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WITTE'S EMPHATIC DENIAL.

Russian Envoy Declares He Never Said Japan's Peace Terms Were Intolerable.

BUT HE SAYS BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS COMMENCE HE MUST KNOW THE MIKADO'S TERMS.

New York, Aug. 2.—The arrival today of M. Witte, the senior Russian peace envoy, was heralded by a wireless announcement from him which he met on his landing with a confidential confirmation and an official denial.

To a correspondent of the Herald who was a fellow passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, M. Witte confided, "I am afraid that negotiations will be ended within a week as the Japanese conditions will be so intolerable as not to admit of discussion."

It was for a word of mouth confirmation of this that reporters looked when they boarded the big liner at quarantine. For a formal answer they received M. Witte's statement that he was only here to learn of Japan's terms, that he wanted to end out the basis on which the Mikado's representatives were willing to proceed with peace negotiations. The Czar, he said, had shown the United States a marked degree of respect and cordiality by breaking away from traditions. Hitherto, he pointed out, all preliminaries to a peace conference had been arranged before the plenipotentiaries started from their respective countries. And he was here to arrange preliminaries.

He could not say that he would do anything more. Of his reported statement about Japan's "intolerable terms," he could only give it an official denial. Privately, however, he admitted that he had really confided to the reporter, who was fellow passenger, the sentiment that the wireless man flashed from the ship.

"RUSSIAN BLUFF," SAYS SATO.

The amiable M. Sato, who is the spokesman for Baron Komura, was rather inclined today to bottle up when asked about the reported statement from the Russian envoy.

"I do not know why M. Witte should hold such views," he said, "since he is not in possession of the conditions that will be demanded by my country. At no time has any one outside of the Mikado and his envoys had any intimation as to what the terms of Japan will be. Even President Roosevelt, who is to act as mediator in the negotiations, is not in possession of our exact conditions, nor the exact basis on which we will make our demands."

"If they are sparring for time or trying a bluff it will be so much the better, but unless we hear the same

sentiment from the lips of Mr. Witte himself we will be obliged to take little notice of it.

"There is one thing that I want to emphasize—the government of Japan is practically a constitutional government and whatever the demands of Japan may be they will reflect the will and desires of the Japanese people. This cannot be said of the Russians. Their people are kept in darkness as to the real conditions of affairs in the Far East, and they have a total disregard for public opinion. Our envoys come here armed with the desires of our people and the Russians do not."

The younger members of Komura's suite, however, were more outspoken than the official spokesman and were not chided by him when in his presence they called the Witte statement "another Russian bluff."

WITTE AT NEW YORK.

New York, Aug. 2.—Eight officials of the Russian peace commission arrived here today on the Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse. Besides the chief plenipotentiary, Sergius Witte, there were J. Shipoff, director of the treasury department; Major General Yermoleff, military attaché at London; Jean Korotovitz, formerly secretary of the Russian legation at Peking; Georges Plancon, formerly Russian charge d'affaires at Peking; General W. K. Samoiloff, of the Russian foreign office; and Professor De Martens, professor of international law at St. Petersburg.

When the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse arrived at her pier M. Witte handed to Professor Martens a statement, which the professor read aloud:

"For the friendly greetings of the American newspapers upon our first visit to the hospitable shores of the United States I offer my heartfelt thanks."

MUST SEE JAPAN'S HAND FIRST

"I need hardly point out that it is my ardent desire that the two chivalrous foes, who first became acquainted on the field of battle, may have found in each other's sterling qualities motives powerful enough to cultivate that acquaintanceship until it ripens into lasting friendship. Meanwhile, however, the terms offered must first be ascertained, weighed and judged admissible by Russia before she can proceed to formal negotiations."

Hitherto, as you are aware, it

was customary in cases like this to settle all such preliminary matters before the meeting of the plenipotentiaries, whose task it was to come to a final agreement on the matters under discussion. Now the very fact that his majesty the Czar consented to take a course involving departure from this ancient diplomatic usage and to appoint a mission to learn the nature of our brave enemy's terms is an eloquent token of the friendly feeling which he and his subjects continue to cherish towards the people of the United States. I say continue to cherish, because at no epoch in our history have our traditional relations with this great republic been other than cordial.

"And now I should like to say, and to prove to your people who live less in the past than in the present and the future, that it is the fervent wish of the emperor and the people of Russia further to strengthen the ties of friendship which have hitherto subsisted between the two nations."

"It is in virtue of that sincere desire that his majesty the Czar, waiving all other considerations, has unhesitatingly accepted the cordial invitation of your first citizen and general leader. And if my mission should prove in all other respects barren and the endeavor to find a common basis for peace negotiations should fail for the time being, the signal proof of friendship given by his majesty the Czar and the Russian nation would still stand out as a memorable event, fraught, I trust, with far-reaching and beneficent results to the two great peoples of the west and east."

BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

There were thirty-two new cases of yellow fever reported at New Orleans Wednesday. The total number so far is 378 and there have been 74 deaths.

Henry Pierce, of Buffalo, has been awarded the two thousand dollars trophy offered by Charles J. Glidden for the best showing in the recent automobile endurance test from New York to Mount Washington and return.

Albert Hebert, who escaped from the jail at Edmundston just before the last sitting of the county court, and who was re-arrested on Sunday last, was on Wednesday morning tried before Judge Carleton under the speedy trials act on the charge of forgery of a cheque. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment in Dorchester penitentiary with hard labor for five years.

Capt. John Denison, R. N., brother of Colonel Denison, Police Magistrate of Toronto, has been appointed an A. D. C. to the King. Captain Denison is superintendent of Pembroke dock yards in Wales. He is the officer who commanded the Niobe, one of the ships which escorted the Prince of Wales out here. He was for three years commander of the Royal yacht.

MR. CLAWSON'S APPOINTMENT.

Ex-U. N. B. Professor Chosen for Important Chair in Ohio State University.

Mr. John W. Clawson, who resigned his professorship at the University of New Brunswick at the close of last term, has accepted the chair of physics in the State University of Ohio at Columbus.

The appointment is a great honor to Mr. Clawson, as the university is one of the largest of the western universities, having about 2,000 students in attendance. Mr. Clawson will take up his work in the fall.

The new professor was born in St. John and studied at Leinster Street School and the High School in that city. In 1901 he graduated from the U. N. B., having made a good all round standing and with first class honors in mathematics and physics. He also obtained distinction in chemistry. In his junior year he won the Brydson-Jack scholarship. During his course he took a great deal of interest in astronomy. He next took up post graduate work at Queen's College, Cambridge, where he graduated with honors in mathematics in 1904. During the last year he lectured at his Alma Mater, Fredericton, on astronomy and also obtained his M. A. degree at the close of the term.

Mr. Clawson has always taken a great deal of interest in athletics and while in Cambridge he took a number of cups in rowing contests. He has travelled quite extensively on the continent and has a fluent command of French. His many friends here will wish him all success in his new position.

Messrs. S. Dow Simmons, F. H. Peters and James Bruce returned yesterday from a successful fishing trip to Campbellton.

English Superstitions.

At Dawlish, in Devonshire, England, they ring the church bell during a thunderstorm to scare away the lightning. Lancashire agricultural laborers credit certain of their fellows with power to cast good and evil spells. At Dunstable men carry a live snail in a pill box to ward off toothache, eat stewed earthworms as a cure for jaundice and fried mouse for whooping cough and cherish all the old superstitions as to the dead which made Merrie England sad.

A Streak of Good Fortune.

Bunker-Bloomer is looking pretty well lately. Has he had any luck? HILL—Why, haven't you heard? He married a widow, and her former husband's clothes just fit him.

SWEETENING SUGAR.

How Poor Qualities Are Brought Up to the Standard.

There are certain kinds of sugar which fall short of the required standard of sweetness, and these sugars have to be sweetened artificially.

There are some establishments in Europe where they do this kind of thing. You are taken into the sweetening department, and you see cones of sugar ready to be operated on. A cone is placed over an apparatus, apex downward. You notice many little holes in this apparatus close to the apex or point of the cone. Some thickish liquid is poured on the flat end of the cone, and then the machinery is set in motion.

The holes become the mouths of suction tubes, and the sweetening liquid is drawn through the cone, giving it the necessary quality.

Another interesting fact in connection with this article is that some of the pieces of "lump sugar" are really made up of dust or fragments pressed together.

If you will examine certain pieces you will observe that the crystal formation of good sugar is not to be seen, and you will also discover that these close grained "lumps" take longer to dissolve, though, of course, all sugar that takes a long time to melt is not necessarily made up of stuff—London Globe.

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