

CHINA TRADE SECURE

Open-Door Agreement and Our Asiatic Commerce.

SECRETARY WILSON'S STATEMENT

Hay's Negotiations Complete the Work of the Army and Navy—Pacific Coast Trade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Secretary Wilson, in an interview today, emphasized the great commercial significance of the "open door" concept of the power respecting China.

"Anything produced in the United States will now permanently find its way into all parts of the Celestial empire. Our trade relations there in the future are secured. Not of the least importance is the fact that the permanence of the cotton market in China is secured.

"The work of Secretary Hay in this regard supplements and completes the work of our army and navy. A year ago, no nation would have listened to a proposition of this kind, but the whole world listens to the United States now.

ITALY AND THE "OPEN DOOR"

Prompt to Reply After Negotiations Were Opened.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—It is learned that although Italy made the last of the powers addressed to return an answer to Secretary Hay's overture regarding the "open-door" policy, that government was more prompt than any other in the negotiations.

Immediately upon Mr. Draper's return to Rome, at a not distant date in the past, he laid the matter before the Italian government, who immediately has acted with more promptness than most of the other powers.

The agreements have not yet been reduced to their final form, but the state department will now enter upon the task of putting them into shape, and in each case the agreement to the principles involved in our invitation is returned in unequivocal terms according to the department officials.

TROOPS FOR CAPE NOME

It Was Decided to Send Soldiers North in the Spring.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—At the cabinet meeting today, it was definitely decided to send additional troops to Alaska in the spring. The points to which they will be sent have not been determined, except Cape Nome, where it is estimated there will be 30,000 people as soon as navigation opens.

HAWAIIAN MILITARY LANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The president has issued an order designating all of the Hawaiian military lands, known as the Emmes harbor site, at the head of Honolulu harbor, all of Esplanade lots No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and all of the government survey, registered map No. 100, and all of that lot of land known as the barracks lot, shown on Hawaiian government surveys, registered map No. 97, as military reservation.

THE PLAGUE IN OPORTO

Origin of the Outbreak Has Been the Subject of Much Discussion.

The Nineteenth Century. The origin of the plague in Oporto has naturally been the subject of much discussion, but it remains purely a matter of speculation. Introduction has not been traced. At first it was hastily put down to an infected cargo brought in from India, but on investigation the story melts away. I have been unable to fix that cargo, which has been variously described as rice, Indian corn, etc.

WIRE TRUST ADVANCES WAGES

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—The American Steel & Wire Company today posted notices in all of its plants notifying its employees of a general advance in wages of 7 1/2 per cent, to take effect from January 1. The advance affects 30,000 employees, 15,000 of whom are in the Pittsburgh district, the rest being employed in the company's works in Chicago, Cleveland and Kokomo, Ind.

WEBSTER DAVIS GOING TO PRETORIA

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Cape Town, dated January 5, quotes Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the Interior, at Washington, as saying that, although his visit to South Africa is entirely for his health, he intends to go to Pretoria, no matter what personal inconvenience.

THE POISON MYSTERY

SCHAFFLER LETTERS INTRODUCED AT THE MOLINEUX TRIAL

Prisoner's Private Secretary on the Witness Stand—More Handwriting Experts Testified.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—In the Molineux trial, one of the most interesting witnesses of the day was William W. Schaffler. He identified the letter sent by Molineux to Mrs. Schaffler, informing her that he was to be married next day; but the marriage was sudden; that it was quite a romance, in fact.

This particular letter was addressed "My Dear Sadie," and on account of the high social standing of Mrs. Schaffler, and the fact that the district attorney's office obtained possession of the correspondence

A DOUBLE HANGING

Two Mexican Murderers Executed at El Paso, Tex.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 5.—Geronimo Parra and Antonio Flores, Mexicans, were hanged here today for the murder of John Fusselman, a Texas ranger, nine years ago, when Fusselman was pursuing them for the purpose of recovering some stolen horses. Flores killed his sweetheart, who refused to marry him, a year ago.

A CHINAMAN HANGED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—See a Chinese murderer, convicted of killing one of his countrymen, was hanged today at San Quentin prison. A remarkable feature connected with the case was the conversion to the Catholic faith by Albert Hoff, another murderer, who is to suffer the death penalty soon.

CLEVER FORGER'S OPERATIONS

YANCOOVER, B. C., Jan. 5.—Merchants here have been victimized in wholesale style by a clever forger of small checks drawn upon the Bank of British Columbia, signed "Morrison & Armstrong." Each check was drawn in favor of George Volkmar, who represented himself as a workman in the employ of the firm. The forger has not been arrested. The police have his description.

THE CHATTANOOGA THEATER TRAGEDY

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 5.—The trial of Julia Morrison James for the murder of Fred Leidenheimer, leading man in "Mr. Plaster of Paris" company, was resumed in the circuit court today. Joseph, the electrician of the opera-house, testified that Miss Morrison shot Leidenheimer because he was taking him to Council Bluffs, where he is wanted on an alleged case of diamond swindling.

ALLEGED DIAMOND SWINDLER

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 5.—Joseph Schwartz, a once prominent Jeweler in Kansas City, is in jail here, having been taken from a train here tonight on habeas corpus proceedings. He was in the custody of the sheriff, who was taking him to Council Bluffs, where he is wanted on an alleged case of diamond swindling.

GUILTY OF INCITING RIOT

PANA, Ill., Jan. 5.—Verdict of guilty was returned today by the jury in the case of Henry Stevens, colored, charged with having incited the coal miners riot April 18, 1899, in which seven persons were killed and a number wounded. Sentence has not yet been passed.

BANK TELLER SENTENCED

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—Joel G. Tyler, late teller of the First National bank of Newburg, was today sentenced in the United States court to serve five years in Worcester jail for embezzling the funds of the bank.

HOOD RIVER PROSPERITY

The Past Year Has Seen the Town's Business Double.

Hood River, Ore., Jan. 5.—The business of Hood River has doubled in the past year. A crop of within the past year has produced \$700,000 in cash among the people of the valley, and consequently the merchants report a great deal of money in circulation. A great deal of population is left here by the transient population of strawberry-pickers, and the past year the railroad camps near town secured their supplies from our merchants. There is a local telephone system, and the value of real estate has increased accordingly. The price demanded for suitable business sites is in excess of the value of the business of the town will warrant a sacrifice. It is the valley behind the town that has made Hood River known to the outside world.

PRICE OF CATTLE

Southern Oregon Stockman Thinks the Top Figure Has Been Reached.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 5.—Louis Gerber, who is feeding a good many mutton sheep and beef cattle on Lost river for the California market, states that the price of cattle has reached the limit. He says: "The beef is not as high as it was during the summer and autumn months, and feeders will find the profits on the wrong side of the ledger."

SEVERAL DIVORCE CASES

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 5.—Charles Baker has commenced an action for divorce against Caroline Baker, on the ground of desertion. Alvina Thelieje has filed a complaint for divorce against Frederic Thelieje, alleging cruel treatment as grounds for the same.

BETTERING THE CURVES AND GRADES

Hood River, Ore., Jan. 5.—Things present a lively appearance at Haynes spur, where the O. R. & N. Co. has a large force of men at work reducing the curves and grade in the railroad bed at that point. The excavating necessary must be blasting, and tons of basalt are being removed by a liberal use of giant powder. The heavy blasts as they catch back and forth across the river

COLUMBIAN INVESTIGATION COMPLETED

OLYMPIA, Jan. 5.—The board of coal mine inspectors has finished its investigation at Carbonado, and today was in Olympia in consultation with Governor Rogers, to whom it submitted its findings. The personnel of this board, in addition to C. P. Owen, coal mine inspector and ex-officio member of the board, is Robert Young, mining engineer of Tacoma; John Jenkins, of Cumberland, King county, and Charles Hamer, of Spokane. The report will be formulated and given out tomorrow.

PLANK ROAD IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

St. Helena, Calif., Jan. 5.—Dick Bailey, supervisor of the Yankton road district, has succeeded in placing several thousand feet of heavy plank on the road from Houlton to Yankton. Good roads are the salvation of any community, and plank roads are best of all, and cheapest in the long run. Let there be many miles of plank road laid in our country this year whenever and wherever it is possible to repair a piece of bad road in that way.

FOOTBALL AND PRIZE METHOD

Newberg Graphic. To keep up her football rep, California is forced to the old prize racket—that of putting her label on Oregon's best athletes, and even then Stanford goes down before the Multnomahs.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Table with columns for Real Estate Transfers, Sheriff to John F. Hughes, University of Oregon, etc.



Suffering with Rheumatism Exhausts Nerve and Strength PAIN'S CELERY COMPOUND CURES

H. R. Perry, Sr., Freestone, Cal., writes: "I have been troubled with rheumatism for over twenty years and had tried the most skillful physicians in our state without any relief when I began taking Paine's Celery Compound. Before I had used half a bottle, I was relieved. It cured my rheumatism permanently, and I believe it will cure any case of rheumatism."

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

TRAVELING PRINTER WHO SAYS HE WAS ASSESSOR OF ST. PAUL.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT ORCHARD

Fortifications Will Begin Not Later Than February.

POSTMISTRESS ELOPES

Wife and Mother Leaves Husband, Home and Children.

ANOTHER LINE OF STEAMERS UP COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The Call will say tomorrow: "The chances are that in another two months there will be a competing line of steamers between San Francisco and Puget sound ports. The owners of the transports Glenlogie, Victoria, Tacoma and Columbia are going to run the vessels on the coast."

MRS. POWELL, PIONEER OF LINN COUNTY

Kate, wife of Judge J. C. Powell, of Albany, died Thursday morning after having been a sufferer for 25 years from hemorrhage of the lungs. She was a pioneer of Linn county. Mrs. Fred Blumberg and James F. Powell are her children.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Table listing real estate transfers with columns for date, location, and amount.