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ALLIES IN CONSORT

Have Agreed upon a Preliminary Treaty for China.

McKINLEY AND CONGER AT OUTF.

Nicaragua Canal will be Damed by Legislative Arguments against it.

TERMS AGREED UPON.

Final Session of Diplomatic Body in China.

PEKIN, Nov. 24.—The diplomatic body held a final meeting this morning, and agreed upon the terms of the preliminary treaty. Nothing now remains except to secure the approval of the respective government before definite negotiations with the Chinese peace commissioners are begun. The precise terms of the settlement have not yet been made public here but it is believed, outside the diplomatic corps, that the main points are in substantial agreement with those contained in the French note to the powers, namely punishment for the guilty, indemnity to government and individuals, retention of strong legation guards and the occupation of certain places between Peking and Paku. A party of American cavalry went today to disperse a band of bandits in a village, 16 miles from Peking. The village was found strongly fortified, but the Americans attacked and captured it, killing seven Chinese. A secret edict from Sinanfu to the provincial viceroys and governors orders them to cease the manufacture of modern arms and to revert to the old style of weapons, because modern arms "have proved utterly useless against the foreigners."

CONGRER MAY RETURN.

Contemplates Resigning Because President Does Not Indorse His Actions in China.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—A Washington dispatch to the World says: Mr. Conger will probably return to the United States. His relations with the administration have not been harmonious since the relief of Peking. Mr. Conger advocates measures which the president regards as too radical, and he has not taken kindly to the fact that his views have not been indorsed at Washington.

MANY OBSTACLES.

Prospects are Not Good for Passage of the Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Friends of the Nicaragua Canal bill have grave reason to fear that it will not pass this session. Those who are quite intimate with Senator Morgan, who will have charge of the bill in the senate, say that the venerable senator sees many obstacles, in the way of getting the bill through, and is fearful that some of them will be such as to prevent action. Of course, it is well understood that the only thing that can be done is for those who favor the canal to insist that no other legislation shall pass until the Nicaragua Canal bill has been voted upon. It is quite likely that if the senators who favor the bill yield to the pressure that is brought to bear to allow other legislation to get through, that will mean defeat for this session of congress.

While it is not expected there will be any currency legislation at the coming short session of congress, it is said that the president will make it absolutely impossible to break down the gold standard without direct legislation on the part of congress. Such recommendation can go over until the next congress, when it can be acted upon.

THE PORTE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

The "Sick Man" Discriminates Against the United States.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—The porte has definitely rejected the request for an exequator for the United States consul at Harpoot. This refusal is regarded by the United States legation as a direct violation of treaty rights, and consequently, despite the refusal, Dr. Thomas H. Norton, who was accepted by President McKinley some time ago to establish a consulate at Harpoot, has been directed to proceed to his post.

The expected visit of the battleship Kentucky at Smyrna is believed to relate quite as much to this matter as to the indemnity question.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The refusal of the Turkish government to grant an exequator to the American consul at Harpoot has been communicated to the state department. It was scarcely expected that such notice would be made, as the Turkish way generally is procrastination, rather than direct refusal, which serves the same purpose without giving tangible ground for reprisals.

cle 2 of the treaty of May 1, 1830, which reads:

"And the United States may appoint citizens to be consuls and vice-consuls at the commercial places in the dominions of the sublime porte, where it shall be found needful to superintend the affairs of commerce."

The Turkish objection to the establishment of a consulate at Harpoot and Erzeroum, under this apparently clear permission, has been based on the rather novel reason that there was no commerce at these two points, and it has been rather difficult for our officials to establish the contrary proposition. But some time ago the Turkish government accorded to the British government the right to establish a consulate at Harpoot, and the state department immediately based an additional claim on the "favored nation" clause of its general treaty, which would appear to warrant it in demanding the same privilege of establishing a consulate at a given point in Turkey as was granted to Great Britain.

War-Renueve Bill.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The subcommittee on ways and means continued its preparation of the war-revenue reduction bill today. During a part of the committee's session ex-Speaker Reed was present as a visitor. The democratic members thus far have taken no action as to their programme regarding the bill. If the republican members bring the bill into the house with a rule preventing amendment, it is probable the democrats will prepare and offer a substitute; otherwise the amendments will be offered by the democrats in committee of the whole.

December Weather.

The following data, covering a period of 28 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Portland, Or. Month, December.

TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal temperature, 41 deg. The warmest month was that of 1875, with an average of 48 deg. The coldest month was that of 1884, with an average of 32 deg. The highest temperature was 65 deg on the 13th, 1886. The lowest temperature was 3 deg. on the 23d, 1879.

Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, Nov. 26. Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 11

PRECIPITATION (Rain and melted snow).

Average for the month, 7.78 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 19. The greatest monthly precipitation was 20.14 inches in 1882. The least monthly precipitation was 0.88 inches in 1876.

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 6.68 inches on the 13th, 1883. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending only to winter of 1884-85 only) was 14 inches on the 2nd, 1892.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER.

Average number of clear days, 4; partly cloudy days, 8; cloudy days, 19.

WIND.

The prevailing winds have been from the south.

The highest velocity of the wind was 54 miles from the southwest on the 7th, 1894.

Sheriff's Tax Report.

Sheriff Cooke has filed his final report as sheriff and tax collector of the county of Clackamas with the board of commissioners. The report contains the amount of taxes charged to the sheriff for the year 1899, together with the amounts collected and uncollected and double assessments and errors. Following is the report:

To total amount of taxes charged to sheriff.....\$144,922 54
To sheriff assessments..... 3,154 62
\$148,077 16

By am't collected before sale..... \$139,444 38
By cash received from sale..... 1,832 28
By am't bid in by county..... 4,770 97
By am't uncollected on personal property..... 359 19
By am't of errors and double assessments..... 1,670 34
\$148,077 16

By costs collected not included in above..... \$826 06
By premiums collected not included in above..... 7 62
By am't rec'd on sheriff's assessments on back taxes not included in above..... 9,007 75
\$9,841 43

The report shows a greater percentage of sheriff assessment taxes collected than ever heretofore.

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TOOK TWO LIVES.

Former Clackamas County Resident a Murderer and Suicide.

G. W. Traylor, who resided on a farm at Beaver Creek about two years ago and since which time has lived in Jacksonville, committed a double tragedy at that place last Friday night that resulted in the death of J. Hardenbrook and the self-destruction of himself.

The facts developed before the coroner's jury are as follows: G. W. Traylor had lived near Drain, Douglas county, for two years past. He arrived in this place, with his family two weeks ago. His wife's sister, Miss Sarah L. Beeson, daughter of W. N. Beeson, of Shufel, Clackamas county, came here with them.

Mr. Hardenbrook had been paying his addresses to her, and it is understood they were engaged to be married. Mr. Traylor objected to the marriage, and on several occasions threatened Mr. Hardenbrook's life. The day before the shooting, Traylor said Hardenbrook would not live till Sunday, though he gave his consent for him to come to the house to see Miss Beeson.

Friday night, at 11 o'clock, Miss Beeson, Mrs. Traylor and others were sitting around the stove, when Mr. Traylor walked out on the porch to the house. A few moments later a ball came crashing through the window, and took effect in Mr. Hardenbrook's face about the left eye. He fell forward in his chair but was caught by Miss Beeson, and supported until assistance came from neighbors. He lived an hour but never spoke.

After the shooting, Traylor ran to some old buildings 175 yards distant, and shortly after shots were heard. Upon investigation, it was found that he had shot himself twice, the first taking effect under the chin and tearing away part of the nose and face, and the second entering the head above the nose and carrying away the greater portion of this organ.

The men had never any dispute or personal trouble of any kind, and though Mr. Hardenbrook had been repeatedly warned of the threats that had been made against him, he paid no attention to them and seemed to feel in no danger. It developed during the examination that Mr. Traylor had not been sound in mind for the past year; that he saw strange visions, and was afflicted with loss of memory. No valid reason was alleged for his antipathy to Hardenbrook and there appears to have been no cause why he should have had any dislike for him. The shooting was no doubt the result of homicidal insanity, as Mr. Traylor had declared only a short time since that rather than Mr. Hardenbrook and Miss Beeson should marry, he would kill both of them. The above facts are in accordance with the verdict of the jury. Traylor was well known in this county and those best acquainted with him state he was a quiet law-abiding citizen.

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