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NOW IN MANCHURIA

The Japanese Forces Have Invaded China.

ARE ADVANCING ON THE CAPITOL

Reported Provisional Agreement Between Russia and China--Yellow Fever in Salvador.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Shanghai says it is reported the Japanese have succeeded in entering the Chinese province of Manchuria and are advancing upon the capital of Moukden. It is also said fighting has taken place between the invaders and Chinese at a town between that city and the frontier. The engagement is said to have ended in a decisive victory for the Japanese, who established themselves in the position previously occupied by the Chinese troops. No details of this reports are given and the Chinese at Shanghai discredit the report.

At the Japanese Legation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—At the Japanese legation today no official confirmation of the reported Japanese invasion of Manchuria and the reported decisive victory of the Japanese near Moukden, the capital of the Chinese province, could be obtained. It was pointed out, however, the invasion of Manchuria would be the direct result of the Japanese victory at Ping Yang, and the diplomats were willing to credit the news of a victory. The report from Paris of the provisional agreement between Russia and China, said to have been effected in July, by which Russia agrees not to cross the Sir-i-Kol, was regarded as possible if not probable, although the fact of its having been kept so long a secret was believed to militate against its authenticity. It was said, however, such an agreement made just as the trouble between China and Japan was being precipitated, had no bearing on that struggle and was probably simply a provisional settlement of the Pamirian question which long has been a bone of contention.

Russia and China.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph Company says its correspondent there learns on the best authority that in July last a provisional agreement was effected between Russia and China in regard to the future action of Russia in the Pamirs. It is agreed by the two countries the forces of neither power should pass the Sir-i-Kol range. The agreement re-established friendly relations between Russia and China, and has an important bearing upon the fortunes of China in the present struggle. Russia, however, the dispatch adds, is not likely to maintain a friendly attitude toward China without substantial terms.

Yellow Fever in Salvador.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—Private advices from Salvador state that an epidemic of yellow fever is raging throughout the republic, and the mortality is very great. All ports but Acajutla have been closed. The disease is particularly fatal to foreigners, taking them off inside of 24 hours. American Consul Pollock was one of the first victims of the disease, and his death was followed shortly by that of Mrs. Crawford, a well known lady of Oakland, Cal.

Coming to Arrange Matters.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, controller of the general national debt office, is going to the United States as a representative of the European stockholders of the Central Pacific railway, and will negotiate with the government at Washington in regard to the Central Pacific's debt to that government. Wilson will also ascertain what modifications can be made in the lease between the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific companies.

Dismissed Employees Organize.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Some half a hundred ex-soldiers and ex-sailors, who have been dismissed from the government service, have organized an association and adopted resolutions denouncing the president administration for its utter disregard for the rights of soldiers and sailors of the late war. Major Bur-

ton, president of the organization, says it will represent more than 2000 ex-government employees, who have been dismissed since the present administration was inaugurated.

Fire at Mission San Jose.

OAKLAND, Sept. 28.—The loss at the Mission San Jose fire last night is about \$50,000, largely covered by insurance. The fire caught in a barn. It is not known whether it was incendiary or not. It was confined to one side of the street. The following named are the sufferers: E. Ehrman, store; Charles Steiner, hotel and saloon; Joseph Sunderer, store; Dan Coffin, livery stable; William Gibson, saloon and livery stable; Frank Herdel, hotel.

Suicide of a Contractor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—The body of Jacob Zahn, contractor for several of the midwinter fair buildings, was found in his room in this city this morning. The gas jets had been turned on and Zahn had evidently died of asphyxiation. An unsigned contract for the removal of one of the fair buildings to Tacoma, a gold watch and about \$20 in money were found on his person. His landlady says he had been very despondent of late.

A Father's Vengeance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—K. Aldersley, father of Alice Aldersley, who was found dead under suspicious circumstances in the apartments of J. J. Leek, in this city in March last, will appear before the grand jury today and ask them to investigate charges of conspiracy and murder against Dr. Bowers and J. J. Leek, who he claims, are responsible for his daughter's death.

Escaped From His Guard.

UNION, Or., Sept. 28.—Sib Lansing, who was confined in the county jail to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of larceny from a dwelling, while doing some work outside the prison walls this morning succeeded in evading his guard and making his escape. He has been tracked about 10 miles by the officers, and is now in hiding in the tules with the officers close after him.

Revolutionists in Southern Brazil.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A special from Buenos Ayres says: "Correspondents at Rio Grande do Sul telegraph that the revolutionists are actuated by a desire to avenge the recent cruelties and are assembling in the mountains near the frontier of Uruguay. It is reported this force numbers 5,000, and that a demonstration against the government will soon be made."

Howgate Taken to Washington.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Captain Howgate, arrested yesterday on a charge of embezzling \$360,000 from the government, was brought before Judge Benedict in the United States district court today on an application for an order for his removal to Washington. Howgate said he had no objection to being taken to Washington Judge Benedict then signed the order.

The Peruvian Ministerial Scandal.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A special from Lima says the report of the committee of the senate appointed to investigate the charges against the former minister of finance has been made, and that it recommended that he be indicted. Congress will consider whether a prosecution will be ordered. The government has sent reinforcements to Huacho.

Anarchists in Costa Rica.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A special from Panama says news has been received from Costa Rica of an anarchistic attempt to assassinate President Iglesias during the military review at San Jose. Five shots were fired at the president by an anarchist named Micanosa. Dynamite was found in the house where an accomplice named Jiminez lived.

Children of Mixed Marriages.

BUDA-PESTH, Sept. 28.—At the bishops' conference today the primate of Hungary read a letter from the pope directing the episcopate to use its efforts with the magnates to obtain modifications of the bill dealing with the religion of children of mixed marriages, but the letter added the agitation must not take an illegal form.

Carnegie Will Cut Wages.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28.—The Carnegie company proposes to reduce the wages of 5000 employees at the Edgar Thomson steel works. The scale expires October 30th. Since it was formulated the

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TOO MANY BEARS.

A Hunter Who Found More Game Than He Wanted.

The author of "Camp-Fires of a Naturalist" was out by himself, looking idly towards the woods now and then, as he says, but not expecting to see anything, when suddenly there appeared on the edge of the timber some moving objects. He could not make out what they were, but there were so many of them that he concluded they must be goats. He stood still waiting for them to get nearer. Suddenly there came out of the forest, not more than seventy yards away, a huge, grizzly bear. He says:

"Before I could realize what had happened, out came another, then a third, a fourth, a fifth, a sixth and a seventh."

"Just think of it, seven big bears in sight all at once. I knew I was in a most dangerous situation. On one hand was a bottomless precipice, and on the other a herd of the most ferocious animals which range the mountains."

"There was only one thing to do, and I did it to perfection. That was to stand perfectly still and let the bears go about their business. I was hunting bears, but not those particular bears."

"There I stood in perfectly plain sight, but they did not see me. They were walking fast, and I had a capital opportunity to observe their mode of travel. I no longer wondered at my not being able to overtake them on the trail. They went swinging along in a sort of shambling trot or canter almost as fast as the gait of a horse. Some would stop for a second or two, turning over logs and stones, and then hurry on to overtake the rest."

A Presumptuous Secretary.

Emperor William I. of Germany at the close of the French war dictated to his private secretary an address which he intended to deliver to the German army. The final sentence ran thus: "But do not forget that we must all be grateful toward Providence; for Providence has willed that we should be the instrument destined to accomplish what are such great events in the history of the world." The secretary, having his own ideas, as even the secretaries of emperors and kings cannot help having, wrote: "Providence has permitted." "Stop!" said the aged emperor. "Do you imagine that I could have supported the burden of this war if I had not entertained the firm conviction that Providence willed it? Write the word as I dictated it."

Chinese Emperor Dissatisfied.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that the emperor is dissatisfied with the course events are taking, and that affairs are gradually working toward a coup d'etat.

The Chinese warship Kwang Chan is reported lost while running from the fight at the mouth of the Yalu river.

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