

WAR CLOUDS AGAIN.

China Preparing to Help Siam Against France—Her Gunboats Under Orders. HULLS, Sept. 13.—The foreign office here is informed that the Chinese government is preparing a protest against France's new aggressions in Siam and has given orders that the Chinese squadron of ironclads be made ready to sail at a moment's notice.

There are people who are unkind enough to say that these attacks upon the part of the French press directed against England serve, intentionally or unintentionally, to turn the attention of the people from the really irritating views, sham battles and visits to frontier fortresses now being indulged in by the German emperor with the crown prince of Italy at his side.

Those words hit the bulls-eye in Germany and in France, and the shot echoed around the world. No amount of denial from official or unofficial sources will alter the fact that the peace of Europe is in danger, and that matters are becoming so strained that it will soon be a case of "shoot up or fight."

Frenchmen are both astonished and alarmed at the German emperor's popularity with the people of Metz, Strasburg and Carlsruhe.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 13.—Governor Stone has granted a respite to John Morley who was to have been hanged in Pemisisco county the 15th inst. The date of execution is extended to the 29th so as to afford the governor an opportunity to examine into an application for a commutation of the sentence to imprisonment in the penitentiary.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The senate committee on judiciary at its meeting yesterday agreed to make a favorable report on the nomination of Frank Dale of Oklahoma, to be chief justice of that territory.

FATALLY INJURED BY A RAKE TOOTH. ABILENE, Kan., Sept. 13.—Olivier Brown, a young farmer, while raking hay was struck in the temple by a rake tooth and died in a few moments.

THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN. Prices were quoted as follows: No. 2 hard wheat, \$2.25; No. 2 hard wheat, \$2.25; No. 4 hard wheat, \$2.15; No. 3 red wheat, \$2.35; No. 3 red wheat, \$2.35; No. 4 red wheat, \$2.25; No. 4 red wheat, \$2.25.

Table with columns: Month, Op'd, High, Low, Sept 11, Sept 12. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Sugar, Beans, Peas, Clover, Hay, and Stock.

Delayed the Opening of School. OSGEO, Neb., Sept. 13.—Monday had been set by the school board for the beginning of the fall term of the high school, but there are a few cases of scarlet fever, one next door to the schoolhouse, and the weather being so very hot and dry it was thought best not to start up school until next Monday.

THE STATE FAIR.

LINCOLN, Sept. 13.—The attendance at the fair continues to grow with time, and the number within the gates yesterday surpassed the attendance of Tuesday of last year. Yesterday was children's day and a great many of the youngsters enjoyed themselves.

A great deal of interest was taken in three bicycle races, which took place on the race track between 11 a. m. and noon. The crowd witnessing this feature of the fair was placed at 1,000 and proves the wisdom of the management in making it a part of the fair. Results: First race—One mile novice, open to Nebraska riders only.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The long anticipated consolidation of land districts was finally promulgated at the general land office yesterday. The plan, as it affects Nebraska districts, is about as has been anticipated for some weeks.

OMAHA, Sept. 13.—The weekly weather crop bulletin, issued from the local observatory says: Not a drop of rain is reported from any of the voluntary or regular weather bureau stations in Nebraska during the past seven days. The temperature has ranged unusually high over the entire state, and the sunshine has been uninterrupted.

LINCOLN, Sept. 13.—Twelve men were arrested at the Capital hotel last night for gambling. A policeman went to the room where the game was in progress and rapped for admittance, when the door was opened he showed his revolver in the face of Charles Fields, who endeavored to close the door again but was unable to do so.

OMAHA, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Ed Bennett of 3021 Pacific street died at 6:30 o'clock last night from the effects of morphine poisoning. It was at first rumored that the drug had been taken with suicidal intent, but this theory was exploded by the testimony of the daughter of the deceased, who stated that her mother had for the past fourteen or fifteen years been in the habit of taking morphine for "heart trouble," as she, the mother, always claimed.

LINCOLN, Sept. 13.—Judge Strode of the district court yesterday issued a writ of mandamus requiring the managers of the recent impeachment trial to pay to Judge Doane of Omaha \$500, this amount being the extra compensation asked by Judge Doane in addition to what he had already received. The matter will be taken to the supreme court.

FABRI, Neb., Sept. 13.—Yesterday morning a freight train on the St. Joseph & Grand Island was crossing the tracks of the Rock Island, when a freight of the latter road backed into it, smashing two cars and piling a car of coal in the ditch. The wreck was cleared away in time for the noon trains on both roads.

DEATH OF "GRANDMOTHER" HENDERSON. HENDERSON, Neb., Sept. 13.—"Grandmother" Henderson, in honor of whose husband this town and township are named, died Monday morning at the age of eighty-three years. She has been a resident with her family of this county for over twenty years and was widely known and highly respected.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 13.—C. T. Rawls, formerly editor of the York county Press, a clerk in the house of representatives, and one of the wheel horses in the democratic and populist parties in this county, shook the York county dust from his feet some time Sunday.

SORTED AND SIFTED.

There are now thirty-one synods and 221 presbyteries in the Presbyterian church in this country. The Salt sea, which once covered the Yuma desert, was once the home of oysters from fourteen to twenty inches in diameter.

A Boston company offers a series of prizes to those who will point out the largest number of errors in the series of school books now in use in the colleges, and public schools. Two young men were injured similarly in Brooklyn a few days ago by accidentally falling from windows about the same hour, in the same street and within a block of each other.

A petrified canoe and the remains of a human being were recently unearthed while workmen were digging for a well at Connelville, Pa. Geologists say that the valley at Connelville was at one time covered by a lake and that the action of the water gradually wore a sufficient outlet to drain it.

A son of Dr. McKeivey, residing at Rocktown, near Ashland, Pa., while running through the woods near his home, was attacked by a rattlesnake which he had trod upon. The snake fastened its fangs to the boy's pantaloons and was unable to withdraw them. The frightened boy started home at breakneck speed, dragging the snake with him, where it was killed. The lad was not hurt.

A movement has been started at Painted Post, N. Y., to raise sufficient money to erect a monument at the "Four Corners" to succeed the historical painted post which has stood at the corner for many years, and from which the place derived its name. The legend is that an Indian was killed at that point and the post which was erected over his remains was painted with blood. The pole, surmounted by the figure of an Indian, has stood at the place up to the present day.

LORDS OF CREATION.

Mohammed's tomb is said to be ornamented with diamonds, sapphires and rubies valued at \$10,000,000. Young Author—But don't you think my humor is delicate? Old Critic—Oh, very! Why don't you take a tonic for it? "Ach, Adele, I love you like—like—like—" "Well, think it over, Herr Fritz; perhaps you can tell me tomorrow."

"I've been digging over my garden," said Brown, "and I'm worn out." "Ah!" remarked Fogg; "a new variety of earthen wear, eh?" At an examination of students, one young gentleman, being asked to describe Henry VIII., replied: "He was a professional widower."

"I'm in an awful fix. I proposed to that girl last night." "Did she jilt you?" "There's the trouble. 'Twas after dinner and I can't remember whether she said yes or no." The fact of the direct heir to the English throne marrying an Englishwoman is so rare an event that it seems worth noting. There are only two instances since the conquest.

Manager—What makes you think that you have the qualifications for a great actress? Mrs. Blonds—Because I can personate my maid so closely that my own husband cannot tell the difference. Miss Oldtimer—You play tennis very well for one who has played so little. Miss Newcomer—Thanks. I shall be glad when I can play as well as you do; but I suppose it takes years and years of practice.

Professor Jenness, of Leland Stanford university, believes that whisky is not alone responsible for tramps; but that tramps are born tired and develop laziness and general worthlessness as they grow older. Basil Lockwood, the young negro who acted so heroically in rescuing many persons from Ford's theater at the time of the recent disaster in that building, has been at last remembered by the gift of a handsome watch, suitably inscribed.

SO MEN OF SCIENCE SAY.

The silkworm's web is only the five thousandth part of an inch in thickness, and some of the spiders spin a web so minute that it would take 62,000 of them to form a rope an inch in diameter. A league has been formed to study the cancer disease. Probably the most eminently suggestive views on the subject recently made public are those of MM. Vernouil of Paris and Roux of Lausanne, who attribute cancer to the improper use of meat, especially pork.

It is claimed that the prize for patience must be awarded to the scientist who recently compiled a catalogue containing lists of the various kinds of insects which are to be found in the world. According to him there are 750,000 distinct species, not including parasitic insects. It is popularly supposed that the sudden downpour which usually follows a bright flash of lightning is in some way caused by the flash. Meteorologists have proven that this is not the case, and that, exactly to the contrary, it is not only possible but highly probable that the sudden increased precipitation is the real cause of the dash.

The London Optician, in describing the remarkable progress that has been made of late years in the treatment of eye diseases, says that with the ophthalmoscope and ophthalmometer there are very few problems with regard to the functions and diseases of the human eye that can not be determined by an expert in a very few moments of time.

REBEL SHIPS HEMMED IN.

Brazil's Naval Rebellion Now Expected to End in a Fiasco. BUNOS AYRES, Sept. 13.—Brazil's naval insurgents are hemmed in within the confines of the bay surrounded on all sides by land forces loyal to Peixoto, and for lack of reinforcements or supplies, the revolt is soon expected to end in a fiasco like Rear Admiral Wandenkolk's recent attempt. Latest advices received here say the insurgents have attempted to land at various points in the bay, but have everywhere been repulsed and appear to be disheartened. Admiral Meil invited the garrison in Santa Cruz to join the revolt, but met with firm refusal.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—To protect American interests in Rio Janeiro, in case of serious trouble, the navy department decided to order the cruiser Detroit now at Norfolk navy yard, to proceed to that place as quickly as possible, instead of Greytown, Nicaragua. Neither the state or the navy departments were in receipt of any information of the revolution in Brazil.

Advices just received from Rio Janeiro say that the insurgents have been repulsed with the loss of fifty men while attempting to land at Nichey.

WIT AND HUMOR.

Mr. Doiley, bitterly—You refuse me, but you never refused my presents. Miss Gilgal—No; they were of some value. Bridges—Don't I hear Miss Byng playing something in five flats? Brooks—Yes, and if there was another story to this building you might hear it in six. Snap—I've lost a \$5 bill. Brook—By George, that's the amount I wanted to borrow. Snap—Very good. I'll just consider that I lent it to you and bother no more about it.

"Skipper has sued the street railway for heavy damages." "What did he get?" "Not a cent. It happened in Philadelphia, and he couldn't prove that the cars were running." "It is a pity that you are not more sociable," remarked the cyclone to the earthquake. "Instead of taking people out and blowing them off, as I do, you give every one the shake."

Teacher—This sentence speaks of a man who is an alarmist. Do you know what that means? Bright Boy—Yes; it's a old gentleman wot tries to scare boys who like to go fishin' on Sunday. Maamma—Little Robbie Jones always asks to be excused when he leaves the table, and you never do. Why is it? "Well, I guess it's 'cause he's ashamed of eatin' so much, I don't know."

"This confounded thermometer isn't worth retaining any longer," said Uncle Peter. "What is wrong with it?" "Why, one day it says one thing and the very next it is something altogether different." "And the king says to Daniel, says he, 'Air you there, Daniel?' says he; and, seeing the king, Daniel says, says he, 'To the devil wid ye, Darius,' says he, which shows that the art of repartee was not wholly unknown at that early period."

"But why are you so anxious to see a whale, Mrs. Trotter?" asked the captain, after the lady had asked for the twentieth time if one was in sight. "I want so much to see one blubber, captain. It must be very impressive to see such a large creature."

PICKINGS FROM PAPERS.

Pennsylvania ranks first in the cigar output of the country. New York, Ohio and Florida follow in the order named. It takes seven days after death, according to Siamese belief, for the soul to reach heaven, and prayers are kept up during that period to help it on its way.

The proposed reduction of twenty-five per cent in wages of English miners is to be taken from the advance of forty per cent in wages secured in 1888. The elder branch of the princely family of Reuss, in Germany has followed for centuries the curious custom of naming all its male members Henry and of distinguishing them otherwise by numbers.

A return of persons who voted as illiterates at the last general election in England was recently issued. This shows that the number of ignorant electors in England and Wales was 46,109; in Scotland 4,570 and in Ireland, 84,919.

Rev. George Clarke Cox of Ridge-wood, N. J., preached a powerful sermon recently against ministers accepting calls from other parishes when they had established themselves and become a part of the social life around them. In two weeks from the time he preached the sermon he received a call from Poughkeepsie, where the salary is higher. He accepted it in spite of his sermon.

Two German soldiers were talking one day on the bank of a pond, when one of them fell in. He could not swim, and screamed for aid. The other, who was an officer and did not feel inclined to take so cold a plunge and calmly watched the struggles of the sinking man. All at once the man in the water began to sing the "Marseillaise," and the officer jumped in forthwith, for his strict orders were to arrest any person whom he heard singing that famous song. The unfortunate citizen was imprisoned for eight months, but that was better than drowning.

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