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CAST GLOOM OVER CONGRESS.

Effect of Death of the "Father of the House" in Official Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The sad death of Representative Harmer, of Pennsylvania, "the father of the house," cast the deepest gloom over the proceedings today.

THE RECIPROcity TREATIES.

Considerable Republican Opposition and They Are Liable to Defeat It in the Senate.

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—A special to the Journal of Commerce from Washington says:

The present indications are that all of the reciprocity treaties framed by John Kasson, under authority of President McKinley and the state department, will fall of ratification.

The prospect seemed to brighten a little for the French treaty when a favorable report was made by the committee on foreign relations by the chairman, Senator Davis, of Minnesota.

It appears, however, that the report in favor of this treaty was largely a courtesy to Senator Davis and does not represent the sentiment of all the republicans on the committee.

Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, Foraker of Ohio, and Wolcott of Colorado, three of the seven republicans, are declared to be against the treaty and are not unlikely to be unsupported by Senator Frye of Maine.

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HON. HOBART BROOKS, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hon. Hobart Brooks, editor and owner of the Washington "Capital," 1508 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman says:

Dear Sir—It is with great pleasure that I can testify as to the merits of Peruna. After suffering over a year with catarrh I began taking Peruna. I took one bottle, and so great was the effect that I rapidly recovered and am now enjoying good health.

FOR PUERTO RICO. Revenues Collected to Be Expended in That Island.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The senate committee on appropriations today authorized a favorable report on the house bill providing that the revenues collected from Puerto Rico be expended in that island.

GENERAL WHEELER LANDS. The Fighting Major at Last Allowed to Leave the Vessel at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—General Joseph Wheeler and Party, who have been in quarantine since their arrival from the Philippines on Monday, were permitted to land tonight.

AMERICA'S RUSSIAN CONTRACTS. Probabilities of a Temporary Falling Off in Demands for Railway Material.

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—According to the statements of a gentleman representing the Russian government who has just returned from a visit to St. Petersburg, American manufacturers may not look for the immediate receipt of any large contracts for equipment and material for the trans-Siberian railroad.

The gentleman referred to, who is in close touch with the officials of the Muscovite government, said:

"Prince Hilkooff, the Russian minister of ways and communications, and De Witt, the finance minister, are entirely opposed at the moment to sending heavy contracts out of the country.

This decision has been arrived at in view of the fact that several large Russian manufacturing concerns are shutting down through lack of work.

Orders for 5000 freight cars for the trans-Siberian road were being awarded just as I left the capital for four Russian concerns that were on the eve of suspending operations because of the dullness in trade.

In fact these firms were actually in the hands of receivers, owing to financial embarrassment. The cars are to be delivered inside of one year. I am told by one of the principal engineers in the ministry of ways and communications that the trans-Siberian road will require 15,000 cars in all.

So that as contracts for 5000 have been placed as above stated, 10,000 more will be ordered.

"Contracts for bridges estimated to be worth some \$500,000, have just been awarded to Russian bridge makers. Such proceeding was actuated partly by the minister's policy, but it was also found that while further fostering native industries by awarding the contracts to Russian bridge makers, the latter offered additional advantages, as they undertook to deliver the material by June, whereas the best inducement as to delivery that American bridge manufacturers could make was completion of the contracts by November next."

As to the prospect of orders for the Chinese Eastern road the speaker, who

for those suffering with catarrh. I do not hesitate to recommend it. Before I had used one bottle I noticed a great change in myself, and four bottles cured me entirely. I would not be without Peruna for any consideration.

The reason so many people get chronic catarrh is, the disease gets firmly established before it is recognized. They fool themselves by calling it some other name than its proper one—catarrh. When people get acute catarrh they call it a cold. If they have acute nasal catarrh it is called coryza. Epidemic catarrh they call influenza, and epidemic catarrh they name ja grippe.

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Prof. J. F. Turner, Edgfield, Tenn.

Prof. J. F. Turner, Principal H. B. High school, Edgfield, Tenn., in a recent letter says: "I suffered for nine years with catarrh, and after trying several remedies I gave up, and concluded that there was no cure for me. I noticed so many testimonials from prominent men relative to Peruna that I concluded to try one bottle, little expecting any help. I had grown rather to believe that all catarrh cures were nothing but frauds, but your remedy Peruna is the greatest panacea to-day

acted last year as purchasing agent for that system, said:

"I expect to see a goodly number of substantial orders emanate from Port Arthur before long. I know of three Americans out there now, and I feel assured that the result will be most pleasing to manufacturers in the United States."

Reverting to the prospects of purchases abroad for the trans-Siberian road, he said:

"As I mentioned before the Russian government is very reluctant at present to send heavy contracts out of the country but it would undoubtedly welcome an influx of foreign capital and is prepared to offer many inducements for the building of manufacturing plants in many desirable localities throughout Siberia and Southern Russia."

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Reasons Why a War May Soon Occur Between Them.

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Yokohama says:

No one of the legations in Tokyo nor any of the Japanese officials will acknowledge that war with Russia is imminent. It is well known in diplomatic circles that at present Japan and Russia are working secretly to obtain concessions in Corea against other nations, but this does not mean that a clash between Russia and Japan is not coming in the future.

Japan is the only serious obstacle in the way of the Russian eastern policy. Japan must have Corea, which already is flooded with Japanese coolies who are really soldiers.

Russian transports pass through Nagasaki constantly, loaded with troops for Port Arthur.

The Japanese common people have a

great hatred for Russia and would welcome war without counting the cost, but they have little power.

Japan has not money for war and Russia will yield to Japan as long as the trans-Siberian railroad is incomplete.

An American engineer who has been over the road reports that it cannot be used for nine months.

Rumors of an impending war originated in Shanghai, not in Japan, and were based on generalizations, not facts.

Russia is now changing her representatives throughout Japan and would not do so if she expected an immediate outbreak.

As during the last three years, a crisis resulting in war might arise at any moment, but for the present it is not at hand, and, in my opinion, Russia can prevent it until she is ready.

GARRISONS AT PORT ARTHUR. Belief That They Will be Utilized by Russia to Coerce Japan.

NEW YORK, Mar. 7.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Odessa says:

Among the officers of the volunteer fleet of cruisers who recently returned here from the Far East, there is a strong belief that the enormous garrisons being formed at Port Arthur, Dalian and Vladivostok will be utilized soon as a coercive lever for compelling the Japanese to abandon their pretensions and acquisitions in Corea.

The commander of one of the cruisers expressed his conviction that before the end of this year Russian influence in the Far Eastern peninsula will have become so absolutely dominating that the Japanese will feel morally constrained to give up the struggle and retire from the many important enterprises they are now prosecuting in Corea and that will open the way for the gradual assumption of a Russian protectorate.

Our enemies, in their judgment of us, come nearer the truth than we do ourselves.

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The most violent passions have their intermissions; vanity alone gives us no respite.

TO PARIS IN 1900. The passenger department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has taken advantage of the current interest in the Paris Exposition and has printed for free distribution one of the most charming books of the season, entitled, "Glimpses Across the Sea." Its contents describe a recent voyage across the Atlantic made by Sam T. Clover, journalist and author, and includes his diversified experiences in London and Paris. The "Glimpses" are entertaining and instructive to the prospective western patrons of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, who may be contemplating a trip to Europe. The enterprise of the railway company in inaugurating such a happy departure from the ordinary methods of advertising is commendable.

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