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WITTE INTERVIEWED

CHIEF RUSSIAN ENVOY NOT FOR PEACE AT ANY PRICE.

Believes Terms of Japan Will Be Such That an Accord Cannot Be Reached Says Position of Russia is Misunderstood—Decision Rests With Czar.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—M. Witte, the senior Russian plenipotentiary, received the correspondent of the Associated Press at his villa on Yelagin island. After greetings, which were cordial, the talk gravitated to the high mission with which the Russian statesman is charged and the disposition of the foreign press to interpret his appointment as an indication that Russia had desired to make peace at any price.

"No, no," said he, straightening up in his chair and speaking slowly and distinctly, as if weighing the value of each word. "In the first place, I have been designated by the emperor as his ambassador extraordinary for parliaments with the Japanese plenipotentiaries to ascertain whether it is possible to conclude a treaty of peace. My personal views are of secondary importance, but my ideas are in entire accord with those of my friend, Count Lamsdorf. In serving my emperor, I have received precise instructions from his majesty and shall follow them. The ultimate decision remains in the hands of the emperor and it is for him to decide the destinies of Russia. The emperor is the friend of peace and desires peace, but I very much fear that the Japanese terms will be such that we will be unable to reach an accord.

"Secondly, the world should disabuse its mind of the idea that Russia wants peace at any price. There are two parties in Russia. One favors the continuance of the war—this is a large and influential party. The other, to which I belong, favors peace. I avow it frankly, because telling the truth has always been my rule in politics. I was for peace before hostilities broke out. When the war began, the situation changed. Even though there are these two parties as to the advisability of ending the war in the present circumstances, both would be united if the Japanese demands wounded the amour propre of the Russian people, or jeopardized our future as a nation. I am sure if I report that the condition of Japan cannot be accepted, Russia will accept the verdict and the Russian people will be ready to continue the war

for years, if necessary.
"Thirdly, Russia is not crushed, as the foreign press has led the world to believe. The interior situation is very serious, I do not deny, but in Europe and America the true significance of what is happening is not understood. Correspondents come here and talk with a few hundred people in St. Petersburg and Moscow, misinterpret what is happening and fill the world with false impressions as to Russia's future. Russia is not on the verge of dissolution as a great power and is not obliged to accept any conditions offered in spite of the military reverses she has sustained."

Story of Loss of Cruiser Takasago.
Tokio, July 17.—The story of the loss of the Japanese cruiser Takasago in December last, only published since the destruction of Rojstvensky's fleet, is a military classic. After the Takasago struck a mine and began to sink the crew assembled in perfect order on the upper deck, there to await the battle with a stormy sea and death. Captain Ishibashi ordered every man to use a life belt, and directed that no one jump overboard until the ship actually sank. The crew then joined in singing the national anthem, cheering the emperor, and lastly they sang "Gallant Sailors," their voices ringing out above the storm. After that, as a relaxation, the men were allowed to smoke, and thus they went calmly to their deaths. Of 500 men who went down with the Takasago, only 133 were rescued.

Gunboat Dubuque Again Afloat.
New York, July 18.—The United States gunboat Dubuque went aground in the lower bay. Attempts to work her off under her own steam proved fruitless and in response to wireless messages three tugs were dispatched to the aid of the gunboat from the navy yard and the army steamer Ordance came from Sandy Hook. With the united efforts of the tugs, the Dubuque was hauled off at high tide. The bottom where she rested is of shifting sand and the gunboat apparently sustained no damage.

Situation at the Front.
Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, July 17.—Reports that the Russian army is in a precarious situation appear to be without foundation. Investigations made by correspondents of the Associated Press show that neither flank has been turned and that, in fact, the Russian wings are more advanced than the center. The Japanese center is strongly fortified. Many siege guns have been emplaced along the Changtufu-Nanchenze line, and there is a triple ring of forts commanding the Mandarin road.

Japs Overrun Sakhalin.
London, July 18.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Hakodate, Japan, says that the Japanese have practically completed the occupation of the island of Sakhalin and are organizing a government. The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard says that the Japanese have landed on Sakhalin 125 miles of light railway and 3,000 coolies.

SUMMARY OF CROP CONDITIONS.

Corn Is Making Great Progress and Wheat Exceeds Expectations.

Washington, July 19.—The weekly bulletin of the weather bureau summarizes crop conditions as follows:
Corn has made splendid progress throughout nearly the whole of the corn belt and is decidedly improved in the states of the Missouri valley, where its previous progress has been retarded by cool weather. While the general outlook for this crop is very promising, it has sustained some injury on lowland in Missouri.

Further reports of injury to harvested winter wheat are received from the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the middle Atlantic states, Texas and Oklahoma and Indian territories, but no complaints of this character are received from Kansas and Nebraska, both quality and yield in the last named state being better than was expected. Harvesting, where not finished in the more northerly districts, is well advanced. Spring wheat has experienced a week of favorable weather and continues in promising condition. While rust is still prevalent in the Dakotas and to some extent in Minnesota, it is not increasing in the first named states, and there is very little in Minnesota. Spring wheat is filling nicely on the north Pacific coast, where the hot winds of the previous week caused but slight injury. Rust is increasing in Washington. In the central Mississippi and Ohio valleys and in portions of the middle Atlantic states oat harvest has been interrupted and considerable damage to both harvested and standing oats has resulted from wet weather. Harvesting is largely finished, except in the more northerly district, where good yields are promised.

Much hay has been damaged in the central Mississippi and Ohio valleys and middle Atlantic states, but in New England and the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys haying has progressed under favorable conditions. Nearly all reports indicate an inferior apple crop.

STRIKERS TO REMAIN OUT.

Express Drivers Take Referendum Vote on Yielding.

Chicago, July 17.—The express drivers formerly employed by the seven railway express companies will remain on strike for the present at least. This was decided upon by the members of the express drivers' union when a referendum vote was taken on the proposition of calling off the strike. The department store drivers decided by a referendum vote to continue the strike. The vote was practically unanimous.

A serious riot was narrowly averted between a number of union and non-union teamsters. When the union men were leaving Bricklayers' hall they encountered some of the non-union drivers. A fight followed immediately. The nonunionists were getting the worst of it, but reinforcements were sent for to their headquarters nearby and a general fight was soon in progress. Clubs and bricks were being used indiscriminately and several shots were fired, but police arrived in time to prevent bloodshed. Several arrests were made.

Another disturbance was furnished by the delegates to a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Dissatisfaction over the manner in which the election of officers of the federation was being carried on brought about the trouble. During the disturbance revolvers were brought into play and the ballot boxes were destroyed. Michael Donnelly, president of the Amalgamated Butchers' union of America, was severely beaten by the rioters and was taken unconscious from the hall.

HENDRICKS MAKES REPLY.

Unqualified Denial That Equitable Report Was Doctored.

Albany, N. Y., July 17.—The answer of Superintendent Francis Hendricks of the state insurance department to the published criticisms of his official acts in connection with the testimony taken by him in the investigation of the Equitable Life Assurance society and his preliminary report thereon is made in an extended statement, issued from the insurance department. Incidentally, the superintendent publishes a letter addressed by him to his deputy, Robert H. Hunter, at New York, instructing him to deliver his copy of the Equitable testimony to District Attorney Jerome.

The statement includes an affidavit by William A. Comstock, Superintendent Hendricks' confidential stenographer, certifying that he alone did the stenographic work and transcribing of notes in connection with the taking of the testimony and the preparation of Superintendent Hendricks' preliminary report and that he personally knows that no change or omission was made in the testimony or the report; that outside of the persons officially employed in the conduct of the investigation no person heard, read or saw the report or the testimony or report, excepting Governor Higgins and his counsel, Cuthbert W. Pound.

Kills Woman Who Would Not Elope.

Brooks, S. D., July 19.—Frank Woodberry shot and killed Mrs. Anton Dokken, a married woman, after which he killed himself. The cause of the tragedy is said to have been Mrs. Dokken's refusal to elope with Woodberry.

Standing of the Teams.

NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN ASS'N.		W. L. P.	
New York	56 22 718	Minneapolis	51 31 617
Pittsburg	49 31 613	Columbus	51 32 610
Philadelphia	47 31 603	Milwaukee	48 33 593
Chicago	46 34 575	St. Paul	40 42 488
Cincinnati	41 38 519	Indians	38 41 481
St. Louis	39 50 375	Louisville	40 45 471
Boston	24 55 343	Toledo	29 49 372
Brooklyn	23 55 295	Kan. City	29 51 362
AMERICAN LEAGUE, WESTERN LEAGUE.		Des Moines	
Cleveland	45 27 625	Des Moines	46 24 607
Chicago	44 27 619	Denver	44 31 587
Philadelphia	42 29 592	St. Paul	40 29 579
Detroit	36 37 493	Omaha	38 31 551
Boston	33 35 485	Pueblo	23 49 319
New York	32 37 463	St. Joseph	21 48 304
St. Louis	28 47 373		
Washington	25 48 342		

Pollard Elected Congressman.

Lincoln, July 19.—At a special election for congressman, held in the First congressional district, Ernest M. Pollard (Rep.) of Nebraska was successful over his opponent, Francis W. Brown, carrying the district by a majority that will reach 2,500. Half the usual vote was cast. Mr. Pollard will succeed E. J. Burkett, who resigned to become United States senator.

Thrashing Machine Boiler Lets Go.

Tecumseh, July 13.—By the blowing up of a boiler on a thrashing machine engine on the farm of Fred Keikner, near Johnson, three men were seriously injured. Charles Finch was injured internally. Sam Warwick was struck in the shoulder by a flying missile and also received a broken arm. George Thomas was injured on the leg. The engine was completely demolished. It was the property of Peter Brauer of Graf.

Merchant Commits Suicide.

Nebraska City, July 18.—H. J. Eirkeby, a prominent dry goods merchant of this city, committed suicide by drowning in the Missouri river. He had been sick for several years and

during the last few months had nearly gone blind and was losing his mind. About 9:30 a. m. he walked to the river bank at the foot of Central avenue. He took off his hat, coat and vest and laid them on the bank and jumped into the water.

Crack Horseshoe Pitcher.

Omaha, July 19.—Governor John H. Mitchell put in three hours defeating the local horseshoe pitching champion. The governor, with J. T. Derby, was victorious over the governor's secretary, A. B. Allen, and Deputy State Auditor George Anthes by a score of 3 to 1. Messrs. Allen and Anthes have defeated local players at quoits in numerous contests, and owing to the stifling heat, office work was suspended for the contest, which occurred in the rear of the governor's mansion. The governor had not played a game before in twenty years.

Worrall Case Strikes Snag.

Omaha, July 19.—The taking of depositions before Notary Charles W. Pearsall in the Tom Worrall grain suit came to an abrupt end with the announcement that Attorney Brogan had secured an order of removal from the state district to the federal court. This procedure was not in the least relished by Mr. Worrall and his attorneys and they immediately took steps to check the move. It is understood they will go into the federal court at once and try to have the case remanded back to the state courts, and Attorneys Jeffries and Howell began preparation for this course immediately.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.

Wheat Harvest Nearly Over, With Yield and Quality Excellent.

Lincoln, July 19.—Harvesting has progressed rapidly the last week and winter wheat is about all cut. Threshing has commenced quite generally and indicates an excellent crop, better than was expected, both as to yield and quality. Early oats are generally cut in central and southern counties and late oats are ripening rapidly. Oats are improving rapidly and as a whole will be a better crop than seemed probable a few weeks ago. Haying progressed rapidly. The second crop of alfalfa is good and is being secured in good condition in southern counties. The high temperature the last part of the week was very favorable for the growth of corn and it advanced rapidly toward normal condition. A few fields of early corn are beginning to show tassels. Much corn was cultivated the last week after the wheat was cut.

BONACUM-MURPHY CASE.

Vatican Authorities Will Try to End Prolonged Litigation.

Rome, July 13.—The congregation of the propaganda, having received an official copy of the decision of the supreme court of the state of Nebraska in the case of Rev. William Murphy against Bishop Bonacum of Lincoln, Neb., upholding the right of Father Murphy to retain possession of the church property at Seward, has decided to again examine the question at issue in the hope of finding some way of ending the prolonged litigation between the bishop and the pastor.

Bishop Bonacum excommunicated the Rev. William Murphy, pastor of the Catholic church at Seward, Neb., and sought to eject him from the church and parsonage. The trustees of the church intervened and secured the quieting of the title to the property in them. Father Murphy filed a cross bill, asking that the case be dismissed and that the bishop be enjoined from further prosecuting a suit involving the same issues until the controversy had been decided by the higher courts. This prayer was granted by the supreme court. The litigation between Father Murphy and Bishop Bonacum has continued for over ten years.

War Ticket Scalpers.

Portland, Ore., July 19.—Owing to the wholesale business being done by the ticket scalpers operating in Portland and other cities in the northwest, the various passenger associations have begun a relentless campaign against ticket brokers. A large number of arrests have been made in this city and a bitter fight will be waged between the railroads and the brokers' association. If the railroads cannot win in the courts it is said that the special rates from various parts of the country for Portland made on account of the exposition will be withdrawn.

SEVEN ARE BURNED TO DEATH.

Explosion of Gas Tank Causes Fire in Minnesota Hotel.

Wabasha, Minn., July 19.—Seven persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Depot hotel. The dead: Mrs. Hoffman and young baby; Robert Johnson, expressman; Gertrude Stentsher; Rebecca Herman, James Hunt, Engineer Cook. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas tank used for an illuminating plant, with which the hotel was equipped. Mrs. Hoffman was the proprietress of the hotel. She and her baby and the other victims were burned to death in their rooms.

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KANSAS CITY	PORTLAND		
ST. LOUIS	SAN FRANCISCO		
and all points east and south.	and all points west.		

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No. 15. Passenger daily Denver, all points in Colorado, Utah and California. 8:05 p.m.
No. 16. Passenger daily for St. Joe, Kansas City, Atchison, St. Louis and all points east and south. 10:35 a.m.
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