

Komura Plays Final Hand; Witte Rejects Compromise

Russian Envoy Willing to Part With Sakhalin, But Is Firm as to Indemnity—Roosevelt's Appeal Personal.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 24.—The personality of President Roosevelt looms larger and larger in the crisis. He insists that the peace conference shall not fail. Had he not stepped in to the breach the conference probably would have gone to pieces. Such hopes as remain that it will end in peace and in a treaty, rest upon it.

President's Message Was Personal

Portsmouth, Aug. 24.—It can be stated with absolute positiveness now that it was the President's personal message to Emperor Nicholas yesterday, delivered to his majesty in person by Mr. Meyer, which was communicated to Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen Tuesday afternoon at the navy yard. The President desired that the Russian plenipotentiaries should be apprised of the steps he contemplated and the fact that they, as is understood, approved of it is significant in the extreme.

It was Mr. Roosevelt's compromise proposition which Baron Komura formally presented at yesterday's meeting, in which Japan agreed to entirely withdraw articles 10 and 11 (surrender of interned warships and limitation of Russia's naval force in the Far East), and to substitute for articles 5 and 6 (cession of Sakhalin and indemnity), a few articles providing for the arrangement, by which Japan should get legal title to the southern half of Sakhalin, which she possessed before the treaty of 1875, while Russia should re-

deem, or repurchase her title to the northern half of the island for 1,200,000,000 yen, or \$60,000,000. While it is Mr. Roosevelt's proposition in substance, the Associated Press is informed, that as offered yesterday, it varies slightly from the terms of the compromise, as the President suggested it to both sides.

Its exact particulars cannot be ascertained, Russia, it can be stated, while rejecting the compromise, because it included remuneration for cost of the war under another name, was willing and, indeed, offered the Island of Sakhalin, by not only restoring the status quo existing before the treaty of 1875, but by offering to delimit the frontier and forever renounce all claim to the southern half.

With articles 10 and 11 out of the way, by Japan's recession, and article 5 settled, by compromise, the only thing which remained was the indemnity which has been a stone wall across the path of a complete agreement. Under the financial head, Russia offers to pay liberally for the maintenance of the Russian prisoners in Japan. Her cession of the Chinese Eastern Railroad, also will place a tidy sum in the Japanese exchequer, but further than that, Mr. Witte has as yet, no instruction to go.

BREAKWATER TENDERS CALLED FOR DOUGLASS AVE. SECTION

Tenders Must Be In by August 31, and Work Will Be Rushed to Strengthen Danger Point.

"We must and we shall do something toward the West London breakwater this year. The people have our promise and the promise must be kept."

This is what Chairman Forristal, of the board of works, told City Engineer Graydon today. Aid. Forristal has just returned from a trip to the west, and he is full of vim and vigor.

The result of this statement was that inside of ten minutes City Engineer Graydon had an advertisement worded which calls for tenders for the Douglass avenue section of the breakwater, to be in by Thursday, Aug. 31. The estimated cost of the section is less than \$1,000.

COL. PETERS IN CHATHAM

The D. O. C. and General Otter inspect the New Armouries.

Major-General Otter and Col. J. Peters, D. O. C. were in Chatham in consultation with Col. B. Rankin, commanding officer of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, regarding the proposed lease of Tecumseh Park to the city under the application of His Worship Mayor Cowan, and to inspect the building of the new armouries.

DIVORCES AT A DOLLAR

Rev. Sam Jones Would Throw Down the Bars—No Remarrying.

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 24.—Rev. Sam J. Jones was the principal speaker at the Rockford Chautauque Tuesday afternoon. He expressed himself on the divorce question, and said he believed any person who wanted a divorce should get it, and that the cost should not exceed \$1, but that if either of the divorced parties marry again they should be consigned to the penitentiary for life.

LIONESS CAUSES A PANIC

Escaped From Her Cage at Show Near Vailsburg, N. J.

New York, Aug. 24.—A full-grown lioness which escaped from her cage in a pleasure park near Vailsburg, N. J., caused a panic in a crowd of five hundred people, including many women and children, who had gathered to watch the exhibition given by a trick bicyclist. When news of the animal's escape spread there was a wild stampede for the streets which lasted nearly 15 minutes. Dozens of women and children were knocked down and bruised, while scores of men had their clothing almost torn, but so far as could be ascertained none was seriously hurt.

Woman Patient Suicides at London Insane Asylum

Mrs. Millar, Strathroy, Hanged Herself Today With a Strip Torn From a Sheet.

Left to herself but five minutes, Mrs. Eliza Jane Millar, of Strathroy, a patient at the London Insane Asylum, committed suicide by hanging at 8 o'clock this morning.

The woman, who was about 62 years of age, was a patient of the melancholy type—the worst known of the many types of insanity. Such patients seldom get better.

FINE SHOOTING BY LONDONERS

Major Utton Wins Duke of Cornwall Event at Long Branch Ranges.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—Sergeant Major Utton, of London, won the Duke of Cornwall match at the meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association at Long Branch ranges yesterday, with a score of 68 points, winning a medalion and \$5. The scores of the other London shooters are not yet posted.

MURDERESS MUST HANG

Hope Young of Halifax Is Given the Extreme Penalty.

Halifax, Aug. 24.—In the Hope Young murder trial, Judge R. G. Monroe, counsel for the prisoner, addressed the jury yesterday. This was followed by the judge's address to the jury, who then retired to their room, and, after half an hour's absence, returned with a verdict of "guilty," with a recommendation to mercy. In a few minutes Judge Meagher sentenced the prisoner to be hanged by the neck until dead on Wednesday, 20th day of December next, between the hours of 4 a.m. and 12 noon. When asked if she had anything to say, the prisoner answered, "not guilty."

DURNAN EASILY DEFEATS SULLIVAN

Toronto Oarsman Captures the Professional Rowing Championship of America.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—Eddie Durnan, of Toronto, won handsily from Tom Sullivan, of New Zealand, this afternoon on Toronto Bay in the race for the championship of America and \$1,000 a side.

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EIGHTEEN WERE NOMINATED

British Bark Reported to Have Foundered Off Coast of Brazil.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 24.—A report has been received here of the foundering of the British bark Bidston Hill. The report states that eighteen of the crew were drowned. The remainder, who were saved, expect to arrive at Buenos Ayres by one of the Argentine steamers.

NEW YORK FEARS OUTBREAK

Chinatown Ripe for Bloody Warfare Between Rival Gangs.

New York, Aug. 23.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the police to prevent another outbreak of the bloody warfare which has been recently waged between the rival societies in Chinatown. Last night uniformed officers were thick in the crowded streets of the district and patrolmen were stationed about fifty feet apart along the principal thoroughfares.

THE WEATHER.

London, Thursday, Aug. 24. Sun rises, 5:23 a.m. Moon rises, 12:20 a.m. Sun sets, 7:08 p.m. Moon sets, 2:32 p.m.

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MADE A CLEAN-UP.

Bay City, Mich., Aug. 24.—A score of Canadian horsemen watching Canadian horse races in the circuit on this side, made a good clean-up yesterday afternoon.

STRATFORD MURDER MYSTERY; KILLING FOLLOWS DEBAUCH

Stratford, Aug. 24.—On reaching the city limits about 6 o'clock this morning a freight train from Port Erie ran over a man lying on the track, cutting off his legs. At the same time the crew discovered lying outside his slant door, a short distance away, the body of John Gamble, an elderly man, with the head so battered as to be almost unrecognizable.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON LINER.

Montreal, Aug. 23.—As the Donaldson Line steamer Lakonia was leaving port this morning for Glasgow a steam pipe in the engine-room exploded, killing S. Jackson, assistant fireman, and Alex. Smith, third engineer.

WEATHER NOTES.

Pressure distribution changed rapidly during last night assuming more the autumnal type. Showers are reported from Northern Ontario and in Quebec. Elsewhere fine weather prevails. The outlook is inclined to be showery in the Northwest Territories.

THREE START TO SWIM CHANNEL

Miss Killerman and Messrs. Burgess and Mew After Webb's Record.

Dover, Aug. 24.—The thirtieth anniversary of the success of Capt. Matthew Webb in swimming across the English Channel, which occurs today, brought out three candidates anxious to emulate the gallant swimmer. They are Miss Annette Killerman, the woman champion swimmer of Australia; T. W. Burgess, who has already made three unsuccessful attempts to swim the channel, and Horace Mew. All three made an early start from this vicinity under favorable weather conditions.

FIRE DESTROYS BIG PLANT

\$150,000 Loss in Conflagration at Point Edward.

Sarnia, Ont., Aug. 24.—The plant of the Canada Machinery Company at Point Edward was destroyed on fire at 4 a.m. There are no waterworks there. The building was totally destroyed with contents. Loss, \$150,000, with insurance of about \$75,000. The office and store room were saved, being in a separate building. This company was formed two years ago and took over the business of J. L. Beard, a Chicago manufacturer, who had failed while manufacturing can making machinery dies in competition with the United States. Can Company for the foreign trade. The plant may not be rebuilt.

CITIZENS ARE ANGRY

East Enders Sore on the Paving Company's Action.

A lady living on Queen's avenue just east of Ontario street telephoned The Advertiser today to complain about the piles of gravel and dirt with which the Warren Paving Company has obstructed the sidewalks on either side of the road.

Cut the Air Brake Tube.

St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 24.—What might have resulted in a very bad wreck off a Michigan Central fast freight was prevented by a peculiar accident. A wheel on a car broke and a part of the broken metal flew and severed the air brake tube, bringing the train to a standstill.

LONDONER MADE CHIEF RANGER OF ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

Mr. Walter Richards Signally Honored by Brother Foresters in Convention.

For the second time in the history of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the distinguished office of high chief ranger has come to London. Yesterday Mr. Walter Richards, of 754 Dundas street, grocer, was elected to the high position by his brother Foresters in Toronto. The other occasion upon which a Londoner held the office was when Dr. A. O. Jeffery was elected some years ago.

LONDON LADY IS GOLF CHAMPION

Miss Beddome Wins for Second Time and Keeps the Queen's Hotel Trophy.

Miss Geraldine Beddome, of this city, won the ladies' championship golf match at the Niagara-on-the-Lake links last week. She defeated Miss Day in a grand struggle, by 2 up and 1 to play. This is the second year Miss Beddome has won, and in consequence keeps the Queen's Hotel trophy. She is the recipient of many congratulations on her golf, which is said by experts to be of a very high class. Miss Beddome is a member of the London Hunt Golf Club.

'TWOULD MEAN HOT FIGHT

Qu'Appelle Wants Both Haultain and Scott to Run.

Indian Head, Aug. 24.—Rumor has it that South Qu'Appelle may be the battleground of the two leaders, Mr. Walter Scott and Premier Haultain, both having, it is understood, received an invitation to run here. If they both decide to make this their constituency, the electors will be given an interesting contest.

CANADIAN FIRM GOT IT

Manitoba Men to Build a Prairie Section of G. T. P.

Montreal, Aug. 23.—The McDonald-MacMillan Company, of Westbourne, Mont., are the successful tenderers for the construction of the roadbed upon the section of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway from Portage la Prairie to Touchwood Hills, N. W. T. The section in all amounts to 275 miles, of which 200 miles is comparatively smooth country, while the last 75 miles will be costly work. The successful tenderers, contract for the complete construction of the roadbed (other than steel bridges), ready for the ties and rails. The contract was awarded today at the office of Mr. Frank W. Turner, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The members of the successful firm are Mr. D. McDonald and Messrs. Alexander, Malcolm, and Colin MacMillan. The firm is purely a Canadian organization.

There were in all over twelve tenderers, several of them being from the Eastern and Western States. Many of the tenderers were prominent in the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The fact that the first section awarded fell to a Canadian firm is believed to foreshadow the policy which will be pursued by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. It is said that the construction of this portion of the line will entail an expenditure of close on to four million dollars. The work of construction will be begun without delay.

RUSS ESTATES PLUNDERED

Odessa, Aug. 24.—Fresh agrarian disorders have broken out in Elizabethrad and Alexandria districts, and the peasants are destroying the property of the landowners. A big estate at Buzky has been entirely demolished. The president of the Elizabeth Zemstvo has asked permission of the Government to send a detachment of troops to the district.