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THE OPEN DOOR QUESTION.

Dental From a Chinese Diplomat That There Will Be Any Trouble Over It.

NEW YORK, March 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Long expects to receive a dispatch shortly from Rear-Admiral Watson announcing the name of the vessel he has ordered to Taku, China, to protect American interests.

"Admiral Watson," he said, "was instructed to send a vessel to Taku to provide protection for American interests. We have been informed that there is some little trouble in Shan Tung province and that American missionaries are in danger. The vessel to go, probably a gunboat, will take all proper measures to protect American citizens."

The secretary said further that there was no thought of sending a squadron to China. It is the expectation of the department that Rear-Admiral Watson will select a gunboat, perhaps the Castine, which is at Shanghai, or the Yorktown, or the Bennington. These vessels are suitable as to draught. Each has a sufficient force on board to land a detachment to protect missionaries who may reside at a short distance from where the vessel is stationed.

Secretary Long expects that the trouble just reported will be suppressed and the vessel at Taku will then return to her proper station. Official mail advices received from Peking in a diplomatic quarter here discountenance the statement contained in a dispatch from Shanghai that a reign of terror prevails in China. A diplomat who talked relative to the situation said that his advices showed that the diplomatic pressure is still being applied to the Taung-Li-Yamen. The emperor is still on the throne, though the empress dowager is governing the empire, and is actively taking measures to put China on a strong defensive basis. So far as the report that the empress dowager has objected to the "open door" policy is concerned, the diplomat who discussed the Chinese situation agreed with administration officials that she has nothing whatever to do with the matter.

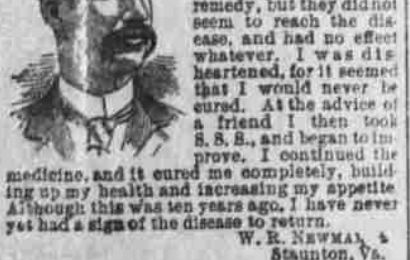
"The open door" arrangement has been concluded by the United States with European powers, not with China," he observed, "consequently the empress dowager can have nothing to say about it. As a mark of friendship for your country, the European powers agreed to respect, in the spheres of influence they had acquired, the trade rights granted by your treaties with the Chinese empire. That is the 'open door' arrangement which has been agreed to and China cannot object to it."

Two weeks is fixed by the administration as the limit of time when the notes relative to the "open door" arrangement will be made public. It was

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Contagious blood poison is absolutely beyond the skill of the doctors. They may dose a patient for years on their mercurial and potash remedies, but he will never be rid of the disease, on the other hand, his condition will grow steadily worse. S. S. S. is the only cure for this terrible affliction, because it is the only remedy which goes direct to the cause of the disease and forces it from the system.

I was afflicted with Blood Poison, and the best doctors did me no good, though I took their treatment faithfully. In fact, I seemed to get worse all the while. I took almost every so-called blood remedy, but they did not seem to reach the disease, and had no effect whatever. I was disheartened, for it seemed that I would never be cured. At the advice of a friend I then took S. S. S., and began to improve. I continued the medicine, and it cured me completely, building up my health and increasing my appetite. Although this was ten years ago, I have never yet had a sign of the disease to return.



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reported that this government had succeeded in obtaining identical notes on the subject, but this is incorrect. Great Britain has agreed to the American provision provided the other nations complied with its provision; Russia has pointed to her action in opening Tientsin as an indication of what she proposes to do; Germany declares that Kalschou is now open to the trade of the world and will remain so, and France asserts that she does not recognize the term "sphere of influence." Italy and Japan have expressed their approval of freedom of trade in China.

CRUISER NEW ORLEANS.

Report That She is in Need of Extensive Repairs Causes Surprise.

NEW YORK, March 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary of the Navy Long is puzzled over the report from Admiral Watson that extensive repairs are required for the protected cruiser New Orleans, now at Nagasaki. He has cabled Admiral Watson declining to permit extensive repairs until he knows whether they are necessary.

This refusal grows out of the fact that just before the ship left New York for Manila her officers reported that her boilers were in need of repairs which would necessitate two months' work. A board of officers which inspected the vessel reported that she could get away in two weeks and the work was finished in that period. Admiral Watson cabled that he had ordered a board to make a survey of the ship.

There is a suspicion in naval circles to believe the report that the New Orleans is in need of extensive repairs grows out of the department's action in ordering the vessel to proceed to the Asiatic station without undergoing all the repairs which her officers deemed necessary. The department purposes to keep the ship in Asiatic waters, notwithstanding its understanding that her officers would prefer duty on the North Atlantic station.

Experiments made in the models of the projected battleships at the Washington navy yard have demonstrated that to carry the weights planned by the naval board of construction the vessels must be larger than any battleship yet planned.

Rear-Admiral Hichborn, chief naval constructor, believes each of the vessels will have a total displacement of almost 15,000 tons, a length of 433 feet and a beam of at least 75 feet. This increase is to provide space for the proposed enormous armament, the engines' department, which must create sufficient power to drive the vessels at a speed of more than 19 knots, and the 2,000 tons of coal which each ship must carry. Battleships of the Oregon class are 248 feet long and have 69 feet 3 inches beam; the Iowa is 369 feet long and has a beam of 72 feet 2 1/2 inches; the Kearsarge and Kentucky are 365 feet long and have the same beam as the Iowa; the Illinois class are of like dimensions and the battleships of the Maine class are 388 feet long and their beam the same. Necessity for lengthening the new vessels arises from unwillingness to increase the draught of the ships, which is fixed by the depth of water of the principal American harbors.

Secretary Long has instructed the board of inspection and survey to prepare for the trial of the Kearsarge on April 2 to determine whether the vessel will be accepted by the government.

Rear-Admiral Bradford, who has inspected the battleship at Newport News, says it will receive the finishing touches during the next few days. He is gratified with the appearance of the superimposed turrets of the vessel and expresses confidence that they will make a good showing.

MISSING FRENCH FREIGHTERS.

The Paulliac Not Sighted and is Believed to be Lost.

NEW YORK, March 19.—During the passage of the French liner LaGascogne from Havre to New York a special lookout was kept for the French liner freighter Paulliac which is long overdue on her trip from this port to Bordeaux and Havre.

There was not much hope of sighting or learning of the Paulliac during the Gascogne's trip, for her course lay considerably to the north of that of the freight steamship would take on her eastward trip.

The Paulliac left this port February 5 under command of Captain Gicquel. She was the pioneer of a new freight service in connection with the regular passenger service of the French line. Her crew numbers 45 men, all natives of France. She carried no passengers.

The only time she was sighted, so far as is known here, since leaving port was when the Germania, of the White Star Line, exchanged signals with her on February 11. She was then 450 miles southeast of Cape Race, a position slightly north of the New York and Havre route.

The Paulliac has a cargo valued at \$1,000,000, including several cases of machinery for the Paris exposition. There is also on board a shipment of copper from Boston valued at \$400,000. Other items in her cargo include lard, coffee, cotton and case goods. While anxiety for the safety of the Paulliac has been manifested in shipping circles for more than a month, hope has by no means been abandoned by the local agents of the line.

One theory of which these hopes is based is that the Paulliac may have met with a mishap to her machinery and drifted out of the track of trans-Atlantic travel. During the recent trips of the French liners between New York and Havre the commanders have been instructed to keep a special lookout for the missing freighter.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

Proposal to Hold One in Mexico in 1901 Under Consideration.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The state department at Washington has been more than gratified by the prompt and cordial responses received from all the nearer American republics to the formal suggestion recently made by the United States looking to the assembly in congress of all the independent governments on this continent similar to the Pan-American conference which met in Washington in 1889.

Sufficient time has not elapsed for replies to Secretary Hay's letter to some of the more distant governments of South America, but their representatives here give assurances which dispel any doubt as to the unanimity of all republics between the Atlantic and the Pacific as regards the proposal to meet as soon as possible with a view of broadening the scope and extending the advantages of the agreements reached ten years ago.

Within a week or two at the utmost the last formal responses are expected to reach Washington and in confident anticipation the bureau of American republics, created by the last conference and now included in its membership every one of the republics, is taking up the preliminary work of the meeting, which will be held according to present intentions, at the City of Mexico, beginning in February or March, 1901.

The choice of Mexico was due to the fact that all the countries invited to participate have diplomatic representatives there, it is convenient of access to all, the climate from February to August is unsurpassed and the United States having already enjoyed the honor of one meeting, it was thought desirable that other countries in turn should entertain the delegates.

If one of the chief objects of the coming meeting is achieved, frequent repetitions of the conference at stated intervals will be provided for and all the republics will eventually act as hosts for the international gathering. It was explained that the date of the actual assembly of the conference is deferred for nearly a year, in order that ample opportunity may be given for consideration and preparation of the subjects to be presented for discussion, rather than have the delegates hurriedly assembled and confronted with immature propositions.

The administration expects results of the highest value from the next meeting, on account of the exceedingly amicable attitude manifested by all the republics towards the United States at the present time, in spite of the attempts of European powers to make capital out of the results of the Spanish war and to create jealousy in the capitals of South America on account of the expansion policy, which, according to absurd representations actually made to several governments, might be expected to lead naturally to forcible encroachments by the United States on the South American continent at no distant day.

This insidious campaign, which a year ago seemed likely to have some effect, at least to the injury of American commerce, has now been practically abandoned in view of the discouragement in the very countries where Europe expected it to have most effect, on account of the relations with Washington which fifteen years ago were less cordial than today.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The recent wonderful accomplishments in wireless telegraphy bring to mind forcibly the value of electricity. It is probable that much work will be saved by means of this subtle fluid. There is no limit to its possibilities. Applied to material objects, it causes them to move as with life, while without it the human body cannot be strong and healthy. The best means of filling the body with vitality, is by the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Lack of life in the stomach causes indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness and malaria. Any of these symptoms means the bitters is needed at once. Just now, when the seasons are so variable, it is particularly valuable, and a regular dose will keep the bowels active and healthy.

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YOUNG MEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB.

An Enthusiastic Meeting of the Organization Held Last Night.

A meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club was held last evening at the courthouse, a large number of the young, representative republicans being present. C. T. Crosby presided as chairman and John Young, secretary.

After roll call, the chairman requested those present, who were desirous of becoming members of the club, to come forward and affix their signatures to the roll. About twenty responded. The organization now has a strength of over one hundred members, and will certainly be a potent factor in future elections in Clatsop county.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, followed by the report of the standing committees. Mr. Andrew Dalgity, chairman of the membership committee, rose and stated that inasmuch as various causes had prevented him from making as good a report as he desired, he had every reason to believe that the future energies he would be enabled to put forth in the securing of new members would be conducive to very gratifying results.

Mr. Arthur Callan, as a member of the smoker committee, reported good progress in his work, and recommended that a rousing smoker be given by the club on Friday evening, April 6, the night preceding the county convention. On motion of Mr. McCue, the club ratified Mr. Callan's recommendation. In connection with the above, Chairman Crosby urged the necessity of every member of the club devoting their best energies in making the smoker an unqualified success in every way.

Hon. C. W. Fulton was then introduced and responded in a ringing speech of thirty minutes' duration. He was repeatedly interrupted in his remarks by vociferous applause. He dwelt at length upon the history of the republican party, its remarkable achievements, and the sublime faith the American people have and always will have in its honor and integrity. He demonstrated the grand principles of protection in a clear and forcible manner, and appealed to every young man starting out upon his career, to enlist in the ranks of a party whose policy would at all times materially better his condition, and not prove an obstruction, as others have done, in the pathway of progress and civilization.

Mr. Fulton made reference to the commanding position the Pacific coast has assumed in the country's rapidly increasing Oriental traffic and particularized on our commercial relations with our newly acquired territory. He pointed with pride to the fact that this new trade channel has been opened up for our own benefit by the progressive policy the republican party is maintaining. He closed his speech in an election prophecy that looks ominous, indeed, for the hopes and aspirations of the misguided followers of Bryanism, populism and every other branch of disintegrated democracy in the coming campaign.

A vote of thanks was then tendered Mr. Fulton by the club for his powerful and timely remarks.

Mr. John McCue was then called upon and responded in a vigorous and well directed speech.

A communication from the republican league of Oregon was read, asking for the number of members of the club who have registered. The secretary was instructed to forward the desired information.

The meeting then adjourned until two weeks from today, to be held at the courthouse at 5 p. m.

MILLINERY OPENING.

The latest in spring millinery will be on exhibition Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22, at Miss McRae's. All the ladies are cordially invited.

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J. F. Hamilton and C. R. Thomson to Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, W half of section 16, T 7 N, R 8 W; \$2,300. John V. Burns and wife to Patrick Lawler, undivided half of lots 7 and 8, block B, subdivision of block 5 of Olney's addition.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.

The fishing season opens at 12 m. on the 15th day of April, 1900. All fishermen are requested to take out their licenses before they begin fishing; as no license will be issued from the patrol boat this season. Anyone found fishing without a license, or not having their boats and gear numbered as the law requires, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Licenses may be had at 469 Bond street, Astoria, Oregon, or 467 Oregonian building, Portland, Oregon.

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COMMERCIAL STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Notice is Hereby Given, That the Common Council of the City of Astoria has determined to and intends to improve all that portion of Commercial street in that part of the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, from the west line of Tenth street to the west line of Eighth street to the full width thereof and on the established grade thereof, by removing all the old sills and planking and replacing with new stringers and planking the same with sound fir planking 4x12 inches, and with the construction of sidewalks and gutters on both sides of said portion of street. The said improvement as to its construction in matters of detail and the material to be used, except as hereinbefore stated, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 1901, of the city of Astoria, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the improvement of streets." Approved the 3rd day of January, 1895, except that the lumber to be used therein may be of any color of good sound fir lumber, and said improvement to be made strictly in accordance with the specifications therefor to be deposited with the auditor and police judge of said city by the city surveyor.

The costs and expenses of said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises fronting upon and adjacent to said portion of said street proposed to be improved and such other lands as in the opinion of the council will be benefited by said proposed improvement which said lots, lands and premises so fronting upon, adjacent to and benefited by said proposed improvement, are hereby included within a special assessment district hereby established for said improvement and to be assessed to defray the costs and expense of making the same as specially benefited by the same and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of lot five (5) in block number twenty-five (25) and running thence west on a straight line to the northwest corner of lot eight (8) in block twenty-four (24), thence south on the west line of blocks twenty-four (24) and twenty-seven (27) to the southwest corner of lot number one (1) in block twenty-seven (27), thence east on a straight line to the southeast corner of lot four (4) in block twenty-six (26) (thence north on the east line of blocks 26 and 25 to the point of beginning and containing lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in block 24, lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, in block 25, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 26, and lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 27.

This notice is published in the Daily Astorian for eight days in pursuance to a resolution duly adopted by the common council of the City of Astoria on the 5th day of March, 1900, the first publication of this notice being on Thursday, March 14, 1900.

H. B. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

Cordova Wax Candles advertisement with image of a candle.

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For the year ending December 31, 1899

According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME

Received for Premiums \$44,224,319.22

From all other sources 14,265,357.97

\$58,489,677.19

DISBURSEMENTS

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death \$14,629,919.43

To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc. 10,739,957.12

For all other accounts 328,507,409.63

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other Securities \$173,185,461.54

First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage 74,791,821.03

Loans on Bonds and other Securities 6,330,000.00

Loans on Company's Policies and other Properties 4,371,936.66

Real Estate Company's 12 Office Buildings, and other Properties 23,186,525.06

Cash in Banks and Trust Companies 13,012,455.02

Accrued Interest, Not Deferred Premiums, etc. 6,960,437.41

\$201,844,557.52

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc. \$251,717,988.01

Unpaid Guaranty Fund 67,952,549.91

Available for Authorized Dividends 2,180,000.00

\$321,850,537.92

Insurance and Annuities in force \$1,652,665,211.61

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department

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