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CHINA DECLINES

The Mongolian Question is Far From Settled.

THE EMPRESS CAUSING TROUBLE.

The Negotiations Will Probably be Changed from Peking to Washington or Some European City.

New York, Jan. 8.—A Washington dispatch to the New York Herald says: Complications are again clouding the Chinese situation. A dispatch has been received from Minister Conger confirming the report of the failure of the Chinese envoys to sign the preliminary agreement held by the powers. The indemnity question is causing the authorities concern, and the agitation felt in European chancelleries over the Russo-China agreement regarding Manchuria has communicated itself to officials. Minister Conger will try to induce the Chinese envoys to accept promptly the preliminary demands of the powers and begin negotiations for a permanent treaty. The state department has addressed inquiries to the powers as to the method to be pursued to reach a speedy and effective disposition of the claims for indemnity. Europe will be allowed to deal with the Russo-Chinese agreement, the United States not entering, for the present, at least, into the discussion, or impugning Russia's purpose to evacuate Manchuria. At the same time the authorities think it advisable for the protection of American interests, to keep advised of Russia's conduct, and it is now watched with the keenness with which every act of Germany and Great Britain is scrutinized. It is understood that the next cabinet meeting will consider the Chinese question especially with relation to the indemnity, and it is expected that this government will finally recommend that the matter be left to the Hague court of arbitration. Minister Conger cables the state department that there is ground for the belief that the Empress Dowager is opposing the acceptance by China of the demands of the powers.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—As the result of inquiries made in official circles the Associated Press learns that it is true that the United States has put forth a tentative suggestion that the peace negotiations be shifted from Peking to Washington. The French government, however, has not yet received a formal proposition, and, therefore, its attitude on the subject is not determined.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Murry Wade Makes Murderous Assault on W. G. Evans at Salem.

SALEM, Jan. 10.—At 12:30 o'clock this morning Murry Wade, of East Salem, committed a murderous assault on Will G. Evans, a salesman in W. H. Burghardt's bookstore, by knocking him down and stabbing him four times. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause, as both men have been paying attentions to the same young lady; and Evans was escorting the young lady home from a party when he was assaulted. The injured man was taken to a hospital. He is in a precarious condition and may die. Wade, the assailant, made his escape, but officers are on his track, and he will doubtless soon be apprehended.

PHILIP D. ARMOUR DEAD.

The Great Chicago Packer and Financier Passes Away.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Philip Danforth Armour, philanthropist, financier and multimillionaire, and head of the vast commercial establishment that bears his name, died at his home at 2115 Prairie avenue, at 5:45, this evening. A malarial affection of the heart known as myocarditis was the immediate cause of his death. He had been slowly recovering from pneumonia which for three weeks had threatened his life. At 9 o'clock this morning his heart gave way under the strain of his recent illness, his pulse running up to 103. That was the beginning of the end. Mr. Armour was surrounded by his family when he died. Those at his bedside, besides his physician and nurses, were his wife, Mrs. Philip D. Armour, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ogden Armour and Rev. Frank W. Gunsalus. The millionaire retained consciousness until within an hour of his death. Philip D. Armour was born on a farm at Stockbridge, Oneida County, N. Y., May 16, 1832. The California gold fever struck Western New York in 1849, and young Armour was the first in Stockbridge to determine to visit the Pacific Coast. He secured the permission of his parents and at the age of 17 started, having three or four companions from the same neighborhood. The almost incredible part of it was that the party walked nearly the entire distance from New York to California.

The commercial sense, which always predominated in his life, indicated its presence as soon as he saw the gold fields of California. He made money from the start, and at the end of six years he returned home with a fortune. Becoming dissatisfied with the quiet life of his native town, he came West again, and, together with a brother-in-law, established a large wholesale grocery house in Milwaukee. This venture was also successful and in a year's time he purchased the largest grain elevator in Milwaukee. This led to more elevators and other stock. In 1866 he came to Chicago to take charge of the Chicago branch of a New York packing establishment. The result was that the Chicago house ceased to be a branch, and the west gained the largest packing and provision house in the world.

The property interests for which Mr. Armour stood are estimated at \$150,000,000. His personal share of this property is variously estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$45,000,000. Mr. Armour married Miss Malvina Belle Ogden, daughter of Jonathan Ogden, of Cincinnati, in October, 1862. They have had two children, Philip D. Armour, Jr., who died a year ago, and J. Ogden Armour, who seems destined to succeed his father as the head of the Armour house.

Of the five brothers who have been identified with the upbuilding of the Armour enterprise, Herman O. Armour, who went to New York in 1871 to look after the New York interests of the co-partnership, is the only survivor. John A. Armour, who came to Chicago in 1863, and gave his attention to supervision of the packing business, died several years ago. Simon B. Armour, who for many years directed the Kansas City packing business, died in March, 1869. Andrew W. Armour, who managed the banking business in Kansas City, died in 1893.

In works of charity, Mr. Armour's monument will be found in the Armour Institute, to which but a short time ago he gave \$750,000. He was asked once what he considered his best-paying investment. He replied: "The Armour Institute." The institute today represents an investment on the part of Mr. Armour and his brother, Joseph, of \$2,750,000, and a yearly expense for maintaining it of \$100,000.

President McKinley Sick.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—At five o'clock this evening, Secretary Cortelyou said concerning the president's illness: "The president's condition has developed into a well-defined case of grip. The physicians state that there are no complications and that everything is progressing favorably. The disease must run its regular course, and the president, therefore, is not likely to be out of his room for some days." Secretary Hay was still ailing today with the cold which has affected him of late, and remained away from the state department. The secretary was about the house yesterday and today, and no apprehension is felt over the attack.

Oregon City Market Report.

(Corrected weekly.)

Wheat—No. 1, 54c in bulk.
Flour—Portland, \$3.25; Howard's Best, \$3.25.
Oats—in sacks, white, 37 to 42 cents per bushel, gray, 35 to 37.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$15.00 per ton shorts, \$16.50 per ton.
Potatoes—45 to 50 cts per sack.
Eggs—Oregon, 25 to 27c per dozen.
Butter—Ranch, 40 to 45 cents per roll.
Onions, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per sack.
Green apples, 25 to 50 cents per box dried 5 cts per pound.
Livestock and Dressed Meats—Beef, live, 3½ to 4c; hogs, live, 4½c; hogs, dressed, 5½ to 6 cents; sheep, \$2.25 to \$4 per head; veal, dressed 7½ to 8c.

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Death of Ralph Jacobs.

Ralph Jacobs, late president of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, of this city, and one of Oregon's pioneers, died at his residence in Portland last Saturday morning aged 64 years.

About 18 months ago Mr. Jacobs resigned the management of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company on account of failing health, and with his family, went to New York for treatment. He returned to Portland on Monday preceding the day of his death. The deceased was born in the old kingdom of Poland. He came to America when 13 years old, and after staying some time in New York, he and his brothers came to this coast in the early 50's. Soon after coming west he settled in Oregon City and engaged in merchandising. From a very humble beginning, he grew and prospered, and became, in time, one of the principle merchants of the place, and when the woolen mills were established, he became the president and manager, in which capacity he continued until he resigned a year and a half ago.

He and his brother established a wholesale clothing house in Portland, which they conducted for some time. Mr. Jacobs was chiefly instrumental in organizing the Merchants' Protective Association of Portland, of which he was president for a number of years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Took in The Town.

Monday of last week, Mr. A. W. McLaughlin, principal of Milwaukee public school, brought a party of his pupils to Oregon City for a few practical lessons in observation. The party consisted of Mr. McLaughlin, his two assistants, Misses Kate Casto and Minerva Thiessen, and pupils, Annie Thiessen, Margaret Squires, Jessie Squires, Louise Dementher, Blanche Corpe, Jennie Huntley, Leta Miller, Olive Miller, John Walsh, Michael Walsh, Victor Irvin, Leo Johnson, LeRoy Johnson, Theodore Zanders, Fred Roberts and Edward Lange.

In a letter to the Enterprise, Mr. McLaughlin says: "We were shown completely through the woolen mills by Mr. Metzner, learning in a practical way of the manufacturing processes. Mr. Olson kindly showed us through the electric plant, explaining the workings of those wonderful machines. We also visited the court house and the locks, the suspension bridge and other places; had a fine view of the falls and finally boarded the Altona in the locks and returned home."

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Statistics Furnished by Several Rural Districts.

Report of school district No. 10, Frogpond, joint Clackamas and Washington counties for the month ending January 4, 1907:
Pupils enrolled, 26.
Days taught, 18.
Days attendance, 400.
Days absent, 48.
Times tardy, 5.
Average daily attendance, 22.
Those who were neither absent nor tardy are Ruby, Carl and Victor Thompson, Ellen Aden, Anna and Alma Backman, Harry Beppardt, Martha, Walter and Ewald Lissman. A cordial invitation is extended to patrons and friends of the school to call and note our progress.
D. H. MORRIS, Teacher.

Following is the report of school dist. No. 6, for the month ending January 4:
Pupils enrolled, 30.
Days taught, 20.
Days attendance, 508.
Days absent, 35.
Those who were neither absent nor tardy are: Andrew and Christian Boe, Ernest Sconce, Gladys, Ethel and John King, Otis Olge, Haakon and Nels Kyloo, Rosetta, Freddie and Edwin Eymen, Herman and Gerlie Olsen, Charlie Crocker, Jessie Coonae.
PEARL GARRITT, Teacher.

A Bold Robbery.

A rather bold robbery was perpetrated near Marquam last Monday evening. George Newsome, a farmer residing at that place, heard a knock at his door. He responded and was confronted by a man wearing a grain bag over his head for a disguise, who presented a revolver in Mr. Newsome's face and ordered him to hand over his money. Mr. Newsome gave up a little change which he had in his pocket, when the robber went away. The farmer had about \$200 in the house, but did not consider it necessary to mention the fact to his visitor.

Persons who suffer from indigestion can not expect to live long, because they can not eat the food required to nourish the body and the products of the undigested foods they do act poison the blood. It is important to cure indigestion as soon as possible, and the best method of doing this is to use the preparation known as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and restores all the digestive organs to perfect health. G. A. Harding.