Sinnald Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick desire to retire and accept the chairmanship of the railway commission in place of Mr. Blair, who resigned, there is no doubt he would get the position. But this is not even talked of in official circles.

It is also said that Mr. Aylesworth, who would naturally succeed Mr. Fitzpatrick is not very anxious for a department for some time yet.

KING'S MESSAGE TO NEWFOUNDLAND Will Make Every Effort to Settle French Shore Question.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 10.--Governor Sir William MacGregor, at the King's birthday banquet here last night, conveyed a personal message from King Edward to the people of Newfoundland assuring them that it would be his earnest endeavor to promote a settlement of the French shore question and to relieve them of the difficulties arising from French occupation of the west coast.

QUARREL RESULTS IN DOUBLE SUICIDE. New York, Nov. 10.--Mrs. Katherine Green, indignant because her husband, George Green, reproved her for taking a walk with another man, shot herself through the heart. Overcome with horror, the husband picked up the same revolver and shot himself. The tragedy was not discovered until late today, when Green's employer sent to inquire why he had not come to work.

RUSHING FOOD AND AMMUNITION TO OYAMA'S ARMY



WOULD WELCOME ARBITRATION

Lord Strathcona Favors a Treaty Between Britain and United States AGAINST RECIPROCITY

Bonar Law Says That It Would Weaken the Ties Between Canada and Mother Country--Dominion Invoice Forms Vexatious.

IMPORTANT CASES BEFORE SUPREME COURT

CUSHING SULPHITE FIBRE COMPANY APPEAL GOES OVER TO NEXT TERM York County Young Conservatives Form a Club--M. P. A. A. Officials Hear Grievances of Athletes--News of the Capital.

Fredericton, Nov. 10.--(Special)--Before the Supreme Court this morning the Royal Bank of Canada vs. Hale was concluded. Court consisted of Messrs. Macneil, McKinnon and McLaughlin. Carriage Co. v. Teed supports demurrer to third count of the declaration. L. A. Curry in 1903; Court decided judgment for defendant on the third count, plaintiff to have leave to amend upon payment of costs within 20 days after taxation.

HAYS BACK FROM ENGLAND IN HIGH FEATHER

G. T. P. President Says Nothing Now Is in the Way of Rushing Road to Completion.

Montreal, Nov. 10.--(Special)--Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, returned to Montreal today from England, where he was on a financial mission in connection with the transcontinental project. As the result of the visit he said he was able to say as soon as the weather permits next spring the work of actual construction will begin westward from Lake Superior and will be pushed forward simultaneously from various points between there and the Pacific coast.

Mr. Hays would not make a prophecy as to when the road would be open for business but he said that the wheat field would be tapped as soon as men and money could complete the task of building the railroad.

Mr. Hays was greatly pleased with the return of the Laurier administration which he says assures the execution of the Grand Trunk Pacific plans. There will now, he says, be no difficulty in getting all the capital required for the building and equipping of the railway.

MORE STEALING FROM I. C. R. SHEDS NINETEEN FLASKS LIQUOR STOLEN TUESDAY

Moncton Police Think the Old Gang is at Work--Death of David Watson, the Well Known Commercial Traveller -- News of the Railway Town.

Moncton, Nov. 10.--The startling developments in connection with the arrest and prosecution of Herbert Leaman, charged with stealing goods from the I. C. R. transfer shed here, it seems have not put a stop to the stealing of I. C. R. freight in transit in the Moncton yard.

As late as Tuesday last some nineteen flasks of liquor were stolen from a consignment of liquor and the I. C. R. police believe the theft was committed here. A search warrant was taken out by Inspector Skeffington yesterday and the house of a suspected I. C. R. employe searched for the missing liquor. Nothing upon which to base a charge, however, was found and so far as can be ascertained the police are completely in the dark as to where the liquor disappeared to.

This latest theft from I. C. R. cars has revived the talk about the Leaman case and the statements said to have been made by Leaman to the effect that other I. C. R. employes were concerned in the misappropriation of I. C. R. property.

An Albert county man who had a grievance against some of the prominent Conservative leaders, a resolution expressing regret at his defeat in Halifax and expressing the hope that the party and country may still have his services in parliament.

Among the recent I. C. R. changes and promotions is the promotion of A. B. McHabbe from master mechanic in the erecting shop to foreman over the I. C. R. car shop as well.

The jurisdiction of N. L. Rand, master mechanic, has been extended to Campbellton.

Moncton friends have received word of the death in Toronto of David Watson, the former well-known drug traveler for Kerry Watson & Co., Montreal, in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Watson was one of the most popular and best known travelers in the provinces. For the past few years he has been living in Montreal, and recently took up his residence in Toronto. Heart failure was the cause of death. Deceased leaves a widow and one child. Mrs. Watson is the daughter of Dr. Norfolk, formerly of this city.

John Fraser, of the I. C. R., left yesterday on a holiday trip to New York.

Hon. O. J. Le Blanc, M. P. for Kent, is in the city today.

The I. C. R. clerks are receiving their pay for October today. The trainmen were paid yesterday and the shop men will be paid tomorrow.

FATAL FIRES IN NEW YORK CITY

Three Persons Dead and Many Injured in Series of Blazes FIFTY HOMELESS

In Nearly Every Case Tenement Houses Occupied by Many Families--Incendiarism Suspected--False Alarm Causes Injury to 12 Girls in Factory.

New York, Nov. 10.--Three persons lost their lives, twenty were injured, nearly a hundred were overcome by smoke and an equal number are temporarily homeless as a result of a series of fires in various parts of the greater city today.

In nearly every case the fires were in tenement houses occupied by a large number of families and at least two of them are thought to have been started by incendiaries. Life nets, escaping ladders and other apparatus enabled the firemen to save many persons whose escape had been cut off by flames and smoke.

Nearly all the fires started in the lower parts of the buildings and although in no case did the money loss exceed a few thousand dollars the dense clouds of smoke which swept up through halls and elevator shafts drove the panicking tenants to roofs and fire escapes. Many were overcome before reaching the open air, but with the exception of three all were found by firemen and carried out in safety.

A false alarm of fire also contributed to the day's list of injured. Workmen on the roof of the American Cigar Company's factory on East 22nd street, alarmed by clouds of smoke which came from an overturned tin kettle in the street, rushed into the factory where scores of girls were at work and with a cry of "fire" started a panic in which twelve of the girls were injured, one so badly that she was taken to a hospital.

The most serious fire of the day was that in the upper East Side apartment house in which the three lives were lost, several persons were injured and many thrilling rescues were made. Forty families were driven from a big tenement house on Boston Road in the Bronx and twenty persons who had been overcome by smoke were rescued by firemen.

Ten families were forced to flee from a Brooklyn apartment house by an incendiary fire which started in the basement. Two persons were overcome by smoke, but all were rescued.

A fireman was badly injured by falling three stories, while fighting a fire in a storage warehouse on Washington street.

Griswold Gets Fourteen Years More. Halifax, Nov. 10.--Andrew Griswold, who was sentenced to twelve years in Dorchester penitentiary yesterday for arson, was today given fourteen years in the same institution for burglary.

SILVER SERVICE FOR REV. T. C. JACK

Sydney Presbytery Gives it to Him in Honor of 25th Anniversary of Ordination.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 10.--(Special)--Rev. T. C. Jack, pastor of St. Matthew's church, North Sydney, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination today. Addresses were presented to him on behalf of congregation and the Sydney presbytery, the latter being accompanied by a handsome silver service. Rev. Mr. Jack was pastor at Maitland (N. S.) for seventeen years and he has been eight years at North Sydney.

FOUR MORE MONTREAL POLICEMEN DISMISSED

Were implicated in Disclosures About Disorderly Houses.

Montreal, Nov. 10.--(Special)--The purging of Montreal's police force continues. Chief Legault has resigned and four constables were dismissed today in connection with the exposures made against the chief by keepers of disorderly houses. It is also likely that further prosecutions will be made.

Amherst Man's Brother Killed in Frisco.

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 10.--(Special)--W. Clifford Greenfield, of the Black Printing Company, received a telegram last evening that his younger brother, A. C. Greenfield, had been killed in San Francisco (Cal.) by being struck by an electric car.