

over in their entirety to Japan, but the properties and rights of Russian subjects are to be safeguarded and respected.

ARTICLE V

Open Door for Commerce

The governments of Russia and Japan engage themselves reciprocally not to put any obstacles to the general measures (which shall be alike for all nations) that China may take for the development of the commerce and industry of Manchuria.

ARTICLE VI

Regulating the Railway

The Manchurian railway shall be operated jointly by Russia and Japan at Kouang-Tcheng-Tse. The two branch lines shall be employed only for commercial and industrial purposes. In view of Russia's keeping her branch line with all rights acquired by her convention with China for the construction of that railway, Japan acquires the mines in connection with such branch line which falls to her. However, the rights of private parties or private enterprises are to be respected. Both parties to this treaty remain absolutely free to undertake what they deem fit on expropriated ground.

ARTICLE VII

Junction of Branch Roads

Russia and Japan engage themselves to make a conjunction of the two

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branch railroad lines which they own and operate at Kouang-Tcheng-Tse.

ARTICLE VIII

Traffic to be Unimpeded

It is agreed that the branch lines of the Manchurian railway shall be worked with a view to assuring commercial traffic between them without obstruction.

ARTICLE IX

For Division of Sakhalin

Russia cedes to Japan the southern part of Sakhalin island as far north as the fiftieth degree north latitude, together with the islands depending thereon. The right of free navigation is assured in the bays of La Perouse and Tartare.

ARTICLE X

Convicts to be Deported

This article recites the situation of Russian subjects on the southern part of Sakhalin island and stipulates that Russian colonists there shall be free and shall have to right to remain without changing their nationality. Per contra, the Japanese government shall have the right to force Russian convicts to leave the territory which is ceded to her.

ARTICLE XI

Fishing Rights for Japan

Russia engages herself to make an agreement with Japan giving to Japanese subjects the right to fish in Russian territory waters of the Sea of Japan, the Sea of Okhotsk and Bering sea.

ARTICLE XII

To Renew Commerce Treaty

The two high contracting parties engage themselves to renew the commercial treaty existing between the two governments prior to the war in all its vigor, with slight modifications in details, and with a most-favored nation clause.

ARTICLE XIII

Payment For War Prisoners

Russia and Japan reciprocally engage to restore their prisoners of war on payment of the real cost of keeping the same, such claim for cost to be supported by documents.

ARTICLE XIV

Language of the Treaty

This peace treaty shall be drawn up in two languages, French and English, the French text being evidence for the Russians and the English text for the Japanese. In case of difficulty of interpretation the French document is to be accepted as final evidence.

ARTICLE XV

Arranges for Ratification

The ratification of this treaty shall be countersigned by the sovereigns of the two states within fifty days after its signature. The French and American embassies shall be intermediaries between the Japanese and Russian governments to announce by telegraph the ratification of the treaty. Two additional articles are agreed to as follows:

ARTICLE A

Limit Stay in Manchuria

The evacuation of Manchuria by both armies shall be completed within eighteen months from the signing of the treaty, beginning with the retirement of troops of the first line. At the expiration of the eighteen months the two parties mutually agree to leave as guards for the railway not more than fifteen soldiers per kilometer.

ARTICLE B

For Boundary in Sakhalin

The boundary which limits the parts owned respectively by Russia and Japan in Sakhalin island shall be definitely marked off on the spot by a special limitographic commission.

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