

ACCEPT HAY'S PROPOSAL AS TO CHINA

All Governments Excepting One Have Instructed Their Pekin Representatives to Sign the Agreement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: American diplomacy leads the world. The great powers have practically reached an agreement as to the basis of future movements in China, and this basis is that which was proposed by Secretary Hay.

Secretary Hay has cabled Minister Conger to sign for the United States an agreement which the ministers reached at Pekin. This agreement was sent to the home governments for their approval, and with a single exception every power has already cabled its representative at Pekin to sign the agreement and that power will probably do so tomorrow or the next day. Thus the concert of the powers is preserved and a practical and national basis of settlement has been reached at last, thanks to the skill and firmness of the American secretary of state.

The chief features of the agreement are as follows:

"It is stipulated that the punishments to be meted out to guilty Chinese are as severe as it is possible for the Chinese government to administer, but not more severe. The government of China is not to be asked to do the impossible. It is expected that under this obligation the government will punish severely eleven ring-leaders in the attacks upon the legations and in the incitement of anti-foreign outrages. Some of these will be beheaded. Others will be banished or degraded."

It is stipulated that Great Britain and Germany had been permitted to have their way the dynasty would have been compelled to behold men who are beyond the reach of the emperor's government—men who are in the western provinces and in command of military forces sufficient to protect them. Secretary Hay has from the first contended that while in justice all these heads should be taken off, it is necessary to catch your hare before cooking him, and that is what is simply absurd

to require the Chinese government to decapitate men whom it could not get hold of. These guilty officials will be banished and degraded and thus it will be made impossible for them to return to positions of power.

It is stipulated in the agreement that the Chinese government is formally to admit its liability to the powers for damages and for the expense of military operations. This done the amount of indemnity to be paid each nation is to be ascertained afterward by means of careful inquiries and estimates. This part of the plan will require much time, and while, of course, it will give rise to opportunities for trouble-making powers to precipitate new complications, it is felt that a great point has been gained by making the amount of indemnity a subject of negotiation, as it should be, rather than a preliminary condition.

Other features of the agreement pertain to the legation guards to be kept at Pekin, to the razing of the Pekin forts, and other military precautions similar to those proposed by the French government a month ago.

To all these conditions it is understood Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, representing the emperor, are willing to accede.

In official and diplomatic circles here the belief is expressed that a great step forward has been taken and that again there is good prospect of an adjustment of the seemingly unending complications without dismemberment and without destruction of the dynasty. The agreement now reached points to an early military evacuation of Pekin and a return of the court to that capital.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley's drug store; every bottle guaranteed. 2

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"Good horses are scarce in Europe and Asia," he said, "and even then the few that can be procured in those countries cannot be relied upon to do the work required, as well as the American-bred animals."

A Village Blacksmith saved the little son's life.
Mr. H. H. Bush, the well-known blacksmith at Grahamsville, Sullivan Co., N. Y., says: "Our little son, five years old, has always been subject to cramp, and so had have the attacks been that we have feared many times that he would die. We have had the doctor and used many medicines, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is now our sole reliance. It seems to dissolve the tough mucus and by giving frequent doses when the the crampy symptoms appear we have found that the dreaded cramp is cured before it gets settled." There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a babe as to an adult. For sale by Blakeley, the druggist.

Child-slayer Gibson in Jail.

MAYSVILLE, KY., Dec. 6.—John Gibson, of Catlettsburg, who is charged with having murdered his infant step-daughter by forcing a red-hot poker down her throat, was placed in the Maysville jail today for safe keeping. It was apparent that to take him to the scene of his crime meant death by burning at the stake. The deputy sheriff having him in charge spent most of last night driving over the

country to avoid meeting the mob searching for the prisoner.

Gibson, who has never denied his crime, intimates that others were implicated for the purpose of getting the life insurance on the child. He said the object in burning the child in spots with the poker was to make it appear she died of smallpox. He declared he could not tell how the child's legs were broken. He seems willing to go to Catlettsburg to face the mob.

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State Teachers' Annual Meeting.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 5.—Reports received from different parts of the state indicate that the attendance at the State Teachers' Association's annual meeting, December 20-26, will be about the largest of any yet held. Several special excursion parties are being organized at different points for the convention. The leading educators of the state will be in attendance. It is anticipated the convention will pass an important part in the school legislation of the next session.

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Egan Restored, Then Retired.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Brigadier-General Charles P. Egan, commissary-general, was today restored to duty by the president and at once placed on the retired list.

The order issued by the president remitted the unexpired portion of his sentence and restored him to a "status of duty with station in this city."

This order was immediately followed by one issued by General Miles, announcing that General Egan had been placed on the retired list today, on his own application, after 30 years service.

Army Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The House today, at the end of a long session, passed the army reorganization bill by a vote of

166 to 133. Three democrats, Hall (Pa.) and Underhill and Slayton (N. Y.), voted with the republicans for the bill, and McCall (rep. Mass.) with the democrats against it. Otherwise it was a strict party vote.

The proposition to which some of the democrats attempted to commit their side in caucus, an extension of the present temporary army until July 1, 1903, which was voted upon indirectly on a motion to recommit, commanded the votes of nearly about half the opposition and two republicans, McCall and Mann (Ill.). Many of the democrats, however, voted against the motion because they were opposed not only to the reorganization bill, but also to continuing the temporary army at its present strength.

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Proprietor Lycoun Shell Oyster Parlor, at Rochester, N. Y. Obtained \$2,000 Life Insurance Policy.

"My business as proprietor of the Lycoun Shell Oyster Parlor, 215 Main street, Rochester, N. Y., writes Mr. Charles W. Babcock, "was so continuing that my lungs became affected. My doctor told me I'd have to leave the store and go to work at some other place. He said my lungs were in bad shape and I had to rest. I tried to make myself believe the trouble was not in the lungs. I called it stomach trouble or nervous disorder, but I kept coughing, spitting and wasting away right along. I lost in weight, falling from 140 to 115 pounds. Somehow or other, I got hold of Acker's English Remedy for Throat and Lung Troubles, and after taking it according to directions, I was as well as any man in New York state. I was healthier and stronger than before I took the cold which came so near killing me. I now weigh 150 pounds—ten pounds more than ever. After recovering, I applied for a life insurance policy. When the doctor began examining me, I was afraid he would discover that my lungs had once been affected, but he didn't. I passed all right, and was pronounced in a first-class condition. If that isn't proof of the most positive kind that Acker's English Remedy is a great medicine, I don't know what you call proof. I give it my warmest endorsement. My address is given above. Anyone who wishes may write me personally about my case."



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