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Von Walderssee Is Armed With an Ultimatum.

SHANGHAI FORTS TO BE SEIZED

Capture of the Chinese Navy a Part of Her Programme—France Will Support Germany.

LONDON, Sept. 25, 3:50 A. M.—Only through the Associated Press advices from New York, published in this morning's paper, does the British public learn that the United States and Great Britain are once again ranged together in opposition to the Continental powers. Apparently such a grouping was entirely unexpected in both Berlin and London, and until an official statement is made comment will be withheld.

The Daily Chronicle, however, devotes a brief editorial paragraph to the announcement, expressing a hope that it is erroneous, and declaring "that the only way in which England can reap the fruit of her exertions in China is by standing shoulder to shoulder with Germany and Japan as the only effective counterpoise to Russo-French machinations and the weak-kneed policy of America."

Meanwhile, the news from China indicates that events are rapidly drifting in the direction of war between China and Germany.

"There is the best reason for believing," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, "that Count Von Walderssee, on arriving at Taku, will present an ultimatum demanding the surrender of five leaders of the anti-foreign uprising. After a few hours' grace he will formally declare war, and, taking advantage of Germany's position as a belligerent, he will proceed to seize everything available within the German zone and fleet."

"It is expected that Germany will take the Wu Sung forts and the Kiangnan arsenal, thus dominating Shanghai. It is also believed that she will attack the Kiang Win forts, on the Yangtze, from the land side, and endeavor to seize the Chinese fleet, including the valuable new cruisers. Failing this, she will at least occupy all the provinces of Kiang Su north of the Yangtze.

"The French will support Germany. This is not rumor, but reliable information, and will probably be confirmed at the Foreign Office. Prompt action is necessary to prevent a coup which will constitute a serious menace to British interests.

"Russia has handed over the Taku-Pekin Railway to Germany."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday, says: "Chinese officials report that Prince Tuan has issued a secret edict in the name of the Empress Dowager, to the effect that the imperial court has decided to continue the war against the powers at whatever cost. The edict threatens that any official failing to support the Manchus will be beheaded as a traitor, his whole family executed, and the tombs of his ancestors demolished."

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He was twice married. In 1842 he was united in marriage to Melinda Neely, who died in 1853. He was married in the Spring of 1858 to Mrs. Hannah L. Kimball.

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GENERAL PALMER'S CAREER.
Long Political Career and Brilliant War Record of the Illinoisian.

John M. Palmer, who was the Gold Democrat's nominee for President in 1866, was born in Eagle Creek, Scott County, Ky., September 13, 1817, but his parents removed to Illinois in 1820, where he was reared. He obtained his education at Alton College, where he attended one year. Palmer made the acquaintance of Stephen A. Douglas at a country inn, in 1838. The "Little Giant" and John T. Stuart were forced to share a room with Palmer and a friend, and on learning of the politics of the two, Douglas said to his companion: "You take the Whig and I'll take the Democrat."

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A BOOK OF BLUNDERS

Grotesque Geography for People of Washington.

FRUITS OF THE SCHOOL-BOOK JOB

Harr Wagner's Stupid Work Imposed Upon Children—Superintendent Browne to Blame.

Harr Wagner, an "educator" of San Francisco, is author of "The New Pacific School Geography" now in use in the State of Washington. This work is the crowning achievement of Superintendent Browne's justly celebrated project for expelling the book trust from the state and forming a more tractable home-made octopus of his own. It is also a shining monument to the colossal ignorance and stupidity of "Geographer" Wagner. The work abounds in errors of the most glaring kind. It ranges over too small a scale and many of them are so miserably printed that the unhappy child who has to decipher them must needs be provided with a powerful magnifying glass. The letter-press is only fair, and the pictures are often a desecration of pure white paper. The text is frequently inane, and grammatical errors and false syntax are of common occurrence. It is said that many counties have already refused to permit its introduction in their schools, and, in defiance of law, are using "place special emphasis upon the geography of Washington and the Pacific."

To that end the author seems to have accepted as authentic and authoritative all the old-fashioned, unimpeachable pamphlets and second-hand county and state histories he could lay his hands on. And when he could not find authority for some statements, he has looked like a fact, he supplied it from the boundless depths of his matchless ignorance, and expressed it in a highly ornate style of pigeon English. A few examples will suffice. He says: "Tacoma is a thriving city on Puget Sound, and is noted for its machine-shops, its manufacture and large exports trade to China and Japan, and other cities of the New Pacific."

The clumsy use of the singular and plural in "manufacture" and "exports" is followed by classification of China and Japan with "other cities" of the "New Pacific." China and Japan have too long been identified with the old Pacific to have their importance and national character thus circumscribed.

A Census Boomer.
Seattle is described as "the largest city in the Northwest." The important naval station at Port Orchard, the public library, the museum of the University of Washington, the assay office, and the factories (the "factories" are mentioned the many interesting places in the city that furnish instruction, and which school children could visit with profit. The quick transition from the use of the relative pronoun "that" to "which" is strictly Wagnerian. Seattle is not the largest city in the Northwest. Port Orchard is not "in the city," but 12 miles distant. Continue the "factories" wonderful book has a number of fine public school buildings, including the buildings of the State University, located in the suburbs. What are in the suburbs? The university or public school buildings.

Twain High Mountains.
The writer seems to have heard somewhere that in Alaska is the highest mountain in North America, and he gives an abundance of misinformation on that subject. On page 40 it is mentioned "Mt. McKinley, which is the highest mountain in North America. You pay your money for the 'factories' wonderful book and you take your choice. The scholar's author raises anew the Alaska boundary question, and informs the diligent student that the highest mountain in the world is located in Alaska, and by implication also places the Klondike region in the same favored territory. "The Aleuts," he says, "somewhat resemble the Eskimos," but particularly Eskimo? Salmon "factories" are located in Alaska, and break. Only 40 persons are now under observation.



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