

CHINA ACCEPTS NOTE

Unexpected Compliance with Terms of the Allied Powers.

FOREIGN ENVOYS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED

Emperor Instructs His Plenipotentiaries to Get the Best Terms Possible.

LIMITATION OF LEGATION GUARDS ASKED

Disarmament of Forts Instead of Their Destruction is to Be Demanded.

COURT TO RETURN TO PEKIN IN FEBRUARY

Health of Venerable Li Hung Chang Continues Very Bad and It is Believed That He Will Be Compelled to Give Way.

PEKIN, Dec. 30.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect.

The Chinese themselves were greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under any circumstances to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where these are to be stationed.

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Emperor Yields for Peking.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, according to another dispatch to the Havas agency, say that Emperor Kwang Su has expressed a desire that the court should return to Peking at the end of February.

The Havas agency has received the following dispatch from Peking: "Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have communicated to the foreign envoys an imperial edict in which the emperor declares that China accepts the joint note and authorizes Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to negotiate and ask for a suspension of hostilities."

HE OBJECTS TO WALTERS

British Correspondent Excited Over the Way the Germans Are Conducting Things in China.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Writing to the Times from Peking yesterday, Dr. Morrison says: "The Chinese have accepted all the conditions of the joint note. They are giving formal acceptance by a foreign envoy, and ask that negotiations shall commence forthwith and that military operations cease."

Li Hung Chang is much better, although great care is being taken of him. He is now operating. Every report tells of increasing unrest. The policy of depriving the Chinese of all power to exercise authority is spreading disorder broadcast and forcing peaceful Chinese into opposition.

On December 28 Dr. Morrison sends a long protest against German harshness, which he says is creating instead of checking disorder. He accuses the Germans of harrasing the country and punishing the innocent and the guilty indiscriminately in order to levy fines for degrading their own military expenses and to form an excuse for continued occupation."

He also charges Count von Waldersee with a breach of faith on the ground that he gave Li Hung Chang a map defining the area of the occupation in the province of Chi Li and that the Germans are preparing for an expedition to Stan Pu in the spring and also mentioning trouble in the Yang Tze valley. Dr. Morrison says: "The question arises whether the occasion should not be seized to separate the British troops from Count von Waldersee's command."

TAKES PESSIMISTIC VIEW

Archdeacon Fordice Frier of Westminster Abbey Sees Trouble Ahead for England.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—All the religious denominations arranged for "end of the century services" some of which were held yesterday in the city of London. At Westminster archdeacon Fordice Frier, preaching yesterday, took a gloomy view of the future. He said he thought it by no means improbable that early in the coming century England would have to meet the combined arms of European powers. Referring to the "serious trade competition of Germany and the United States," he appealed to England to rouse herself. Alluding to the national course of Intemperance, he said that Rev. Charles Sheldon of Toledo, Kan., said he had seen more drunkards in England in a year than in his own country in a lifetime.

REBELLION IN COLOMBIA

Conflicting Reports Concerning the Status in South American Republic Come to Hand.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 30.—General Urdaneta, chief of the Colombian revolution, who was recently defeated at Torcaz, in the province of Bolivar, has arrived at Maracaibo. This is regarded as a deathblow to the revolutionary movement.

NEW TRIAL FOR STERNBERG

Berlin Banker Convicted of an Offense Against Morality Makes Successful Appeal.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The Lokal Anzeiger announces that the appeal of the banker, Sternberg, convicted of an offense against morality, will result in a new trial, owing to a legal flaw.

Yankee Wants to Fight McGovern.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Henry Yanger, the "Trotter blaster" through his manager tonight deposited a challenge to fight Terry McGovern at 122 pounds, ring-side, before the club offering the best inducements. As these are the terms asked by McGovern's manager it is almost a certainty the match will be made if the men meet it will be for the featherweight championship of the world.

PLEASED WITH HER HAVOC

Kansas Saloon-Smasher Refuses Bond, but Wants Money and Will Proceed to Pay Probable Fine.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union "John" wrecker, has refused bail secured by her co-workers. She now says that under no circumstances will she step out of jail until cleared of the charge against her, and the Woman's Christian Temperance union committee which had taken up the matter has practically abandoned its efforts to secure her release. The county attorney, it is said, is seriously considering a suggestion made by the saloon men to withdraw the charge of malicious destruction of property and preferring one of insanity against her. There is doubt in the minds that they can hold her upon the present charge, and they are bound to punish the woman in some form for the mischief she has done.

When spoken to on this matter, Mrs. Nation laughed and said: "I expect they will resort to this as a last means to make me abandon my crusade against the liquor dealers, but I will appeal against the insanity verdict and will be judged in my own way and by my own conversation whether or not I am crazy."

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SUFFER HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE

Lord Kitchener Reports British Loss as Fifty Killed and Wounded.

LIST OF CAPTURED WILL REACH 200

Boers Evacuate Helvetia After Capturing It and Are Now Being Followed by a Strong Detachment.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The War office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener: "Pretoria, Dec. 30, 7.50 a. m.—General Lytton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners."

General Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy. Helvetia being occupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast. Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadopol-Lydenburg railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment. Am asking for further information.

While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly gloomy view of a grave situation and revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. General Dewet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while, judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

According to further telegrams received yesterday, Zeyher is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Otsohoop has been withdrawn to Lichtenburg.

A dispatch from Carnarvon dated yesterday reports that the Boers, who have been threatening that point, have been driven off and are being pursued by a strong detachment.

"It is evident," says a belated message from Krugersdorp, dated December 23, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of Magaliesburg is well supplied and that until the country between here and the Magaliesburg is practically cleared and Boers they will continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare."

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warmer Monday; Winds Becoming Northerly.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 27 12 p. m. 33 6 a. m. 28 3 p. m. 38 7 a. m. 28 4 p. m. 41 8 a. m. 28 5 p. m. 40 9 a. m. 28 6 p. m. 39 10 a. m. 28 7 p. m. 38 11 a. m. 28 8 p. m. 37 12 m. 28 9 p. m. 36

WANTS EPIDEMIC OF LIBERTY

Chicago Preacher Condemns the United States for Letting the Philippines Go Their Own Way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Prof. M. M. Mangasarian, a well known Chicago Congregational clergyman, delivered a lecture on "The Close of the Century" at the Grand opera house tonight. He said: "Let the American people celebrate the birth of the twentieth century by a memorable act—give liberty to the Philippines. Victor Hugo used to say that no festival or jubilee was complete which did not bring amnesty to a nation to some people. Let us pardon the Philippines for rebelling against our sovereignty, if that is the crime with which we charge them. Let us confer upon them liberty. Let America establish this precedent—that of giving freedom and without price to a people who prefer liberty to life. Liberty has hitherto been wrested from rulers at the point of a bayonet. Let us have liberty in the twentieth century without the bayonet. Our example, I am hopeful, will become a noble and a merciful one. Behaving as the Armenians and the Greeks and the Armenians will go and do liberty to the Armenians and South Africa will once more know the sweets of liberty. Such an act on our part will deal the deathblow to war, which a great American has called 'hell,' and will usher in the thousand years of peace."

"Let us baptize the twentieth century in the name of peace, liberty and progress. Let us christen her the people's century. Let us ask of the new century a religion without superstition, politics without war, art and the sciences, without materialism and wealth without misery or wrong."

PEOPLE HOWL WITH DESPAIR

Passengers on Board Steamer Lake Megantic Believe They Are Surely Lost.

STEEERING APPARATUS GOES DURING STORM

After Battling with the Elements for Over Two Days the Vessel Manages to Make Queenstown, Her Last Port of Calling.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 31.—The British steamer Lake Megantic, Captain Taylor, from Liverpool on December 25, and Queenstown on December 25, for St. John, returned to Queenstown harbor yesterday (Sunday) morning, after a terrible experience in the gale. The vessel left Queenstown on Wednesday, carrying the Canadian mails, forty-five saloon and fifty cabin passengers and about 500 steerage passengers, principally foreigners, with many Jews among them. It had reached a point about 400 miles west on Thursday night, when it encountered a merciless gale. Behaving splendidly, the steamer would have got through had not the steering gear become damaged badly, placing it in a dangerous position. The crew worked bravely and rigged handgear and the vessel was again brought under control. The weather cleared. Unfortunately the handgear also became damaged. The gale lasted twenty hours and an immense sea broke over the vessel, smashing the booby hatch and flooding it between decks, where the steerage passengers were located. It also washed away a greater portion of the fittings and did considerable deck damage. Three lifeboats were smashed. Some of the crew were seriously injured and one seaman was killed on deck.

TAX RECEIVER IN TROUBLE

James H. McCullough of Altoona, Pa., Leaves Town After Confessing to Shortage of \$20,000.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.—James H. McCullough, former receiver of state and county taxes for Altoona, has disappeared and is said to be over \$20,000 short in his account. McCullough had held the office of receiver since 1894, but the county commissioners did not reappoint him last spring because he had not squared his duplicates for the past several years. He was under bond in the sum of \$50,000.

The county commissioners had a secret examination of the accounts and a shortage of \$10,000 was quickly discovered. County Commissioner Hughes went to McCullough for an explanation. McCullough confessed he had been buying stocks in New York three years ago, and when his first venture failed he doubted to retrieve himself and lost every cent.

"I could not win even at poker," he admitted, "and the more chances I took the further I went toward ruin."

McCullough's home is mortgaged, but he decided to let his bondsmen, and on Thursday night he left the city. McCullough has a short in 1897, the shortage amounting to some \$20,000. It is said he used the collections of 1898 and 1899, to square this amount. McCullough is about 50 years old and was looked upon as a solid business man. There has been no effort to arrest him as yet.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN MAN

Hall Caine Says High Position of Woman in This Country is Partly Due to Other Sex.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Dec. 30.—Hall Caine, writing to the Sorosis, a local woman's club, under date of Greeca Castle, Isle of Man, December 8, says: "When one considers what the position of woman is in this country, and in other countries, as recently as 100 years ago, how high a place she has won for herself, and how far she has advanced in her material and moral development, it is not surprising that she should be so much respected and honored in this country. Speaking as one who has seen the condition of woman in many countries, I feel that it is indeed the truth that the position of woman is higher in America than in any other country. For this reason I think that the American woman has a right to be proud of her position. I think to be grateful to the splendid history in the other sex, which is nowhere more conspicuous than in the best type of American gentlemen."

STATEHOOD FOR ARIZONA

Governor Murphy on His Way to Washington to Continue His Efforts to Secure Territory's Status.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Governor Nathan C. Murphy of Arizona is at the Holland house and will go to Washington Tuesday to continue his efforts to have that territory admitted as a state. "We have a hard job on our hands," he said today, "but we purpose keeping it up until success crowns our efforts. Our people want self-government and the advantages of statehood. Freedom is the underlying principle which urges us on. We believe it entirely wrong for a people to be taxed directly or indirectly without representation. We are tired of territorial vassalage."

"Arizona has a population of more than 122,000, having increased over 100 per cent in the last decade. We have more people and more money than twenty-three of the states had when they were admitted."

QUAY WILL CONTROL SENATE

Popular Senator Washburn Announces That He Will Resign to Act with the Republicans.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—State Senator Washburn of Crawford county, who was elected two years ago as a populist and independent, has announced his resignation. He has announced a formal statement to the effect that he had allied himself with the republican party and will participate in its councils and organization. Mr. Washburn voted with the democrats at the last session for George A. Jenks for United States senator and for the republican party and voted for all party measures.

Mr. Washburn's declaration created much surprise, as he was counted on by the democrats to vote with them on the organization of the senate and for the party nomination of this city and Savannah. His resignation gives the friends of Mr. Quay control of the senate and practically insures the election of William P. Snyder of Chester as president pro tem.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS KILLED

German Tourists Attempt to Ascend Mount Schwarzenberg Without Guides and Fall into Avas.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Two German tourists, Loiser and Kindlinger, ascended Mount Schwarzenberg without guides, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express from Vienna, and fell into an abyss and were killed.

BULLETINS NOW THE KIDNAPERS' THREAT

EXACT COPY OF SECOND LETTER

Here is the Text of the Misspelled Note Sent by Mail to the Cudahy Household.

Following is the exact text of the second threatening letter sent to E. A. Cudahy:

Cudahy: If you value the boy's life at the price of a bullet you will withdraw the reward at once and let well enough alone. If you don't do this we will finish the job with a bullet.

If any man whether guilty or innocent is ever arrested a bullet will close the boy's mouth. You will think of this warning when it is to late.

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When the storm abated, Captain Taylor decided to return to Queenstown. It was difficult work to steer the big ship, but it managed to anchor here without assistance. Its officers and men were exhausted.

Everybody's surprise the Beaver company directed Captain Taylor to take the Lake Megantic to Liverpool and it proceeded there with all its passengers and mails, to be transferred to the Lake Superior, which will leave the Mersey on Thursday.

The company ordered a tug to accompany the vessel, but none was available here. Tugs will be sent from Liverpool to meet it. There will be considerable anxiety as to the vessel's safety in its present disabled condition, especially as the weather has again broken in a high northerly gale. It was impossible to interview any of the Lake Megantic's crew and the agents are reticent, but it is understood there were undesirable scenes among the passengers, who were said to have howled in despair, expecting that the steamer would founder at any moment.

MYSTERY AS DEEP AS EVER

Prosecution as Yet Unable to Get Any Real Clue to Murderer of Frank Richardson.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—The belief is rapidly gaining ground that the murderer of the millionaire merchant, Frank Richardson, is a traveling man, whose name has been known. The prosecution has run down almost every theory that has come to the attention of the officers and all have vanished into air. Ex-Congressman Charles Booher, who is the prosecuting attorney at St. Joseph, said tonight that he probably would be able to get hold of the domestic servant of the Richardson home some time this week.

She is visiting in northern Missouri somewhere, but the officers have been unable to locate her since the night of the tragedy. A traveling man, whose name has been incidentally mentioned in connection with the case, has disappeared and detectives are endeavoring to locate him.

Mrs. Richardson is still confined to her bed with nervous prostration and the attending physician tonight did not think she would be able to go to the courtroom tomorrow.

SCRANTON STRIKE SETTLED

Men and Company Agree to a Compromise Which Ends Trouble in Hegun One Week Ago.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 30.—At 12:45 a. m. the street car strike, which was begun a week ago, was called off. President Clark, General Manager Hillman and Directors John and Timothy Burke of the street car company came to the strikers' hall after the vote to compromise was carried and were received with tumultuous cheers. The men demanded what was an equivalent to an advance of 3 cents an hour. They were allowed 2 cents. The old rates of wages were 12 1/2 cents for the first six months, 13 1/2 cents for the second six months, 14 cents for the second year, 15 cents for the third year and 16 cents for the fourth year. The new rates are 14, 15, 16, 17 1/2 and 19 cents. The men are also allowed a ten-hour day. Three hundred and twenty-five men were affected.

SALE OF DANISH ANTILLES

High Official of Denmark Declares That Germany is Not Negotiating for Purchase of Islands.