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FRANCE'S ULTIMATUM

Reply of the Hova Government Published.

THE BRITISH CONSUL TO BLAME

St. Petersburg Journal Declares Japan Must Explain to the Powers for Refusing China's Peace.

PORT LEWIS, Island of Mauritius, Nov. 29.—The reply of the Hova government to the French ultimatum has been published. Madagascar agreed the French resident-general shall act as an intermediary between the Hova government and the foreign powers. France is to carry out such public works as the Madagascar judges deem necessary. They propose that all disputes between France and themselves be settled by a mixed court. Lastly, the Hovas demand the delimitation of French territory around Diego Sayrens, and the right to import munitions.

China on Her Knees.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—China has succumbed to the inevitable and has sued for peace. Her proposals will be presented to Japan through the United States ministers at Peking and Tokio, thus promising a termination of the war, as the result, in part at least, of the exercise of the good offices of the United States. It is not possible at this time to learn the terms of China's proposition, as handed to Minister Denby, but it is probable it provides for but two concessions—a money indemnity and a relinquishment of the suzerainty over Corea. It is improbable that the first treaty will be accepted by Japan, as such overtures are rarely accepted, but this proposition will open the way to a counter offer of terms by Japan, through Minister Dun, and the negotiations, if successful, and if they follow the usual course, will lead to a trace, under proper guarantee, or a preliminary agreement to cease hostilities, and, finally, to the signature to a definite treaty of peace. Just how this proposition will be brought about is not known yet. It is probable, however, that as the matter is in the hands of the American ministers in China and Japan, the visit of Mr. Detring, commissioner of maritime affairs at Tien-Tsin, to Japan, is to be directly connected with the peace negotiations, as has been supposed.

Would Not Receive Detring.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says that Commissioner Detring and his suite sailed for Tien-Tsin today. Count Ito, the Japanese prime minister, declined to receive the commissioner, stating that he would only receive an envoy who had been directly appointed by the Chinese government at Peking, and would hold no communication with the viceroy's messenger.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Herald's special from Shanghai this morning says: "The overtures for peace made by Mr. Detring, on behalf of China, to Japan, have been totally rejected, as Mr. Detring had no credential from Peking. This fact confirms the belief that he only went to Japan in order to pave the way for Viceroy Li Hung Chang, who is now excommunicated everywhere in China. Detring bore a letter from Li Hung Chang to the mikado. The failure of Mr. Detring's mission confirms the belief in the downfall of Li Hung Chang. The Japanese will most likely refuse to desist from the war until Peking is reached."

The Destruction of Derelicts.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The admiralty and board of trade committee, which has been considering the subject of the destruction of derelict vessels, has made its report. The committee does not advise the adoption by the government of any scheme for the destruction of abandoned vessels or the holding of an international conference on the subject. It recommends a better reporting of derelicts as a character, location, etc., and a periodical publication of such reports. The report further says that the dangers of disaster resulting from collision with the derelicts is probably greatly exaggerated, as the number afloat at one time in the entire North Atlantic had

not exceeded 19. The publication of information in regard to derelict vessels given in charts issued by the United States would be impracticable, and its use would be likely to mislead mariners and needlessly alarm them.

Both Sides are to Blame.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The reported Japanese atrocities at Port Arthur are confirmed from various sources, but it is believed they were due to continued atrocities upon the part of the Chinese. A letter to the Times from Tokio, dated October 14, says the Chinese do not take prisoners. From the dead and wounded vanquished they shear off the heads and string them together with a rope passed through the mouth and the gullet. The Japanese have seen these ghastly remnants of their comrades. A barrel full of mutilated remains were found by the Japanese after the battle of Ping Yang.

One Says He Will be Summoned to Save the Country.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—From Tien-Tsin the Central News hears: Li Hung Chang has gone to Pao Lin Foo, his usual winter residence, and the seat of the provincial government. His departure has given rise to many false rumors to the effect that he has been degraded. The viceroy's friends say that the time is near when he will be summoned to Peking to save the country by his statesmanship.

An Organization of Thieves

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—The Thieves' Protective and Mutual Benefit Club was raided last night and 12 of its members arrested. The club has a president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms. Only men who have been convicted of crime were eligible to membership. All the officers were well-known thieves. The meetings were carried on under a semblance of parliamentary rules.

His Lawsuit is Ended.

EDINBURGH, Nov. 29.—The body of J. T. Stewart, of Dumfriesshire, was found this morning in a quarry near his residence. It is believed that while on his way home he missed his way and fell over the edge of the quarry and was instantly killed. Stewart was a claimant to the estate of Millionaire Merchant A. T. Stewart, and a suit instituted by him is still pending.

Whipped by Female Whitecaps.

COOPERSTOWN, Vt., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Jane Gray, a woman who has been living alone in a small house on the outskirts of town, was taken out of bed by a party of masked women last night. She was stripped and taken to the field, where she was severely beaten with whips and ordered to leave town under penalty of worse treatment the next time.

Another Japanese Victory.

HIROSHIMA, Nov. 28.—There was an engagement near Mollen Ling November 25th. The Kirin troops tried to break the Japanese right flank, but were repulsed. The Japanese loss was forty-eight killed and wounded. The loss of the Chinese is said to have been immense.

Funeral of Princess Bismarck.

VERSEIN, Nov. 29.—The funeral of Princess Bismarck was conducted today by a local preacher. The body was temporarily deposited in a pavilion in the park, where a specially arranged service was held, only members of the family being present.

England Admits Being Wrong.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—It is reported the Bluefields matter has been settled, Great Britain having, upon the representations of the United States, admitted that Mr. Gouling, British minister, exceeded his authority. The affair may lead to his recall.

Long Distance Telephoning.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—A number of journalists in Berlin and Vienna today made a trial of a telephone between the two cities, and conversation was successfully maintained. The line will be formally opened for use December 2.

Powers Want an Explanation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 29.—Novoe Vremya declares the irreconcilable attitude of Japan in refusing China's peace proposals renders it incumbent upon the powers to demand explanations regarding Japan's ultimate objects.

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Found by the Japanese.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Tokio correspondent to the Central News telegraphs: The Japanese have found at Port Arthur a chart which has enabled them to locate exactly and control all the mines in the harbor. November 20th, previous to the storming of the forts, the Japanese placed 100 siege and field guns in a well-chosen position and rained shot and shell upon the Chinese entrenchments. This bombardment made possible the rapid success of the assault.

The Times' correspondent in Chee Foo says Admiral Freemantle and fifty British officers landed at Port Arthur November 25th. Kung, tao-tai of Port Arthur, brother of the Chinese minister to England, has gone to Tien Tsin. The reports of atrocities on both sides are confirmed. The Japanese, after finding the mutilated bodies of several comrades, gave no quarter, there being an indiscriminate massacre. Several Chinese soldiers and some tradesmen, who tried to escape by sea, were followed by torpedo boats and shot.

A Shanghai dispatch says that the Japanese torpedo boats sank more than twenty junks loaded with fugitives from Port Arthur.

By This Impeachment Has Begun.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—According to the dispatches from Shanghai a sensation was caused by a memorial to the throne signed by over 120 high officials, impeaching Li Hung Chang and charging him with corruption, peculation and deception. The memorial also says Li Hung Chang rejoiced at the Japanese victories, and prevented the Chinese achieving success. He is said to have represented that China was prepared for war when he knew the contrary was the case. Li Hung Chang is also said to be implicated with Prince Kung, the uncle and president of the admiralty, who was recently appointed dictator, and with Tagai Wu and the commander of the Chinese forces at Port Arthur, these officials being accused of high treason and of selling state secrets and war material to the enemy. They were further charged with investing money in Japan, harboring treasonable designs against the Chinese empire, and conspiring to procure the overthrow of China. The memorial demands the instant punishment and dismissal of all concerned in the conspiracy.

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