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REJECTED BY CHINA. Russia's Land-Grabbing Scheme Is Spoiled. Other Reports Are That Only Certain Features of Manchurian Agreement Are Objected To—Indemnity Proposals.

WAR IN THE ORIENT AVERTED. The Reuter Telegram Company has received the following dispatch: "Peking, March 25, 7 P. M.—The report that China rejects the Manchurian convention is not true. She objects to many points which are under discussion. China strenuously objects to the prohibition of the importation of arms and ammunition into Manchuria, and to the provision forbidding China to construct her own railways without Russia's consent. She also takes exception to relinquishing autonomy in Chin Chou. China does not desire to grant concessions which would be likely to prove an embargo to other powers."

LONDON, March 25.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, writing yesterday, says: "I am informed by the best authority that the Chinese court has instructed Li Hung Chang to inform the Ministers of the powers that China has refused to sign the Manchurian convention, and has also notified all Viceroy to the same effect. It is further asserted that the court seriously contemplates a removal of the capital from Peking." The Reuter Telegram Company has received the following dispatch: "Peking, March 25, 7 P. M.—The report that China rejects the Manchurian convention is not true. She objects to many points which are under discussion. China strenuously objects to the prohibition of the importation of arms and ammunition into Manchuria, and to the provision forbidding China to construct her own railways without Russia's consent. She also takes exception to relinquishing autonomy in Chin Chou. China does not desire to grant concessions which would be likely to prove an embargo to other powers." The Morning Post, in the course of a sarcastic editorial dealing with the memorandum of the United States Government on the Manchurian convention, says: "The only thing that can bring the powers together in support of China against Russia is the initiative of the British Government, of which, however, there is no sign." The Daily Chronicle, discussing the same subject, says: "The United States Government objects, yet declines to fight. It is dignified and dignified, but it is at least clearly defined and intelligible. Owing to the South African complications, the British Government apparently does not see its way to repeat the tour de force of Fashoda, and the Chinese mind to swallow the snub as best it may."

A NEW PHASE. America May Be Deprived of a Voice in the Settlement. WASHINGTON, March 25.—While attention has been centered upon the crisis connected with the Manchurian agreement, an entirely new and important phase of the Chinese question has been presented by the action of the Ministers at Peking in agreeing yesterday to submit to their various governments whether articles 9 and 10 of the Chinese protocol shall be carried out by the military authorities of all the powers interested in China, or only by those powers who are continuing to take part in the application of these articles. The action of the Ministers has been communicated to several foreign embassies and legations here, and doubtless Mr. Rockhill has made or will make known the same facts. The articles in question are as follows: "Article 8. The destruction of the forts which might obstruct free communication between Peking and the sea." "Article 9. The right to maintain occupation of certain points, to be determined by an understanding among the powers. In order to visit and inspect some of the points, reports of the elements of persons at the Grand Central Station today inspected the new Pan-American train of the Big Four. General Passenger Agent W. H. H. Kohlhaas and the investment party through the train, and at that time the champagne happened to be flowing freely. Mrs. Nation expressed her indignation at the reports of the elements of the train, as well as her hotel and elsewhere.

SCOLDED THE MAYOR. Mrs. Nation Called on City Officials in Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, O., March 25.—Mrs. Charlie Nation began the day by attending the early mass at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, though she is not a communicant. She then attended the meeting of her programme here would be a verbal persuasion and not of violence. She proposes to see the Mayor and Chief of Police, and to visit and inspect some of the points, reports of the elements of persons at the Grand Central Station today inspected the new Pan-American train of the Big Four. General Passenger Agent W. H. H. Kohlhaas and the investment party through the train, and at that time the champagne happened to be flowing freely. Mrs. Nation expressed her indignation at the reports of the elements of the train, as well as her hotel and elsewhere.

NOT RECEIVED WITH FAVOR. Sir Robert Hart's Proposal Unsettling to Germans. BERLIN, March 25.—Sir Robert Hart's proposal to settle China's liability by international taxes does not seem to have been here, either officially or in the press. Count von Bulow is still of the opinion that in increase in sea tolls would be the best method, and Dr. Steinbe's mission to London is partly intended to remove England's objections to such a course. The view said to be held in Washington that the United States should receive \$5,000,000 as indemnity and Germany \$30,000,000 is ridiculed by the German press of every shade as unfair and not corresponding with the sacrifices made by Germany. A dispatch from Field Marshal von Waldersee, dated Peking, March 25, says Major von Muelmann's detachment, which started a few days ago on a punitive expedition from Pao Ting Fu, encountered robbers bands eastward of Tao Ma Kuan March 22 and 24, and dispersed them with slight resistance.

Ministers Investigating. PEKING, March 25.—The foreign Ministers will not meet again until the committee is ready to report on China's resources. The committee is still hearing merchants, bankers and others on the subject. The Australian contingent left here this morning for Taku, and will be home tomorrow. A Japanese regiment is starting today for Japan. Rumors of Collisions. BERLIN, March 25.—No official advice has been received here from Tien Tsin indicating that collisions had occurred there between the troops of the powers or any of them, apart from the railway accident now in process of adjustment. The papers place no reliance on rumors of such difficulties, relying, as one paper puts it, upon the high discipline of the German troops to prevent them from indulging in such excesses. Victims of Gates Mine Explosion. CONNELLVILLE, Pa., March 25.—The Cottage State Hospital here was a corridor of horrors last night and all day today. On nine coils lay nine victims of the explosion of a gate in the Gates mine of the American Steel & Wire Company. All the men in the explosion inhaled more or less of the flame when the gas was

OSTED FROM OHIO. Debenture Companies Cannot Do Business in That State. The State Supreme Court, in a Case Against the Interstate Investment Company, Entered Judgment of Ouster. COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—The Supreme Court today dealt a death blow to the so-

CHICAGO NEWSPAPER CHANGE. Lawson Sells the Record to Kohlhaas, of the Times-Herald. CHICAGO, March 25.—The Record tomorrow will print over the signature of Victor F. Lawson the following announcement: "To the Readers of the Record: The Chicago Record was established 23 years ago, in connection with the Chicago Daily News, which latter publication has recently completed its 54th year of issue. For the last 12 years I have conducted both the Record and the Daily News as editor and publisher and owner. During these years American journalism has so developed that the publication of a single metropolitan newspaper now imposes such responsibilities as seem fairly and wisely to measure the activities of one man, as their successful discharge should certainly fully satisfy his every proper ambition. A generous public has placed the seal of its approval on both newspapers. The Chicago Record has today the largest circulation of any newspaper published in the United States sold at its price. The Chicago Daily News has the largest paid circulation of any newspaper, morning or evening, published in the United States. In view of these conditions, it seems wise that I should now recognize those reasonable limitations of business activity to which the years entitle me, and content myself with the labors and responsibilities of a newspaper editor and publisher. I have therefore sold the Chicago Record to Mr. Herman Kohlhaas, who will hereafter issue it in conjunction with the Chicago Times-Herald, and I have sold the Chicago Record-Herald. It is a distinct satisfaction to be able to commit the Record and the interests of its readers into such worthy hands. Mr. Kohlhaas and his excellent newspaper have long since achieved a national reputation, which gives to the readers of the Record ample assurance that the Chicago Record-Herald will fully maintain the standards of enterprising, non-partisan and independent journalism to which they have been accustomed. It may be added that the Record's confidence and support during these many years, I commend the Chicago Record-Herald under its new management to their equal favor. "VICTOR F. LAWSON."

THE OREGONIAN'S SUGGESTION. American Pacific Exposition. The Lewis & Clark Centennial. Acquisition of the Great Oregon Country. Expansion of the American Empire to the Pacific Ocean. Highway of the World to the Orient. Centenary of Oregon, Western Mother of States.

called debenture business in Ohio. In the quo warranto proceedings brought by the Attorney-General against the Interstate Investment Company, of Cincinnati, the court entered judgment of ouster. The decision is based upon the finding of the court that the methods employed by the debenture companies are those of a lottery; that they are fraudulent, contrary to public policy and unlawful. Five of the six judges concur in the judgment and the sixth, Judge Shauk, does not dissent. Assistant Attorney-General Todd, who has had charge of the case for the state, said today that in his belief the nine debenture companies of Ohio will attempt to do no further business. Applications for receivers for most of them have already been made. The companies' aggregate deposits in the State Treasury now amount to about \$30,000. According to their own reports, the aggregate liabilities to debenture holders amount to approximately \$2,000,000. The aggregate assets claimed by the corporations, other than the deposits with the State Treasurer, amount to about \$300,000. The syllabus of the Supreme Court in the case is as follows: "Contracts of investment security, debentures or certificates which, by the device of a 'numeral apart' may be called in and redeemed at any period before maturity, and which are issued to accumulate a sufficient reserve fund to equal the stipulated endowment value within the stated period without aid from lapses or appropriation from premiums on new business, are fraudulent, contrary to public policy and unlawful."

ENGLISHMAN WANTS DAMAGES. Claims He Was Imprisoned at Manila Without Trial. VANCOUVER, B. C., March 25.—Charles Spencer, an Englishman, has come to Vancouver to make an alleged claim for damages against the United States Government. Spencer's story is that he was imprisoned for five months in a dungeon at Manila without civil or military trial and without a charge being made against him. He says he went from Honolulu with the First Tennessee Regiment on the city of Pueblo in November, 1898. At Manila he engaged in civil employment for a time, and eventually became attached to the Hospital Corps of the First Colorado, with which regiment he says he went to Cebu. While temporarily separated from his corps, he says, he was arrested and thrown into an unhealthy Spanish dungeon. After five months' confinement he was liberated, and his case in the hands of Manila attorneys. He was then offered free transportation, he says, to San Francisco, where he again took legal advice, but nothing coming of his attempts to secure a settlement of his claim, he was advised to go to a British port and press his claim through his own government. He has retained ex-Premier Joseph Martin as his attorney.

But One Supply Depot. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Relative to the claims of several cities on the Pacific Coast for the privilege of being the point of shipment of troops and supplies to the Philippines, Secretary Root said that it was necessary to maintain a large terminal plant for Government transports, and it was not possible to maintain more than one on the Pacific Coast. General Bird, of the Quartermaster's Department, after a thorough investigation, had found that troops could be sent from San Francisco more advantageously than by the northern route from the cities of the North Pacific. The Secretary said that other ports would be utilized for shipment of supplies whenever it was found advantageous to the Government to do so.

En Route to Manila. CHICAGO, March 25.—The Second Battalion of the Fifth Infantry, nine officers and 699 men, left Fort Sheridan today for San Francisco to sail April 1 for the Philippines.

COMING TO PORTLAND. Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks on His Way to Honolulu. SALT LAKE, March 25.—Judge Jerome B. Fischer, of Jamestown, N. Y., the grand exalted ruler of the Elks, accompanied by his wife, arrived in this city today. He is en route to Honolulu, where he will establish the first lodge in the Hawaiian Islands. From Salt Lake Judge Fischer will proceed to Portland and Seattle, and then go to San Francisco. From the latter point he will sail for Honolulu, accompanied by 20 members of the San Francisco lodge. The party will return in time to allow Judge Fischer to attend the meeting of the grand lodge at Milwaukee in July.

Ecuador Expects a Revolution. KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 25.—In consequence of the pressure brought to bear by the British Consul, the President of Ecuador has ordered the withdrawal of the armed soldiers guarding the camps of the Jamaican laborers employed in the construction of the railroad from Guayaquil to Quito, under the auspices of Mr. McDonald, the American contractor. The government of Ecuador is making great preparations for an expected revolution. OTHER COMPANIES ENJOINED. CINCINNATI, March 25.—Following the Supreme Court's decision against the Interstate Debenture Bond Company, Judge

HERMANN MAY GO. Land Commissioner Not Likely to Succeed Himself.

WASHINGTON PAPER'S VIEW. It Bases Opinion on Action of Western Men in Urging Oregon Man's Retention—Merriam Suggested for the Place.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Evening Times says the manner in which Western men are urging the retention of Commissioner Hermann indicates that there is a probability of a change. It speaks of the friction between Secretary Hitchcock and the Commissioner as one of the causes for the proposed change. The suggestion is also made that Director Merriam, by the census will succeed Hermann, but this is not likely. If a change should occur, it is believed a Western man will be selected. Would Mean Disaster for Cuba. Representative Warner, of Illinois, has just returned from Cuba, but he does not share the ideas of other who have rosy views of the future of the island. He says the island will be in a state of revolution within 90 days after the United States troops leave, and that every capitalist and banker doing business in the island will leave when United States authority is withdrawn. He predicts that the Cubans will agree to anything to get the reins in their own hands, and then will ensue a regime of lawlessness, riot and corruption.

DE HIRSCH ASSOCIATION. Chinese Minister Wu Was One of the Speakers.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A public meeting under the auspices of the Baron and Baroness de Hirsch Association was held tonight in Calvary Baptist Church, this city. The attendance was large, notwithstanding the bad weather. Ex-Pastor-General Thomas L. James presided. The object of the association is to erect a monument to the Hirschs and eliminate racial prejudice and religious intolerance. Many Hebrews as well as Chinese were present. The pastor of the church, Rev. R. G. McArthur, appeared on the platform, accompanied by Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister, and other speakers. After the singing and the reading of a Scripture lesson by Dr. McArthur and prayer by Rabbi Silvermann, Mr. James made an address. A letter of regret was read from President McKinley and one from Vice-President Roosevelt, both of whom heartily indorsed the object of the meeting. Mr. Roosevelt made a strong plea for religious toleration. Wu Ting Fang spoke. He said it was needless for him to say that he was heartily in sympathy with a movement to eradicate racial prejudice. Rev. Dr. Herbert Newton spoke on "The Golden Rule as the Basis of Business." Rev. Joseph Silverman spoke on "The Golden Rule as a Basis of Universal Brotherhood." Edwin Markham read a poem inscribed to the Baron and Baroness de Hirsch, and Rev. Dr. Samuel Schulman spoke on "The Golden Rule in Its Relation to Children." Rev. Charles T. Walker, a colored minister, spoke on "The Golden Rule as an Industrial Motto." Other speakers of the evening were Rev. R. G. McArthur and Rev. C. H. Eaton.

Freight Train Jumped the Track. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 25.—A double-header freight train on the Wisconsin Central jumped the track at the Mississippi-street bridge today, and five men were injured. Both engines and many of the cars were totally wrecked and the loss is heavy.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS. China. China has rejected in whole or in part the Manchurian treaty. Page 1. America may be deprived of a voice in the settlement. Page 1. Germans object to Hart's indemnity proposal. Page 1. Foreign. A plot to blow up the Carr's palace has been discovered. Page 2. Consul-General Gunner will demand a settlement and apology from Morocco. Page 3. All negotiations are off between the Boers and British. Page 3. Domestic. Debenture companies are prohibited from doing business in Ohio. Page 1. Lawson sells the Chicago Record to Kohlhaas, of the Times-Herald. Page 1. The loss of \$400,000 in the Birmingham tornado numbers 17. Page 2. Another Republican caucus was held in Nebraska without result. Page 2. The matter of a strike in the anthracite region is left to J. F. Moran. Page 2. Pacific Coast. The Hood River assuasin, James Green, gave himself up to officers and made a confession. Page 4. Question has been raised if the location of a Y. M. C. A. building on the Oregon University grounds would not be unconstitutional. Page 4. Fire in the business section of Yakima did \$30,000 damage. Page 4. Wesley Dollard, of Ashland, Or., was shot and killed by a Deputy Sheriff. Page 4. Marine. Ninety-ninth grain ship from Portland this season. Page 5. Spot ship Alghurth chartered. Page 5. Indrapur and Indravelli en route for Portland. Page 5. Steamer Masco blamed for recent collision with Hercules. Page 5. Alaska cannerymen purchase steamer Electric. Page 5. Many new French ships are being launched. Page 5. Portland and Vicinity. Oregon Democracy will be completely reorganized for the campaign of 1902. Page 10. Board of Public Works discusses street cleaning by contract. Page 12. Poker game running in Portland, but other gambling closed. Page 12. Good prospect for a record fruit crop in Oregon this year. Page 8. Preliminary lines have been run for railroad from Vancouver to Portland. Page 10. Wide divergence of testimony concerning timber land values. Page 8. Oliver W. Stewart, National Prohibition chairman, speaks at A. O. U. W. Hall. Page 8. Sanitary condition of Jones House Hospital to be officially investigated. Page 7.