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LANDING OF THE RUSSIAN DELEGATE M. WITTE HANDS OUT GENERAL STATEMENT War With Japan is Regarded by Czar's Subjects as Distant Colonial Conflict.

New York, Aug. 2.—Sergius Witte, the Russian peace plenipotentiary, on his arrival here this afternoon emphatically denied having said that the Japanese peace terms were intolerable. He also denied positively that he had predicted that the conference would break up in a week.

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she will never accept any condition which even apparently may offend her armor proper. M. Witte repeated that he will honestly do all his conscience will allow him to arrange, if possible, an agreement that will be equally satisfactory to Russia and Japan.

Landed Here To-Day from the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse as quietly and democratically as the most humble of his fellow passengers. Waiting M. Witte at the dock was Baron Rosen, Russian ambassador at Washington, with his first secretary, Count de Bassy, Mr. Housen, Baron Rosen went on board as soon as the ship reached the dock and cordially greeted his confreres and the members of his suite.

View About the Negotiations. Naturally on a subject of such delicacy they were reticent, but this much was ascertained beyond all doubt, in scope the powers of M. Witte, who comes as the plenipotentiary of Russia to discuss with the Japanese plenipotentiary means of ending the war, and provided a sign acceptable to Russia is obtained, to sign a treaty of Washington.

Good Qualities of the Japanese military, naval and administrative organization, and does not know Russia, whose nation would have been able to resist Japan as Russia has done. "It must be taken into consideration," said M. Witte, "that the Japanese have been preparing themselves for war for about ten years, while Russia has not been entirely prepared, wishing and trusting in peace; that the Japanese fought in their own neighborhood under all favorable conditions, while the Russians had to be sent 9,000 versts from their headquarters by a railroad entirely insufficient to their needs.

A NEW MINISTRY. Coalition Government for Sweden Has Been Formed. Stockholm, Aug. 2.—A coalition ministry will be formed to-day, the minister of state being Christian Dundeberg, and the minister of foreign affairs Count A. P. Wachtmeister.

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PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE.

It is a pity the Attorney-General of British Columbia is such an extremely energetic man. The case of Mr. Wilson would not be so painful from a provincial point of view if his energies were not invariably misdirected by a fallible acting-intelligence. Yesterday we directed attention to the state of chaos that has resulted from the legislative imperfections of acts for which it is presumable the legal adviser of the British Columbia government must be held responsible.

An abortive appeal to the Privy Council in the matter of the assessment imposed on the property of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company has already cost the treasury two thousand dollars, while a refund of ten thousand dollars collected by the province has also been ordered, supplemented by interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

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schoner North. The Vancouver newspapers in their reports of the proceedings indicated that the Attorney-General appeared for the owners of the vessel. If he did, it seems to us in our possible ignorance of the ethics of the legal profession and of the duties of the sworn servant of the Crown, that Mr. Wilson acted with singular lack of discretion and with most extraordinary conceptions of his duties as the principal law officer of the province of British Columbia.

WATER.

While there is considerable diversity of opinion as to whether the city of Victoria should stick to Elk Lake or go to Goldstream for a supply of water, while it is practically certain the people of Victoria will not accept any scheme put forward for their endorsement by the majority of the present aldermanic board, there is one thing as citizens we are all of one mind upon. The supply of water is not adequate at present. The municipal council has satisfactory until the supply pipes in the city streets are renewed and their capacity brought up to the requirements of the services they ought to perform.

GERMAN INSOLEENCE.

The German people are beginning to feel quite big in the contemplation of their navy. The newspapers of the Fatherland advise Great Britain that if she takes her fleet into the Baltic she had better watch out. Something is liable to happen. Remember the case of the Maine, which precipitated war between the United States and Spain. There are mines scattered around sort of "bermisk-ulike" in the neighborhood of the water leading to St. Petersburg (possibly for the protection of the coast from the phantom fleet discovered by Admiral Rejstevsky in the North Sea), and some of them may go off. Just so it might be well for Kaiser Wilhelm and his naval authorities to also remember what happened to Spain. The Germans, although they have "the makings of" a fine navy, are not yet the masters of the Baltic Sea, of the approaches thereto or of the arms thereof.

The British naval authorities will be surprised to learn that the German navy and everything German, notwithstanding that he has a perfectly adequate conception of his powers and his importance, will be found, officially, in such a position as that. Therefore it is scarcely probable that the British naval authorities will deviate from the course they have legated upon because of any oblique hints from the Kaiser.

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C. P. R. VS. SHIPPING MASTER. To the Editor:—When one reads your editorial in yesterday's issue, headed "Great, but not Omnipotent," especially the opening part of it, and its concluding paragraph, and, on the opposite page, your news item, "Ruling Obtained on Local Issues," one naturally looks for the nigger on the fence, who is obviously somewhere to be found. Your editorial presumably gives your own views, but in the column devoted to the "Ruling on Local Issues" was apparently written by someone holding views diametrically opposite.

As long as it was only a question of whether the Princess Victoria should be commanded by a master and officer by men qualified to go in any steamer, and to take a vessel anywhere, or by those who are only qualified to hold responsible positions in newly coasting vessels, it was natural to assume that the owners had considerable good reason for the stand they took.

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It is about the same as the other, with the advantage somewhat with the Elk lake water. Suppose that the B. C. Electric Company had a contract with the city to use all the water power that they might require, what would be the area of water available below the power house for bringing the water into the city? Could the water be forced to the high levels in the city without the use of steam pumps?

WATER. To the Editor:—Like other citizens of Victoria, I wish to understand the pros and cons of the water question. In the first place I want to know whether the Esquimalt and Victoria Water Company comes from Thetis lake? Is it true that the only use made of the Goldstream water is to furnish power and light? Is it true that the water rights at Goldstream were acquired by the Esquimalt Water Company after the city council had refused to take up the water for the city?

ECONOMY. A householder to whom a Irish youth had applied for work asked him if he knew anything about horses. "And sure, your honor, was I not born in a stable?" came the reply. "Can you do carpenter's work?" "Could Noah build a ship, your honor?" "Well, can you make a Venetian blind?" "It's a treat, sir, to have me at the job."

WILLIE'S CONCEPTION OF IT. New York Times. Senator McCarran is accounted a rather astute individual, but here is a story he tells of the six-year-old son of a constituent.

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