

ENGLAND CONSENTS TO THE AGREEMENT

Chinese Policy of America Now Accepted by All Powers.

GERMANS ABATE DEMANDS

Uprising Threatened in Hong Kong—Allies Send Expedition After Hidden Treasure—Mark Twain Indulges in Sarcasm.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The latest advices from Peking from official sources are that England has signified her willingness to sign the agreement reached by the foreign ministers with a slight amendment which is said to be in the nature of a mere change in form rather than an amendment of the scope of the agreement at any material point. It was the understanding that England was the only power that was holding back.

Mr. Conger's latest advices to the state department indicated very clearly that the German minister at Peking was living up to the spirit of the promise of the German government to abate its demand for the imposition of the death penalty upon Prince Tuan and other boxer ringleaders.

It was upon this very point that the United States made issue with Germany and England and was said to have prevailed.

HONG KONG THREATENED.

HONG KONG, Dec. 13.—The city was placarded today with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all the foreigners. Crowds gathered around the placards but no actual outbreak is reported.

Reports have been received from Canton to the effect that Young Sung Po, the reformer, has been horribly tortured. Though he was strung up by the thumbs and the toes he would confess nothing.

AFTER HIDDEN TREASURE.

PEKIN, Dec. 12.—A few days ago the British troops were notified of the existence of a large amount of treasure 20 miles northwest. Colonel Tullock and 100 men left today to investigate the truth of the report. Colonel Tullock requested, however, that fifty extra men be detailed.

It is believed that a large amount of gold and valuables was buried at that point by persons connected with the Chinese court during the recent flight. The information regarding the treasure was received from a former court official.

MARK TWAIN HITS HARD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Winston Churchill, M. P., war correspondent, gave his lecture on the South African war here last evening. He was introduced by Mark Twain, who began by saying that although a friend of his, he did not agree with Mr. Churchill as to the righteousness of the South African war. He then said that he had for years preached Anglo-American amity. He had helped the alliance by impartial compliments. He added:

"I have shown how America has thrown her doors wide open to all those that suffer and are oppressed—and who can put up \$50 admission—except the Chinese. We draw the line there."

"And how unselfishly England has wrought for the open door for all in China and how piously America has stood for that open door in all cases where it was not her own. And how generous England has been and America has been in not urging China to pay fancy rates for extinguished missionaries like Germany does, but is willing to take produce for them—tea and fire-crackers and other things—why, Germany has made things so expensive that China cannot afford to German missionaries any more, but has got to wait until she is better fixed financially. And how simply and sorrowfully and shamefacedly England and America stood at Port Arthur weeping while France and Germany helped hold Japan and Russia robbed her."

MACARTHUR COMING HOME.

It is reported that Major-General Chaffee will succeed him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: If the wishes of high-ranking officers in the Philippines are observed many important changes will occur at the end of the present dry season. Several general officers are urging that they be ordered home and it is expected that when the volunteers are returned they will accompany them.

It is the general belief of well-informed officers that General MacArthur and General A. E. Bates will return to the United States within a few months and Major-General Chaffee, now in command at Peking, will be ordered to Manila as General MacArthur's successor.

CRIME WAS DISCOVERED.

Farmer Killed His Farm Hand Fourteen Years Ago.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 12.—

Peter Austin, the Stormville farmer who killed his farm hand, Charles Brower, fourteen years ago, and threw the body into an old well on his farm, is on trial here under an indictment for murder in the second degree.

The crime was not discovered until August last when a new owner of the farm was cleaning out the well and found the skeleton. It was identified and Austin was arrested. He confessed that he killed Brower but said he did so in self-defense, the other man having assaulted him with a knife while they were returning to the house from milking cows in the evening, July 2, 1896.

At the trial the prosecution combated the claim of self-defense and endeavored to show that Austin killed Brower to gain possession of a sum of money that he was known to carry on his person.

The defense claimed that Brower, although fifty years of age, was desperately in love with Austin's 14-year-old daughter, now Mrs. Effie Briggs, and wanted to marry her but the parents refused to give their consent. Brower was very angry at them on that account and while riding in the wagon with his employer attacked him with a knife. Austin, to defend himself, knocked Brower out of the wagon and in falling he struck the back of his head on a stone and was killed. Through ignorance Austin disposed of the body and told no one but his wife, who helped him to keep the secret all these years.

MISSIONARIES WANTED.

Methodist Episcopal Church Wants More Helpers in Philippines.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Bishop McCabe of the Methodist Episcopal Church has received a letter from the Rev. J. L. McLaughlin, presiding elder of that denomination in the Philippine islands, describing the religious conditions and calling for more men to assist in carrying on the work. He said:

"What we need is a teacher, deaconess or trained worker to go into the communities now and train the people. Now is our golden opportunity."

"A few months ago our native preacher opened services in a small village near Manila. After five weeks, when on account of pressure of work he was compelled to discontinue at that place, a delegation headed by the president of the village came in and pleaded with us for a preacher, so we sent one out."

"We held services two days in a cockpit. Then we repaired to the church where we have been worshipping ever since. After careful explanations and invitations, 288 names have been given and the parties received into our church on probation."

FISHING SCHOONER LOST.

Thirteen Men Believed to Have Been Drowned.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 13.—This city of fishermen is again mourning for the loss of several of her hardy sailers, this time for the captain and 12 men of the fishing schooner Sigfried, which has now been absent from this port for nearly ten weeks, and is believed to have foundered in one of the terrific gales which for the past six weeks have been sweeping the North Atlantic.

Five of the members of the crew are married and eighteen children will mourn the loss of fathers. The Sigfried sailed from this port September 14 and since that time she has not been reported. The vessel was on a hand line fishing voyage to the western banks and was provisioned for nine weeks. Her captain was Alexander Frazier, of Port Hastings.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

Peru Celebrates the Century With Three Sets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Lima, Peru, says: Native and foreign capitalists here have subscribed \$129,000 toward the building of the Cerro-Pasco drainage tunnel.

The Lima postoffice has put in circulation, to celebrate the new century, three sets of postage stamps, with portraits of Senator Romana, Admiral Grau and Colonel Bolognesi.

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NO BRITISH FLAG.

Reason Why It Alone Was Missing in the Centennial Decorations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—According to a dispatch from Washington to the Times, shortly before the centennial exercises in the house of representatives were to begin, Representative Walter Reeves, of Illinois, saw the British flag dropping over a corner of the executive gallery, the house having been decorated with flags of all nations for the occasion.

Mr. Reeves hurried to Speaker Henderson and reported the matter, being fearful of comment on the circumstance. Mr. Henderson at once gave orders that a naval signal flag be hung over the British flag, completely hiding it from view. This was done.

Shortly after other members of congress noticed that the house was full of flags representing all the nations of Europe and that the only nation which was omitted was Great Britain. Word was sent to Speaker Henderson and he was asked to get a British flag in position. He did the best he could, but the hour had arrived when the ceremonies were to begin and it was too late.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Annual Meeting of the League in Carnegie Lyceum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Delegates from all parts of the country are expected at the annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League, which opens here today. Besides the general sessions there will be two meetings in the Carnegie Lyceum and a banquet at which Bishop Potter, vice-president of the league, will preside.

Governor Roosevelt; Wayne MacVeagh; George L. Rives, president of the charter revision commission; Wheeler H. Peckham; Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore; Representative F. H. Gillett, of Massachusetts; Richard Henry Dana, of Boston, and members of the state and civil service commissions are expected to attend.

At the meeting in Carnegie Lyceum tonight addresses will be made by Mr. Bonaparte, William Dudley Fouke of Indiana and Rev. Dr. Rainford. Carl Schurz will preside.

OLD CONTROVERSY ENDED.

Two Factions of Cobre Grand Mining Company Adjust Differences.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13.—The two factions of the Cobre Grand Mining Company ended their conference here yesterday by complete adjustment of the difficulty which for two years has occupied the time of the supreme and lower courts of Arizona, Mexico and Texas.

The exact terms of the settlement are secret, but it is known that the faction headed by W. G. Greene will take up all the stock at the par value of \$2.50 per share. The agreement includes 112,000 shares, but there are still other shares and it is understood that these will be taken up at the same figure.

The decision will stop many cases pending in the higher courts and relieve the strained situation at the mines located at Canana, Mex., which has for some time required Mexican troops to prevent bloodshed between the disputants over the possession of the property.

PLYMOUTH ROCK DEFACED.

Vandals at Work on One of America's Cherished Monuments.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 13.—The canopy over Plymouth Rock has been defaced by vandals. The act to all appearances was deliberately done. This canopy is of granite, 15 by 15 feet and 30 feet high, being built in the form of four piers with arched openings and surmounted by a granite roof. The square stones on either side of the western entrance are bruised and the angles broken off, while marks of other hammering are plain on various parts of the base.

A reward has been offered by the Pilgrim Society for the detection of the vandals. To make perfect repairs on the canopy the entire structure might have to be rebuilt.

BENJAMIN R. CROCKER DEAD.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Benjamin R. Crocker, the first purchasing agent of the Central Pacific railroad, is dead at his home in this city. He disposed of his railroad interests several years ago.

BOSTON CUP DEFENDER.

Its Construction Will Be Rapidly Pushed to Completion.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—The developments

in the preliminaries leading up to the beginning of the work on the Boston-bull cup defender are not of any importance except to show the determination of those interested to smooth over any difficulties that might come up later.

Superintendent Boyd, of the Atlantic Iron Works, is in consultation with Builder Lawley in South Boston and it is possible the work upon some of the other contracts which Mr. Lawley has upon his hands at present may be done at the Atlantic Works so that Mr. Lawley may be able to devote his entire attention to the new cup defender.

Mr. Boyd offered to extend every possible courtesy and do all in his power to expedite the work of the defender, even to loaning Mr. Lawley additional help.

COMPANY NOT LIABLE.

If Theatrical Season Is Closed Unexpected Members of Company Need Receive No Notice.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The appellate division of the supreme court has just handed down an opinion of interest to theatrical managers and actors. It deals with the vexed two weeks' notice clause and holds in substance that if a company closes its season unexpectedly such a notice is not necessary, even when such a notice is provided for in the terms of the contract.

The case was that of Walter W. Newcomer against Charles E. Blainey. Newcomer was musical director with "A Boy Wanted" Company. The company's season closed abruptly and Newcomer brought suit for two weeks' salary and his railroad fare to New York. He received a judgment in his favor in the lower court and the defendant appealed. The decision had not hitherto been carried to the higher courts.

GERMAN FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Pessimistic Speech in Reichstag Causes Two Bank Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Berlin says:

The pessimistic speech of Baron Fleschmann, secretary of the imperial treasury, in the reichstag Monday, in which he told the country to prepare for a period of hard times as the financial situation was gloomy, has created a sensation in the money market.

There has been such a slump in the price of mortgage bonds that unless public confidence is restored the economic stability of Germany will be impaired. Some banks and bankers may find themselves in serious difficulties and a financial crisis of unparalleled gravity may be precipitated in Berlin.

The First Preussische Hypothek Bank and the Deutsche Grundschuld Bank are unable to meet the strain and the government has appointed receivers in both cases.

POLICE IN PHILIPPINES.

Commission Provides for Their Appointment in All the Towns.

MANILA, Dec. 13.—The Taft commission has passed an act authorizing General MacArthur to establish police in the cities and towns and appropriate \$150,000 for their maintenance. Commissioner Wright, who is assigned to supervise the establishment of a constabulary, among other duties, said the establishment of a local police force was a necessary feature of civil government. An act was also passed providing for the retention in office of the municipal councillors, elected under order of the military governor, until a general municipal law was passed. The terms of some of the councillors expire in January. The elections for councillors are suspended.

A bill was passed directing the civil service board to examine and report on the readjustment of the salaries of civil employees.

WRITE SERVED ON GOVERNOR.

Rogers Must Show Cause Why He Does Not Fill Vacancies.

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—A writ of mandamus has been issued by Judge Linn, directing Governor John R. Rogers to show cause on January 4th next why he should not fill the vacancies on the state capitol commission and proceed to sell the lands, 30,000 acres, granted by the United States, and issue warrants for the completion of the capitol building at Olympia, in accordance with the contract awarded to Fenton H. Goss, of Tacoma, in 1896, for \$322,591. Goss began work and completed the basement. He claims damages in the sum of \$300,000. The mandate also includes Robert Bridges, land commissioner; Frank J. Browne, superintendent of public instruction; William D. Jenkins, secretary of state, and Neal Cheatham, state auditor.

COLLEGE RECORDS BROKEN.

Young Man at Northwestern Academy Scores 4632 Points in a Straight Test.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Fred L. Dindhammer, of Northwestern Academy, yesterday broke all the Western college records in a strength test taken at the Evanston Y. M. C. A. gymnasium under the supervision of Director Dues.

Dindhammer scored a total of 4632 points. The best previous college record in the West was 4238, made by Alfred W. Pace, of the University of Chicago, on February 16 last.

The marks scored by Dindhammer were as follows: Arms, 1189; legs, 2504; trunk, 622; total, 4622.

Dindhammer is 23 years of age, weighs only 150 pounds and is five feet, seven inches high.

MAIL CAR ROBBED.

Mail Clerk Made Inescapable by a Blow on the Head.

TEXARKANA, Dec. 13.—Robbers secured entrance to a mail car on the north-bound cotton-belt passenger train somewhere between Bassetts, Texas, and this city this morning and secured the contents of several registered mail pouches. It is not known how much money they carried off.

MURDER AT SEA.

Boiler on Ship Crown Stabbed Another and Jumped Overboard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—A tragedy of the sea was reported today when the Scottish ship Crown arrived at this port.

John Warrington and P. A. Haguand after many quarrels resorted to knives. Warrington stabbed his antagonist so severely that he died the same day. Before the officers and crew could overpower the assassin he jumped overboard. His body was not recovered.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury to pay all warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to March 1st, 1900. Interest will cease after this date.

E. J. CARNEY, City Treasurer.

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 13, 1900.

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RECEIVER ASKED FOR.

Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association in Trouble.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Before Justice Maddox in the supreme court at Brooklyn today, Wm. B. Hornblower appeared to answer an application of W. E. Kisselberg for appointment of a receiver for the Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association. Kisselberg, representing the attorney-general, in the proceedings informed the court that he intended to prove that the capitalization, rated at fifty million dollars, amounted to less than two millions. The court took the papers and reserved its decision.

TOTAL GOLD YIELD.

Nearly Twenty-Six Million Dollars Brought Out From Klondike and None in Present Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—A careful approximation of the total yield of gold from the Klondike and Alaska, including Nome, for the present year has been completed by the Selby Smelting Company, acting in conjunction with the statistician of the San Francisco mint. The amount aggregates \$25,724,223.61 divided as follows: Klondike, \$21,358,329.17; Nome, \$4,365,894.61.

EGGS FOR NEW ZEALAND.

United States Government Will Aid New Zealand in Propagation of Salmon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Captain G. H. Lambson, of the United States fish commission, will sail today on the steamer Sierra with 500,000 live salmon eggs in his charge which he is taking to the New Zealand government.

These eggs were collected at the United States salmon station at Battle creek, Tehama county, California.

BUYER ASKED FOR.

Buyers Property in England and Is Likely to Remain There.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says: Richard Croker has bought the Most House, Wantage, with much of the surrounding grounds. The price does not exceed \$20,000.

It looks as if Croker intended to make his permanent home there.

CRAWFORD COMING BACK.

Famous Author Will Bring His Wife Here After an Absence of Sixteen Years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—F. Marion Crawford, the author, will sail for Italy Saturday. He came to America recently especially to witness the dramatization of one of his novels. He will return in February with Mrs. Crawford, who has been absent from the United States for sixteen years.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Silver, 64 1/2.

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