

SIGN JOINT NOTE

Powers at Peking Finally Arrive at Agreement.

FORWARD MOVE FOR PEACE BEGUN

Last Obstacle Removed and All Hands Happy—Question Up to China Now—Document to Be Delivered to Li Hung Chang—Other News

A Peking, Dec. 22 dispatch says: The last obstacle having been removed, the joint note was signed today by all the foreign ministers, including the envoy from the Netherlands, who arrived only recently. The note will be delivered to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese envoys, as soon as the former shall have sufficiently recovered from his indisposition.

The Chinese close to Li Hung Chang still prefer to believe, despite the signing of the note, which they did not believe would take place, that the principal negotiations must be carried on in Europe or America. They resent the British modification, for, as they say, some power or other powers might not be satisfied until the indemnity has been paid in full, which would mean the occupation of Peking for an indefinite time, as it cannot be expected that China can raise what are required—1,000,000,000 taels—at once. As a matter of fact it will take several years.

TO MAKE IT CAPITAL CRIME

Stern Measures Proposed for Kidnapers in Illinois.

The Illinois general assembly, which convenes in January, will be asked to make kidnaping for ransom punishable by death. Stirred by the kidnaping of young Edward Cudahy and his release on payment of \$25,000 in gold, some members of the state legislature are determined that the Illinois laws shall be amended so as to make liable to the gallows any one who may commit similar crimes in this state. Already three state representatives from Chicago districts are engaged in drafting bills to be presented to the legislature.

The present law prescribes a penalty of five years imprisonment or a fine of \$100 or both, at the discretion of the court.

Both democratic and republican members of the new general assembly assert that the death penalty will be adopted by a unanimous vote.

GARDNER TOLD TO GO.

New York District Attorney Removed From Office.

An Albany, N. Y., dispatch of December 22, says: Governor Roosevelt announced that he had removed from office Col. Asa Bird Gardner, district attorney of New York county, on charges preferred by Deputy Attorney J. H. Hammond, and had appointed Eugene J. Philbin of the state bar to the vacancy. Mr. Philbin is a democrat.

In a long memorandum the governor sets forth his reasons for removing Colonel Gardner. He says: "The charge vitally affecting the conduct of the district attorney is that which relate to his attitude at and about election toward the indictment of Chief of Police Devary after the latter had issued a scandalously improper and seditious order to the police force under him."

PAT CROWE IS SUSPECTED

Thought to Have Had a Hand in Cudahy Kidnaping.

It is said by Chicago police officials that Pat Crowe, who is suspected of being connected with the kidnaping of young Cudahy, left here for Omaha about two weeks ago, and that other well known characters in his set are also there. While Crowe was serving a sentence in Joliet his wife worked as forewoman in the labeling department of the Cudahy Packing company in Omaha.

Market Oversupplied.

The Western Packers Canned Goods Association met in Chicago December 20, at which thirty packers from Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois were present. The chief topic of discussion was the manner in which to deal with the oversupply of canned goods now on the market. As a remedy for the over-production the packers present were unanimously in favor of curtailing the acreage devoted to canned goods next year.

Three Children Drowned.

Eugene, aged four years; Julia, aged eight and Francis, aged six, children of Raymond Ream, a farmer residing near Ojibway, Ont., were drowned late December 20 by falling through a hole in the ice on Turkey creek, near their home. The father found their lifeless bodies at the bottom of the creek under about four feet of water.

Spanish Cabinet Crisis Passed.

The Spanish chamber of deputies approved the clause in the special naval budget regarding the increase of the navy in case of necessity and consequently the minister of marine will retain his portfolio. The cabinet crisis has passed.

Will Head a Rising.

Gen. Osman Pasha, who led the Kurd rising in 1878, told a representative of the London Daily Mail that he would leave London to head another rising to free Kurdistan from Turkish rule.

SAYS REVOLT IS SPREADING

Dutch of Cape Colony Lining Up With Boers.

"We understand that private reliable advices have been received in London," says the Daily Mail, "to the effect that virtually all the districts of Cape Colony, in the vicinity of the Orange river, are in more or less open revolt and that there is likely to be sharp fighting on a large scale before the invasion is crushed. The tactics of the Boers in rallying as many as possible of the Dutch in the back country to their cause are proving successful."

Frewitz, Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"The second invading force was designed to occupy Britztown, but, being checked by the De Aar troops, it has disappeared in the Cedarburg mountains. An enormous concentration of troops is being made upon the veldt country occupied by the invaders, but it is not likely the Boers will offer battle in large numbers."

A dispatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says the yocannery have driven the Boers out of Hout Kraal, the enemy retreating westward.

Confesses to Theft of Money.

A dispatch mentioned the fact of the Polk County Independent safe having been opened and \$14 in money taken. The young man who took the money was arrested at Silver Creek and brought back by Sheriff Naquist and in his trial before County Judge Hall he pleaded guilty to petit larceny, returning \$5 of the money, and the judge gave him a sentence of fifteen days in the county jail, no part of which will be on bread and water. The young man had been a trusted employe in the Independent office and thus learned the combination of the safe. In view of the fact that he served as a member of the Third Nebraska regiment the judge was disposed to be lenient.

Captured Three Burglars.

A clever capture of three burglars was made near Tilden, Neb., by John Ashburn and an assistant. Thieves had stolen \$1,500 worth of dry goods the night previous from Wolf Bros.' store at Elgin, nineteen miles distant, and officers had been notified by telephone of the fact. The prisoners were heavily armed and made some show of resistance to arrest, but were eventually brought to town and are now in the custody of the sheriff. All the stolen goods were in their possession, packed in grain sacks and loaded into a heavy spring wagon.

Two Men Accused of Theft.

A detective swore out complaints against John Whalen and John Richardson, at Plattsmouth, Neb., charging them with stealing a large quantity of brass from the local shops. Richardson was captured in Omaha while trying to dispose of some of the metal. Both men have signed a written confession admitting even more than is set forth in the complaints. Justice Archer bound them over in the sum of \$350 each. Whalen has been employed by the company for many years and is well known in the community.

Teller Said to Be Short.

Harry K. Wieser, teller of the Security Title and Trust company, a banking institution of New York City, is said by the officials of the company to be short \$20,000 in his accounts. Wieser has secured the bank by transferring to it real estate valued at \$20,000. Wieser has broken down and lies at his home suffering from nervous prostration. It is believed that he had been trading in the stock market.

Body of Soldier Brought Home.

The remains of Harry C. Fisk, one of the first Nebraska boys who died at Honolulu on his way to the Philippines, have arrived at Adams, and were taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. N. M. White. A short service will be held and the remains laid to rest in Highland cemetery at Adams.

Hand Mangled in Sheller.

Fred Raier, a farmer who lives eight miles southwest of Adams, while working around a corn sheller, got his hand into the gearing which ran diagonally across the hand before the machine could be stopped. Dr. W. N. Ramey was called and found it necessary to amputate the hand.

Accused of Stealing Cattle.

Howard G. Pinney, of Herrick, Ill., has been arrested, charged with selling cattle valued at \$4,500 belonging to a Chicago commission company. Pinney resold and his agents shipped the cattle to a St. Louis firm while the agent of the Chicago firm was absent in the country.

Two Killed by a Train.

A Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern passenger train struck a buggy containing three young men, named Reinseel, near Shell Rock, Iowa, Dec. 20th. Two of them were instantly killed and the third fatally hurt.

Take Up Cession of Islands.

The Spanish cabinet council has decided to present to the chamber the project of the sale to the United States of Cagayan island and other islands of the Philippine group.

Opposes Amnesty Bill.

The Aurora, of Paris, publishes a seven column article from M. Zola to President Loubet protesting in characteristically eloquent terms against the passage of the amnesty bill, which he calls a "grave fault" of the government.

Consul Stowe Returns.

J. G. Stowe, consul general to South Africa, at Capetown, arrived in New York December 20th, on his vacation, on the new Red Star liner Vanderland.

AFTER KIDNAPERS

Omaha Detectives on Trail of Young Cudahy's Abductors.

CHIEF OF POLICE WEAVING A WEB

One Innocent Dane Arrested, But Easily Proves An Alibi—Notorious Pat Crowe Still Suspected of Being The Leader in the Crime.

There was considerable commotion in police circles in Omaha Monday, December 24, when the officers brought in a Dane named Ed. Johnson, suspected of being one of the Cudahy kidnapers. His personal appearance tallied exactly with the description given by Miss Munshaw of the man who inquired about the Schneiderwind cottage about ten days before the abduction. She said he apparently wanted to rent it. She described him as a man about forty-five years of age, black hair and moustache, through which were sprinkled many gray hairs. She said he was of medium height wearing a dark suit.

The police officers have been seeking this man ever since, and Sunday found him in a little cottage at Twenty-sixth and Hickory streets. This is not very far from the house where young Cudahy was imprisoned. There are several children in the family, the eldest daughter keeping house for the man. It is said his wife deserted him over a year ago. Johnson was brought into the office of the chief of police and put into the sweatbox. He was also confronted by Eddie Cudahy, who listened to the man talk for a few moments, and at once said emphatically that he was not the man who arrested him on the street and carried him off. Later Johnson proved an alibi and was released.

The importance of this arrest lies in the fact that its sequel proves conclusively that there were but two kidnapers, whereas at the outset there were supposed to be four, and for two days the police have said that there were but three. There were two other men described by the neighbors, one a tall man of light complexion, and the other a little stocky fat-faced man. From the several descriptions of this big fellow by the neighbors in the vicinity of the Schneiderwind cottage the police detectives are certain that he is the notorious Pat Crowe, whose criminal record in Chicago and South Omaha stamp him as one of the most accomplished and daring crooks in the country.

There is every reason to believe that Crowe left Omaha after the abduction and arrived at Denver on the first train. There is a studied effort on the part of the chief of police and his detectives to give the impression that Crowe is not wanted, but the facts remain that they have been working on his trail ever since the kidnaping and know his movements for weeks prior to that time. If Crowe is innocent he knew he would be suspected and pulled out to avoid trouble.

A detective who knows him like a book said that Pat Crowe undoubtedly planned the abduction, and hired a man to assist him; that the hired man would get but very little of the plunder, and that the strong probability is that Crowe is the only man who knows where the gold coin is buried. This much is certain, if Crowe is found he will have to prove an alibi. A perfect description of the second man is in the hands of the officers.

He it was who guarded the boy in the cottage, and there is no doubt that Eddie Cudahy would know the man's voice the moment he heard it. The detectives also have got this man's m-anderings pretty well lined up covering a week's time prior to the abduction, and the presumption is that he is a stranger in these parts.

Chief Donahue has said he would give no more information in the case until arrests had been made, yet he claims to be gratified with progress made so far.

SIoux FALLS THE LARGEST

The Census Figures on Cities of South Dakota.

The population of certain incorporated places in South Dakota having a population of more than 2,000, but less than 25,000 is as follows:

Aberdeen	4,087	Mitchell	4,055
Brookings	2,346	Pierre	2,306
Deadwood	3,498	Sioux Falls	10,290
Huron	2,893	Vermillion	2,183
Lead	6,210	Watertown	3,352
Madison	1,550	Yankton	4,123

Dismisses All The Suits.

The supreme court of Ohio dismissed, on motion of Attorney General Sheets, the cases against these companies brought by Attorney General Monnett: Solar Refining company, Ohio Oil company, Buckeye Pipe Line company, Standard Oil company of Ohio and the Continental Tobacco company. The cases are all dismissed without record and at the cost of the state.

FIND CAUSE FOR DISCHARGE

St. Joseph Postal Clerks Accused of Irregularities. Postoffice inspectors have been diligently but secretly at work for two weeks probing irregularities at St. Joseph, Mo., and suspended three of the oldest clerks in the service on a charge of destroying mail matter. Patrons of the office have been complaining that they could not get regularly publications that were being sent them and asked for an investigation. The crime is punishable by imprisonment.

BLOW KILLS A YOUNG BOXER

Fatal Termination of a Prize Fight at Philadelphia.

Frank Barr, aged nineteen years, died in a hospital at Philadelphia following a boxing contest at the Penn Art club. Joseph Kelly, who was Barr's opponent, and Frank Henderson, the referee, were arrested.

A tournament between local amateurs had been in progress at the club. Barr was knocked out by a boxer who was afterward disqualified. This allowed Barr to enter the finals. He boxed four rounds with Kid White and was awarded the decision. He then met Kelly. The first round was fast and Kelly sent Barr to the floor. Henderson, under the amateur rules, stopped the round. Barr came up for the second round and Kelly so far outclassed him that the fight was stopped. Barr staggered as he was leaving the ring and it was decided to send him to a hospital. Here it was found he had a fractured skull and death followed soon after.

DIE AT THE SAME MOMENT

Father and Son Meet Horrible Fate in Machine Shop.

Edward Clark, aged sixty-eight, and his son, William, aged thirty-eight years, both of Camden, N. J., met horrible deaths while at work at a machine shop in Philadelphia December 22. Young Clark was seized with chills and in an attempt to get relief climbed a ladder to the top of a large boiler. In a few minutes his fellow workmen, among them his father, heard the noise of escaping steam. The father, realizing his son's danger, mounted the ladder to William's rescue. He missed his footing and fell on a big wheel and was ground to pieces. Young Clark was scalded to death before relief could be had. The safety ball of the boiler had dropped off and allowed the forty pound pressure of steam in the boiler to escape.

SEIZE WOMAN'S BAGGAGE

Survivor of Peking Siege Held to Letter of the Law.

At New York, on December 22, Miss Mary Condit-Smith's baggage was retained by the customs authorities when it was taken from the American liner St. Louis today and sent to the appraiser's stores. Miss Condit-Smith explained that she had lost all her clothing in the siege of Peking, and that she had purchased a new wardrobe while in Paris. She pleaded that as her clothing had been lost in the defense of Peking she was entitled to bring into this country that which she had purchased abroad. Deputy Collector Berrian and Deputy Surveyor Dowling said, however, that it was not for them to interpret the law and that they therefore would have to confiscate her trunks and bags.

VICTIM OF SIX DAY RACE

Oscar Aronson Dies as a Result of His Injuries.

A New York dispatch says: Oscar Aronson, the bicycle rider, who was injured by a fall in a six day bicycle race, died in the New York hospital.

Harry Elkes, who, with Floyd MacFarland, won the recent six-day race, before 5,000 persons in Madison Square Garden, showed his superiority by beating Jimmy Michael in a 15-mile race. The men started from opposite sides of the track, but, before they had traveled three miles, Elkes caught Michael and at the seventh mile lapped him. The race was won by 1 1/2 laps. Time, 26:03 2/5.

FOUND FREEZING IN ALLEY

Treasurer of a Lodge Gagged and Left to Die.

N. J. Neilsen, treasurer of the Workmen lodge of Mitchell, S. D., was held up by footpads December 22, bound and gagged, his pockets rifled of \$150 and left lying in an alley to freeze. When found by a night watchman Neilsen's hands and feet were badly frozen, and he was unconscious. The money taken from his pockets was found he had collected as treasurer of the lodge and which he was preparing to turn over to his successor. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

Think it a Case of Smallpox.

There is considerable excitement at Henderson, Neb., over the discovery of a case of supposed smallpox. G. Fost returned from Grand Island, and it is supposed that while there he contracted the disease. He stopped at the hotel for the past two or three days, complaining of not feeling well, and stayed around his brother's billiard hall and other places of business, and nearly every one in Henderson has been exposed. The chairman of the village board called Dr. Shidler, of York, who examined the patient, and says that if it is a case of smallpox it is quite mild. Mr. Fost has been removed to his father's home in the country.

Society note in the Preston Plaindealer: Born to the wife of George Shaffer, a boy on Monday. We suppose it will be necessary for her to temporarily give up her school at Bunker Hill.

Valuable Mail Pouch Stolen.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record from Helena, Mont., says: A registered mail pouch due to leave here for the east is missing, it evidently having been stolen between the postoffice and the depot. The pouch was an extremely valuable one, containing, as it did, the principal portion of Christmas remembrances sent east from here, being due in Chicago Monday morning.

A man who ought to be contented in Burlington is Mr. Dull.

LITTLE INSECT PESTS

ARE THE ENEMY OF COTTON HOUSE PLANTS

The arch enemy of the window garden is the insect pest. They spoil a plant's good looks and lower its vitality until it either dies outright or ceases to bloom or make active growth. Probably not one woman in twenty takes her plants through a winter without having them attacked sooner or later by insects. Once on the spot and unmolested, they increase like the hordes of Egypt, eating the leaves and sucking the sap until they quite ruin the little garden.

The reason insects are worse on house plants than in the garden is because the first are grown under highly artificial conditions. Living rooms are unhealthfully hot; the potted plants are cramped in root and subject to water gorge or thirst starvation if the watering pot is in careless hands. Moreover the atmosphere is surcharged with dust and coal smoke. And as insects always attack first weak and dirty foliage there is a special attraction to them in every struggling house plant.

The common house insects are aphids, or green plant louse, the scale and the red spider. The aphid is the most common. The usual recommended kerosene emulsion will kill them readily enough, but the trouble is that at the first sprinkle they drop off and fall to the earth. Here they hide, ready as soon as the flurry is over to climb up to the stems and go sucking the plant's juices again. To avoid this lift the plant from the shelf with great care, so as not to jar or dislodge them. Wrap a cloth around the top of the pot and close to the plant's stems, so the earth in the pot can neither tumble out nor the insects tumble in. Then quickly invert the plant's top into a pan of water, and if the water is quite warm so much the better. Lift the plant out and shake vigorously. Dip again in the water, then again shake, and so continue until every tiny louse

has been dislodged. Rinse the top well in clean water and return to the window. If a thorough job has been done there will be no more trouble, but the plant should be examined again in a couple of days and, if need be, the treatment repeated.

Scale insects stick to the bark or leaves as though they were glued there. Dislodge them with a wooden toothpick, keeping a close lookout for them and finish by washing the plant well in soapy water. This must be repeated every few days until no more scale can be found. They are not over-common, but a peculiarly stubborn pest. Red spider is almost as common as aphid, but so tiny that few know that this is what the matter with their plants. When without any apparent reason leaves turn a sickly color or show little yellow specks all over them, or begin to curl at the edges, we may suspect little Mr. Red Spider, no bigger than a grain of red pepper and camping with his wife and babies, his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins on the under side of the plant's leaves. Too hot and too dusty air is the cause of the red spider. There is one sure and simple remedy for him and his. It is water. Have it warm and plenty of it, and see that the under side of the leaves get as much wetting as the upper, and this foe is soon vanquished. A plant can be dipped in water as hot as the hand can be borne in it and it will not hurt in the least, if not kept longer at a time beneath the water than two or three seconds. That degree of heat kills the red spider quickly. Dip half a dozen times in the hot water in quick succession and the work is done.

Wash all plant leaves often. A clean plant is not inviting to insects. Kill the first foe that makes his appearance and you have solved the secret of keeping house plants free from insect pests of all kinds.

ANTI-PROFANITY CONFERENCE

An anti-profanity conference was recently held in Albany, N. Y., under the auspices of the Holy Name Society, a Roman Catholic organization. The Holy Name societies of Brooklyn recently assembled in that city, and marched through the streets in a great procession. The thousands of men in line represented no less than sixty so-

cieties of the Holy Name, attached to as many churches. At the conclusion of the exercises a cablogram was read from Leo XIII, bestowing the Papal blessing on the members. The streets were crowded along the line of march, and the influence of the demonstration reached far beyond the considerable membership of the societies which participated in it.

THE PISTOL HABIT.

One the Courts Should Do Their Best to Discourage.

The courts are not severe enough it would seem from the unremitting accounts of crime and accident, in punishing the pistol carriers. The law against the bearing of concealed weapons is susceptible of much more effective application than is usually given to it. The habit of carrying "guns" still clings to the inhabitants of cities, and the death record is swelled annually as a result. A tragedy in New York the other day illustrated the evil forcibly. A man was kneeling on the sidewalk in front of his place of employment, marking a packing case, when another man chanced to pass just as the worker turned his head and expectorated on the sidewalk. The pedestrian was angered at a supposed insult, and after the exchange of a few words, drew a pistol and fired a fatal shot into the kneeling man. Within a minute two lives were ruined for a trifle. The man with the pistol never had the slightest legitimate need for the weapon. Doubtless never in his life had he been in such danger as to warrant its use or even display, particularly while proceeding through the streets of a city in broad daylight. It is with the pistol carriers engaged in otherwise proper pursuits just in large measure as it is with the burglars, observes the Washington Star. They are potential man-slayers, and as such are amenable to severe punishment when detected. If the courts were to insist upon proper verdicts in the homicide cases which so often the juries will leniently term manslaughter or justifiable killing, and were to impose the maximum penalties whenever pistol bearers are convicted of the offense, this "habit," a relic of the frontier days and the wild times of war, would be discouraged.

Cornstalks Poison Cattle.

Cattlemen in the vicinity of Kimball, S. D., are much exercised over losses of cattle which have been grazing in fields of cornstalks. Nearly every cattle raiser has lost from one to twenty head, and examination of the stomachs of the dead animals shows no unusual conditions. Sometimes a steer will drop dead almost immedi-

ately after being turned in among the stalks. Several animals may thus be lost, yet when the herd is turned into another field of stalks close by no evil results may show themselves.

Walks with a Broken Back.

A case that is attracting attention in the surgical world is that of Michael Kepler of Ravenso, Pa., who is suffering from a broken back. Five years ago he fell and sustained the injury. The local doctors did not give him much relief, and after two years he went to Blossberg. Since then he has undergone fourteen operations. He was discharged from several hospitals as incurable and was told to prepare for the end. Kepler never became discouraged, and about a year ago he commenced to gain strength and for several months he has been able to walk. His health is excellent, but the pain in his back is intense. The bone is decaying, and a large amount has been cut away. He is one of the most jovial, good natured young men in the town. He has gone to Kane for another operation.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Sending Magazines to Army.

Those who wish to send magazines and other reading matter to the soldiers in the Philippines can avoid transportation charges by forwarding the books to any commissary department of the army. These books must be in good condition and the literature of a wholesome character. The books and magazines must be packed in substantial boxes, but not addressed to any individual. They should be addressed to hospitals, commands or libraries.

Gems Improved by Gaslight.

The appearance of all fine gems is improved by gaslight. A perfect emerald, despite its color, which in anything else would turn to a dull bluish hue, is only intensified in brilliancy of color by artificial light. The blue sapphire, though darkened, remains true to its color, as by daylight. The alexandrite is the only gem that changes, turning from a dark olive to a brilliant blood red by candle or gas light.

EGYPTIAN WOMEN

The condition of women in Egypt has greatly changed since the old days when Cleopatra reigned supreme upon the Nile and had the whole world at her feet. Miss Carrie Buchanan, a missionary of seven years' experience, testifies that woman's lot is, perhaps, the most deplorable feature of the country. "They are rated below

brutes," she says. "A man might speak of his domestic animals, by mention his wife's name in a breach of etiquette in its own country. If it does happen that the tongue the wife's name is mentioned, the husband spits on the ground immediately afterward, to tempt and cleanse his