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The State of The Peace Conference.

Charlotte Observer, Monday.

As one of the Japanese peace envoys says to the newspaper correspondents "It is cloudy today; it may be clear to-morrow." Though when the peace conference met Saturday and adjourned things looked very gloomy, until Tuesday's meeting is over no man can tell whether it will be peace or war between Japan and Russia.

The idea of reaching an agreement seems to have been abandoned at both the Japanese and Russian capitals unless within those inner portals which the general public knows nothing about. Hope of peace, likewise, has been abandoned throughout Europe and the world is looking for this meeting Tuesday to be no more than a formal and final calling off. But while there is life there is hope, and the conference is not yet dead. One might force in the negotiations, the one through whose instrumentality the peace conference was called, and who has been the friend and counsellor of both sides is President Roosevelt; and he seems to be the only one that clings to hope. It was through his influence that the conference was not finally adjourned Saturday. Out of respect for him and for the American people whom he represents the commissioners consented to take a recess till Monday to see if either of their governments would make further concessions. A dispatch last night, published this morning, tells that a further postponement has been made till Tuesday afternoon.

The point of different remains today what it was two weeks ago when the conference first met. Whatever words are used, the sum and substance of them is this: Japan wants Russia to pay her a war indemnity and Russia will not do it. They have shifted around and changed names, talked, blustered, bluffed, and done everything else a diplomatic conference does and is expected to do. Japan started out by calling this not an indemnity but a "re-imbursement" for its war expenses. That to Russia was no more palatable than indemnity. In fact M. Witte, the principal Russian envoy, declared from the very beginning that it was not a matter of names at all; he did not care what it was called or in what form it came Russia would not pay Japan one cent—he called "Kopeck"—except for keeping the Russian prisoners, which he consented to do. It was President Roosevelt's suggestion that Japan modify its demands and instead of asking a "re-imbursement" consent to Russia's purchasing from Japan one-half of the Island of Sakhalin for \$600,000,000. This proposal M. Witte promptly rejected, and scornfully—to Japan: he was respectful to the president—declaring that it was only a ruse, a mere change of names. He cared not for a change in facts; and the new proposal still called for a payment of \$600,000,000 to Japan, which was an effect an indemnity. For, it must be remembered, while Japan is in present possession of Sakhalin, the war is not closed and Russia still claims to own that island, hoping to re-capture it.

Japan, on the other hand—but to the same effect, the failure of a treaty of peace—is as firm as Russia.

sia. From the very beginning she has said Russia must pay a war indemnity. And here, likewise, the Mikado, he doesn't care for names. He is willing that it come under any name, or under any form, direct, indirect, straight through, roundabout, sugar coated, in capsules, anyway—it makes no difference to him; all he wants is the stuff. He's willing to grant the Czar "peace with honor," provided it can be fixed up so Japan gets the money.

And there they stand. There they have stood since the very first day of the conference. Many details have been agreed upon, were agreed upon week before last, all matters of lesser moment. Unless one of the belligerent nations backs down upon this the main chance, when they meet Tuesday, the Portsmouth peace conference will go down into history as a failure. That is, it will not go down into history at all. The war will continue, though there must be a reckoning some day.

According to yesterday's dispatches the responsibility of refusing to make peace will now rest upon Russia. It was stated that at the meeting yesterday Japan would offer Envoy Witte a waiver of the claim to "reimbursement for the cost of the war" and would propose to refer to arbitration the amount to be paid Japan for evacuating the Northern half of Sakhalin. A successful conclusion of negotiations is now confidently expected.

Traxler, of Timmonsville, Buys Home in Greenville.

D. H. Taxler of Timmonsville, the first commissioner the dispensary ever had, who served way back in the old days when the business was administered in strict accordance with the constitution and statutes, has purchased the residence of J. A. Bull on North Main street in this city, purchase price being \$4,500.—Greenville News.

The Latest Ultimatum From Emperor Nicholas.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—The Emperor's ultimatum is that Russia will agree to a division of the Island of Sakhalin and liberal payment will be made to Japan for the care of Russian prisoners, but no indemnity shall be paid.

Senator Tillman's announcement that if the dispensary is voted out he will work for prohibition has caused a cold chill in some quarters.—Anderson Daily-Mail.

There is no chill over this way. We are only hopeful that Senator Tillman means what he says, for we are confident that if he will work as earnestly on the right side of this question as he has worked on the wrong side of it, it can be demonstrated that prohibition will prohibit.—Yorkville Equirer.

Killed Brother-In-Law.

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Aug. 27.—Wade Robinson, 13 year old, a son of Engineer J. J. Robinson, of the Seaboard Air Line, died this morning at 8.30 o'clock at Belton, between Wilmington and Florence, as a result of being accidentally shot about 1 o'clock this morning by his brother-in-law, Frank Hasty, who mistook the boy for a burglar. The boy was sleeping in an adjoining room to that occupied by Hasty and had occasion to get up during the night. Hasty heard the noise, got up and fired. The boy cried out and Hasty was shocked to find that he had shot his young relative.

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Rotten State in Spartanburg.

Landrum Says County Board Won't Punish Grafters.—Appeals to Heyward—Says Others Block Him and Refuse to Take Action Against Crooked Dispensers.

Special to News and Courier.

Spartanburg, Aug. 26.—Following is a copy of a letter written by B. G. Landrum, chairman of the Spartanburg County Board of Dispensary Control, to Governor Heyward:

"By recommendation of the present delegation to the General Assembly, I was commissioned a member of the County Board of Dispensary Control, for Spartanburg county on the 29th of April this year. At the first meeting which I attended after that date, I was made chairman of the board. At the taking of stock in the dispensaries in Spartanburg in July, I refused to sign the blanks presented by the other members of the board, taking the position that I could not certify to the correctness of a blank statement and leave the statement to be filled by some one else. This was the first difference I had with the other members of the board, W. N. Avant, and Z. H. Lanford.

"Since that time I have been entirely ignored by the other members of the board. After the investigating committee of the General Assembly met at Spartanburg, it appeared to me that there was sufficient charges of malfeasance in office against certain county dispensary officers and employees to warrant the county board's taking notice of and straightening them out. Desiring to do what is right and to have these matters investigated by the proper authorities, I called a meeting of the county board for the purpose of considering the testimony we had, as taken by the legislative committee. This call was entirely ignored and it is the evident purpose of the majority to prevent any consideration of these things by the board. I asked Mr. Avant why he did not come and his reply was that he was busy and that he had read the testimony and he did not find anything crooked about it.

"So you see my hands are tied. I do not wish to punish anybody who is not guilty, but there has been so much said publicly and otherwise about how the dispensaries are run in Spartanburg, I do believe it is the duty of the county board to take some official action. What is the board for? I am told that the delegation has no power to remove anybody. I find in the law that the county board has power to remove, but it requires a majority to act, but it is the evident purpose of that majority to prevent any action of any kind. I accepted a place on this board, hoping to be of some service in making and keeping the thing clean.

"I now appeal to you as the chief executive of the State to suggest some way out of the difficulty. If I can not be of any service, if I am to be ignored by two men who have evidently made up their minds to thwart me in whatever effort I make to clean up things, and if there is no remedy for me, I will at once send in my resignation. I will not be a figure-head.

"B. G. Landrum."

Dispensary or no Whiskey?

Yorkville, August 26.—County Supervisor Boyd to-day ordered that an election on the question of dispensary or no dispensary be held on Tuesday, September 26, 1905.

The Veterans' Reunion at Dixie last Thursday.

MR. EDITOR: Please give room in your valuable paper for this. The reunion at Dixie, Aug. 24, was attended by something over two thousand people. They came from every part of the county to show to the old soldiers that they honored them. At 10 o'clock the Junior Order assembled in their new hall, to arrange to make it a pleasant day for the Vets. The old soldiers were formed in line by Adj't. G. W. Jones, and the Juniors were formed in line with their regalia on. The command was then given to Capt. J. C. Foster, and marched in front of the lemonade stand and treated by the Junior Order. What a contrast, to see one hundred old men, all past the sixtieth milestone, and just behind them in ranks about the same number of young men from 16 to 40. At the head of the column the chaplain marched, carrying the Bible. The command "about face" was given, and they marched back to the Junior Hall. Then hand shaking was in order. At eleven o'clock Commander W. G. A. Porter called the meeting to order. Song by the Junior Order first. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Duffy, who had been a soldier. The address of welcome was made by Commander Porter. As he looked in the faces of some of the men that defended Charleston for four long years, and some that followed Johnson in the west and climbed the heights of Lookout mountain, and some of the men that stood side by side and had followed General Jackson on so many hard fought battle fields, and reminded these men that so many of them had lost a dear brother, for the moment all that was joy turned to sorrow.

Judge Jones was then introduced as the first speaker. He spoke for over one hour and he held that large audience together as but few men could. It was a masterful speech, one that all enjoyed. At the close of this speech a song was sung by ten young ladies, all daughters of Confederate soldiers. The meeting then adjourned for dinner, which was spread under the shady oaks at different places, and everybody was invited. There was plenty for all. At two o'clock the meeting was called to order. Then music on the organ and violin by Dr. Bishop and his wife. Next, Hon. D. E. Finley was introduced. His address was entirely on education, and it was a splendid speech. After his speech he had more music. And when the playing of Dixie began I could see one old veteran in the crowd dancing with as much grace as if he were in a reel. Well, I did not blame him, for he was acting under the instructions of the good book, where it says there is a time for all things. Yes, this same veteran was at one time a prisoner near the place where he was that day a free man, surrounded by thousands of friends. Adj't. G. W. Jones, of Camp Dixie, made a short speech showing what the Junior stood for; after which all went home.

Now to the ladies and gentlemen, you won the hearts of all the Vets that day. If I ever disown, repudiate or apologize for the cause for which Lee fought and Jackson died, let the lightning of heaven rend me and the scorn of all good men and true women be my portion.

W. G. A. Porter.

Dixie, S. C., Aug. 28, 1905

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—Engineer G. W. Syfan of Abbeville was pinned down under his engine for four hours in a wreck on the Seaboard at Calhoun Falls Saturday night. His right leg was crushed from knee to ankle. Six or seven cars were burned in the wreck in one of which a negro cook perished.

Massacre of Faithful.

Special to News and Courier.

Rock Hill, August 25.—Some miscreant put out poison last night and the result is thirty dogs of the city lie cold in death. Some were of high degree, others were merely dogs, but all were more or less dear to their masters.

Marriage Causes Trouble.

A special to The Charlotte Observer from Columbia says: Magistrate J. H. Keels, whose bailiwick is in Clarendon county, is in trouble as a result of his marrying a girl who is said to be only 15 years old, which is a year under the age of consent in this State. The affair was brought to the attention of the Governor by John W. Hilton, who complains that Keels married his daughter to J. F. Broadway, of Paxville, in Clarendon county, July 23, and that Broadway is a kinsman of Keels. The Governor will investigate the affair, through the members of the Clarendon legislative delegation. The papers in the case assert that Keels knew the girl to be under age, in which case he is in serious trouble.

Negro Lynched Near Newbern.

Newbern, N. C., August 27.—John Moore, a negro 20 years of age, was taken from Craven County jail in this city early today and lynched by a mob of 100 masked men armed with rifles and revolvers.

Moore entered the country store of George Eubanks, at Clarks, seven miles from Newbern, last Friday, when the proprietor's wife was the only one in. The negro attempted robbery and struck Mrs. Eubanks on the head with a meat axe, fracturing bones and inflicting injuries, which if they do not prove fatal, will at least cause not only disfigurement but life-long suffering.

Columbia, Aug 25.—Adjutant General John Frost announced today that he would not be a candidate for re-election. He will retire from politics.

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Notice to Debtors and Creditors of J. Wren Tillman.

All persons having claims against the estate of J. Wren Tillman, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the same.

B. Cunningham, J. M. Yoder, Administrators.

Aug. 30—3 wk.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Nannie C. Vauland-ingham deceased will make his final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administrator.

W. J. Cunningham, Admr. Dated August 30th, 1905.

Notice of Discharge

Notice is hereby given that on the 23d day of September, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Wm N McMurray deceased, will make his final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administrator.

J. M. McMurray, Administrator.

Dated August 23d, 1905.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of Sept. 1905, the undersigned as Guardian of Essie I. Stover now Mrs. Essie Morley, will make his final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Guardian.

W. F. Stover, Guardian. Dated Aug 26th, 1905.

CLERK'S SALE

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

In the Court of Common Pleas,

Ida S. Heath, Plaintiff, against James M. Heath, W. Shannon Heath, A. Burnett Heath, John P. Heath and Henrietta S. Heath, Defendants.

PURSUANT to a decree in the above stated cause made by Judge Geo W. Fager, dated August 11, 1905, I will sell at public auction at Lancaster court house on the

FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER NEXT,

within the legal hours of sale, the following described lots of land, to wit:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land fronting seventy-nine (79) feet on Gay Street and sixty-two and one half (62 1/2) feet on Arch Street, lying in the town of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, and bounded as follows: On the North west by Gay Street, on the East for the entire length of the lot by No. 1 of the Chaffee Block, now or formerly property of Leroy Springs, on the South east by Arch Street, on the West and Southwest by lot No. 5 of same block, known as the E. J. Clark lot, for 780 feet 10 inches of the depth of said lot No. 2, and lot No. 3 of same block, now or formerly property of Leroy Springs, 215 feet 2 inches, making the width of lot No. 2, herein described, 79 feet in width from Gay Street for 215 feet 2 inches, and the remainder of the lot for 180 feet 10 inches, terminating at Arch Street; being 62 1/2 feet in width, and containing 65 100 acres according to a plat of survey made by T. M. Bell, Surveyor, on September 11th, 1902. Also one-half (1/2) interest in a 9 foot alley-way between lot No. 1 now or formerly of Leroy Springs, and lot No. 2, herein described, running through from Gay to Arch Street, same to be maintained and to be kept open as an alley-way for the joint use of both properties.

Also, all that piece, parcel or lot of land in the corporate limits of the Town of Lancaster, containing three (3) acres more or less, and bounded as follows, viz: On the North by lots of Lida B. Jones (being the same which she derived under the will of her mother, Mrs. Amanda Brown, deceased) and Eliza J. Wyllie and E. E. Wyllie; on the East by Catawba Street; on the South by what is commonly called Elm Street; and on the West by French Street.

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