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Imperial Edict Settles the Terms of Peace.

CONFLICTING REPORTS ARE ENDED

Just What Part of It Will Be Retained by Japan—Speculation on the Treaty in General.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Chinese imperial edict sent by the Associated Press last night from Tien-Tsin is accepted among officials and diplomats here as setting at rest the conflicting reports as to the final terms of peace.

The indemnity of 200,000,000 taels is a compromise. Japan first demanded 300,000,000 taels, but at the solicitation of Prince Li, threw off 100,000,000. At the Chinese legation it is stated the tael varies in value, but the present value of the customs or treasury tael, in which undoubtedly the payment will be made, is \$1.50 in Mexican silver, or about 75 cents in gold. This would make the indemnity equivalent to \$300,000,000 in Mexican silver, or \$150,000,000 in gold. The Mexican trade dollar is the current coin of China and the basis of circulation, so that belief is very strong, though information on the subject is lacking, that the payment will be made in silver.

The edict that Japan is to occupy the Liao Tung peninsula up to the 40th degree of latitude, settles the important point that she is to have the great fortress of Port Arthur and the immediate surrounding territory, as foreshadowed in these dispatches. Liao Tung peninsula is a small point of land jutting southward into the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, with Port Arthur at its extreme point. The 40th degree of latitude cuts across the mainland where the little peninsula broadens into the mainland of Manchuria. This lower peninsula has the shape of a sword, and is known as the "Regent's Sword." The edict does not state whether Japan gets the acquisition permanently or until the indemnity is paid. She has contended for having it permanently. If the occupancy is temporary it will give Japan military command over China as long as the occupation lasts.

The permanent occupancy of the island of Formosa was accorded. The opening of Peking and four new ports marks the introduction of modern methods into the interior of China. Japan has gained the privilege of establishing cotton and other factories in China, but it remains to be seen whether Japanese capital will invest in these enterprises or Chinese will buy these modern facilities.

The edict makes a significant omission as to the reported Japan-China alliance, offensive and defensive, which, if consummated, would give the "Orient to Orientals." Japanese and Chinese officials in Washington have never credited the report of this alliance.

The Occupation Temporary.
TIEN-TSIN, April 17.—Japan's occupation of Port Arthur is temporary, thus insuring China's integrity on the mainland of Asia after a term of years, and averting the possibility of European intervention.

From a Japanese Source.
YOKOHAMA, April 17.—Jiji, a newspaper, states that the terms of peace concluded between China and Japan include the cession of territory from Yalu river to Liao river, on the southern portion of Liao Tung peninsula, on which Port Arthur and Regent's Sword are situated, and include Yin-Kow, Hai-Chen and Chu-Lien-Cheng. The island of Formosa is also included, as are the Pescadore islands; an indemnity of 200,000,000 taels, payable in six years; the abolition of Chinese extra territory; the preservation of Japan's extra territory

ality and certain commercial privileges for Japan.

Called for China.
SIMONOSAKI, April 17.—Li Hung Chang will embark for China today on board the Kung Yi. The Japanese plenipotentiaries will return to Hiroshima tomorrow.

Revolution Expected.
LONDON, April 17.—A Hong Kong dispatch says it is expected a revolution against the reigning dynasty will be begun Friday. The leading Chinese of Canton are coming to Hong Kong in large numbers.

What the Press Says.
LONDON, April 17.—The Paul Mail Gazette, commenting on the terms of peace between China and Japan, as defined in the imperial edict, says the conditions are better than those mentioned in the Times dispatch, and that the cession of Formosa will surely displease England, while the cession of Port Arthur will be objected to by Russia. "Our government," says the Gazette, "may safely be depended upon to do nothing, however, until other powers take action."

The St. James Gazette says if Japan declines to be frightened Russia may come to the conclusion that it is better not to try force. Meanwhile, England is benevolent and has no feeling of anger toward Japan. The opening of factories in China by Japan does not mean a monopoly, as England could also open factories if she chose.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17.—Russian journals say that the signing of such a treaty of peace between Japan and China, indicated by recent dispatches, will be only the prelude to a wider, though unnecessary, armed conflict.

BERLIN, April 17.—A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung telegraphs that the French and Russian governments are about to convene a meeting of the powers for the purpose of revising the terms of the Chinese-Japanese treaty.

English Bravado.
LONDON, April 17.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon, in commenting upon the latest developments in the dispute between Great Britain and Nicaragua, says: "There is a wonderful ignorance of diplomacy on the part of American journalists. Why should we want to bombard Graytown? If Nicaragua has been so foolish as to refuse to pay the indemnity, which, with the knowledge of the United States, we demanded, we shall take such steps as the American government was aware we would at the time of asking. The Monroe doctrine has been a doctrine for 62 years, and has not been acted upon yet. When Great Britain has serious differences to settle with the South American republics it will not be prevented from doing so by anything but settled international laws."

Now It Is Guatemala.
WASHINGTON, April 17.—There has been much complaint during the past year of abuse of Americans in Guatemala. In cases like that of Henry Stubbs, officers of American ships were seized in Guatemalan ports and forced into military service. American workman peace, fully engaged in their labors were imprisoned and maltreated. Some were subjected to the indignity of lashings upon their bare backs. The department of state has called for explanations from the Guatemalan government, and has directed investigations through the consular officers upon which to base demands for indemnity.

Promptly Checked.
WASHINGTON, April 17.—The state department has checked in its inception an attempt by the Haytian government to impose a discriminating tax upon American citizens and other foreigners residing in Hayti. The proposition was under consideration in August, 1893, and a bill was framed by the government to that effect. When reported to the secretary by Mr. Durham, then United States minister, Secretary Gresham im-

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Why Jones Was Absent.
DENVER, April 17.—Letters have been received by ex-Congressman Sibley and General Warner from Senator Jones of Nevada, explaining that he was detained at New York on account of heart trouble, resulting from an attack of grippe. In his letter to General Warner the senator says:

"If all silver delegates would bolt from the republican convention when a gold standard man is named, as all gold delegates will surely bolt from the democratic convention if a silver man is named, we could not have a more fortunate situation created for us. We should then for the first time have a fair field and a square issue. Silver delegates to the republican convention must be made by their constituents to understand that it is absolutely essential that they bolt. That would be their only logical course, if they are sincere in their present statements to the effect that they believe the republican convention will name a free-coinage man."

Sibley has gone East on account of the dangerous illness of his sister, but will return and continue his western tour later. General Warner will go on to the Pacific coast immediately for rest.

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