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NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN

BELIEF IS GENERAL THAT EN-VOYS WILL AGREE.

Each Side Will Examine Credentials have the alternative of continuing the the Other-Plenipotentiaries Formally Welcomed by Officials of New Hampshire.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 9 .- The Russian and Japanese peace missions, have submitted themselves to introduction and likewise to all of the ceremonies of welcome and reception on the part of the United States government and the state of New Hampshire and are ready to face each other for the purpose of ending the war in the far east and if possible consummating a permanent peace between the two great nations.

stores building of the Portsmouth navy yard. The Russian plenipotentiaries will examine the credentials and powers which the emperor of Japan has delegated to Baron Komura and Minister Takahira, and in turn the Japanese plenipotentiaries will scrutinize the powers which the Russian emperor has conferred upon M. Witte and Baron Rosen.

The second day's session, to take place tomorrow, it is expected, will be devoted either to a consideration of the Japanese peace terms or to a proposition for an armistice by the Russian plenipotentiaries. It has been estimated that if a basis of negotiation for peace is found, the actual negotiations will consume something eral passengers bruised, but no one like five weeks' time before a treaty can be perfected and signed.

The landing and reception of the telegraphic communication. envoys was a function replete with ceremony. The dignity of the nation's salutes was contrasted with the hearty exclamations of good will on the part of thousands of persons who thronged the streets of Portsmouth and surrounded the court house. where Governor McLane pronounced his cordial words of welcome.

Envoys Much Affected.

The envoys of both Japan and Russia were much affected by the demonstration of the American public. M. Witte rode through the business section of the town with his tall silk hat raised above his head in constant acknowledgement of salutes. Ambaswas also uncovered in honor of the cheering crowds. In the carriage following were the two Japanese envoys, and they too were not remiss in responding to the hurrahs of the crowds. Three carriages were occupied by each mission, and in the procession through the streets of Portsmouth the Russians and Japanese were given alternate positions, the first, third and fifth carriages were Russian and the second, fourth and sixth Japanese.

The public was rigorously excluded from the navy yard, where the envoys came ashore. The landing was effected most expeditiously and everything moved without the slightest interruption. The Russian suite was proceeding to the breakfast room from the landing when the salute from the battery announced the landing of the Japanese.

The envoys were met at the court house by Third Assistant Secretary of State Peirce, who first presented M. Witte to Governor McLane and then Baron Komura. The senior Russian commissioner presented his suite to the chief executive of New Hampshire and the Japanese plenipotentiaries did likewise. Governor McLane's formal speech of welcome was responded to by a profound bow of both parties.

Optimism Prevails.

While there are no official stateenvirons of the peace missions.

It is thought that at today's meeting of the peace envoys here it may be possible to exchange the fundamental basis on which the represetatives of the two belligerent powers may be able to come to an understanding. It is only after an accord on those fundamental bases that an armistice will be considered advantageous by both parties. On one point the Russian delegates are instructed not to yield—that regarding a war indemnity, which, it was stated,

is against the Russian feeling, against The Cause of Many Russian pride and against the whole history of the country.

There is the belief that although on the verge of the first meeting the two missions appear very far from agreement, once the plenipotentiaries are in the conference room the position of each will be greatly modified and that they will make an earnest effort to come to terms.

Although she has prepared an irreducible minimum, Japan will not present this in such a form. There will be demands in the Japanese program which her plenipotentiaries are empowered to modify. In short, Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira will present Japan's program in as diplomatic a form as possible.

On the other hand, the Russians do not hesitate to reiterate that they will have no trouble in reaching an agreement provided Japan's terms appear to them reasonable. "But," added a member of the Russian mission, "Japan must remember that we were not forced to these negotiations. We war indefinitely without the prospect of loss of territory. We have come to the conference because of a real desire for peace, but not because we the war indefinitely."

SEEK TO END WIRE STRIKE.

Move for Settlement.

Northern and Northern Pacific rail- bottle. ways in Minnesota are asked to take action to end the present telegraphers' Today they will meet in the naval strike, and the governor of Minnesota has been appealed to use his good offices in bringing about harmony in order that business interests may suffer Plate, Joe Turner. Merritt Burgin no further injury. The wheat harvest throughout Minnesota and the Dakotas has begun and the work of mov- body was blown fully 150 yards. ing a big crop will, it is said, test the capacity of the roads, even under normal conditions. The telegraphers at strike headquarters seem to attach great importance to the expected arrival of President J. J. Hill.

eral hours. A switch engine was on the main line and a head-on collision seriously hurt. The strikers claim the wreck was caused by a lack of

IRON WORKERS TO STRIKE.

All Employes of American Bridge Company Ordered Out.

headquarters of the International As- unchanged. Trains are running beican Bridge company from Maine to of the small stations. California. It is estimated that between 15,000 and 20,000 bridge and structural iron workers will quit work. Bridge work will be tied up in many parts of the country, and a number of big building projects will be delayed. sador Rosen, in the same carriage, The strike of the iron workers when it comes will affect thousands in the building industry.

The following is a copy of the order which was sent out to ninety locals of the union in the United States and Canada by Secretary McNamara of the executive board: "The executive board orders a general strike against the American Bridge company, to take effect Aug. 9. Order includes all jobs where the American Bridge company has first contract for erection."

The general strike, according to Secretary McNamara, was the outcome of trouble between the union and the American Bridge company over the subletting of a contract to a Boston, concern which the union claims is "unfair."

LAY SERMON BY PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt Addresses Christian Brotherhood at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 7.-President Roosevelt delivered a lay sermon to the Christian brotherhood of Oyster Bay. He emphasized especially the necessity of sound character building, holding that high moral character was the real essence of Christian life. The organization before which the president spoke is a nonsectarian body, composed principally of the male members of the several local churches. About 200 persons ments or predictions regarding the attended the meeting. The president CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS outcome of the forthcoming negotia- carried his own bible and in begintions, the prevalence of a general good ning his address, read selections from feeling is noticeable throughout the the sixth chapter of Matthew, the epistle to the Corinthians and the

epistle to James.

Boiler Explosion Kills Three. Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 8.-A telephone message from Del Rio, Tenn., tells of a disastrous boiler explosion near that place, in which three men were killed and another fatally in- 45%c; May, 45%a45%c.
jured and seven others injured. The Oats—Sept., 26%c; Dec., 27%c; May, 29% jured and seven others injured. The scene of the fatality was a sawmill, owned by the T. J. Salts company. Fifteen men were in the boiler room when the explosion occurred, the ma-

Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so decepthe kidney-poison-

tive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it-heart disheart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidnev disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance

ed blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feel-

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> jority being lumbermen, who had been driven in by a fierce rainstorm. The dead are: Herman Tistler, Frank was so badly injured that he can live but a few hours. Turner's mangled

Big Fire at Hoboken.

New York, Aug. 8 .- Inside of threequarters of an hour early this morning fire swept away the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad A wreck on the Northern Pacific at company's terminal in Hoboken, Brainerd tied up that branch for sev- seized two ferryboats and practically ruined them, and for half an hour threatened the destruction of the enoccurred, in which both engines were tire water front in the vicinity, includwrecked and the conductor and sev- ing the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamship docks, at which several big ships were lying. The property damage is estimated at \$500,000. So far as known no lives were lost.

Conditions in South Dakota.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 8 .- The local situation in reference to the Cleveland, Aug. 8.—The Plaindealer strike of the telegraph operators on says: Orders were issued from the the Great Northern railroad continues sociation of Bridge and Structural tween Garretson and Yankton as best Iron Workers by Secretary McNamara they can and the train crews confor a general strike against the Amer- tinue doing all the station work at all

General Roy Stone Dead.

New York, Aug. 7.—General Roy Stone, a veteran of the civil and Spanish-American wars and a distingushed civil engineer, is dead in his sixtyninth year, at his home in Mendham. N. J. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Lady Monson, wife of Lord Monson of England.

Five Italians Run Down by Engine. Alexandria, Va., Aug. 8.-Five Italian laborers were struck by an engine and killed at a railroad junction five miles west of this city.

Approves National Assembly Project. St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.-The national assembly project was finally approved at Peterhof and will be promulgated next Saturday, the anniversary of the birth of Grand Duke Alexis Nickolaievitch, heir to the Russian

Standing of the Teams.

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Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Official announcement that there had been comparative little rust damage caused heavy profit-taking in wheat today. The September option closed 46%c lower. Corn was up 1/2c. Oats showed a gain of 4c. Provisions were 5 @124c higher. Closing prices: Wheat—Sept., 824c; Dec., 834@834c;

May, 864@864c. Corn-Sept., 53%@53%c, new, 53%c; Dec.

Pork—Sept., \$14.02\\(\pi_0\)14.05; Oct., \$14.02\\(\pi_0\) Lard—Sept., \$7.60; Oct., \$7.70. Ribs—Sept., \$8.30\(\pi_8\)32\\(\pi_2\); Oct., \$8.37\\(\pi_0\) Chicago Cash Prices-No. 2 hard wheat, 831/490c; No. 3 hard wheat, 821/488c; No. 2 corn, 55%@55%c; No. 2 oats, 56c.

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