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## CURRENT EVENTS

## Foreign.

## RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

July 15. M. Witte confers with the Czar and the announcement is made that Witte will act as chief peace plenipotentiary.

July 16.—Advice from Tokyo are to the effect that the Japanese are now completely in control of Southern Saghalien. The Russians have been driven northward out of Korea, now holding but two positions south of the Tumen River. It is said that a large Russian force is advancing from Vladivostok, with a view of checking the Japanese advance beyond the Tumen.

July 17.—M. Witte declares that the both the Emperor and himself desire peace, he greatly fears that Japan's terms will not be acceptable.

July 18.—Baron Hayashi, Japanese Minister to Great Britain, says the public mistakes the Japanese for angels if they expect his government to be moderate in negotiating peace terms with Russia.

July 19.—Admiral Kamimura reports the shelling of Russian forces on the coasts of Saghalien and Northeastern Korea. Witte leaves St. Petersburg for Washington by way of Paris and Baron Komura, the Japanese peace plenipotentiary, arrives at Port Townsend Washington.

July 21.—Nearly five hundred Russians, it is reported, have surrendered to the Japanese of Saghalien. Japanese warships are reported off the mouth of the Amur River.

July 22.—The President makes public the text of Chinas note to the Powers in which it is declared that no provision affecting the empire in the treaty of peace will be held valid without the approval of Peking.

## RUSSIA.

July 15.—Three persons are killed and six wounded by a volley fired by Cossacks in an anti-Government demonstration at Lodz.

July 18.—Deposition of Emperor Nicholas and the establishment of a regency for his infant son are urged by a large party of Zemstvoists at Moscow.

July 19.—The congress of Zemstvos meets at Moscow and adopts resolutions accepting the rescript commission's plan of a national assembly as a means of forming a compact body which might be able to gain real representation. The vice-governor of Helsingfors is wounded by a bomb, and an attempt to kill M. Robitnovskoff, chief procurator of the Holy Synod, is frustrated.

July 20.—The Zemstvo Congress meets again at Moscow without Government interference and discusses the scheme for a constitution.

## OTHER FOREIGN NEWS.

July 16.—Venezuela opens eight new ports, apparently with the intention of diverting trade from cities whose customs dues are partly required for the payment of foreign creditors.

A petition, signed by 3,853,238 Catholics who are opposed to the separation of Church and State in France, is presented to the French Senatorial Commission.

July 17.—China is sending four representatives abroad to study foreign politics.

King Oscar of Sweden declares that he freely forgives Norway for seceding and strongly opposes a forcible reunion, which he declares would be a "millstone about our necks."

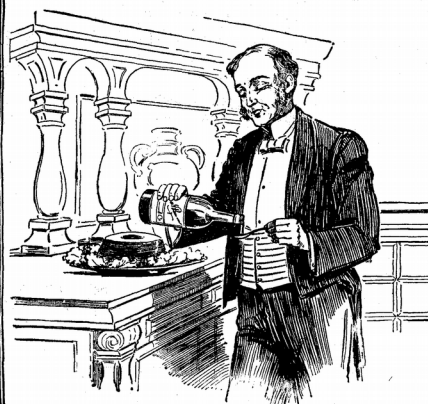
July 20.—The Balfour government is defeated in the House of Commons on the motion to reduce the membership of the Irish Land Commission, and the resignation of the Ministry is demanded by the Liberals and the Irish.

## Domestic.

July 15. In a letter to Attorney General Moody, directing a thorough investigation of the cotton leak scandal, President Roosevelt describes

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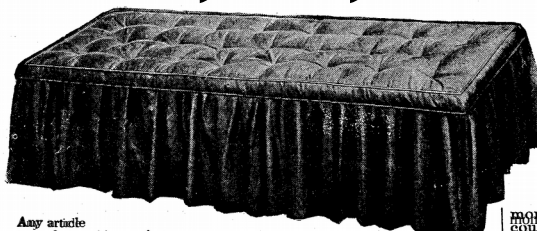
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