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### THERE IS NO HITCH.

Progress is Being Made in Peace Negotiations.

### NO DIRECT COMMUNICATION YET.

Important Details Yet Remain to Be Agreed Upon Before Representatives of Belligerents Can Meet to Discuss Terms.

Washington, June 14.—Direct communication between St. Petersburg and Tokio has not yet been established. The White house is yet the medium for all communication between the two capitals. Important details remain to be agreed upon before the plenipotentiaries of the belligerents can meet to discuss the means of ending the war. There is adequate authority for the statement that there is no actual hitch in the preliminary negotiations. Progress is being made, but it may be several days or even longer before all details for the meeting can be definitely fixed. A diplomat explained the situation when he said certain optimists had succeeded in getting ahead of the actual status quo of the negotiations. "These optimists," he added, "naturally become alarmed when they find that the negotiations are not keeping pace with their predictions and straightway they announce a hitch in the negotiations."

Russia regards her consent to appoint plenipotentiaries to discuss means of ending the war as a tentative arrangement. Although the word plenipotentiaries is used in the Russian reply, it is understood that their appointment does not commit Russia to any pledge to end the war. Russia's object in appointing these fully empowered envoys is to find out whether Russia can obtain from Japan peace terms which it is possible for Emperor Nicholas to accept. Japan is naturally cautious, although she, too, has accepted the president's offer of good will and agreed to appoint plenipotentiaries. The negotiations have proceeded far enough for the belligerents to be discussing through the president as the channel of communication a suitable place, the number of the negotiators and what is more important than either of these, a common basis on which the plenipotentiaries may meet.

Russia was thoroughly opposed to the suggestion of any place in the Far East for a meeting point and it is not believed that Japan's opposition to Paris was at all unexpected in St. Petersburg. Russia has shown strong preference for a European capital. Japan's wish is to secure a point free

from outside influences. Direct negotiations with Russia has been her demand throughout and hence her original preference for a point in the Far East. The Hague, it is believed, would prove fairly acceptable to both.

### WEST POINT GRADUATIONS.

The National Military Academy Turns Out a Class of 114 Prospective Officers.

West Point, N. Y., June 14.—The graduation exercises of the first class, 114 in number, were held Tuesday under a covering of canvas in front of the library. An exceedingly large crowd, mostly friends of cadets, was in attendance. Among the officers present were Lieut. Gen. Miles (retired), Lieut. Gen. Chaffee, Major Gen. Webb and Brig. Gens. Barlow, Page, Danwoody, Mattie Clous, Hasbrouck and Griffin. The address to the graduating class was delivered by Franklin Murphy of New Jersey, president of the board of visitors, which was followed by an address by Gen. Chaffee, and by the delivery of diplomas by Secretary of War Taft.

### LED A FAMOUS CHARGE.

Col. Colville, of Red Wing, Minn. Found Dead in Bed at Soldiers Home at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, June 14.—Col. William Colville of Red Wing, Minn., who led the famous charge of the First Minnesota regiment at the battle of Gettysburg, was found dead in bed Tuesday at the Minnesota Soldiers home, this city. He was to participate in the celebration of the re-union of the regiment Tuesday. He was 72 years old. The first Minnesota, commanded by Col. Colville in the latter part of the war, was the first regiment offered for the Civil war. At Gettysburg 264 men were in a historic charge. Forty-three returned alive and uninjured. Col. Colville, who led, was wounded seven times.

### WAITING FOR FRANCE.

United States and Great Britain Have Not Replied to Sultan's Request for Moroccan Conference.

Berlin, June 14.—The German Foreign office, taking cognizance of a London Times dispatch from Washington saying the United States and Great Britain have declined the invitation of the Sultan of Morocco to send delegates to a conference on the subject of the proposed reforms for Morocco, informs the Associated Press that these powers have only indicated that they will wait and see what France will do. Premier Rouvier still holds the matter under consideration and the foreign office does not venture to speculate on what France's decision will be.

### THE WAR GAME.

Hostile Fleet of Admiral Dickens Anchored in the Lower Potomac 70 Miles from Washington.

Port Washington, June 14.—Information was received here Tuesday that at least half of the "hostile fleet" under Admiral Dickens was anchored on Blackstone island in the lower Potomac about 70 miles below Washington at an early hour Tuesday morning. With the fleet in the vicinity and operations against Baltimore already made the artillery officers at Forts Washington and Hunt anticipate a test of the defenses of the national capital before operations are begun in the lower Chesapeake.

### Judge Hooker Will Resign.

New York, June 11.—Following a conference with Former Gov. Odell late Tuesday Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker gave out a statement in which he declares his intention to resign.

### Start from Cherbourg.

Washington, June 14.—The State department has been advised that Cherbourg has been settled upon as the place of the departure for this country of the remains of Admiral John Paul Jones.

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