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CHANGE IN WORDS; TERMS THE SAME

Japanese Envoys Submit New Arrangement of Demand to Russians.

OFFER TO DIVIDE SAKHALIN

Proposition Allows the Payment of Indemnity in Return for Half the Island but Does Not Alter the Original Demand for Money.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 24.—"We arrived at nothing," said M. Witte Wednesday evening after the peace conference had adjourned until Saturday. "Japan presented a new proposition, but it was merely old propositions in new words. We dispatched some of the protocols, but we arrived at nothing."

Japan made her conciliatory proposal of terms. It was not a new proposal. It was a complicated rearrangement of the old disputed points—Sakhalin, indemnity and the rest—sugar-coated in the hope that Russia might swallow it. No new principle was involved, instead the Japanese envoys sought to accomplish by indirection what they had asked for directly in their original terms of peace.

The new proposition sought to find a way to get an indemnity out of Russia without hurting the national pride and honor of that country. Salve was applied.

Would Divide Sakhalin.

The proposition was long and involved. Reduced to simple terms, it sought to induce Russia to divide the island of Sakhalin with the Japanese, restore the conditions of 1875 and to pay Japan a sum not specified for the half Japan is willing to restore to Russia. Combined with this was a financial arrangement connected with the railroad.

In effect, Japan virtually withdrew her demand for an indemnity, as such, but proposed that Russia should pay money to her, nevertheless, and pointed out an easy way for Russia to do it.

The revised condition was discussed by the envoys in a general way. No conclusion was reached. After the work on the protocols had been completed the Russians asked for an adjournment until Saturday. Four protocols were completed and signed by all the envoys. They cover the work of the first four days of the conference, each protocol being the minutes of one day's proceedings. The rest of the protocols are ready and will be signed at the next meeting.

This proposition of the Japanese has already been cabled to St. Petersburg. M. Witte refuses to take the responsibility of deciding the adjournment.

Will Not Pay Indemnity.

If an answer is received before Saturday and the Russians want another conference before that day one will be held. As it now is it is expected there will be no more meetings until Saturday.

M. Witte's statement: "We arrived at nothing," covers the situation thoroughly from the Russian viewpoint. The Russians have been in constant communication with their government. They have received word from the czar that they must not submit to an indemnity in any form whatever—"in whatever guise" were the words sent from St. Petersburg.

The fact that the Japanese presented a new proposition did not lighten the Russian gloom. There is not a man on the staff of M. Witte who is not certain the negotiations will end in failure, even if the Japanese should make another proposition. It seems definitely settled that the Japanese will insist on getting money under some pretext or other and that the Russians will not pay. They still insist "not a kopeck."

Japanese Are Content.

The Japanese have no comments to make. They think their magnanimity in changing their proposals so as to avoid wounding Russian honor by insisting on the term indemnity shows the world they are in earnest in their effort to get peace. They consider their action shifts the responsibility to Russia and they are content to let Russia work it out as best she may.

It is quite certain that the Japanese are as anxious for peace as the Russians can be. They have established their principle and they want to quit and enjoy the fruits of their victory. Leading members of the Japanese suite admit this frankly. Still, Japan has spent much money and thinks she should be reimbursed. The Japanese envoys say, privately, that they must get money, that they cannot return home without it.

There has been no letdown in the position of either side so far as public expression goes. The Russians maintain their position of "not a kopeck" almost fanatically. The Japanese are grim and determined. It is now to be decided which side is bluffing. If neither side is the war will continue.

URGE FREE TRADE FOR SPAIN

Merchants Blame Protection for Nations Recent Woes.

Madrid, cablegram: The managing committee of the Mercantile club has memorialized the minister of finance, requesting the government to return to free trade and condemning protection, which, it states, is the origin of labor troubles and was the cause of the loss of Cuba and the Philippines. The document is receiving much attention by the newspapers and the public.

MADE SURE OF BREAKFAST.

Elderly Couple Did Not Wish to Embarrass Hotel on Food Question.

They were an elderly country couple paying their first visit to this city, according to the description given by Major Devlin of the Sixty-ninth regiment, who stood by the desk of the St. Denis awaiting the arrival of a friend. The old gentleman had registered, and the bell boy stood near with their valises, waiting to escort them to their room. Just before entering the elevator the good wife said something in an undertone to her husband, and he hurried back to the desk.

"I forgot to tell you, young man," he said to the clerk, "we shall want breakfast in the morning. Nothin' extra, you know; just a couple of eggs apiece and some chops and coffee, with the usual fixin's."

The clerk smiled and mentioned the fact that the dining room was at their service.

"Well, I just thought I'd tell you, so's you could make allowances and have enough to go round," said the old gentleman as he hurried to rejoin his wife and assure her that there was no danger of a shortage in food owing to their unexpected arrival.

The Reason Why.

Drummond, Wis., Aug. 21st (Special)—Whole families in Bayfield County are singing the praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills and the reason why is given in experiences such as that of Mr. T. T. Wold, a well-known citizen here.

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"Oh, yes—but trouble's a-comin'!"

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SHE LIKED THE "HAIR TONIC."

Substitute's Mistake Had No Very Serious Results.

Albert E. Hatton of Dorchester, traveling salesman for a button company, was formerly a drug clerk.

On one occasion, returning from lunch, he took charge of the store, while the proprietor refreshed the inner man.

Mrs. Blank came in and asked if her hair tonic was ready. The clerk looked on the prescription case, where he found a four-ounce bottle of red liquid standing on a piece of paper inscribed, "Mrs. Blank, hair tonic," which was accordingly labeled, wrapped and delivered.

On his return the proprietor instructed the clerk to compound some hair tonic, for which Mrs. Blank would soon call.

"Why, I gave it to her," said the clerk.

"Oh, you put it up?"

"No, I found it put up on the case, standing on a paper on which was written her name and 'hair tonic.'"

"Well," said the startled apothecary, "I made that memorandum for you to act upon, and just before you returned Jenks, the liquor drummer, left a four-ounce bottle of whisky for me to examine and analyze, and he must have stood it on that paper. Well, it is best to let it go, as no harm can come from it."

Some time later the clerk, when waiting on the lady, asked her how she liked the hair tonic, and was pleased to be informed that she thought it was "just splendid."

Minister Measured by Horses.

The following story is told of a local minister: Having occasion to pay a first visit to a parishioner, the prospective host, in order that the clergyman should not pass the place, stationed his young son at the front gate to await the minister's arrival.

When the minister arrived his coming elicited no salutation on the part of the boy, and it was only upon inquiry that the visitor ascertained that he had reached his destination. Whereupon the boy apologized by saying:

"I didn't know you, cause you had two horses. Papa told me you was a one-horse minister."—Boston Herald.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ¾-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Eccentricity of Authoress.

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Witte Attains Popularity.

Since his arrival in this country M. Witte, Russia's chief representative in the peace negotiations, has won for himself a vast amount of good will. Whatever he has said for publication has been characterized by tact, good taste and breadth of view, and he has shown himself to be in every way a man of brain corresponding with his stalwart physique.

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"Just as often as it comes down, mum."

THE TURN OF LIFE

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