

ROOSEVELT AND KAIZER WILLIAM

These May be Final Agents of Peace

BOTH NATIONS EAGER

Czar Anxious as to Japan's Terms Believed War is About Over.

BERLIN, June 8.—The interviews Baron Speck von Sternberg has had with President Roosevelt and the cable correspondence between the president and the emperor finding that they had identical views on the subject of peace and were nearly of the same opinion as to the method of drawing Russia and Japan into negotiations. The joint view appeared to be that others, including France and Great Britain, ought to be left out because it is a community of views among all would be a slow and expensive business and would impress Russia as taking on the character of outside pressure. This is precisely what, as the Associated Press is informed, President Roosevelt and Emperor William wish to avoid. They wanted the emperor of Russia to take the initiative and sought only that he should avail himself of the American and German governments as instruments for making the first steps toward peace easier. The Russian government was informed through Count Casimir Count Alphenloben (the German ambassador at St. Petersburg) Mr. Meyer, and Count von Osten-Sacken (the Russian ambassador at Berlin) of what the United States and Germany were seeking, so that Ambassador Meyer's audience of Emperor Nicholas was prepared for in the fullest manner. The understanding here is that Emperor Nicholas went so far as to say to Ambassador Meyer that he would like to know what Japan's terms would be. This inquiry was not to be construed as asking for peace but only as telling friends that before taking so grave a step on their advice the Russian government might properly and naturally desire to know through those friends how Japan regarded peace. Japan it is believed in gov-

ernment quarters here will be reluctant to lay down specific peace conditions, far more reluctant than at any stage of the war, because preparation has been made to carry the campaign to Russian territory, take Vladivostok and Harbin and then exclude Russia from the Pacific. Unless her high conditions are complied with this is a crude expression of what is thought to be Japan's immediate policy.

Ready For Peace

ST. PETERSBURG, June 8.—There is a significant change in tone on the part of some of the Russian newspapers like the Novoe Vremya, which never heretofore have even admitted the possibility of the conclusion of hostilities until Russia had recovered her military prestige by a victory. Today the papers discuss calmly the advisability of ending the war if Japan's terms are reasonable. The payment of a big indemnity, they declare, would be too humiliating. The Novoe Vremya says bluntly, that if Japan asks too much it will pay Russia to prolong the contest indefinitely, while the Russ argues that if representatives of the Russian people are called together, Japan will see herself confronted by the whole nation, and she will readily agree to reasonable terms. "Even the revolutionists," the Russ adds, "are not traitors. They are fighting the present rotten bureaucracy and not their country. They would not tolerate a disgraceful peace."

Universal regret is expressed in official circles at the retirement of M. Delcasse, until recently French minister for foreign affairs. He was regarded as a true friend of Russia, was a personal friend of Foreign Minister Count Lamsdorff, and was a sincere and unequivocal supporter of the dual alliance. The Novoe Vremya says: "We know how to appreciate true friends. We have few of them." The Russ and the Slovo consider M. Delcasse to be the victim of trying to play the impossible role of a connecting link between two rivals, Russia and Great Britain.

The Slovo says: "M. Delcasse's policy was ever directed towards the isolation of Germany, but he forgot that an alliance with Great Britain would ruin any political system aimed against Germany. The British alliance has not helped France in Morocco, but it has embroiled her with Germany. M. Delcasse pays the penalty by retiring, as complications can be easier avoided with him out of the cabinet, and his retirement will not affect the dual alliance."

Many Were Disappointed

ST. PETERSBURG, June 8, 11.40 a. m.—Ascension Day, one of the most important of the Russian religious holidays, was not marked by the appearance of the expected imperial manifesto on the subject of the projected national assembly.

A CONSERVATIVE VICTORY

For the First Time Since '83 They Elect a Speaker in British House.

LONDON, June 8—3 p. m.—James Wm. Lowther (Conservative), deputy speaker and chairman of the commission on ways and means, was unanimously elected speaker of House of Commons this afternoon in succession to Sir Wm. Court Gully, who recently resigned. This is the first time since 1833 that the Conservatives have been able to put one of their own party in the chair.

THE WEATHER

Forecast—Strong northeast, backing to northwest winds; rain in most districts. Friday, moderate northwesterly winds and clearing. Synopsis—A disturbance from the middle Atlantic coast is moving rapidly towards America coast. To Banks, strong easterly winds. To American ports, strong northeast backing to northwest winds. LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON. Highest temperature during past 24 hours 62. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours 44. Temperature at noon 51. Humidity at noon 81. Barometer readings at noon (sea level and at sea level) 30.30 inches. Wind at noon—Direction east, velocity 10 miles per hour. Cloudy. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

STRONG OVERTURES FOR PEACE NOW BEING MADE

British and American Influences Are Russia's Hope—To Move Tokio Now That the Ball Has Been Started.

PARIS, June 8.—It is definitely known that the Russian foreign minister, Count Lamsdorff, seconded by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, has initiated overtures through the Russian representatives abroad to learn Japan's disposition and terms of peace. These overtures, it is said here, began three days ago and were the basis of the decidedly more hopeful view which the officials begin to have. At the same time it was then, and still is, recognized that Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte represent the peace element and it is not known how far the movement is shared by the emperor. However, Count Lamsdorff's position gives the overtures the force of coming from responsible quarters, whereas the previous movements lacked official origin. This clears the way for conversation bet-

THE DISTRICT MEETING

Routine Business Occupied the Time This Morning.

SUSSEX, N. B., June 8 (Special)—The morning session of the St. John District of the N. B. and P. R. I. conference opened at 9.30, Rev. C. W. Hamilton was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Sprague and Wm. Smith did work of a routine nature gone through. Various reports and schedules from the circuits were read and discussed.

GRAND TRUNK MEN

OTTAWA, Ont., June 8 (Special)—Sir Charles Rivers Wilson and C. M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk, arrived in Ottawa today, after a trip over the G. T. R. system, and called on Sir Wilfrid. Sir Charles sails from New York on Tuesday.

The Land Situation

TOKIO, June 8—1 p. m.—Imperial army headquarters made the following announcement today: "At 11.30 o'clock on the morning of June 7, a body of Russians, some 160 strong, advanced from the direction of Sumitose and were repulsed by us on an eminence north of that place. The enemy fled toward Nienshing, seven miles north." With the exception of skirmishes on both sides, there is no change to report elsewhere.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings for week ending June 8th, 1905. Bank clearings for corresponding week last year \$1,143,427.12. 1,025,600.

HUMORS OF HISTORY---59.



A Day in the Life of a Twelfth Century Feudal Baron

No. 3.—HE MOUNTS HIS WAR HORSE —The New History of England.

NO WAR IN THIS UNION

Reports at Lithographers Convention Show a Complete Harmony.

NEW YORK, June 8.—A committee from the eastern branch of the Lithograph Employers' Association is visiting the convention of the Lithographers, Artists' and Designers' League of America, now in session here. Secretary Smith, in addressing the convention on behalf of the association, recalled the fact that the league members are the highest paid men in the business and declared that the Employers' Association is working to raise the industry to the highest standard and could be greatly helped by the co-operation of the workers. "We are not fighting the labor organizations," he said, "and we want the men to realize that mutual government is best for both sides. As to apprentices, we want boys with a natural ability for the business as the best means of bringing lithography up to the highest standard." The convention will end its session on Saturday.

COAL MINE EXPLOSION

SYDNEY, N. S., June 8 (Special)—An explosion occurred in the Inverness coal mines this morning. Nobody was killed, but quite a number of colliers were injured, some of them badly. The mine is owned by Mackenzie & Mann.

FITZ'S NEXT FIGHT

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, June 8.—The date of the Fitzsimmons-Schreck fight has been changed from July 4 to July 3.

The three-masted schooner Melba arrived in port this afternoon from Mobile, with a cargo of hard pine.



KING OSCAR II OF SWEDEN

MONTREAL, June 8.—(Special)

Fire this morning partially destroyed the Y. M. C. A. building, causing a loss of \$15,000. The Gymnasium and lecture hall were badly damaged. A number of young men occupied rooms in the building and some of these had a narrow escape. A number of persons using the big swimming bath escaped with little or nothing on.

OFF TO ENGLAND

R. B. Emmerson and T. H. Estabrooks to Go With the C. M. A.

R. B. Emerson and T. H. Estabrooks leave tomorrow for England via Rimouski to visit London with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association of Toronto.

A long and elaborate programme has been drafted by the London Chamber of Commerce for the entertainment of the visitors which includes visits to leading business establishments and all points of interest. The delegates will arrive at Euston station (terminus of the L. & N. W. Railway) by special train from Liverpool on Saturday, June 17th, and will proceed to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, which will be their headquarters. A committee room and enquiry office will be opened during the stay in London at the Hotel Cecil. The delegates will be received by the president of the council of the London Chamber of Commerce and other prominent personages and will be entertained at banquets and luncheons; and shortly before returning will be tendered a reception by Lord Stratheona and Mount Royal who will also entertain them at a garden party at Knobworth Park. On the same evening they will be received by their graces the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland at Stafford House. They will make the return trip early in July.

Japs Would Sell Her

NAGASAKI, June 8—It is reported here that the Japanese are offering the cargo of the British steamer Oldham, recaptured from the Russians, for sale.

There was an air of suppressed excitement about the I. C. R. depot this morning over the fact that the trains both in and out were on time. This is rather unusual and there seemed to be a feeling that something startling would happen. However it may not occur again for some time so the people may calm their fears.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whelan, who were married early yesterday morning, gave a house warming last evening, at their new home 88 Brussels street. A large number of guests were present and a very enjoyable time was spent.

Green—"It is a progressive whist club that you belong to, isn't it?" Gray—"On the contrary, it is deteriorating all the time."

The Times New Reporter

In the schools this morning the pupils sang as their opening ode:—

Winter time, cold winter time, A chorus we will raise thee.

AN EXPLANATION.

Director Hutchinson of the meteorological observatory wants it distinctly understood that he is not responsible for the absence of snow. All the sleighing parties which were arranged last night are said to attach blame to him for the fact that they will be unable to enjoy themselves as they expected this evening. Mr. Hutchinson feels his position very keenly, and would order up a special snow storm but for the fact that one of his storm engines is out of gear. He was busy last night repairing his depression-

and collaborating with the weather men in Halifax and Norway House to produce a temperature and a general atmospheric condition that would guarantee snow in this section, but just when they had completed the adjustment of the air currents a man in Florida butted in and spoiled the whole plan. As a result, we have winter weather without snow.

Mr. Hutchinson hopes to be able to dig up a snowstorm tomorrow.

Mr. Peter Binks states that he is not an applicant for the office of King of Norway. He has no doubt, however, that St. John will be well represented on the list. In his experience he has never seen an office go begging. We can't all be regular of probates, and this vacancy in Norway appears to have occurred at an opportune time.

N. B. LEADS AT 200 YARDS

This Province Has a Margin of One Point in Today's Shooting Match.

CHARLOTTETOWN, June 8 (Special)—With a raw, cold fish-tail wind, fairly steady, and a cloudy sky, the inter-maritime rifle match began at ten o'clock this morning. At noon results at 200 yards were as follows:

New Brunswick—McGowan, 28; N. A. Chandler, 35; McRobbie, 32; D. R. Chandler, 33; Porter, 32; Wetmore, 33; Arnold, 28; Hart, 33; total, 265.

P. E. I.—Shaw, 33; Crockett, 29; Lt. Bear, 30; Capt. B. Stewart, 32; Jones, 32; Sgt. Moore, 31; Capt. Hooper, 34; Weatherbie, 32; total, 264.

Nova Scotia—Semple, 32; Creelman, 33; Bishop, 33; Shaffer, 31; Lecain, 25; Saunders, 33; Haystack, 33; Fevert, 31; total, 261.

FIRE TIES UP TRAFFIC

DENVER, June 8.—Word has been received at the general offices of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad that a fire has broken out among the timbers in the tunnel at Ruby, twenty four miles west of Grand Junction and has temporarily tied up traffic between Denver and Salt Lake City. The tunnel is only 580 feet in length and arrangements for transferring passengers from one side to the other are being made. The origin of the fire is unknown and it is fast burning itself out. It will be several days before traffic through the tunnel will be resumed.

Miss Ethel Morley accompanied by her small brother Charles of Fredericton is visiting Mrs Alfred Estey, Main street.

Battle line steamer Cunaxa, sailed today from Rio Janeiro for Baltimore.



FRIDTJOF NANSEN Who avers that the joint consular service has been used to subordinate Norwegian interests to those of Sweden.

PERSONAL ITEM.

Mr. Jack Frost is in the city, but owing to the manner in which he conducted himself last winter he is receiving the cold shoulder from his former friends and admirers.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 8.—(Special)—Nothing happened today. The press correspondents are greatly excited and are sending a full description of it to their papers abroad. The czar is well.

A CONUNDRUM.

If the existence of a lunch wagon on the street in this town depends on a comma in a section of the law relating to vehicles, what is the difference between a Chinese restaurant and a full stop?

SUBMARINE SINKS FOURTEEN DROWNED

NEEDED REPAIRS New Public Library Building and Its Surroundings Require Attention. Board of Works

The attention of the Times has been called to the fact that the tiled floor of the new public library is in need of repair. In a number of places, notably in front of the counter in the main hall and at the entrance to the reading room, the tiling is bulged up so that anyone walking on it feels the floor wave under their feet. This would seem to be a matter for immediate attention as these very small pieces of tiling would be extremely difficult to replace properly, should they become loosened and out of place. Another matter that requires attention is the laying of a proper sidewalk leading to the building. At the present time there is a narrow board walk that looks entirely out of keeping with the building, and now the summer months are upon us and the tourist traffic will commence, no time should be lost in putting down an asphalt walk that would be in keeping with the building. It might also be well to allow some of the city laborers to clean up the street in that vicinity and also see that the old ruins of the barn which was burned last winter should be removed and the place put in respectable shape, so that it would not be a laughing stock for strangers.

WEST END WEDDINGS Two nuptial events were celebrated at the West End last evening when Miss Sadie Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith, was married to William Perkins. Both bride and groom were well known and their friends will wish them a happy and prosperous future.

Another event which has been looked forward to with considerable interest was the marriage of Miss Edna Smith Ross, daughter of Elijah Ross, to R. H. Johnston. Both parties are very popular and have the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

A NEW PILE COVERING

(From U. S. Consular Reports.) A company has recently been formed here to manufacture a terebo-proof pile covering, an invention of a resident of British Columbia. A pile covered with this material was placed in a very exposed position on the water front three years ago and remains as perfect as when it was first driven, while the pile, that have not been treated, and which surround it, are honeycombed by the terebo's work. It is said that the coating is not subject to corrosion like copper covering and costs about one-third as much. It cannot be diluted or washed out by sea water, as invariably happens with paints and carbolic washes. The company will also manufacture a solution for the prevention of dry rot in sills, joists, posts and bridge and the timber.

ALL INVITED

(From Harper's Weekly.)

A ludicrous instance of absent-mindedness was afforded by the pastor of a church in a small town of Virginia. Not long ago, one Sunday morning, this minister forgot to give his usual announcement of social events for the week. He had uttered some words of his final blessing, when a deacon, in a whisper, invited his attention to the omission. Whereupon the clergyman ceased praying and said—"Brethren, I omitted to inform you that an oyster supper will be served at Brother Mullin's house next Friday evening, the 20th instant. All are invited to come, bringing their own bowls and spoons." Thus continuing his invocation, quite unconscious of the humor of the situation, the worthy man added:—"And may the Lord have mercy on your souls! Amen."

Grimes—"You wronged Skinner when you told me he never would pay back that ten dollars he borrowed of me. He gave me the money last night."

Harris—"I'll have to beg Skinner's pardon. Let me congratulate you upon being such a Grimes—"Oh, I haven't any money about me. After Skinner had paid me the ten he borrowed a twenty."

Employer—"I suppose you belong to the labor union?" Applicant—"Well, hardly that; but I belong to the man who runs the union, all right."

"Our chauffeur is such a careful man." "I'm glad to hear you say that." "Yes. The last time we were out he ran over two dogs and a huckster without getting a single thing out of repair."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Abe Whipple—"Did ye see th' fire in Deacon Brown's carriage-house last night?" "Mose McDerby—"No; I couldn't get th' fire in time; I belong to th' hose company now, ye know?"—Puck.

Charles Bastin of Fredericton was a passenger on the Atlantic express this morning.

"A 8" Is Tomb of Her Crew

EXPLOSIONS HEARD Other Submarines Met a Similar Fate Many Lives Lost—England Shocked.

PLYMOUTH, England, June 8.—Submarine boat "A-8" was lost off the break-water here this morning. Three explosions are said to have occurred on board before she foundered. She had on board eight officers and men, including her regular crew and men who were in training. Fourteen of the number were drowned and the others were picked up. The disaster occurred while the "A-8" was proceeding to sea for practice accompanied by another submarine boat and a torpedo boat. Three explosions were seen from the shore to occur on board the "A-8" which suddenly disappeared. Tugs and divers immediately proceeded to the scene.

The sinking of the British submarine boat "A-8" recalls the sinking of submarine boat "A-3" off Queenstown Feb. 16, as the result of explosions on board that vessel and the sinking of the submarine boat "A-1" off Portsmouth March 18 last year, as the result of being run down by a steamer while the submarine was submerged.

The explosion on board the "A-5" was described as being so violent that it was heard ten miles away and shook the submarine's convoy, the Hazard, from stem to stern. Six men lost their lives and twelve were seriously injured in this disaster.

The disaster to the "A-1" was even more appalling. She was submerged near the Nave lightship off Portsmouth when she was run down by a steamer of the Donald Currie line and all on board of her, 11 officers and men, were drowned. The loss of the submarine boat was not known for some hours and after a long search the ill-fated submarine boat was discovered. It was presumed that the steamer in striking the submarine boat, upset her, spilled the gasoline in the tanks and rendered her helpless. The crew were battered down and were suffocated by the fumes of the gasoline.

Affairs at the park are now assuming definite shape. The new merry-go-round has been set up and was given a trial trip yesterday afternoon which proved perfectly satisfactory. It is now being painted and when finished will be bright and new-looking. A permanent cover is being erected over it to protect the patrons from the sun and rain. The cover will be built of wood covered over with canvas and painted, making it perfectly waterproof.

A. E. Clarke has erected his photograph tent near the merry-go-round and will be prepared to take up-to-date tintype photos and will have on sale a choice line of souvenir goods. The park restaurant which is under the management of Ernest DeMille will be much superior to last year, and with telephone connections, making it possible to order meals by phone in advance, it will no doubt be more eagerly patronized than ever.

AT SEASIDE PARK

FLOODS WORK MUCH DAMAGE IN MICHIGAN AND NEW YORK

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 8.—The Grand river is still steadily rising here. The water here has now gone over Front street, south of Bridge street. Many residents in the north end are completely surrounded by deep and swift currents. Workmen are struggling frantically to keep the retaining wall from going to pieces. It seems to be an even chance whether they will succeed.

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FORT EDWARDS, N. Y., June 8.—The whole Champlain canal will be tied up for at least two weeks and a large amount of money spent to repair the damages as a result of breaks in the canal here and at Moseskill. At this place the east and west banks of the river were washed out, the aqueduct which conveys water from The Creek under the canal was seriously damaged and a hole 150 feet long was torn in the embankment. All the water in the canal on the five mile level ran out, flooding lands in the vicinity and destroying low pastures, and stranding many canal boats. The damage done by the leak at Moseskill was of a similar nature, but not so extensive as here.

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