

## LORD CURZON RESIGNED

Quits Office as Viceroy of India on Account of Dispute.

### EARL OF MINTO HIS SUCCESSOR

Refusal of British Cabinet to Appoint Mayor Barrow Brought Matter to Crisis.

The resignation of Lord Curzon of Kedleston, as viceroy of India, and the appointment of the Earl of Minto as his successor, was announced at the India office in London.

According to the correspondence which is issued in the form of a white book, it appears that Lord Curzon's resignation was cabled to that office on August 12. The correspondence shows a decidedly bitter feeling between Lord Curzon, the India office and Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the forces in India, over the new plan of army administration in India. Lord Curzon's dissatisfaction came to head with the refusal of the cabinet to appoint Major General Sir Edmund Barrow, on Lord Curzon's recommendation, military supply member of the council.

Replying on August 2 to the refusal of Mr. Broderick, secretary of state for India, to make his appointment, Lord Curzon requests that the government reconsider its decision, "in order to enable me to accept the responsibility which I infer his majesty's government still desires me to assume."

Lord Curzon's wife was Miss Mary Leiter, of Chicago. It is said that she was unable to endure the climate in India and this may in part have led Lord Curzon to resign.

### WANT ARMY DOUBLED

Scheme Perfected in War Department to Establish Reserves.

Plans are under consideration in the U. S. war department, which may be laid before Congress at its next session, for increasing the war strength of the army to 250,000 men. Certain officials of the war department have been working on the plan for several weeks, and now have it in tangible form.

The regular army now consists of 60,000 men, with the war strength estimated at 100,000. The new plan involves the creation of a "regular reserve," consisting of able-bodied discharged soldiers, whose names would be on file at the war department, and who would be ready for service at any moment. The regular reserve would consist of 400,000 men, each of whom would be paid \$3 a month. They would be required to furnish their addresses to the war department and notify the department of any change in address. Thus an army of 100,000 men with military training could be quickly mobilized.

The plan next includes the creation of a "national reserve" of 100,000. Their names and addresses would be on file in the department and they would be paid a small sum yearly, probably about \$2. Altogether, the regular reserve, the national reserve and the militia of the various States would be 250,000 men.

### TEN KILLED

Engine Making Flying a Switch Crashes Into Trolley.

Ten persons were killed and a number injured at a grade crossing in Butte, Mont., when a Great Northern freight engine struck a loaded street car. All the injured, so far as known, live in Butte or other far Western cities. Among the dead is Margaret Harrington of Butte, who was making a flying switch with two box cars. The motorman of the trolley car stopped at the track as usual, but later turned on the power. When the open trolley car was half way across the track on Utah street, the box cars struck it in the center, demolishing the car and throwing the occupants in all directions, killing 10 and injuring many others.

### ROOSEVELT STEPS IN

Sends Message Inviting Russian to Visit Him at Oyster Bay.

President Roosevelt has determined to make a final effort to prevent the peace negotiations from ending in failure. Friday night he sent a message to the Russian plenipotentiaries through Herbert H. D. Peirce, third assistant secretary of state and the representative of the Government at the peace conference asking that somebody in authority on the Russian side visit him at Oyster Bay immediately.

### BIG VOTE IN NORWAY

Complete Returns Show Only 184 Against Dissolution.

Complete returns from the referendum on the question of the separation of Norway from Sweden show that 368,290 votes were cast for dissolution and 184 against it. The size of the vote is very gratifying. At the last general election only 236,641 votes were cast.

### Nine Injured.

By the running away of the engine of the train on the miniature railway in Kenneywood park, near Pittsburgh, nine persons were injured, none fatally, however. They were all that were on the train at the time, with the exception of the engineer, who escaped injury by jumping.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago was arrested on a charge of violating the automobile speed ordinance.

## CZAR GRANTS ASSEMBLY

Measure Giving Russian People Some Voice Proclaimed.

In a solemn manifesto Emperor Nicholas announced to his subjects the fruition of his plans summoning the representatives of the people, as outlined by him in a rescript issued on March 3 last, and fixes the date for the first convocation as mid-January, and in a ukase, addressed to the senate, formally orders that body to register as the imperial will a law project, formulating the nature, powers and procedure of the new governmental organization.

The national assembly will be a consultative organization in connection with the council of the empire, and not a legislative body. The powers of the emperor remain theoretically absolute. As the emperor is the supreme lawgiver and autocrat, the decisions of the duma have only a recommendatory and not a binding force, though the rejection of any legislative measure by a two-thirds majority of both houses is sufficient to prevent that measure from becoming law.

The representatives of the people will have not only the right to be heard on any legislation proposed by the government, but also can voice their desires on new laws and will have the right to exert a certain supervision over budgetary expenditures.

The suffrage, though wide, is not universal. It is based on property qualification, the peasantry having a vote through membership in communal organizations.

A considerable portion of the residents of the cities, possessing no lands, together with women, soldiers, civil functionaries, etc., are without suffrage.

### WARSHIPS COLLIDE.

Chicago, Towing Crippled Bennington, Smashes Bow.

The cruiser Chicago, flagship of the Pacific squadron, flying the flag of Admiral Goodrich, went aground and later collided with the Bennington, close to the light-house and fog signal station on Angel island in San Francisco harbor, on arrival from San Diego with the disabled gunboat Bennington in tow and accompanied by the naval tug Fortuna.

A strong ebb tide was running, and in the current the tow line on which the Bennington was trailing, parted. Before headway could be stopped the Chicago ran on the beach. The Bennington's momentum carried the gunboat close to the stern of the straggled vessel before the anchors took hold.

The tug Fortuna soon got a line to the Chicago and dragged the cruiser clear of the bottom. But when the Chicago came off it took a sheer straight for the anchored Bennington. The current of the tide carried the Chicago across the bow of the anchored vessel, and there was a smashing of metal when the ships came together. Then the two vessels, afoul of each other, went drifting on the tide. Both were considerably damaged.

### WANT THEIR MONEY BACK

Promotes of Rubber Plantation Called to Account.

Eight suits were filed in court at Steubenville, O., by Edward Nicholson and others against the Vera Cruz Development Company of Canton, O., and its officers, directors and special agents, alleging that fraudulent representations had been made to induce them to purchase interests in the company.

This is a climax of a Mexican rubber plantation scheme which was promoted three years ago. The stock sold rapidly to the amount of \$150,000 in this region, the buyers expecting big dividends.

### Seven Passengers Injured.

In a wreck on the Canton-Akron electric railway at Loudon siding, 15 miles north of Massillon, O., seven passengers were injured. One car side-swiped another, overturning them both and throwing out the passengers. Dr. Martha Sholter, of Canal Dover, was the most seriously injured.

### Large Coal Deal.

By a deal completed within the last few days 3,000 acres of coal lands, said to be the richest in the bituminous regions, has been bought by J. L. Mitchell and Rembrandt Peale, of Philadelphia, from the Kennedy Coal and Coke Company at Thomas Mills, 10 miles from Johnstown, Pa. In this tract there are 3,000 acres and the price paid by the purchasers was \$500,000.

### Man and \$10,000 Gone.

Gus Bobbs, a messenger employed temporarily by the dry goods house of Charles A. Stevens and Brothers, of Chicago, has disappeared with \$10,000 of the firm's money, with which he started to a bank, and a reward of \$500 has been offered for his capture. It was learned he had gone to New York.

### Big Order for Pig Iron.

The United States Steel Corporation will purchase between 30,000 and 40,000 tons of pig iron from the Bessemer Pig Iron Association, for delivery in September. The steel corporation is now using 20,000 tons a week more pig iron than it is making.

### Three Killed at Crossing.

A passenger train on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad at Philadelphia, Jefferson county, N. Y., struck and killed Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cross, of that village and their daughter, Mrs. Chauncey Welch of Chicago. The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cross was fatally injured. The victims were driving in a carriage, which was hit at a crossing.

Sentiment in London favors belief that war will go on indefinitely.

## TRAIN DASHES INTO DRAW

Many Negro Excursionists Meet Death Near Norfolk, Va.

### AIR BRAKES DID NOT WORK

Train Could not Be Stopped at Bridge According to General Orders.

Owing to the inability of Engineer D. L. Reis to control his air brakes an excursion train from Kinston, N. C., bound to Norfolk, Va., plunged through an open draw over the western branch of the Elizabeth river, eight miles from Norfolk, and half a hundred persons, mostly negroes, were drowned.

The list of injured, so far as can be ascertained, numbers nearly 100, though most of these are slightly hurt.

Among the victims the only white ones were Edward J. O'Leary, manager of the excursion, and Edward Forbes, who assisted him, both of Greenville, N. C.

The Merritt wrecking organization dispatched an expedition to the scene of the wreck to endeavor to raise the smitten cars, which lay in about 20 feet of water.

With the exception of the train crew and the promoters of the excursion, all aboard were negroes. The engineer, fireman and conductor escaped.

The train was running at a rate of 15 or 20 miles an hour as it approached the bridge. The specific orders of the road to stop all trains at the bridge whether the draw is open or not was apparently ignored. The train plunged into the abyss. Both engineer and fireman, discovered the open draw too late to stop the train. The airbrakes were applied but did not work properly.

The engine was completely submerged, not even the smokestack being visible. The car that was next to it was also submerged completely. The train consisted of six coaches. Some of these remained on the track. Those aboard those cars were only shaken slightly. The injury to passengers was confined to the first two cars.

### FEVER AND FAMINE

Republic of Honduras Passing Through Sore Trials.

At a cost to the nation of \$2,000,000 and scores of lives of its inhabitants, the republic of Honduras is, according to advices received at the consulate general at New York, passing through one of the worst visitations of disease and famine in its history.

President Bonilla, who has assumed personal charge of the work of the relief corps engaged in fighting the yellow fever, is now at Ceiba on the north coast, where he is exerting his utmost endeavors to prevent the spread of the disease, which made its appearance on the Caribbean coast of Honduras simultaneously with the outbreak in New Orleans in May.

The famine, which was confined to the Pacific slope of the republic, was brought about by the failure of the corn and bean crops, caused by excessive rains during the last winter, and but for the prompt, energetic and lavish measures adopted by the administration, according to Dr. Salvador Cordova, the people would have starved by the thousands in the vicinity of Tegucigalpa, the capital.

Successive cargoes of corn, flour and other provisions brought into the republic from the United States and Nicaragua, averted catastrophe that at several periods during the last six months had threatened the country.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Walter Damrosch, the well-known orchestra leader, has been offered the recently created chair of music at the University of California, with a salary of \$3,000 a year.

The coroner's verdict declares the night switch which wrecked the Twentieth Century limited and cost 19 lives.

The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention endorsed John Stewart, the Republican nominee for Supreme Judge.

Three additional battalions of soldiers have been called out for service in Macedonia in consequence of the activity of revolutionary bands.

At Lake Cormorant, Miss. Henry Young, a negro who shot and killed Edward E. Perry, was taken from Sheriff Withers and hanged by 100 armed men.

Charles Ensign, a merchant, committed suicide by shooting himself at his country home, about five miles from Elyria, O. Poor health is supposed to have led to the act.

Harvey Mizer, a citizen of Bennett, Tenn., a little mining town in Campbell county, near La Follette, Tenn., shot and instantly killed his wife, mistaking her for a burglar.

Baron Hayashi declares that if the war continues Japan will seize more Russian territory than she now demands.

Ambassador Conger may be sent to China to settle the problem of the Chinese boycott against American goods, which, it is said, is inspired by Japan.

### NO RACE SUICIDE THERE.

Hawaiian Wife of a Chinaman Gives Birth to Seven Children.

A dispatch by wireless telegraph from Hilo says that Hana, the Hawaiian wife of Kallua, a Chinese, gave birth to one child on Thursday, two on Sunday, one on Monday two on Tuesday morning and one on Tuesday night. All are dead.

The death rate in infancy among the poor in England is six times higher than among the rich.

## CRUSHED BY TONS OF ROCK

Twelve Quarrymen Are Killed by a Great Mass of Limestone.

A mass of limestone, weighing thousands of tons, slid from a side of the quarry of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Ormrod, Pa., killing 12 out of 27 men at work.

The quarry is 1,000 feet long, 150 feet across and 100 feet deep. The heavy rains of the past two days had softened the earth and caused the slide of rock. Where the fallen mass slipped away a smooth, nearly perpendicular wall was left, rising sheer 100 feet above the bottom of the quarry, while the entire floor was covered with broken, jagged rock.

Only nine of the men got away safely, four of whom escaped by running up on a mass of rock at the opposite side of the quarry. The remaining 18 were huddled in a space 10 feet square. Six of whom escaped, the others were probably fatally. All are Slavonians.

Two of the men who saw the slide of the quarry quiver, shouted a warning to the workmen. The men misinterpreting the warning, failed to move out of the zone of danger until it was too late. With a thunderous roar the mountain of rock fell, pinning the victims fast.

All the men from the company's five neighboring quarries set to work at once to extricate their comrades.

Six men were found huddled in one place, four standing and two lying down. Three were living and one died before being taken out. Five doctors were summoned, who gave the injured first aid on the scene and then had them hurried in wagons to the Allentown hospital.

### Yellow Fever Record.

The official report of the Yellow Fever cases in New Orleans up to 6 o'clock p.m. August 20 is summarized as follows:  
New cases, 45.  
Total to date, 1,385.  
Deaths, 4.  
Total deaths to date, 196.

### THREE MEET DEATH IN WRECK.

Express Train Strikes Trolley Car and All Passengers on Car Killed or Injured.

Three men were killed and 10 were injured when a fast through express from New York to Cincinnati on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern crashed into a Winton place trolley car in Winton place, a suburb of Cincinnati. All the killed lived in Winton place.

The locomotive struck the back part of the street car and it was tossed to pieces in all directions. The locomotive and a mail car were thrown from the track, plowing through a truck garden and demolishing three small buildings. The motorman and the conductor of the street car jumped to safety, but all the passengers were either killed or injured.

### THREE CHILDREN DROWNED

Swollen West Virginia Stream Sweeps Them Off Horse.

Three children of Amos Adkins, living on a creek near Ranger, W. Va., were drowned in a flooded stream. The family was aroused from sleep when water crept up around the house. To escape the rush the three children were placed on a horse, while Mr. and Mrs. Adkins mounted another and started through the darkness and started through the stream. The horse bearing the children stumbled and was carried down the stream. The three children, the eldest of whom was 11 and the youngest 7 years old, were carried away with the horse and drowned.

### Six Killed on the Santa Fe.

Six persons were killed in a wreck of a northbound Santa Fe train between Santa Ana and Riverside, Cal. The train ran into a freight.

### ROYALTY ATTACKED

Attempt Made to Kill Empress of China.

A Tientsin dispatch to the "Frankfurter-Zeitung" says that an attempt was made on the life of the empress of China August 16 as she was passing through the northwest gate of the city to her summer palace. Her assailant was dressed as a soldier and was bayoneted by the guard.

### Cretons Fight Russians.

Fighting is reported to have occurred between Russian troops and the revolutionaries August 15, and to still continue, the center of the disturbances being the village of Atsipopolis. Details are lacking, but reports state that several revolutionary chiefs have been wounded. A skirmish also took place between British troops and insurgents. The casualties were slight.

### A. G. Fogarty, of Pittsburgh,

camper at Chestnut Grove, near Geneva, O., was drowned while out in a sailboat. He lost his balance and fell into the lake.

### Russia Will Reduce Duties.

A message from St. Petersburg says Mr. White will soon make an official announcement in America of a reduction by Russia in the duties on American machinery, tools, etc., which have been operative since 1901. Ambassador Meyer secured this concession after extended negotiations with the ministers of finance and foreign affairs.

Striking telegraph operators along the Great Northern railway decided to return to work.

## PORTSMOUTH CONFERENCE

Progress of Negotiations By The Peace Commissioners.

### REFERRED TO HIGHER POWERS

Disagreement Causes a Suspension of Negotiations Till Further Orders Are Received.

After the settlement of seven of the twelve points which the peace envoys at Portsmouth had under consideration there was a halt in the negotiations until the commissioners could communicate with their home governments.

The peace envoys reached the question of indemnity, and after discussion without any agreement laid it aside to be taken up later, along with the question of the cession of Sakhalin, which previously was similarly treated.

The following points were agreed upon at the early stages of the proceedings:

- 1 Recognition of Japan's preponderant influence in Korea.
- 2 Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria; Russia to retrocede to China all Special Privileges.
- 3 Japanese obligation to restore the sovereignty and administration of China in Manchuria.
- 4 Mutual obligations to respect the territorial and administrative integrity of China, and the principle of the "open door."
- 5 The surrender of the Russian leases on the Liaoting peninsula, including Port Arthur, Dalny and the Blonde and Elliott islands.
- 6 Cession of the branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway from Harbin southward.
- 7 Retention by Russia of the portion of the line through Northern Manchuria, connecting the Trans-Siberian road with Vladivostok.

Two more of the 12 articles, Nos. 4 and 6, were disposed of Tuesday. Article 4 consists of mutual pledges to observe the integrity of China and the policy of the "open door" for the commerce of all nations. Article 6 covers the surrender of the Russian leases to the Liaoting peninsula, Port Arthur, Dalny and the Blonde and Elliott islands.

To article 4 both parties gave ready assent, and the official statement of the adoption of that article took care to state it was agreed to "unanimously."

Article 5, the consideration of which was postponed until later, provides for the cession of the island of Sakhalin. Discussion appearing useless at this stage on account of the firm negative given in the Russian reply, it was decided on motion of the Japanese, to defer its discussion, thus revealing the Japanese intention of postponing to the end the life and death struggle.

This is the usual procedure followed in diplomatic negotiations, enabling the negotiators to come to accord upon all possible points before tackling the crucial issues. The fact the Russians acquiesced in the proposition that the world should not be precipitating the break, if break is to come, and wrecking the conference. This in itself is a hopeful sign.

"In the morning sitting of August 16, the conference has taken up the discussion of article 7. The discussion not having been finished the conference took a recess at 1 o'clock. The session was resumed at 3.

"At the afternoon session of the conference articles 7 and 8 were discussed; article 7 was settled in principle and article 8 accepted unanimously. The conference at 6:30 adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow morning."

It was officially explained that there remained not a difference to be adjusted on article 7, but only the elaboration of a single point.

Article 7 is the cession of the branch of the Chinese Eastern railway from Harbin southward, and article 8 provides for the retention by Russia of the portion of the line through northern Manchuria, connecting the Trans-Siberian road with Vladivostok.

### Beilhart Wants Money.

Jacob L. Beilhart's Spirit Fruit society, incorporated under the laws and styling itself a religious organization has petitioned the court at Lisbon, O., for authority to encumber its Lisbon real estate, consisting of five acres and a brick mansion, for \$3,000, which it proposes to invest in the new community home in Lake county, Ill.

### Too Many Voters on List.

According to a statement made by the director of the department of public safety, based on a canvass made by the police, there are 60,083 names on the voting lists of Philadelphia which, under the law, have no right to be thereon. The assessors in all the voting divisions of the city will be asked to strike the fraudulent names from the list.

### Captain Hartmann Acquitted.

The War Department has been informed that Captain Carl F. Hartmann of the signal corps, U. S. A., who was court-martialed at Vancouver barracks, Washington, accused of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, had been found not guilty.

### Russian Outposts Retreat.

A Japanese reconnaissance in force along the line of the railway on the Kikin road from the Chang Tuf line, drove in the Russian outposts on August 12. Eleven Russians were killed and 10 captured in a counter reconnaissance in the section of Kinynton. The Russians were driven back by the Japanese outposts.

Giuseppe Nicolao, who was one of Adeline Patti's first music teachers, died in poverty in New York city, aged 80 year.

## PLANS FOR MERGER

Pennsylvania System Prepares for Consolidation.

Plans are maturing at the general offices of the Pennsylvania Railway Company in Philadelphia for a whole sale merging of several of the largest and most important controlled lines, including the Allegheny Valley Railway Company, the Western New York & Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia & Erie and the Northern Central railroad companies. Of these, the consolidation of the first two is to be effected first, the latter following some months later. The plan is to have the Allegheny Valley and the Western New York merged into a single company, and the Philadelphia & Erie and the Northern Central into another. Then these two new companies are shortly to be amalgamated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, forming one immense corporation.

### CHINESE HERE AID BOYCOTT

Secret Organization Institute Movement Assessing Its Members.

Ten thousand dollars will be raised by the Chinese of Portland, Ore., to aid in the boycott, in China, against American goods. Two meetings of the local colony have been held at which it was decided that each Chinese in Portland should contribute at least \$2 to carry on the campaign. The movement was instituted by a secret organization of San Francisco.

Dispatches received at the State Department at Washington from China show that Shanghai is the only place where the boycott against American goods has assumed anything like a serious aspect. At Canton the movement has made some headway, but at other points it has not been successful.

### KILLED IN RIOTS

Bomb Thrown at Soldiers in Polish Town.

Advices received from Bialystok, in the government of Grodno, give some details of the rioting which earlier reports said occurred there August 15.

The disturbances were of a serious nature and outbreaks occurred in various parts of the city. During the course of the rioting a bomb was thrown at a detachment of soldiers, killing two and wounding three others.

The troops were called out and there was firing on the people in all parts of the town. The casualties so far are reported at 40 killed and over 200 wounded.

### COTTON INVESTIGATION.

District Attorney Hopes to Indict More Than One Person.

The grand jury of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, resumed its investigation into the leakage of the cotton crop reports of the Department of Agriculture, C. C. Clark, chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the department, being the first witness.

District Attorney Beach is hopeful of completing the investigation in a short time, and expects to secure indictments against more than one person notwithstanding the absence of Mr. Hyde, the former statistician of the department, and the refusal of Messrs. Peckham and Haas to testify.

### MEN DRIVEN OUT

Women Will Soon Monopolize Positions Held by Men.

W. L. Bodine, superintendent of compulsory education in Chicago, created a sensation by his address on "The Competitive Life," before the convention of the international association of factory inspectors at Detroit.

He produced Federal statistics covering the past 20 years, showing that the industrial competition of women, children and machine labor was driving the men out of the large cities to fields of heavy manual labor in mining and agriculture. He declared that woman was destined to be the ruling sex in industrialism.

### CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Fire in Allegheny junk store caused a loss of about \$10,000.

William Belford was killed by coming in contact with a live wire at Youngstown, O.

The peace envoys are deluged with thousands of letters from all parts of the world.

Marshall Field pays Cook county, Ill., taxes on an assessed valuation of \$73,000,000.

Former Ambassador Choate will not be the associate counsel to the legislative committee investigating insurance.

The contract for building the new Manhattan bridge which will parallel Brooklyn bridge, was awarded to the Pennsylvania Steel company, whose bid was \$7,284,000.

The Standard Oil company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$6 a share, payable September 15. This makes \$39 a share so far this year, against \$29 a share in the same time last year; \$32 in 1902, and \$40 in 1901. The dividend declared for this quarter in 1904, 1903 and 1902 was \$5 a share.

### New Harriman Railroad.

Application was made in Kansas City for a charter for a railroad company, the purpose of which is to connect the Harriman railroads in the northwestern part of the United States with the Harriman lines running to New Orleans and through Southern States. The new railroad will run through the Kansas wheat belt and be chartered under the name of the Denver, Kansas and Gulf. The capital stock of the company is \$2,000,000, \$500,000 of which has been subscribed.