

THREATENING JEWS

Black Hundred Causes Panic in Russian Cities.

MISS STRONG HAND OF TREPPOFF

Martial Law Threatens Poland, Where Condition is Serious — Witte Completes Cabinet.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 11.—Except in the kingdom of Poland, where the rapidly growing Nationalist movement and the state of tension among the proletariat will soon bring about the declaration of a state of war, Russia seems, for the time being, at least, to be generally tranquil. Telegrams from interior points report the restoration of order in nearly all cities and towns, but in many cities, notably St. Petersburg and Moscow, the better classes of the population are greatly disturbed owing to the rumors of approaching attacks by the "Black Hundred," composed of the most ignorant types of the populace which, according to these rumors, are scheduled to take place in St. Petersburg tonight and in Moscow tomorrow.

The apprehension in St. Petersburg has become so great that the prefect of police, who succeeded General Trepoff in command of the city police, has instructed his subordinates to take the fullest measures to crush any disorder in its incipiency, so as to disabuse the minds of the "loyalists" of the idea that the police would remain inactive. In such an emergency the strong hand of General Trepoff is being missed, even by the factions which most execrated him.

Count Witte's new cabinet may now be regarded as completed. Count Lamsdorff, minister of foreign affairs, and M. Manukhin, minister of justice, will retain their positions, leaving only the posts of ministers of the interior and education to be filled. Dmitri Shpoff, of Moscow, who was president of the first Zemstvo congress, has definitely declined to accept any position in the cabinet.

MASSACRES IN BESSARABIA.

Mob Incited to Kill Jews by Lies of Government Officials.

Odessa, Nov. 11.—Authentic accounts received here from various points in Bessarabia show that the anti-Hebrew outbreaks there followed the same lines as at Odessa, varying only in the number of victims.

At Kishineff the disturbances were preceded by inflammatory speeches by gendarmes and city officials near the governor's house, asserting that the Hebrews had attempted to take the life of the local bishop, and intended to loot the treasury. The mob thus incited started the bloody work. Carrying icons and portraits of the emperor, the mob proceeded to Alexandrovskai, Pushkanskaia and Gostinkaia streets, devastating and pillaging unhindered.

A mob at Ismail, Bessarabia, burned alive 11 Hebrews who had hidden in a hayrick.

Vandiver is Restrained.

St. Louis, Nov. 11.—The New York Life Insurance company, through its attorneys, late this afternoon applied to United States Circuit Judge Adams for an injunction to restrain State Insurance Superintendent Vandiver from enforcing his order prohibiting the company from carrying on further business in Missouri. The application was favorably passed upon by Judge Adams, who issued a restraining order directing Mr. Vandiver to show cause why he should not be prevented from enforcing his order.

British Fleet is Preparing.

London, Nov. 11.—It is stated in official circles here that an agreement has been arrived at among the powers concerning the naval demonstration against Turkey. A dispatch to a news agency from Gibraltar says that the Atlantic fleet has been ordered to remain there pending further instructions. The vessels, the dispatches say, have been expected to take on a full supply of coal, ammunition and provisions, but that the objective of the fleet is unknown.

Irish Opposed to Alliance.

New York, Nov. 11.—Sentiments in opposition to efforts to bring about an alliance between the United States and Great Britain were given expression tonight at a meeting in Cooper Union under the auspices of the Irish association. Speakers declared that the arrival of the British squadron under command of Prince Louis of Battenberg was not for social courtesies, but was planned in the interest of an alliance between the two nations.

Middy Dismissed for Marrying.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 11.—Rollo Carlyle Palmer, of Charlotte, Vt., has been dismissed from the Naval Academy for marrying while on leave this summer. He was 22 years old, and a member of the second class.

EVIDENCE OF FRAUD.

New York's Election Will Be Thoroughly Investigated.

New York, Nov. 10.—The contest over the mayoralty election inaugurated by William Randolph Hearst, the Municipal Ownership candidate, developed interesting and spectacular features today.

Charges that several ballot boxes had been stolen before the returns were reported and that others were found unsealed were made during the day. The investigation of the election promises to be the most thorough ever made in New York City.

The police have not reported any ballot boxes missing since the election, but there have been reports that unsealed and unopened ballot boxes have been found in out-of-the-way places. There was one report that ten men on the tugboat Robert White had picked up four ballot boxes floating in the North River early yesterday, and Mr. Mayer admitted having such information.

Evidence of gross carelessness in the care of election returns developed yesterday when the official envelope containing the official returns and tally sheets for the 73d election district of the 35th assembly district was found in a baby carriage in the cellar of a house in The Bronx. How it got there no one in the house was able to explain. The tally sheet showed that 26 votes had been cast for Ivins, 99 for McClellan and 139 for Hearst. Both Mr. Jerome and Attorney General Mayer at once began an investigation.

Mr. Hearst announced today an additional reward of \$10,000 for evidence for the arrest, conviction and imprisonment of the first Tammany district leader to be convicted of frauds against the ballot in Tuesday's election. This is in addition to the other rewards, aggregating \$17,000, for proof of crimes against the ballot and registration laws in the election. This makes the total of rewards he has offered \$27,000.

The first information came to District Attorney Jerome yesterday through a policeman, who walked into his office with a bunch of ballots, and said that he knew where more of the same kind were to be found, but that he had not dared to bring in all he had found until he had been assured of protection. He was sent back with a county detective, whom he escorted to a barber shop, where the ballot box was found.

FLOATING MINES A MENACE.

Pleiades Barely Misses Destruction in China Sea.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 10.—The steamer Pleiades, which arrived today from Niu Chwang and Tientsin, had a narrow escape from destruction by a floating mine near Niu Chwang on October 8. Officers of the Pleiades report that floating mines are now a great menace in the China sea, and several vessels have been lost to date as a result of them. The Hsieho was sunk a day before the Pleiades passed the mine. This steamer struck a mine when off the Shantung coast, near Wei Hai Wey. There were two foreign passengers, and both were among the survivors of 110 persons who were on board. Fifteen were drowned. The steamer Chihhua rescued 69 people. Messrs. Manchau and Muir, engineers, who were residents of Shanghai, were among the drowned.

News was brought by the Pleiades that Admiral Nebogoff, when interviewed at Hong Kong, en route to Europe, stated he would not go to Russia, but proposed instead to go to France, and subsequently to the United States.

Wu Ting Fang, ex-Chinese minister to the United States, is reported to have lost his hearing permanently as a result of the bomb outrage at Peking on the occasion of the departure of the Chinese commissioners to foreign countries.

Will Not Hurt Policy-Holders.

St. Louis, Nov. 10.—"The policy holders in Missouri will not be hurt by the action of Insurance Commissioner Vandiver in suspending the licenses of the New York Life Insurance company to do business in this state. We will see that their interests are protected to the fullest extent. The attorneys will hold a meeting tomorrow, but until then we cannot tell what we will do to meet the emergency," said W. C. Crow, ex-attorney general, and an attorney for the New York Life Insurance company.

Witte Winning Friends.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 10.—Prospects are growing brighter for a working combination between Count Witte and the conservative faction of the Constitutional Democrats and the wing of the Zemstovists which was left behind in the rapid development of reform ideas in the congresses. The resignation of General Trepoff and his nomination as post commander of the imperial palace is generally reported in the city tonight.

Driven Crazy by Defeat.

Zanesville, O. Nov. 10.—J. E. Grozger, Republican candidate for member of the board of public service, who was defeated at Tuesday's election, was today adjudged insane and committed to the Columbus state hospital. His mental condition is attributed to worry over the election.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CROOK LAND SOLD.

Harriman Interests Secure Control of Big Irrigation Project.

Salem—The transfer of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company's interests in the Bend country to a newly formed corporation organized by men connected with the Harriman system is a sign pointing toward the construction of a railroad from some point on Harriman lines to the irrigation district in Crook county.

The Columbia Southern Irrigation company was largely backed by the same interests that built the Columbia Southern railway. The sale of the road to Harriman people has now been followed by the transfer of the irrigation company's interests in the 27,000 acres of land being reclaimed just west of the Deschutes river and north of the Tama-lo, in Crook county. This land is northwest of Bend and practically adjoining that being reclaimed by the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company.

The new company, known as the Columbia Southern Irrigating company, has filed articles in the State department with James E. Wilson, H. F. Connor and W. R. Litzberg as incorporators. The capital stock is \$300,000. It is stated in the articles that the company proposes to take over the property and affairs of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company.

SHEEP SENT EAST.

Trade From Southeastern Oregon Brings in \$2,000,000.

Baker City—The active state of the sheep market this fall has been a matter of congratulation to that portion of Southeastern Oregon interested in this branch of the stock raising industry, although the estimates sometimes made, of \$3,000,000 having been brought into this country this season, are too much by half, according to the "sheep kings" of Eastern Oregon.

Miles Lee, recognized as Baker county's leading sheepman, and W. G. Ayre, another sheep king, from Durkee, Baker county, both state that about \$2,000,000 worth of sheep have been shipped from Eastern Oregon this year. Prices have ruled from \$1.75 as high as \$3.50 in extreme cases. Considerable hunting has been done this year from Huntington and Ontario, these points being most convenient to Malheur and Harney counties. Freight rates to the Eastern markets are the same from these points as from those farther north along the O. R. & N.

Millions in Stumps.

Baker City—Two Russians named Solomon are here from the East investigating yellow pine stumps, from which they claim to have a process for manufacturing turpentine and tar. They say there is millions in it, and are now in the hills surveying stumps. They must have decayed stumps, the theory being that old yellow pine stumps absorb chemicals from the ground. Four and one-half cords of stumps make \$150 worth of turpentine and tar, and the process can be repeated 16 times a month. It is believed local capital will interest itself in the enterprise.

Looking for Seining Grounds.

Astoria—A representative of Puget sound parties has been here during the past few days conferring with the owners of some of the principal independent seining grounds in the Columbia river, in an effort to secure options and property. As near as can be learned, a company is being organized on Puget sound to erect a salmon cannery on the Columbia, but before any definite steps are taken the company desires to obtain possession of a number of seining grounds as the principal source from which to secure its fish.

Expects Much From Fulton.

Coquille—Coquille valley is expecting much from the recent visit of Senator Fulton, who has just returned to his home in Astoria. Everything was done to make the few days spent by the senator in this vicinity not only pleasurable to himself, but also profitable to the valley and Coos bay. The junior senator was given every opportunity to familiarize himself with the growing needs of the Coquille river and Coos bay.

Wide Ledge Near Railroad.

Eugene—More excitement has been caused in the Mohawk valley by the discovery of another gold bearing quartz ledge near Marcola, on the Wendling branch of the Southern Pacific railroad. The Hyland Bros., who operate a sawmill near Marcola, found a ledge 32 feet wide. Samples of the ore assayed went from \$1.50 up to \$7.50 per ton. It is probable this ledge will be developed.

Hop Sales at Silverton.

Silverton—Lachmund & Co., of Salem, bought 107 bales of hops of N. A. Snell at 8 cents, and Wolf & Son, of this place, bought 51 bales of Peter Olson at 9 1/2 cents and 54 bales of S. C. Rue at the same price. They bought 49 bales of J. Ambeer at 9 cents. Buyers are reticent about reporting sales. Only prime hops are being sold.

Start Timber Tests Soon.

University of Oregon, Eugene—Expert Knapp, representative of the government in charge of the timber testing station, has arrived in Eugene and will commence experiments as soon as the big testing machine is installed in the new building. Carpenters expect to have the structure ready for the machine in a few days.

KLAMATH LAND IS SELLING.

Denver Capitalist Gets Fine Tract of 1,800 Acres.

Klamath Falls—Land in the Klamath basin is now being sought after by big speculators as well as the man who is looking for an ideal place to build a home and rear a family. The order from Washington, D. C., calling for the placing of bids for the work on the main canal of the Klamath irrigation project, is bringing in investors by the score, and local land agents are having their hands full to handle the would-be purchasers.

The latest deal of moment in realty was closed this week, when C. E. Wantland, of Denver, Colo., land agent for the Union Pacific railroad, closed a deal whereby he and others became owners of the Mitchell tract of 1,800 acres, lying two miles below Klamath Falls. The price paid for this tract was \$40,000. Charles W. Eberline, of New York, land agent for the Southern Pacific, who is now stationed at San Francisco, was also here this week looking over the country and inquiring about land values. What his mission was is not yet given out.

Land values in the basin have remained practically the same for several months, the prospect of irrigation not having affected them so far to a great extent.

Will Have Mutual Phones.

Oregon City—Stock is being subscribed liberally by Oregon City business men towards a corporation for installing a mutual telephone exchange in this city as the connecting link to the successful operation of the rural telephone system in Clackamas county. It is proposed to form a company with a capital stock of \$7,500 and install an exchange having 150 phones. This exchange has been petitioned for by subscribers to the various rural telephone companies throughout the county. At the rate stock in the proposed company is selling, the company will be organized in a few days.

Work Progresses at Waldo Lake.

Eugene—Engineer Simon Klovdahl, in charge of the preliminary work of constructing a large reservoir at Waldo lake, on the summit of the Cascade mountains, for an irrigating system to be installed by A. R. Black and his associates in the Upper Willamette valley, is now in Eugene and reports two feet of snow have fallen at the summit in the last two weeks. His crew has completed a good trail from the road to the lake; has built a house for the winter; has commenced work on a big canal to tap and drain the lake.

Eastern Money for Railroads.

Baker City—Articles of incorporation of the Ontario & Idaho railroad have been filed in Boise by N. C. Richards, an attorney of Sumpter. Wheeler & Co., of New York, capitalists, who are interested in Sumpter mines, are said to be behind the project, which is to build a railroad from Ontario to Emmett, Idaho. It is reported the Vale railroad, recently incorporated to build to a connection with the Oregon Short Line, is backed by Banker Savage, of Chinook, Mont.

All Fruit Crops Are Light.

Freewater—Judge Geer, Oregon state horticultural commissioner, spent several days in this section last week, and while here was the guest of John S. Vinson. He reports light fruit crops in general over the entire state. Although the Freewater crop was lighter than usual, good prices prevailed and fruit ranchers realized as large profits as in the previous years. Mr. Geer appointed Howard Evans of this place fruit inspector for this vicinity.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 73c per bushel, bluestem, 75c; valley, 74 @ 75c; red, 69 @ 70c.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$26; gray, \$25 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50 @ 22; brewing, \$22 @ 22.50; rolled, \$22.50 @ 23.
Rye—\$1.50 @ 1.60 per cental.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @ 16 per ton; valley timothy, \$11 @ 12; clover, \$8 @ 9; grain hay, \$8 @ 9.
Fruits—Apples, \$1 @ 1.50 per box; huckleberries, 7c per pound; pears, \$1.25 @ 1.50 per box; grapes, \$1 @ 1.75 per box; Concord, 15c per basket; quinces, \$1 per box.
Vegetables—Beans, wax, 10 @ 12c per pound; cabbage, 1 @ 1 1/2c per dozen; cauliflower, \$1.25 @ 1.50 dozen; celery, 75c per dozen; corn, 50c per sack; cucumbers, 50 @ 60c per dozen; pumpkins, 3/4 @ 1c; tomatoes, \$1 per crate; squash, 3/4 @ 1c per pound; turnips, 90c @ 1 per sack; carrots, 65 @ 75c per sack; beets, 85c @ 1 per sack.
Onions—Oregon yellow Danvers, \$1.25 per sack.
Potatoes—Fancy, 75c per sack; ordinary, 55 @ 60c; Merced sweets, sacks, \$1.90, crates, \$2.15.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25 @ 30c.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32 @ 32 1/2c.
Poultry—Average old hens, 10 @ 11c; young roosters, 9 @ 10c; springs, 11c; dressed chickens, 12 @ 14c; turkeys, live, 17 @ 18c; geese, live, 8 @ 9c; ducks, 14 @ 15c.
Hops—Oregon 1905, choice, 8 @ 11c; olds, nominal, 7 1/2 @ 10c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19 @ 21c; lower grades down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25 @ 27c per pound.
Beef—Dressed bulls, 1 @ 2c per pound; cows, 3 @ 4c; country steers, 4 @ 4 1/2c.
Veal—Dressed, fancy, 6 1/2 @ 7c, per pound; ordinary, 4 @ 5c; lamb, 7 @ 7 1/2c.
Pork—Dressed, 6 @ 7 1/2c per pound.

ELECTION RETURNS.

McClellan and Jerome Carry New York—Reform in Philadelphia.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Election returns received by the Associated Press up to 2 o'clock this morning show that the Democrats have carried the mayoralty campaign in New York City, the state ticket in Pennsylvania, the state ticket in Virginia and the city ticket in Louisville, while the Republicans made a clean sweep in Massachusetts and in Chicago and Cook county, and have carried their tickets in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Nebraska and Maryland.

In New York Hearst has a plurality in the Borough of Brooklyn of almost 16,000, with 14 election districts missing. The returns indicate McClellan's re-election by several thousand plurality. Hearst has charged fraud in the voting. Bird S. Coler was elected borough president of Brooklyn on the Municipal Ownership ticket. The New York election shows that municipal ownership will be a considerable factor in the city's politics.

In Ohio the result is still doubtful, though the returns up to a late hour indicated the election of Pattison, the Democratic candidate for governor. The suffrage amendment in Maryland was defeated overwhelmingly. Massachusetts elected a Republican governor by a majority approximating that of Douglas, the present Democratic governor. Following is a summary of the returns:

New York—Mayor, George B. McClellan, Democrat, re-elected by small plurality; William Travers Jerome, independent, district attorney, re-elected; Bird S. Coler, Municipal Ownership, elected borough president of Brooklyn.

Ohio—Both Democratic and Republican leaders claim election. Pattison, Democrat, carried Cincinnati, Cleveland, city and county, and the Democrats made gains in Toledo and Akron.

Maryland—The constitutional amendment, whose purpose was to disfranchise negro voters, was defeated. Republicans elected the state comptroller and city officials. Political complexion of the legislature uncertain.

Massachusetts—The Republicans elected Curtis Guild, Jr., Republican, governor by 29,435 plurality, and E. S. Draper, Republican, lieutenant governor by 3,942.

Chicago—Republicans made a clean sweep in Chicago and Cook county. Robert R. McCormick, Republican, elected president of the board of sanitary trustees.

Rhode Island—Clean Republican sweep.

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia overwhelmingly carried by the City party (reform ticket). Berry, Democrat, elected state treasurer by upward of 75,000 plurality.

Virginia—The Democratic plurality is about 20,000, and Swanson is elected governor. Negroes generally remained away from the polls. The next legislature on joint ballot will have 23 Republicans, instead of 16, as at present.

Salt Lake City—The American party (anti-Mormon) defeated the Mormon Democratic and Republican candidates for mayor.

New Jersey—Republican gains in legislature sufficient to preclude any Democratic success to United States Senator Dryden. Reformers elect Everett Colby, Independent Republican, to state senate in Essex county.

Nebraska—Republicans elected state supreme judge.

San Francisco—Union Labor candidate for mayor probably elected by 15,000 majority.

Indianapolis—Republican mayor elected.

Soft Coal Operators to Organize.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Owners of soft coal mines have decided to hold a national convention in Chicago, and it is expected to result in the formation of a national federation of coal mine operators. The meeting will be held November 22, at the call of the commissioners and secretaries of the Mine Owners' association, which are scattered throughout the United States. This follows an announcement by officials of the Coal Mineworkers' union that a demand for a wage increase will be made in January.

Reform for War Department.

Washington, Nov. 8.—President Roosevelt has approved the recommendations for certain reforms in the routine business of the War department which were prepared under the direction of Acting Secretary Oliver. These changes have been brought about by the action of the president in creating the Keep Commission. His letter criticized the methods of work in connection with papers of both Army and Navy departments and General Oliver took the matter up at once.

Russia Becoming Pacified.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 8.—The following official communication is published this morning: As the divers regions of Russia are becoming pacified it is evident that the acute crisis precipitated by the shock of the new system in collision with expiring tendencies, approaches an end. The tragic and deplorable events of the past week in many parts of the empire may be regarded as the spontaneous reaction of the conservative elements.

Cossacks Killed in Ambush.

Kutais, Caucasus, Nov. 8.—Cossacks who were escorting M. Lazarenko, a county official, and M. Pekaraki, a justice of the peace, were ambushed in the Ozogeti district by revolutionaries, who were fighting the troops sent to the district to restore order. Two entire companies, consisting of 107 and 120 men respectively, were wiped out.

OHIO IS DEMOCRATIC

Working Majority of Legislature and Governor of State.

HEARST CONTESTS IN NEW YORK

Louisville Fusionists Will Fight Election of Democratic City Officers and Members of Legislature.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The election of John M. Pattison, Democrat, as governor of Ohio by approximately 40,000 plurality over Myron T. Herrick, present Republican governor; a Democratic working majority in both houses of the Ohio legislature; an immediate appeal of William R. Hearst, the Municipal Ownership candidate for the New York mayoralty, to the Supreme court to contest McClellan's election, that city on the basis of alleged evidence of wholesale illegal acts at the polls; a plurality of 3,485 votes for McClellan, and immediate contest of the fusionists in Louisville in the courts against the election of Democratic municipal officers and members of the legislature were the details in today's election aftermath.

McClellan's plurality is the minimum on record for a successful mayoralty candidate in New York. Hearst's managers claim evidence of illegal acts against 1,000 inspectors election and that 30,000 of his adherents were turned back from the polls because their names already had been voted. District Attorney Jerome announced that he will make a searching investigation of the alleged vote sale frauds and has ordered the returns from the Eighteenth and Sixteenth assembly districts to be carefully guarded. These are the home districts of the Tammany leader, Murphy, and Timothy Sullivan.

In Louisville, the Fusion party managers claim a non-election in 14 precincts because of disappearance of election paraphernalia; that Democratic workers confiscated the ballot boxes 14 other precincts and allowed fabrication of returns and alleged activity "thugs" and repeaters.

All through Ohio the belated returns showed Republican losses and the Republicans concede that Pattison's plurality reaches 25,000. The Democrats claim that Pattison's plurality approximates 55,000, which would elect entire Democratic ticket. Republicans concede the Democrats between 25,000 and five majority in the senate and from 10 to 15 in the house, while Democrats claim five in the senate and 27 in the house.

The City party (reform) plurality Philadelphia is 43,333 for sheriff, the Fusionist candidate for state treasurer (Berry) carried the city by 36,000 plurality. The upheaval of the greatest in Pennsylvania for many years.

In Rhode Island the Republican gubernatorial candidate has a plurality estimated at 5,000, and Providence elects a Republican mayor for the first time in many years.

In Massachusetts Democratic triumph are made of a recount of the vote lieutenant governor. The Republicans in Massachusetts have 23,116 plurality for Guild for governor, though Draper for lieutenant governor, got less than 2,000 plurality. The Democrats gain three senators and one representative in the legislature.

Every candidate of the Union Labor party in San Francisco was elected by substantial majority.

In Salt Lake the anti-Mormon victory is made complete by the election of entire American party city ticket.

The Kentucky legislature, which elects a successor to Senator Black, apparently will include 31 Democrats, five Republicans and two doubtful in the senate, and 79 Democrats, 14 publicans and seven doubtful in the house. The Democrats elected a majority in Louisville by about 2,500.

Nebraska was carried by the Republicans. Returns from other states in cities show notable changes.

Favors Single Statehood.

Washington, Nov. 9.—President Roosevelt today informed a delegation of residents of Oklahoma that he would recommend, in his forthcoming message to congress, single statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The committee told the president that the hoped congress would pass a single statehood measure in accordance with his recommendation. He discussed briefly the incorporating in the statehood measure of a stipulation for prohibition of the liquor traffic, and that it be left to the people.

Hundreds Are Under Arrest.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—Never in the history of Philadelphia elections have so many arrests been made as the contest Tuesday which resulted in the defeat of the Republican organization by the Reform City party. Scores of prisoners were arraigned yesterday before a magistrate, and nearly 100 were arrested under bail and arraigned today. The majority were accused of voting and attempting to vote illegally.

Copyright Treaty With Japan.

Tokio, Nov. 9.—It is announced that a copyright convention between Japan and the United States has been successfully concluded, and is on the point of being signed. The matter has been a standing question since 1901.