

MUST FIRST SIGN NOTE.

Request China to Affix Signatures at Once.

DECISION OF THE MINISTERS

Diplomats Think They See Plan on Part of Celestials to Pursue Dilatory Tactics--Li Hung Chang Anxious to Make Peace--Von Waldersee Reported Dead.

Peking, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the foreign ministers yesterday it was announced that Li Hung Chang and Prince Chang were prepared to sign an agreement as soon as it is ready for signature.

Li Hung Chang desires to conduct the peace negotiations to a conclusion and the physicians attending him think he might be taken to the Spanish legation, where the conferences have been held, if the weather is favorable.

It seems to be the opinion of some envoys that the acceptance of the terms of the note by the Chinese is not explicit enough. The Chinese desire for consultation regarding the raising of forts and the legation guards is open to misinterpretation, and liable to lead to long arguments, which might, in the opinion of some ministers, mean the sparring for time on the part of the Chinese.

Consequently, the Chinese plenipotentiaries will be notified that they must sign the note before the meeting between them and the foreign envoys can be held.

The Germans are reported to be returning to San Ho with a number of prisoners.

Von Waldersee Reported Dead.

Paris, Jan. 4.—La Journal reports the death of Count von Waldersee, the report being that he was killed by an officer of the allied troops, the circumstances not being related. It is said the rumor is current in Berlin, where it is not confirmed.

LOOT IS THE SOLE OBJECT.

American Commander Refuses to Co-operate With the Germans.

New York, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to the Herald from Peking says: "The punitive expeditions of the powers prove to have been simply looting parties. Lieutenant Colonel Wint of the Sixth cavalry met the Germans at Tang Him, where the latter had taxed the villagers 4,000 taels (\$2,700), and 100 pony loads of furs as punishment for the alleged murder of imaginary Christians. He had express orders from General Chaffee to co-operate with the Germans, but withdrew. The ulterior motive and object of the Germans in reducing the province to a desert and in destroying the last vestiges of Chinese authority is apparent, but why the American forces should be ordered to assist in the work is not clear."

London, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail publishes a severe arraignment from Mr. Willard, a correspondent in Peking, of the European and American missionaries in China. Mr. Willard accuses them of urging the military to send expeditions to different portions of the country ostensibly to protect native converts, but really to give an opportunity for wholesale looting. He declares that the missionaries had had their share in loot, and gives the testimony of an American officer, in support of his contention, the whole showing that in many cases the Americans declined to sanction the urgings of the missionaries.

MEET DEATH IN A MINE.

Two Men Killed and Two Others Fatally Injured by Black Damp.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 4.—An accident occurred at the Pine Ridge colliery, which resulted in the death of two men and the fatal injury of two others. The mine, owing to a cave-in, had not been in operation for some time past and considerable gas had accumulated in the workings.

D. J. Williams, the superintendent of the mine; William Morgan, the assistant superintendent, and William Early and Martin Fortune, fire bosses, entered the mine for the purpose of devising a plan to drive an air way. They did not return to the surface at noon and a searching party went after them. They came across the dead bodies of Superintendent Williams and Fire Boss Morgan.

Later another rescuing party went down the slope and found Early and Fortune. They were unconscious and when brought out physicians who were in waiting said they could not recover.

Alaskan Steamer Wrecked.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 4.—The mail steamer Guy, plying on Lynn canal, was wrecked while en route from Skagway to Haines Mission. The steamer Mabel found the Guy ashore on the rocks on the west side of the canal. She was breaking up as the result of hard pounding. It is believed Captain Dickinson and crew, consisting of engineer, purser and cook, attempted to make their way to Haines in a small boat. As they did not arrive there, it is certain that they were drowned. A bad storm was raging at the time.

Secretary Hay at His Desk.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Hay has so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be able to spend a few hours at his desk in the state department.

WELCOMED TO LONDON.

Reception to Lord Roberts Unmarred by Disgraceful Scenes.

London, Jan. 4.—Crowds of people flocked to points of vantage along the route to be followed by Lord Roberts, from Paddington station to Buckingham palace, during the early hours of the morning, but the numbers in no way compared with those that gathered at the demonstration in honor of the return of the city volunteers from South Africa.

Warned by occurrences at the time of the volunteers' return, the police furnished barriers to prevent crushing, and 15,000 regular troops in addition to thousands of police lined the route.

Lord Roberts was greeted by the Princess of Wales, the Princess of York, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Cambridge. The members of the royal family shook hands heartily with the field marshal, while the bands played the national anthem. The Prince of Wales, with Lady Roberts, then left the railroad station in a royal carriage drawn by six horses and escorted by Life Guards, preceding Lord Roberts to Buckingham palace.

The Roberts party proceeded to Buckingham palace by way of Hyde park and Piccadilly. Doating cheers greeted the field marshal and new commander-in-chief of the forces along all parts of the route. The roar of welcome rolled on increasingly until the veteran commander entered the gates of the palace.

After midnight the streets cleared rapidly and the newspapers this morning are able to congratulate the captain upon a worthy reception to a hero unmarred with disgraceful scenes.

LONDON MORE HOPEFUL

From Every Quarter of Cape Colony Come Reports of Active Recruiting of Local Forces—Better Feeling Prevails.

London, Jan. 4.—Advices from Cape Town this morning are more hopeful, owing to the active recruiting of local forces in all quarters and a better feeling prevails in London, based upon the prospect of Lord Roberts taking the reins at the war office. From Sydney, N. S. W., it is reported that there is quite a rush of men there to join the new contingents, 500 having volunteered.

Reports of Lord Kitchener's conference with the Boers also tends to remove anxiety.

Cape Town, Jan. 4.—The military authorities are preparing for all contingencies. It has been decided to transfer the Boer prisoners from camps to transports. Farmers coming in from near Carvorn, describe the Boers as traveling in parallel columns, with numerous flanking columns of horsemen, carrying off everything eatable. It appears that they are accompanied by strings of pack horses, lightly loaded.

Colesberg telegraphs that Kritzinger's commando is crossing the Middleberg district, but is getting few if any recruits. Here in Cape Town such business men as are unable to leave are organizing a town guard, composed of the leading citizens. The commercial companies have asked the mayor to call a mass meeting to urge the government to suppress disloyal newspapers and to proclaim martial law.

The British battleship Monarch landed men and guns to relieve the troops for service northward. It is believed the guns will be sent up the country.

Six thousand, five hundred South African irregulars have been recruited during the last eight weeks.

The Boers in the Transvaal have been exceedingly active in the last week, daily attacking trains, convoys and isolated posts. In most cases they have been repulsed and the railways are now working more regularly.

Pettigrew Wants Information.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Pettigrew introduced a resolution calling on the president to submit to congress "copies of all instructions sent to the officers of the government in the Philippines since May 1, 1898, and of all orders issued by officers of the government in the Philippines in relation to the conduct of the war and in relation to the government of that country."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Dobbs-Ashe fight at Memphis Thursday night resulted in a draw after 20 rounds.

Stanley S. Stokes, one of the most widely known newspaper men in Colorado, died Thursday at his home in Denver, aged 52 years.

The report of Inspector General Knox on the national soldiers' homes, sent to congress Thursday, shows those institutions to be in a high state of efficiency.

In the case against Mayor Patterson of Bismarck, charged with keeping gambling resorts, Judge Winchester denied motions to quash the charge and for a change of venue.

The secretary of war has submitted to congress an additional deficiency estimate of \$3,000,000 for army subsistence, caused chiefly by the heavy demands made by the forces in China and the Philippines.

John A. Gauger, a wealthy lumberman, was held to the criminal grand jury by Justice Woods for importing workmen into Chicago without informing them of the existence of strike troubles at his plant.

POYNTER STEPS ASIDE.

Dietrich Inaugurated Governor of Nebraska.

BRIEF INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Incoming Governor Recommends Increase in Number of Supreme Judges and Urges Greater Penalty for Kidnapers, General Lee and Staff Attend Reception.

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—Charles H. Dietrich was inaugurated governor of Nebraska before the joint session of the legislature at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was short and simple, occupying but little over an hour, being limited to the retiring message of Governor Poynter and the inaugural address of Governor Dietrich. The latter makes a record in brevity, containing about 1,000 words, limited to state matters. The governor's most urgent recommendation to the legislature is to provide relief for the supreme court, now far behind with its program, by empowering it to create a board of reference to act until a constitutional amendment can be submitted increasing the number of judges.

He favors reasonable appropriations to advertise Nebraska at the Buffalo and St. Louis expositions, a new board of control for state institutions, a law permitting surety bonds for state officers at the expense of the state, erection of monuments to heroic dead and a strong kidnapping law.

Governor Poynter delivered a somewhat lengthy valedictory address, in which he referred to the excellent condition of the state treasury, favored the treasurer's plan for investment of state funds and urged relief of the supreme court.

The message is principally a review of the work under the direct supervision of the executive during the last two years with special stress upon the various branches that have been hampered by want of legislation or by supreme court decisions invalidating legislation under which action was formerly had. Incorporated into the review are a number of recommendations for curative acts and suggestions of ways and means to improve existing methods of state administration.

The governor's reception last night in the senate chamber was largely attended. The presence of General Fitzhugh Lee of the Department of the Missouri, with his staff; the governor's guard and members of the state militia, added brilliancy to the spectacle. The reception lasted from 8:30 to 10:30 and was followed by an elaborate ball at the Lincoln auditorium.

Pro-Boer Resolution in Senate.

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—A pro-Boer resolution, introduced by Senator Trompen, a Republican, was briefly debated in the state senate yesterday and made a special order for next Tuesday. It recites "the deep concern of the Nebraska senate in the attempt of Great Britain to destroy the republic of South Africa," and "declares sympathy for them in their struggle against those who seek to establish over them a despotism maintained by English power and English arms."

WAS FATAL TO FOUR.

Ten Others Seriously Ill as Result of Drinking Wood Alcohol.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 4.—Four prominent farmers of Searcy county are dead as the result of drinking wood alcohol at a holiday gathering. The dead are: W. C. Baker of Point Heter, Alfred, John and James Dickey of Cave Creek. Ten others who were in the party and drank the same liquid are seriously ill, several being at the point of death.

Tired Being a Fugitive.

Sioux City, Jan. 4.—After being a fugitive from justice over a year, Joseph Dolan, living on a farm near Danbury, this county, came home and was arrested for forgery. He is in jail in default of bonds. The grand jury indicted him a year ago for uttering a forged note for \$200. The note was bought for \$170 by Albert S. Wendell, a prominent stock buyer here, who will prosecute Dolan.

To Lannch Plov Combine.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The Chronicle says: "The combination of plow companies, of which there have been rumors for two or three days, will be launched next week, with a capitalization of \$55,000,000. Chicago men who have been prime movers in the preliminary negotiations stated yesterday that all obstacles to the consummation of the deal had been removed."

Frank Pettigrew's Condition.

Kansas City, Jan. 4.—Frank Pettigrew, son of United States Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, who is ill at a local hospital, the result of being assaulted, is gaining strength rapidly and will, it is said, be able to resume his journey to Arizona within a few days. Pettigrew's right cheek bone, which was fractured, was reset.

Kansas Senatorial Fight.

Topeka, Jan. 4.—Senator Lucien Baker and J. R. Burton have established headquarters here and are industriously "caring for" each member of the legislature as he arrives. Both sides claim their man will be elected. The legislature will meet Jan. 8, and the senatorial election will take place Jan. 22.

DENNIS TELLS OF THE CHASE

Man Taken for Pat Crowe Relates His Experience in Being Pursued.

Chadron, Neb., Jan. 4.—R. G. Dennis, a scientist of Boston, told the story of his flight from detectives who pursued him in the belief that he was Pat Crowe, wanted in Omaha in the Cudaby kidnaping case. Dennis said: "I had been collecting specimens in the Bad Lands for some time and feeling that I might expect opposition from the Indians within the Sioux reservation, I was usually on the look-out. On the day of my flight I had noticed two men watching me and acting as if they did not wish to be seen. After noticing that I was being followed I gave up all search for that day and concluded to make straight for the ranch near Odessa, S. D., at which place I was stopping.

"My pursuers, supposing that they had been detected and that I was trying to escape, came hotly on my trail, which again made me quicken my pace. Now it had become a ride for life. On faster and faster they came and I was urging the poor mare on to her utmost efforts. Roads were a thing not to be found in this country and it was taxing my wits to the utmost to keep out of canyons and to keep from being checked.

"When I could see but one man behind me, my fright became intense, for I well knew that one had left his companion with the intention of intercepting me beyond the divide, which proved only too true. I was finally overtaken and stopped at the point of guns, which appeared the size of 13-inch cannon. I was soon informed what was wanted of me. There was little trouble in establishing my identity."

BISHOP NINDE IS DEAD.

Expires Suddenly From Heart Failure at His Detroit Home—Elected to Episcopate 16 Years Ago.

Detroit, Jan. 4.—Bishop William Xavier Ninde, aged 68 years, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was found dead in his bed at his home here yesterday. It is thought the cause of death was heart trouble. He attended a funeral Wednesday and caught a cold.

Bishop Ninde had been a bishop of the Methodist church since 1884, and was known throughout the United States. Prior to his election as a bishop he was pastor of the Central Methodist church here and was at one time a missionary in India. He leaves a wife, three sons and one daughter. One son, Edward, is a Methodist minister at Ann Arbor. His daughter, Mary, was formerly a missionary worker in India. She is now in the south with her brother, Fred, who is ill. The other son, George, is also at his home here.

Yesterday the presiding elders of Michigan held a conference here and decided to sell the episcopal residence here, now occupied by Bishop Ninde's family, because the churches of Michigan outside of Detroit and other cities failed to contribute sufficient funds to maintain it.

CITIZENS FIGHT ROBBERS.

One Man Wounded, But the Gang Makes Its Escape in Buggies.

Lima, O., Jan. 4.—A notification was received by the local police to look out for a gang of men who blew a safe at Cayette, on the Cincinnati Southern railroad, just north of Van Wert, at 3 a. m. The town was aroused by the explosion and a posse had a battle with nine robbers, who composed the gang. About 50 shots were exchanged, but only one man was wounded, so far as known at this time. The thieves had buggies in waiting and drove toward this city.

Chinese Rob Custom House.

Hong Kong, Jan. 4.—It is reported that robbers recently attacked the custom station at Kumsuk, in the West river country, and obtained loot valued at \$8,000.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

A rubber manufacturing company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, will be established in Chicago to fight the rubber trust.

About 75 per cent of the striking structural steel workers at Pittsburgh returned to work at the new scale, \$3 for a day of nine hours.

The Galveston factory of the National Biscuit company and a grain conditioning elevator were destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss, \$60,000.

Troubles that threaten the dissolution of the Order of Railway Telegraphers have arisen as an aftermath to the recent strike on the Santa Fe.

Edward C. Platt, eldest son of Senator Platt, was Thursday elected general superintendent and manager of the United States Express company.

Chester B. Jordan was inaugurated governor of New Hampshire Thursday. Dr. John F. Hill took the oath of office as governor of Maine Thursday.

Two carloads of negroes left Montgomery, Ala., Thursday for the Hawaiian Islands, via San Francisco. They go to take employment on the sugar plantations there.

At a mass meeting held Thursday, the coal miners at Erie, Colo., decided to strike in sympathy with those already out at Louisville, Lafayette, Canfield and Superior. This completely ties up the lignite fields of northern Colorado and makes the number of men on strike about 1,200.

Advertisement for L. C. Mittelstadt, Norfolk Lumberman, featuring an image of a farm and text about the need of good sheds.

Advertisement for Wheatling and Bon Ton Flour, Sugar City Cereal Mills, for good loans and easy payments.

Advertisement for Uhle's Grocery, offering various goods and services.

Advertisement for Norfolk National Bank, oldest established banking business in northeast Nebraska.

Advertisement for Hayes Jewelry & Music House, featuring diamonds and watches.

Advertisement for The Citizens National Bank, capital \$50,000, surplus \$5,000.