

RUSSIAN PRESS ON THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Want the Ablest Men Available to Represent Russia at the Convention.

Plans of the Washington Diplomatic Corps Disarranged by Holding the Meeting There.

The Rainy Season in Manchuria is Beginning Sooner Than Usual and May Stop Hostilities.

St. Petersburg, June 19, 12.25 p.m.—The announcement that Emperor Nicholas has accepted the resignation of his uncle, Grand Duke Alexis, as high admiral, created a great sensation when it became known to-day, but the announcement came too late for comment in the morning papers.

The Bourse Gazette demands that men representing "New" and not old Russia shall be sent. The paper adds: "The other powers are already expressing fears that Russia and Japan will arrive at a rapprochement which will decide the destiny of Eastern Asia. These fears should be a powerful instrument in the hands of the Russian plenipotentiaries."

The Listok says the world formerly manifested alarm at "the Russian advance" eastward but seems now to be indifferent to "Japan's advance" westward through Korea and Manchuria.

The latest news from the front indicates that the rainy season is beginning sooner than usual. Already heavy storms have occurred and if the down-pour continues the military operations necessarily will come to a standstill without an armistice, a state of affairs which will not last long enough for the plenipotentiaries to meet.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Plans of Diplomatic Corps All Upset by the Meeting.

A Washington despatch: Already the epoch-making meeting to be held between the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan to discuss means of ending the war, as Russia tentatively expresses it, has received a name. In despatches to Europe from the embassies and legations where it is briefly termed "The Washington Conference."

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Discuss the Situation—Say Indemnity is Out of the Question.

A St. Petersburg cable: With the publication of the government's communication on the status of the peace negotiations, the newspapers are filled with the discussion of the situation. The Russ, which most nearly reflects the wishes of the foreign office, points out clearly that in consenting to President Roosevelt's appeal for a conference of plenipotentiaries of the two powers, Russia in no wise engaged herself to conclude peace except on the condition that the proposed terms, when ascertained, proved to be on an acceptable basis.

A Washington report: Pressure is being brought to bear upon Japan to induce her to fix the sum which she will demand as an indemnity for the pending war with as low a figure in cash as is possible in the circumstances. This pressure is being exerted especially by European Governments, but President Roosevelt has already advised the Japanese Government that moderation in her cash indemnity would not only facilitate peace negotiations, but would be regarded by the powers with particular favor.

NEW SUBMARINE BOAT.

Mystery About it, but Small Enough to be Carried on Warship.

New York, June 19.—The Herald prints the following despatch from its European edition: In the ship building yard of Forrest & Company, at Wivenhoe, on the River Colne, near Colchester, Essex County, England, under conditions of greatest secrecy, there has just been completed a new type of submarine boat which carries two torpedo tubes and will have a crew of three men. It is so small it can be easily raised from the water on board the deck of a battleship or put on a railway truck and conveyed from one port to another.

World. Indeed, it has been suggested that such a payment, to all intents and purposes, might render Russia a practical bankrupt. Thus far, the Japanese Government has refrained from indicating the precise form of her terms.

During the past ten days President Roosevelt has had conferences with Baron Kamekichi, the Japanese financial agent in the United States. In him Japan reposes implicit confidence in all matters pertaining to the fiscal policy of the empire. His conference with the President yesterday, therefore, is reason to believe, concerned the subject of Japan's cash demands upon Russia.

IN A HOPELESS CONDITION. Russian Army Certain to be Decisively Defeated.

A London cable: A despatch to the Daily Mail from Seoul, Korea says that the movements of the Japanese armies against Gen. Linovitch are progressing rapidly. The next few days should see the decisive action of the campaign prove itself. It is possible that she will offer comparatively moderate terms bearing in mind that Russia's interests cannot be completely sacrificed. An indemnity is out of the question.

THE HAGUE. May Be Selected for the Peace Negotiations.

A St. Petersburg cable despatch says: The place of meeting of the peace plenipotentiaries has not yet been determined upon. The Hague as the seat of permanent court of arbitration now appears to be the most likely city if the conference occurs in Europe. Both the place and the names of the plenipotentiaries of whom there probably will be two on each side, are expected to be settled before the end of the week.

LOVED WIDOW'S PICTURE. More About the Hungarian Who Shot Himself at the Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 19.—The mystery of Sunday's suicide was cleared up to-day by the visit of Alice Lodge, the cousin of the dead man, who lives in New York. She positively identified the remains, and directed that they be taken to Buffalo and cremated. She will return to Hungary, taking the ashes with her.

TO PROBE HIS DEATH. Why Mrs. Hubbard is Bound for Labrador Wilds.

New York, June 19.—Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard, who has gone to Labrador, but not gone there to explore new lands, but to investigate the exact conditions under which her husband, the explorer, died in the interior of that country in October, 1903, Mrs. Hubbard believes that not everything was done that was possible to save her husband's life.

LAND BOOM AT WELAND. The Boston Cordage Company to Spend a Million There.

Niagara Falls, June 19.—The Plymouth Cordage Company, of Boston, has optioned 173 acres of land in Welland, and will invest a million dollars in a plant to employ five hundred men. The town will give a fixed assessment and extend its boundaries to include the works. The announcement of the location of the plant has started a boom in

the first party. When Mr. Wallace announced his intention of attempting the wilds again, he made a special trip to the interior of Canada to secure Gelson. Gelson refused, giving his marriage as a reason.

It now appears that Gelson had a pre-arrangement with Mrs. Hubbard at the same time. What this means no one will say. Meanwhile Dillon Wallace is going his way, hoping to find what Hubbard could not, ignorant that his dead friend's widow is in his wake. No one here believes that Wallace had the least suspicion that Mrs. Hubbard was about to go to Labrador.

BIG STRIKE OF MINERS. Twelve Hundred Hands Out as Spring-hill.

A Halifax report: Between eleven and twelve hundred men and boys employed in the mines of the Cumberland Coal & Railway Company at Springhill, N. S., went out on strike yesterday.

AIM, NOT INTENTIONS, BAD. Italian Gunners Shot All Over Pender Island Farms.

Vancouver, June 19.—The failure of some of the gunners on the Italian cruiser Umbria to hit the targets on Pender Island, ten miles from Victoria, came near raising an "international incident." While steaming towards this city, Commander Corsi, of the Umbria, having secured permission from the naval authorities at Esquimalt, ordered the Umbria gunners to indulge in practice at the targets on Pender Island.

PRENTICE BOYS. Officers Elected by the Grand Lodge.

Bellville report: The Prentice Boys' Grand Lodge elected the following officers for the year, in addition to those published: Grand Lecturer, Bro. W. H. David, Trenton; Assistant Grand Lecturer, Bro. H. C. Mainprize, Toronto; Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Wm. Cockade, Kingston; Grand Inside Tryer, Bro. Wm. Goodfellow, Tipshurne, Ont.; Grand Outside Tryer, Bro. H. Rogers, Toronto; District Deputy Grand Master, No. 1 District, Bro. Wm. Dean, Kingston; No. 5 district, Bro. G. Quackenbush, Trenton; No. 6a division, Bro. E. Shanraw, Petworth, Ont.; No. 6b division, Bro. Wm. Duff, Mountain Grove, No. 10 division, Bro. Chas. McLare, Marysville, N. B.; No. 12 division, Bro. Wm. J. Smith, St. John, N. B.

LIQUOR DISAPPEARED. Alleged Smuggler Got Rid of It on Nova Scotia Coast.

Ottawa, June 19.—Some interesting disclosures may be expected in connection with the seizure on Friday of Scatterie, C. B., of the schooner Mary B., Capt. Jerry Donovan, for alleged smuggling of liquors from St. Pierre. The schooner was captured by the Government cruiser Gladiator, after a chase of several miles, and taken to North Sydney, where she was anchored in the steam plying instructions from Ottawa. It was found that her papers were for Glace Bay, and acting under orders from Glace Bay, she was permitted to sail from North Sydney on Saturday evening for that port, which she reached on Sunday morning.

CARRIED BURGLAR'S KIT. Suspicious Character Arrested in G. T. R. Yards at Stratford.

A Stratford Ont. report: A man named James King, an American citizen, was arrested in the Grand Trunk Railway yards by Railway Detective Hodge, with a 32-calibre revolver, loaded, a number of cartridges, and two concealed drills on his person, and carrying concealed burglar's tools. He was charged with vagrancy and carrying a concealed weapon. He was remanded to jail until further inquiries can be made. It is believed to be one of an experienced gang of safe-crackers, as the tools found on him correspond exactly with tools used by burglars.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Civic census figures now being taken for the city of Winnipeg show indications of a population of 160,000.

Professor E. M. Kierstead, Ph. D., has accepted the appointment to the chair of systematic theology and apologetics in McMaster University.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pringle, two of Stratford's most popular and respected citizens, celebrated their golden wedding Thursday by a family reunion.

At the annual convention of the Women's International Union Label League held in Chicago, Mrs. Darwin, of Toronto, was elected Second Vice-President.

Charges are made that the Chicago Team-owners' Association paid \$80,000 in bribes to labor leaders to prevent strikes.

Jacob Knittel, proprietor of the Carlyle Hotel at Carlyle, Man., was found dead beside his bed. He apparently died from an apoplectic fit.

President Loubet has appointed Gabriel Faure to be Director of the French National Conservatory of Music, succeeding Theodore Dubois, who has retired.

There is an epidemic of measles at Kingston, and the hospital accommodation at the Royal Military College had to be enlarged to accommodate all the patients.

Two large fivory barns owned at Binscarth, Man., by J. S. Murray and Johnson were burned to the ground yesterday. All the horses were saved, but all the other contents were destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach about \$8,000.

After a conference with the representatives of the telegraphers, General Manager Hays stated the Grand Trunk did not consider itself bound by the arbitrators' finding, as it had not consented to the arbitration.

Gifts recently made to Princeton University include 3,336 acres of land almost contiguous to the university property, more than doubling its present holdings, an annual income of \$100,000, and a recitation hall to cost about \$300,000.

John Muldoon, a Nationalist and a lawyer of Dublin, was elected without opposition to represent the north division of Donegal County in the House of Commons, in place of William O'Doherty, who died, May 18.

Baron Nathaniel De Rothschild (brother of the Austrian branch of the firm) who died on June 13, left the sum of \$4,000,000 to be distributed for various charitable purposes.

The annual report of the President of the University of Toronto shows a deficit of \$30,207.64 as between the revenues and expenditures of the faculties of arts, medicine and applied science and engineering.

The Provincial Government has appointed P. W. Ellis, Toronto, and Lieutenant-Col. Clarke Raymond, Welland, to the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission, to succeed A. W. Campbell, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, and James Bamfield, Niagara Falls, who have resigned.

106 YEARS OLD.

A VETERAN AND THE FATHER OF TWENTY CHILDREN. Detroit, June 19.—A Marquette, Mich., despatch says Jos. Croisier, or Crusilla, is dead there. He was born near Ottawa, Ont., on July 4, 1899, and was therefore nearly 106 years old. He was for many years a woodsman in Northern Canada, and a man of wonderful strength and endurance. Croisier took part in rebellion of 1857-58, and for more than 40 years served as a spy for Napoleon. He was active up to the time of his death. He was the father of 20 children, eight of whom still live. His lineal descendants number 102 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

THE DROWNING SEASON.

George Laing, of Wroxeter, Sank While Bathing—Another at Pickering. Wroxeter, June 14.—A sad drowning accident occurred here about 8 o'clock, when George Laing, second son of Mrs. Robert Laing, was drowned while bathing. He is supposed to have taken a cramp. The body was recovered about twenty minutes later, but all attempts to resuscitate him proved futile.

Pickering, June 14.—Little Francis Dufferin Williamson, aged three years and seven months, was drowned at Roselank this morning. The child fell off the wharf into the lake. The body was soon recovered, but all efforts to restore life failed. Mr. Williamson, the child's father, is connected with the Bradford starch works.

A RIVAL LOVER

STABS WITH A STILETTO A YOUNG MAN IN A STREET CAR. New York, June 19.—Rushing into a well filled street car at 14th street and avenue B, early to-day, Vincenzo Garaballo plunged a stiletto into Marcello Michelli who, it was said, had won the affections of a young woman in whom both were interested. Garaballo escaped and the victim of the assault, who probably will die, has pleaded with the police not to search for him, but to allow him or his friends to settle the account in their own way.

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