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CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA.

New York Clergyman Believes It Will Be the Dominant Influence Within Twenty-five Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—"The Prospect for Christianity in China" was the subject of the discourse delivered in the First Baptist church by Rev. Robert Stewart MacArthur. He said:

"The prospects of Christianity in China are very much brighter than many people suppose. The recent Boxer movement was at the bottom of an evolution, with patriotism and religion as its basis. The Boxers and the Chinese as a whole were as much sinned against as they were sinning.

"The first ground for hope of Christianity in China is found in the ancient worship paid to Shang Ti. This worship is much older than the time of Confucius. His teaching fairly indorsed it, but did not originate it. Shen Ti today is the form of worship under the authority of state. Many authorities versed in matters pertaining to things that are strictly Chinese hold that Shang Ti is the true God. The missionaries ought to go to China as the apostle St. Paul went to Athens. It is a wonderful possibility and at this very moment millions of Chinese are actually worshipping the true God. They pronounce the name of Shang Ti with reverence as the name of the only true God.

"A second ground for hope of Christianity is found in the Pao Ping insurrection against the Tartar dynasty. This movement was at heart a religious one. One earnest leader caught from the Bible the inspiration which manifested itself in this uprising. After the war between China and Great Britain in 1839 broke out, one thousand Chinese became believers in Jesus Christ. They were then called God worshippers. "A revolution is today impending in China. China is arousing from the lethargy and sleep of centuries. Many of the most careful students of present movements in China, men who have long lived there as missionaries, merchants and scholars, do not hesitate to affirm that the dominant influence in China will be Christian before the close of the first quarter of the Twentieth century."

PROTESTANTISM AT MANILA.

Four Hundred Filipinos Attend Meeting to Inaugurate Evangelical Movement.

MANILA, Feb. 4.—Fewer than four hundred persons attended the meeting called by Senor Buencamino at the Risol theater in the Tondo ward of Manila, to inaugurate the "Evangelical movement."

Considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings and there were some expressions of approval of the addresses. No attempt, however, was made to commit the meeting to Protestantism, that aspect of the case being left for subsequent action, at his discretion, to Rev. Jas. B. Rogers, a missionary of the Presbyterian board, who was present.

Senor Buencamino explained that religious effort was wholly outside the Federal party, which had been organized solely to promote political policies.

The first mild applause occurred when he compared the priests to "white ants which eat the substance and leave nothing of value."

Senor Buencamino urged in favor of supplementing the present priests with Filipinos having the privilege of marrying. Gradually he led up to Protestant ideas, and asked whether they were any longer to submit to the authority of a pope or an archbishop. Some shouted "no," but others remained silent.

A Methodist minister baptized a hundred Filipinos at Malibay, about four miles from Manila. Rev. Mr. Proutch has secured scores of signatures in a neighboring village to a declaration in favor of handing the church over to Protestant worship and debaring German Catholics.

WILL BUY TELEGRAPH LINES.

Canadian Government Will Operate Them and Probably Telephone Lines Also.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A special to the Herald from Toronto says:

The Dominion government has practically taken steps to purchase the telegraph systems of Canada, extend them enormously and operate them in connection with the post office department. It is also seriously proposed to follow a similar course with the telephone, but in the case of the latter municipalities will be licensed, as in Great Britain, to operate the system within their own limits.

The question of the absolute control of the Canadian telegraphic service has long been discussed, but not until the present Liberal government came into office has it been possible to talk purchase. With a surplus running from \$2,000,000 to \$7,000,000 for 1900-01 and a prospect of an equally large surplus for 1901-02 the plan seems feasible.

The great desire of Canadian statesmen is to see cables owned by Great Britain under the Atlantic and Pacific joined at each ocean to wires owned by the Dominion, crossing this country, and thus practically girdling the globe by a cable absolutely under imperial control. The business men of Canada are unanimously in favor of the scheme.

INVALIDS ARRIVE.

Four Hundred and Sixty-Four Sick Soldiers Landed at Presidio From Transport Warren.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The 464 sick soldiers who came from Manila on the transport Warren were landed at the Presidio general hospital. The majority are in a convalescent condition.

Two hundred were entered at the hospital and the balance transferred to the post authorities to be mustered out in a few days. Major Penrose of the medical corps, was a passenger on the Warren and is now a patient at the hospital.

Colonel A. S. Daggett, of the Fourteenth infantry, also arrived on a short leave of absence. His regiment has the distinction of being the first to scale the walls of Peking and his regimental flag was the first colors planted on the "walled city."

When the Warren was leaving Manila bay on December 29th one of the assistant engineers misunderstood a signal and sent the vessel ahead instead of astern, with the result that the British steamer Mogul was struck and considerably injured. The engineer was disgraced.

McKINLEY SURELY COMING.

Has Telegraphed President of University of California That He Will Be There in May.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 4.—President Wheeler of the University of California has received a telegram stating that President McKinley will accept his invitation to address the students of the University on commencement day, May 15. This is taken to indicate that President McKinley's proposed trip to the Pacific coast will be made despite reports to the contrary.

PACTOLUS DAMAGED.

Bark Sustained Considerable Damage in Hurricane.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The bark Pactolus, which has arrived here, 161 days from Baltimore, reports that on September 18 a hurricane carried away part of her upper masts and sails and did considerable other damage. Subsequently the vessel was delayed by a succession of gales.

BODY OF QUEEN LAID TO REST

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left England. Those present were accompanied by their suites.

The route was through the Norman gateway, across the quadrangle, through the George IV archway, down the long walk, through the lodge gates and then from the long walk to the mausoleum.

The route from the George IV, archway to the gates of the mausoleum was lined with troops, under command of Colonel Miles, of the First Life Guards. The queen's Pipers played from the gates of the mausoleum itself. On arriving there, the queen's company of Grenadiers opened outward and formed in double rank on the steps of the mausoleum.

The choir met the funeral cortege on the steps. The Highlanders, pipers and servants, on their arrival, went into the mausoleum and took up the positions allotted to them. The coffin was carried into the mausoleum, preceded by the choir and clergy.

The numbers of the royal family took places on each side of the sarcophagus, the royal household standing in the transept on each side. The rest of the ceremony was private, as the space was limited.

The choir sang Sir Arthur Sullivan's anthem, "Ye, Though I Walk," the hymn "Sleep Thy Last Sleep," and Tomponson's "The Face of Death Is Turned Towards the Sun of Light," set to music by Sir Walter Parrott.

KINGS IN ATTENDANCE.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The kings of Portugal, Belgium and Greece returned to Windsor this morning to attend the ceremony of placing Queen Victoria's remains beside those of the Prince Consort at Frogmore.

The Duke of Cornwall and York has recovered enough to sit up for a brief period today.

BELGIAN KING IN DANGER.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The King of the Belgians left for Belgium this evening. At the station the police removed a man who had been acting strangely and who was suspected of having designs against the king.

KING IS GRATEFUL.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—King Edward has gazetted the following to his subjects throughout the empire:

"Now that the last scene has closed in the noble and ever glorious life of my beloved mother, the queen, I am anxious to endeavor to convey to you the whole of the extent of the deep gratitude I feel for the heartrending and affectionate tributes which have everywhere been borne to her memory." After alluding to "the common sorrow," the king concludes by again pledging to "walk in the footsteps of the late queen in fulfilling my great responsibilities."

DISMAL FOREBODINGS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

After today's papers have been read here, there will be a strong public reaction against the melancholy tendencies of the last three weeks. Interest will be stimulated in the new reign, and it is not improbable that the coronation, instead of being deferred until next year, may be hastened. The revised orders for mourning support this belief, and there are precedents for an early coronation.

There is a general feeling that a unique reign has been closed with honor and pageants fully commensurate with the historic occasion and that great business interests will not be allowed to suffer from an undue prolongation of the period of public mourning. The theaters will be reopened this week, new plays coming at Her Majesty's and St. James.

There are croakers who persist in be-

lieving that the nation's cup of bitterness has not been filled to the brim and that other calamities are in reserve. There is much dismal talk about the falling health of the Duke of Cornwall, without any valid reason for it. The king is also reported to be breaking down in health, but there is no evidence of it in his face, figure or manner.

Another rumor that is revived relates to the possible retirement of the prime minister and the reorganization of the ministry under the Duke of Devonshire or Mr. Balfour. This is clearly premature. Lord Salisbury, without doubt, has lost interest in public life and would welcome release from office, but he has a strong sense of duty, and will remain prime minister at the request of the king, at least until the new reign has fairly opened and the sovereign's ears have been diminished. Many dismal forebodings now expressed are due to public gloom and depression.

COLTS WILL REMAIN HERE.

Irish Nobleman Will Not Take His New Purchases Across the Atlantic.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Frankfort, Hamburg's 3-year-old brother, for which Lord Clonmel, the young Irish nobleman, now on a visit to this city, paid \$10,100 at the Daily sale, will remain in this country part of this season, if not throughout it. So will the 2-year-old colts imported Dartman, Choate and Imported Catharine Mor, which respectively cost \$4000, \$3000 and \$3500. Imported Sistrum, the broad mare, purchased for \$4000, may be shipped abroad during the summer. Lord Clonmel sails for home on February 20. Speaking of his purchases, he said:

"The horses will remain here for some time; how long I cannot say. Frankfort is engaged in the Realization and the Annual Champion at Conny Island, the Belmont at Westchester and the American derby at Chicago.

Dartman, Choate and Catharine Mor are all in the Futurity and Matron this year, the Belmont, Realization and Annual Champion next year. They have no engagements abroad and it would not be good management to take them away until they have been given chances to pay for themselves here. A future realization would more than pay for the entire lot and any other of the events named would more than pay for one of the colts.

"Besides, I did not buy the horses for myself. I bought them for a friend who has connections here, and while I will to an extent control them, I will not entirely do so. Who will train them is not settled. I have sent them to Chas. F. Hill, at Monmouth Park. I will have charge of them temporarily, possibly while they are here. I have not all to say about the matter."

MOURNS FOR HIS COLT.

Keene Has Not Yet Learned Cause of Death of Tommy Atkins.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Jas. R. Keene, owner of Tommy Atkins, the famous two-year-old colt which died in England on Saturday, is still undecided as to the cause of the horse's death.

Mr. Keene took the loss of the colt from whose performances in England he expected so much, very philosophically. It could be seen, however, that he felt the loss of the horse more than he cared to show.

Tommy Atkins was purchased as a yearling for \$4500. The colt gave such grand promise that his many engagements in this country were cancelled and he was selected by the Messrs. Keene to race in England this year instead. He was eligible to race in England and France this season.

As a two-year-old, Tommy Atkins ran nine races and only once was out of the money.

WOODEN NUTMEG SCHEME.

Bridgeport Citizens Will Get Their Lives Insured as a Means of Paying Municipal Debt.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 4.—A plan has been proposed to establish certain financial institutions here on a basis of co-operation. It involves the raising of \$6,000,000. Forty thousand citizens are expected to find the money, each taking \$175 worth of stock. Six corporations are to be chartered.

Of the \$175 subscribed by each, \$25 will form a deposit in the savings bank, one of the corporations, while the remainder will pay for one share in each of the other five companies.

With the scheme is a proposition to pay the debts of the municipality by insuring the lives of prominent citizens. The city will pay the premiums and be the beneficiary. Several residents have agreed to take out policies if the scheme goes through.

TRAIN WRECKER ARRESTED.

Mexican Accused of Serious Crimes Found in Arizona.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 4.—A Mexican named Alvinas has been arrested at Clifton, charged with being implicated in the murder of a merchant at Isleta, Texas, a year ago, and also in an attempt to wreck a Southern Pacific train near El Paso.

DIED AT AGE OF 103.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Julia Armstrong died yesterday, aged 103 years.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Silver, 61.

DUTY ON RUSSIAN SUGAR.

Secretary Gage Compelled to Decide Whether One Shall Be Imposed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—According to a special from Washington to the Journal of Commerce, there are two aspects to the problem of whether a countervailing duty shall be laid upon sugar imported from Russia, on the ground that the system of regulating sugar production in Russia is equivalent to a bounty, which will be carefully considered by Secretary Gage before announcing a decision.

One relates to the facts, the other to their legal interpretation. The facts were pretty well ascertained by a special agent of the treasury, who went to Russia last summer. The system is complicated, but has been fully set forth in the report which is before Mr. Gage. The question of how the facts shall be interpreted is now under consideration. Attorney-General Griggs has been asked by Mr. Gage for his opinion.

The facts appear to indicate that there is no payment by the Russian government to the sugar growers, but a considerable tax is levied and production is restricted to a given amount for each establishment. The excess of production must be marketed abroad, but the gross production, including that sold abroad, contributes to the production of the following year. It is in the interest of producers who desire to increase their future quota to purchase the certificates of exportation from those who have produced a surplus, but are less concerned to increase their quota. Thus the purchasers of the certificate are able to secure a larger allowance for the future, while the exporter receives a premium from the purchaser of the certificate, over and above the price he receives for the sugar.

It is contended by the advocates of a countervailing duty that the entire machinery is under the control of the government and that the exporter does, in fact, receive a bounty through government intervention. It is contended, on the other hand, that there is no bounty involved, but that the entire arrangement is a sort of pooling contract between different sugar manufacturers who are taxed heavily in any event and receive no substantial aid from their government. Which of these views is correct, is a problem the secretary of the treasury must eventually decide.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE.

Fishermen on the Columbia Given Five More Days in December.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 4.—In the senate this afternoon the consideration of the bill for the purchase of the Thurston county court house for capital purposes was the special order of business but at the request of all parties concerned went over until Thursday.

In the house Merritt asked that action on his resolution looking to the annexation of the four northern counties of Idaho to the state of Washington, be indefinitely postponed. The newspapers, he said, had charged that the measure was a political one. That charge he claimed to be untrue but in view of the fact that it had been made he would not attempt to push the bill further.

A bill was introduced in the house creating the office of state oil inspector.

A bill was passed making eight hours a day's work in mines, smelters and reduction works.

A bill was passed allowing fishermen on the Columbia five additional days in December for carrying on their industry.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 53¢/55¢.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Wheat, May, 102¢, cash, 97¢.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Wheat, May, opening, 75¢; closing, 75¢.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4.—Wheat, May, 6s. 9d.

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