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No More Concessions From China Unless Other Powers Consent.

PLAN PROPOSED BY AMERICA

Chinese Forces in Manchuria Reported to Be Joining Boxers - Rev. Ament Explains Stories of His Letter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—At the instance of the United States government the powers have accepted the principle that no further individual concession of territory in China shall be sought or obtained by any one power without international assent.

PRESENT STATUS UNCERTAIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—It is still uncertain whether Minister Conger's message stating that China had agreed to the demands of the powers marks the passage of this important phase of the Chinese question, relative to punishment, and the taking up of the questions of indemnity and guarantees.

COURT ISSUES EDICT.

PEKIN, Feb. 21.—Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have received telegraphic instructions from the court to notify the ministers of the powers that an edict has been issued regarding the punishments of Chinese officials, confirmatory of the demands by the ministers as follows:

"General Tung Fuh Siang, to be degraded and deprived of his rank.

"Prince Tuan and Duke Lan, to be disgraced and exiled.

"Prince Chuang, Ying Nien and Chao Shu Chiao, to commit suicide.

"Hsu Chen Yu, Yu Hsein and Ki Hain, to be beheaded.

This is not exactly what the ministers demanded, but it is considered advisable to agree to it as the demand for lives has been agreed to except in the case of General Tung Fuh Siang, whom the court is powerless to molest.

No one believes General Tung Fuh Siang will ever suffer punishment. People here say Chinese imperial edicts are very unstable documents, especially when private edicts to the executive officials accompany the public edict.

A recent decree ordered all the indicted officials to commit suicide, yet it is evident a secret edict was sent instructing the persons implicated not to obey.

What proof, it is asked, is there now that the terms of the decree will be carried out?

Prince Ching is greatly alarmed at the preparations for the military expedition into the interior. He asks why they are not countermanded, now that China has agreed to the demands of the powers, instead of which the preparations continue.

J. Fowler, the United States consul at Che Foo, has sent Minister Conger a proclamation issued by Yuen Shi Kai, the governor of the province of Shan Tung, giving protection to the missionaries, and offering a reward of 200 taels for the capture of any of the ringleaders of the recent disturbances, and offering a reward of 100 taels for the capture of others than those actually committing outrages.

The civil and military authorities will be held strictly accountable for the good order of their districts. When outrages are committed, they will be disgraced and reported to the throne. Where no other outrages occur for three years, the civil and military authorities will be rewarded by a merit tablet and button.

matter be referred to Minister Conger for decision.

TROUBLE IN MANCHURIA. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—The Nvoe Vremya's Vladivostok dispatches report that trouble is again rising in southern Manchuria. Boxer missionaries have already arrived there, and Chinese forces are joining the Boxer movement.

EXPLANATION FROM AMENT.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., foreign secretary of the American board, says that on February 18th he sent this dispatch to the Rev. Ament, at Pekin:

"Ament, Pekin—Report of December 24th you are collecting thirteen times actual losses, using for propagation the gospel. Are these statements true? Cable specific answer."

Dr. Smith has received the following reply, dated February 19:

"Statements untrue. Collected one-third for church expenses and additional actual damages now supporting widows and orphans. Publication thirteen times blunder cable. All collections received approval of Chinese officials who are urging further settlements same line."

AMENT IN BOXER PALACE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—J. Martin Miller, of this city, who has just arrived, having reached England from China by way of Ceylon, said in an interview:

"I attended two sales of loot in the Boxer palace which the Rev. Dr. Ament occupied in Pekin, after the relief by the allies. Dr. Ament took possession of the treasures which he found there, held sales and kept account of the proceeds, crediting them against the claims which he makes for mission property destroyed. Much of the loot was bought by an American speculator of Shanghai."

"I had an interview with Li Hung Chang, which indicated that he was preparing to offset the claims of the powers for indemnity by giving an account of the loot taken. His excellency was in very good humor."

"I have just had the Christian commandments read to me," he said through his interpreter, "and I think they need revising. The eighth commandment should be made to read 'thou shall not steal, but thou mayest loot.'"

"It has been said that your excellency is favoring Russia in the negotiations because you have an understanding with that country and are to be the governor of Manchuria," I suggested.

"I am simply grateful to Russia for having withdrawn her troops," his excellency replied.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Important Measures Suggested to British Columbia House.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 21.—Among the measures foreshadowed in the speech from the throne which will be read at the opening of the house tomorrow, is understood to be one to grant aid to the railway from the coast to the Kootenai, a railway through Northern British Columbia and to the Yukon, and a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island. Some changes will be made in mining laws and inducements will be offered to immigrants and a grant of land will be made to each British Columbia volunteer who went to South Africa.

CABLE RATES REDUCED.

Western Union Announces New Schedule to Brazilian Points.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that the route to Brazil, "via Galveston" and the lines and cables of the Central and South American Telegraph Company, will be reopened on the 22nd inst. at reduced rates as follows:

SCANDAL IN HIGH LIFE.

British Major Sues for Divorce, Naming Recently Married Duke of Westminster as Co-respondent.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Major T. J. Atherton, second in command of the Twelfth (Prince of Wales) Lancers, now in South Africa, has filed a suit for divorce against his wife, Mabel Louisa Atherton, naming the Duke of Westminster as the co-respondent. The proceedings have long been anticipated. Within the past thirty-six hours a lawyer, who is looked upon as the leader of the divorce-court bar, has been retained in behalf of the petitioner.

The case cannot be aired in court at any rate for some months, and possibly not before autumn, and the friends of the just-married duke may succeed in compromising the matter and preventing a trial. But, as Major Atherton is reported to have already refused a check of £40,000 as compensation for the injury he is said to have sustained, the task ahead of those who are trying to arrange a settlement, among whom is said to be King Edward, himself, would seem to be insuperable.

Major Atherton ought to have succeeded to the command of the Twelfth regiment when its late colonel, the Earl of Airlie, was killed in South Africa in June last, but he was passed over in favor of Colonel B. T. Mahon, who commanded the British forces which relieved Mafeking.

The wife, Mabel Louisa Atherton, is a sister to Sir Aubrey Paul, Bart. She married the major in 1892. They have one son, born in 1899. Mrs. Atherton is a good-looking, stylish woman, about 35 years of age. She belongs to the London smart set.

When Mrs. Atherton went to South Africa her husband's regiment was with Lord Methuen's command at the Modder river, and she proceeded there. Mrs. Atherton was at the Modder-river camp with other women when Dr. Treves denounced the "plague of women" at the front in South Africa. The Duke of Westminster, then Lord Melbourne, and the brother of a well-known South African millionaire, whose name has also been mentioned with that of Mrs. Atherton, were at the same camp.

For a long time Major Atherton remained in ignorance of the camp gossip, but finally some of his brother officers notified him of the facts in the case.

Mrs. Atherton returned to England in October, and stopped off at the Island of Madeira. There she took passage on a steamer which was taking the Duke of Westminster home. They arrived in London November 2.

Since the return of Mrs. Atherton, the Grosvenor family (the duke's name is Hugh Richard Arthur Grosvenor) has been engaged in an attempt to prevent the case getting into the courts. The Countess of Grosvenor, the duke's mother, invited Mrs. Atherton to her house. This move silenced the gossip for some time. Then came the report of the service of a citation on the Duke of Westminster the day of his marriage, which was disproved by the fact that the suit was not then filed.

The Duke of Westminster was married at St. Paul's church, Knighthbridge, London, February 16, to Miss Shelagh West, daughter of Colonel William Cornwallis West.

MILITARY RAILROAD RATES.

Agents of Various Lines Form a Pool to Prevent Cutting.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The Tribune says:

General passenger agents of the transcontinental roads in session in this city considered measures for the absolute maintenance of military rates. Many of the regiments in the Philippines are expected to return home in the near future and the roads are anxious to prevent a scramble for the business by the various lines and the cutting of rates below a paying basis. A pool is now being formed in connection with this business and it is to be divided equally among all the competing roads.

To carry out this agreement, it was decided that no bids shall be made by individual roads, but that hereafter Chairman McLeod, of the Western Passenger Association, is to put in a bid for all roads when the government asks for bids.

EDITOR CARRIE NATION.

Will Not Make Lecturing Tour but Prefers to Imitate Bryan.

TOPEKA, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Carrie Nation is to enter politics and to become editor of "The Smashers' Mail," a paper to be run in behalf of negroes. She has refused tempting offers to lecture and will remain in Topeka and help elect a "clean man" for mayor at the spring election. These matters were announced today by the crusader from her cell in the county jail after one charge against her, that of smashing the Senate saloon two weeks ago, had been dismissed. She is still being held on the charge of breaking into Rogers' cold storage plant last Sunday.

NEW COALING STATIONS.

Several Are to Be Established by the Navy Department.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—According to a Washington special to the Herald, Rear-Admiral Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, has prepared plans for the establishment of new coaling stations immediately after the appropriations authorized in the pending

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 55¢@55 1/2.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Wheat, December, 104 1/2; cash, 85.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Wheat, May, opening, 76 1/2@76 3/4; closing, 75 3/4.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 21.—Wheat, May, 6s. 9d.

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POSITIONS FOR VETERANS.

Grand Army Men Think They Should Have Preference in Government Jobs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A meeting of the War Veterans and Sons Association was held last night in Brooklyn at which General George B. Loring, department inspector of the state, spoke on "Washington."

In introducing General Loring, James W. Kay, chairman of the committee on legislation of the Grand Army, took occasion to speak on the question of the preference of the members of the G. A. R. for minor positions in the employ of the government. Mr. Kay said it was said that congress should during the thirty-five years following the civil war have been appealed to over in vain to give a reasonable preference in the minor positions to the veterans of the greatest war of history.

STREET RAILWAY COMBINE.

Oakland Transit Company Controls Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley Lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The Call says:

"The Oakland Transit Company has secured control of the entire street railway mileage of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, and the only line that is not in the combination is the Haywards system."

"Both the Oakland Transit Company and Oakland Railroad Company will pass out of existence. The stock in these two corporations will be called in and a new corporation will be formed to control the entire street railway system."

PLAN FOR ARBITRATION.

Unanimously Adopted by American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—At the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association today a plan for the arbitration of labor disputes, which had been submitted by a special committee yesterday, was unanimously adopted. The agreement now awaits ratification by the local union of the International Typographical Union.

OREGON EXPRESS DERAILED.

North-Bound Train Off Track in the Siskiyou.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 21.—The north-bound Oregon express, known as No. 12, is off the track in the Siskiyou mountains, between Siskiyou and Hornbrook. No particulars of the wreck have been received here. The south-bound Oregon express has been delayed on account of the wreck. Local trains are being run between this city and Dunsmuir for the accommodation of Northern California passengers.

JOCKEY SAILS FOR ENGLAND.

Will Ride This Season at Salary of \$10,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—"Danny" Maher, the jockey, has sailed for England, where he will ride this season for Pierre Lorillard at a salary of \$10,000. Maher will also ride for Sir J. Miller, who owns Marconi, the favorite for the Lincolnshire handicap.

GOLD IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Government Returns for 1900 Show Production Valued at \$5,999,990.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 21.—The government returns for 1900 show that the production of gold in Nova Scotia was 19,900 ounces, valued at \$5,999,990. This is the second highest annual yield since gold was discovered in 1859. The yield of 1899 was 35,000 ounces on account of new findings.

FOUR MURDERS IN CUBA.

Men Killed While Attempting to Burn Sugar Fields.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—Four murders and two disappearances are reported from Santa Clara. It is said that the men were killed while attempting to burn sugar fields. The civil government of the province is investigating.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Silver, 61 1/2.

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