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EMPEROR AIDS PEACE

ISSUES CALL FOR SECOND CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE.

President Made First Move in Favor of Such a Meeting, but Relinquishes His Part in it to Emperor Nicholas Invitations Already Accepted.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—Emperor Nicholas again appears before the world as a promoter of universal peace. No sooner is the Russo-Japanese war over, and even before the peace treaty has been ratified, than his majesty issues invitations to a second peace conference at The Hague.

That the emperor has done so was learned from a source which leaves no shadow of doubt as to its authenticity. It is officially announced that "the Russian government proposes to address the foreign powers with a view to the holding of a second peace conference at The Hague," but it is known that negotiations preceding this announcement were entered into especially with the United States and were conducted with the greatest secrecy, there being not the slightest inkling that Russia contemplated anything of the kind.

The announcement created the greatest surprise here, and that Russia should plan a second conference despite the steps already taken by President Roosevelt was also heard with amazement. It is clear that the step could not be taken by Russia without first reaching a complete understanding with President Roosevelt. The fact that President Roosevelt is reported as being entirely in sympathy with the proposal, and that he said to the initiator of the first The Hague conference should belong the honor of convoking the second, and readily and gladly acceded to the Russian proposal, is clear proof that the conference has already been called and that President Roosevelt relinquished his part in it to the emperor.

There is strong reason to believe that the news even of the intention of the Russian government would not be given out unless invitations had already been sent to the powers, and possibly their answers had been received. In this connection an interesting question arises as to how the invitation was communicated to Japan, in view of the lack of diplomatic relations, but the invitation may be delayed until such relations have been resumed or it may have been forwarded through the United States. It was impossible to learn the proposed date of the second conference or to gain even an approximate idea regarding it, but it probably will not be greatly delayed. Russia, as the power convoking the conference, will probably submit an official program, the other powers submitting suggestions.

Disturbances in the Caucasus.

Tiflis, Sept. 19.—General Shtrinkin, commanding the troops, received a telegram from the managers of the copper works at Elizabethtopol requesting him to send Cossacks to the works. The telegram says the district is surrounded by bands of Tartars, and that the property and lives of the employes are in imminent danger. Five wagons filled with Armenian refugees from Shaska were attacked by Tartars and most of the women carried off. A mob of 2,000 persons attacked a mail train at the Abasha station and detached the engine. The troops and police fired and drove off the rioters, who had many killed or wounded. Several other outrages on the railway have occurred in the neighborhood.

Hitch in the Negotiations.

Karlstad, Sweden, Sept. 19.—The Norwegian and Swedish delegates were in conference for two hours and a half and adjourned to meet when an agreement is reached on certain points submitted to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Lindeberg, Michelsen, Hammerskjold and Loveland. A certain element in Norway is opposing the proposed terms of the agreement, thus placing difficulty in the way of the delegates. It is understood that as a basis of the agreement, Sweden has promised to sign an arbitration treaty as soon as Norway is recognized as a separate state, while Norway agrees to destroy all the new frontier fortifications. The

other conditions are still under consideration.

Franco-German Dispute.

Paris, Sept. 19.—Franco-German negotiations relative to the Moroccan conference have again taken an unfavorable turn, causing anxiety in official and diplomatic circles and renewing the depression on the bourse. This is due to the continued insistence by both sides on points which were considered to be susceptible of compromise. Therefore the rumor circulated, naming the plenipotentiaries and fixing the date of the conference, is purely speculative, as serious difficulties still remain to be overcome. However, both parties are willing to accept Algeiras, Spain, as the place of conference.

Japanese Naval Scandal.

Tokio, Sept. 18.—The information has been made public that three naval paymasters have embezzled \$165,000 of government funds. The announcement has been calmly received by the public, but the knowledge that the commission of the crime extended over the period of a year without discovery may, it is said, cause a feeling of distrust and uneasiness toward the naval administration, and furnish a weapon to the political parties that are opposing the government.

AMERICAN FISHERS FIRED UPON

Tug Barnhurst Struck by Shots From Canadian Cruiser.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 18.—The fourth of the fish tug incidents of the past week took place in Lake Erie when the Canadian cruiser Vigilant riddled the big steam tug Harry G. Barnhurst with small shells from the rifle of the patrol boat. Captain Nick Fasel of the tug admitted after he escaped that the Vigilant could have sent her to the bottom if Captain Dunn had so desired. They ran more than eight miles under full head of steam before they crossed the boundary line and escaped from the Canadians.

More than thirty shots struck the vessel and of these fifteen of the small shells landed with telling effect on the upper parts so that the boat careened to one side with the mass of wreckage when she came into port. Having been used formerly for a pleasure steamer, the Barnhurst is of large size and well fitted with steam equipment. The fireman, Magnus Johnson, fainted in the hold from over-exertion from keeping the steam up. He revived after reaching shore. Two fishermen were cut in the face by splinters shot away by the bullets.

The Barnhurst, according to Captain Fasel, was about five miles over the line, drawing nets, when the Vigilant appeared. The other Erie tugs, the Alma, Valiant and the Boyd, were closer to the line and ran away when the chase started. It has become quite the custom for the Erie fishermen to cross the line regardless of strict orders from the companies employing them and having exciting brushes with the Vigilant. They never think of surrender when there is a chance to run away. The Barnhurst lost a large quantity of nets.

SHIP BURNS IN LAKE SUPERIOR.

Mate of the V. B. Ketchum Drowned in Attempt to Rescue Woman.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 18.—The schooner V. H. Ketchum, bound from Duluth to Cleveland, burned off Parisian island, Lake Superior, and two members of the crew were drowned while attempting to leave the burning vessel in a life boat. The fire was first discovered in the after cabin and made such headway that it was soon beyond control. The schooner was immediately headed for shore and was beached in twenty-three feet of water off the island, where she burned to the water's end.

When it was seen that the fire was beyond control, the nine members of the crew, including Mrs. B. Ames, the cook, launched the life boat and prepared to row to the steamer Nottingham, which had taken the Ketchum in tow. In attempting to lower the woman safely into the life boat, the craft was capsized and the nine people were thrown into the water. In the struggle to save themselves, the eight men forgot the presence of the woman, and she was carried some distance away. Mate Andrew Anderson went to her rescue as she was going down for the last time. Seizing her clothing Anderson turned and attempted to return to the ship, but the high waves carried him further away. Tired out from his exertions and borne down by the weight of the helpless woman, he was unable to make any headway, and the two sank before the eyes of the other members of the crew, who could offer no assistance.

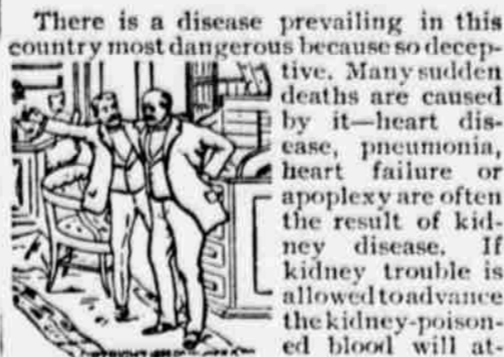
Filipino Outlaw Chief Killed.

Manila, Sept. 18.—Felizardo, chief of the outlaws in the province of Cavite, who for a long time have made trouble for the authorities, was surrounded near the Batangas border and jumped over a cliff. He was killed by the fall. The death of Felizardo, it is expected, will end the disturbances in the province of Cavite.

On Jan. 24, 300 ladrones, led by Felizardo and Montaleon, attacked the town of San Francisco de Malabon,

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looted the municipal treasury of \$2,000, killed Surgeon J. A. O'Neill and abducted the wife and two children of Governor Trias.

Odd Fellows Are Meeting.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—Hundreds of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and many of their friends continued to arrive here from all sections of the country to attend the annual convention of the sovereign grand lodge, which was formally opened this morning. Robert E. Wright of Allentown, Pa., grand sire of the sovereign lodge, was enthusiastically welcomed by a large delegation of brother members of the order.

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