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### CONFERENCE DISAPPOINTING.

Chinese Had Previously Obtained Copy of Ministers' Indictment and Were Prepared With Evasions.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Peking Tuesday, says:

It is estimated that China will be able to pay without serious burden \$4,000,000 annually for a service loan and \$30,000,000 indemnity. The proposition which meets with most acceptance is that she should take up bonds and then determine the portion of indemnity to be allotted to each power and that she should redeem the bonds within, say, forty-five years.

With reference to today's conference, it should be said that the Chinese had previously obtained a copy of the ministers' indictment against the Chinese officials, and, being aware of the divergent views of the powers regarding the severity of the punishments, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang were well prepared with answers and evasions.

Thus the conference was disappointing. M. Pichon (French minister), who was a most vigorous spokesman, extorted an admission that correspondence signed "Ching" and sent to the British legation during the siege.

As written by Prince Tuan and Chiao. The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, referring to the imperial decree instructing the counselors of the viceroy to compare the Chinese and Western systems with a view of inflicting reforms, says he fears the main object of the decree is to throw dust in the eyes of foreigners to obtain easier terms.

### ANTI-FOREIGN MOVEMENT.

Powerful Combination Said to Have Been Formed for Purpose of Expelling Foreigners.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 7.—According to advices brought by the steamer Empress of China, conservative and reactionary influences are making themselves felt more and more in the neighborhood of the Chinese throne at Hsen and the only hope of giving effect to liberal councils is to induce their majesties to move either to Wu Chang or Nan King, where they would be in direct contact with the Yang Tse valley.

The name of another eunuch is mentioned as having acquired dominant influence in the empress dowager's entourage. The two eunuchs now said to be supreme are Li Twain and Li Tien Yuan. They have forced a combination of the most powerful viceroys and governors of China to drive out all foreigners, especially Russians. This movement is said to have been accelerated by the instructions issued by Prince Ching to Chinese troops in Chili, in accordance with his promise to Field Marshal von Waldersee, directing the Chinese troops to abstain from all movements against foreigners or peaceful Chinese.

### BRITISH AIDING PORTUGUESE.

Delagoa Bay Railway Being Protected and Will Be Used by British Troops.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Daily Mail has the following from its Lisbon correspondent:

The king of Portugal is staying a few days longer in London than he originally intended, at the express wish of King Edward. His visit is likely to have important developments. The Portuguese section of the Delagoa Bay Railway is now in British hands, but this is merely a temporary arrangement between the two governments.

Commenting upon the situation at Delagoa bay and the evidence that the Boers have penetrated into Portuguese territory, the Daily Mail expresses a belief that British troops are now guarding the Delagoa Bay railway down to the sea and that it will be possible to send British troops by the Delagoa bay route. It urges, therefore, that Great Britain gains by the Boer movement.

### STEEL MARKET QUIET.

Good Volume of Business in Structural Material.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Iron Age says:

The iron and steel market is quiet, and it is apt to be at this season of the year. Aside from one sale of 50,000 tons of southern foundry iron to a pipe interest, reported from Chicago, little appears to have been done and buyers generally are purchasing from hand

to month. In bessemer pig, a steel plant in western Pennsylvania has purchased 10,000 tons and the market is steady. In eastern Pennsylvania there were sales of basic pig to the extent of 3000 to 10,000 tons.

The rail trade has been rather quiet. Spot steel continues to command a small premium, the heavy producers being behind on deliveries. A consolidation among the large companies would be particularly powerful in this branch and would probably continue in an emphasized manner the policy of the billet pool, with its tendency to force outsiders to erect their own open hearth steel plants.

Good reports come from various tradecenters relative to the volume of business in structural material.

For a time there was some irregularity in prices of steel here in certain western districts but the market is steadier there now. The tonnage seems to be good.

Sheets are very active in all sections of the country.

### SHIP PYRENEES BURNED.

Left Tacoma for Leith and Was Lost in Southern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Sixteen days on a burning ship in mid-ocean with the hull decks warped and threatening momentarily to blow up, is the story brought to port by Captain Robert Bryce and the crew of twenty-nine of the big four-masted steel ship Pyrenees. They were picked up at Tahiti by the steamer Australia and were on their way to England.

The Pyrenees sailed from Tacoma on October 14, for Leith, with a cargo of 3750 tons of wheat and barley. On November 6, when the vessel was on the equator, fire was discovered in the hold. The hatches were buttoned down and the ship headed for Pitcairn island. Here it was too rough to land.

Governor McCoy, of Pitcairn, boarded the Pyrenees, which then made for Manga Reva, 300 miles away. Here the ship was beached and crew landed. The fire then broke out and the vessel was destroyed. The men were carried on a trading schooner to Tahiti where they took the Australia for this port.

### DEAL BROKEN OFF.

Amalgamation of English and American Shipbuilding Firms is Now Unlikely.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A special to the Times from Philadelphia says:

It is currently reported that all negotiations between the Vickers Brothers-Maxim firm of England and the Cramp Shipbuilding Company of this city looking to the practical amalgamation of the companies have been broken off. It was understood that all details for the carrying out of the plan were to have been perfected at a meeting of the Cramp company, which was said to have been scheduled for today and at which the Vickers Brothers-Maxim representatives were to be present. Now that the deal has been declared off the matter is not likely to be mentioned at this meeting.

### MANY RAILROADS PLANNED.

Boundary Creek Mining District of British Columbia Will Have Several Lines.

TACOMA, Feb. 7.—The building of one or more railroads through the Boundary Creek mining district of British Columbia during the coming summer seems to be assured. Four applications have been made to the Dominion government for charters over routes passing through or terminating at Grand Forks. Three requests are made for charters to build east from the coast up Fraser river, through Hope pass and along the international boundary to Grand Forks. One of these applications is from the Canadian Pacific. Two projects have been proposed by their objective point and two others propose building from Grand Forks to the North Fork of the Kettle river.

### KAISER IS THANKFUL.

Honor Conferred Upon Him Will Enable Him to Wear Uniform Similar to that of Duke of Wellington.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Court Circular announces that Emperor William, in thanking King Edward for conferring upon him the rank of field marshal, said the honor enabled him to wear a uniform similar to that worn by the Duke of Wellington and Earl Roberts, a compliment that would be highly appreciated in the German army.

### DISINFECTION USELESS.

No Possibility of Contagion From Clothing Worn by Yellow Fever Patients.

HAVANA, Feb. 7.—An interesting paper was read before the Pan-American Medical Congress by Dr. Reed on the propagation of yellow fever by mosquitoes.

The specific cause of yellow fever still continued unknown, he said, but the work of the yellow fever commission at Quetzal was conclusively proven, in his opinion, that the mosquito served as an intermediary in conveying the disease, the spread of which was due to this medium alone.

The commission had concluded, therefore, Dr. Reed added, that the disinfection of clothing was not only unnecessary but useless, owing to the impossibility of contagion from such a source.

"The experiments of the commission showed," said Dr. Reed, "that the mosquito is unable to propagate the disease until twelve days after being infected, and is only infected by biting a yellow fever patient during the first two days of the patient's illness. The same result was found by injecting the blood of a yellow fever patient into a healthy system. Blood taken after the first two days' illness does not affect the second subject."

"The length of time during which a mosquito can retain the poisonous germ has not been determined; but an instance came under the observation of the commission where a mosquito after fifty-one days infected a subject with a pronounced case of yellow fever. The mosquito of the yellow fever type is smaller than the mosquito of the malaria type. It is a distinct species and propagates day and night."

"On the motion of Dr. Wilde, a movement has been started to induce all the American governments to send delegates to a congress called particularly for the purpose of studying yellow fever, the delegates to remain in session several months."

### MET HORRIBLE DEATH.

Five of Crew of Steamer Ventura Cooked by Bursting Steam Pipe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The new steamer Ventura, which arrived here today from Philadelphia, brings news of the scalding to death of five of her crew and the injury of five others as the result of the bursting of one of her steam pipes on the voyage.

The killed were: George W. Robb, junior engineer; J. William Faren, seaman; J. Desmond, fireman; Paul Bier, coal passer; Felix Glass, stowaway. The accident occurred January 23, four days after the Ventura left the straits of Magellan. The main steam pipe in the port boiler burst. Instantly the engine room was filled with scalding steam. The men could not escape and to their cries of agony were added those of Glass, who was caught in a small compartment near the boilers.

When the other members of the crew were able to reach the men they found that they were literally cooked to death. Five bodies were buried at sea.

### SITE FOR NAVAL ARCH.

Battery Park Has Been Approved by New York City Officials.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The approval of the city officials has been given to Battery Park for a site for a naval arch to commemorate the deeds of valor by the United States sailors. Mayor Van Wyck gave his approval of a site selected by a committee of the naval academy alumni association and he said \$1,000,000 ought to be raised for such a purpose.

According to the naval men who have taken hold of the plan, the money will be raised either by popular subscription from the city of New York or by aid from the state of New York or the U. S. government.

### BIG RECLAMATION DEAL.

Idaho Land Board Has Closed a Deal by Which 700,000 Acres Are to Be Reclaimed.

BOISE, Feb. 7.—There has been a persistent effort made at this session of the legislature to have the law against gambling repealed. A bill was introduced for the purpose but its supporters found they could not hope to pass it. Therefore they have changed their line of attack and today introduced a substitute from the committee providing for local option on the gambling subject. It repeals the present law and authorizes the county commissioners to license gambling. At the next election the people of the counties shall have the right to vote on the prohibition of games.

The final step as far as the state is concerned was taken today in one of the biggest reclamation propositions under the Carey act yet undertaken. The state land board closed a deal with the American Falls Power and Canal Company which means ultimate reclamation of a tract of about 700,000 acres.

### LETTER FROM BRYAN.

He Gives His Views on the Coinage Bill Now Before the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Chairman Borah, of the house committee on coinage, today received from William J. Bryan the latter's view of the pending bill before the house making silver dollars redeemable in gold. Mr. Bryan said:

"The measure recommended by the committee gives to the financiers abso-

lute control over the national debt. They can increase it at any time by presenting silver dollars for redemption and compelling an issue of bonds to replenish the gold reserve. They can in the same way contract the volume of money in circulation.

"The conversion of standard silver dollars into subsidiary coin is equivalent to the retirement of silver as standard money and this is the last act in the program instituted some twenty-seven years ago and perseveringly pursued ever since. If this is completed, gold will be the only legal tender money and bank paper only credit money. Bank notes not being generally legal tender and gold not being in circulation among the people, the masses will be doing their business with money which will not legally discharge their debts."

### TRANSCONTINENTAL DEAL.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company Makes Traffic Arrangements With Union Pacific.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A special to the Times from Philadelphia says:

Persistent rumors which could not be confirmed, yet find credence in railroad and financial circles, are to the effect that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has entered a transcontinental deal which insures it traffic from ocean to ocean. It is said to have made a compact with the Union Pacific, which recently acquired the Southern Pacific. The deal is said to include both the Atchafson and Southern Pacific railway systems.

One Pennsylvania railroad official said:

"I do not believe that the rumors of negotiations for the Atchafson and Southern Pacific systems are the proper explanation, but the Pennsylvania and Southern Pacific are pretty close; an ocean deal might easily be arranged. The rumors of the Pennsylvania-Union Pacific deal may have some real foundation in fact. If they are true, I am inclined to think the Atchafson and Southern Pacific railway systems may be included."

### STRONG SPEECH BY BUELOW.

Imperial German Chancellor Will Do All He Can to Aid Agriculture.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—At a session of the German Agricultural College, Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, made a strong speech regarding the vital importance of protecting and fostering German agriculture.

He declared that he would look after agriculture, not only as a duty of the chancellor, but as a personal matter and with all his heart.

"To this I pledge my name," he exclaimed, "a name whose bearers have cultivated German soil for centuries."

### DENVER OFFICIALS SUSPENDED.

Charged With Receiving Bribes From Gambling Houses, Etc.

DENVER, Feb. 7.—The fire and police board has suspended Arthur Marlyn, captain of police, and Ward Carberry, George Sanders and T. E. McInduff, detectives, and Policeman John Slack, pending a public investigation of the charges of receiving bribes from keepers of gambling houses, houses of ill fame and other criminals. The investigation will occur Friday.

### SUICIDE IN CALIFORNIA.

Wealthy German Lady of Distinguished Family Shot Herself While Insane.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Frederick Hansch shot and killed herself last night while temporarily insane. Mrs. Hansch was the daughter of Baron Myer, a wealthy banker of Dresden, Germany, and her mother was an English lady of noble birth. The family estates in England are said to be among the largest, including much property in London. Her income is reported to be about \$70,000 a year.

### KING TO OPEN PARLIAMENT.

Ancient State Coach Will Be Used for First Time Since Prince Consort's Death.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—An official announcement is made that it has been definitely determined that King Edward will open his first parliament February 14, with full state ceremonial. The ancient state coach, which has not been used since the prince consort's death, will be employed. The precedent of 1856, the last occasion on which Queen Victoria opened parliament in person, will be followed.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

San Francisco Man Shot His Wife Because of Broken Engagement.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 7.—In a frenzy of rage because she had broken the engagement, Bert Henderson, an employee of the telephone company in San Francisco shot and seriously wounded his fiancée, Miss Fannie O'Neill, late last night then turned the pistol on himself, fired a bullet into his own brain and died almost instantly.

### HORSE MEAT NOT WANTED.

Slaughter of Horses and Sale of Meat Forbidden in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—This board of health by a unanimous vote has prohibited the future slaughter in this city of horses and the sale of meat from all such animals slaughtered elsewhere.

### NO MORE CROWN CLAIMS.

All in Klondike Will Be Thrown Open on February 28 for Staking.

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—Advices from Dawson state that hereafter there will be no crown reservations of mining claims in the Klondike or Northwest Territory. All claims still held by the crown, including many fractional claims, with the exception of some which are involved in litigation and others which are reserved for compensation, will be thrown open on February 28 for staking.

Advices have been received at Dawson from Ottawa to the effect that, on account of non-compliance with government regulations, concessions have been revoked on Sixty Mile, Ten Mile, Slate Creek, Stewart River, Fifty Mile, Ottawa and Ballard creeks.

### SUICIDE SUSPECTED.

Mysterious Death of Slater of Prominent Buffalo Republican.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Miss Kate Greiner, sister of Frederick Greiner, of Buffalo, one of the leading Republicans of Erie county, has just died in St. Luke's hospital.

The hospital physicians suspect carbolic acid poisoning, but this idea is scouted by a lady who occupied the same room with Miss Greiner.

Miss Greiner was several years superintendent of nurses in a hospital in Minneapolis. She was one of seven women who entered the class in domestic science when that branch of study was established two years ago in Columbia University. She desired to fit herself to be superintendent of a hospital and had been studying industriously.

### GREEN WAS GUILTY.

Man Who Confessed to Murder and Then Retracted Is Wanted.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 7.—Chief of Police Sullivan has received a telegram from District Attorney George Cummings of Harrison, Michigan, stating that he would send an officer at once for Henry Green, who on Christmas night walked into the Sacramento police station and confessed to the murder of Owen Peley, in Michigan, twenty-five years ago.

Green retracted his confession the next day but has been held in custody ever since.

### NICARAGUA CANAL QUESTION.

Accession of King Edward Will Lead to a Pacific Settlement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—W. T. Stead, in a dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London, says:

"The accession of King Edward may lead to a pacific settlement of the Nicaragua canal question. The king and his ministers do not wish to begin the new reign with a wrangle with America about a question in which no substantial British interests are involved."

### LIBRARY FOR TACOMA.

Andrew Carnegie Offers \$50,000 on Conditions Which Are Accepted.

TACOMA, Feb. 7.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to give the city of Tacoma \$50,000 for a library building on condition that a site be furnished and \$5000 yearly spent in maintaining it. The city has accepted the gift.

### JAPANESE DEFICIENCY.

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 29, via Victoria, B. C., Feb. 7.—The Japanese finance minister has issued a statement showing an estimated national deficiency of 99,000,000 yen.

### WALL STREET EXCITED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The clamor of the vast projected steel combination swept over Wall street today and dominated speculation almost completely.

### WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54 1/2c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Wheat, May, 1c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Wheat, May, opening 75 1/2c; closing, 75 1/2c.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 7.—Wheat, May, 6s. 14d.

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