

The Chinese Question.

Two items of intelligence concerning the Chinese, appear in our telegraph columns this week, one to the effect that a Chinaman has been refused naturalization in Boston, and the other that the cabinet has decided to open negotiations with the Chinese government with a view of restricting Chinese immigration. Both of these items are good in their different ways. The Boston Judge, who agrees with Judge Sawyer, of California, that the Chinese are not entitled to naturalization under our present laws, adds the weight of his name and section to the Pacific coast interpretation of the law. The decision of Judge Sawyer may be regarded in some quarters as reflecting public sentiment in California, but in Boston there is substantially no public sentiment on this subject to reflect. We regard Judge Sawyer's argument as unanswerable, but its weight from a national standpoint of view may be impaired by the circumstance that any other decision than he arrived at would be exceedingly unpopular on this coast. The Boston court take the same position without any possible pressure from public opinion. The United States court in three states have taken the same ground; contrary decisions have been given by two or more state courts. The action of the cabinet will be hailed as a movement not only in the right direction, but by the proper authorities. The amendment or modification of the treaty will remove all cause of complaint. The right of the Chinese to land here and be protected by our laws is based on treaty obligations. The treaty removed, we can proceed against them as public policy may demand. The theory that this nation, on the strength of its traditional policy, must open its ports to the scum of Asiatic populations, is no longer entertained in influential quarters. The same doctrine carried out would require a man to open his house to tramps. We hail the action of the cabinet as a signal of coming relief.

Veterans of the Mexican War.

It is fervently to be hoped that congress will during the present session do something toward properly recognizing the eminent services of the veterans of the Mexican war. Various efforts have been made to secure some substantial recognition for the survivors, but they have been met in every instance with the most violent opposition. Among those who have evinced an almost morbid antagonism is the commissioner of pensions. In one of his reports on this subject, this officer had the temerity to assert that, out of the 66,087 men who survived the war, there are still alive to-day—30 years afterward—not fewer than 45,601. This Bunsby decision is based upon the English tables for ordinary mortality statistics, which holds that, out of 100,000 births, 40,000 live 56 years. It does not seem to have dawned upon the commissioner's purblind observation, that there is no relevancy between the mortality statistics of a people living in profound peace, and surrounded by all the comforts and appliances of civilized life, and those of men who have just gone through a sanguinary war in a malarial country, and for years

deprived of almost everything that tends to preserve and prolong life. But applying his own figures as the test of his reliability, we are at once confronted with an inexplorable enigma that even the commissioner cannot solve. If, as he says, out of 100,000 births, 40,000, under the most favorable circumstances, reach the age of 56 years, how does it come to pass that, out of 66,087 discharged war-worn veterans, 45,601 should reach the age of 56 years under the most unfavorable circumstances? After the commissioner shall have sufficiently pondered over the above conundrum of his own making, we shall be ready to submit others from the same source.

The very best authorities obtainable place the whole number of survivors, at the present time, at between seven and eight thousand men, large numbers of whom are quite advanced in age, and can not live but a few years, at most. Many of them took an active part during our civil war, from which cause another very large reduction was made in their numbers. California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming were gained to the United States by the Mexican war, and their aggregate yield of gold and silver amounts to over \$60,000,000 per year. It is not an exaggeration to say that from 1849 to the present date, the territory gained by the Mexican war has yielded in the precious metals not less than one thousand eight hundred millions of dollars. How far that enormous contribution has gone toward building up all the material interests of the United States, and in enabling this country to successfully pass through the ordeal of a protracted, and singularly expensive internecine war, it is not now necessary to state. It has been mainly by the possession of such boundless metallic wealth—the fruit of the Mexican war—that the credit of this country has been preserved inviolate, that it has withstood the shock of long-continued business derangements, and that it is now able to resume specie payments with every prospect of assured and permanent advancement. Why should a people that have been so wonderfully benefited by the patriotism, courage, and devoted services of a comparatively small number, hesitate to recognize their claim to gratitude and honorable reward? If the question could be settled by reference to the dwellers on the Pacific side of our continent, it would find immediate solution in the highest possible token of grateful appreciation.

International Fish Show.

In a letter from Europe to the New York World, Mr. Robert B. Roosevelt informs that journal of having received a communication from the German Fishery Verein, announcing their intention of having an international exhibition of the products of sea and inland fisheries, and the implements of fishing and fish culture. Mr. Roosevelt says: "In view of the large productions of fish in this country and the growing export trade, it is important that persons interested in canning, drying and preserving fish should take advantage of the opportunity to exhibit their productions and enlarge their business connections." Fish canning on this coast has grown to be an extensive industry, with the prospect of a still larger increase. It is important to those engaged in it to have a foreign market for their products, and they should not fail to be exhibitors at this proposed show.

Fighting for the Swag.

The inquiry "What will they do with it?" has a good deal of pertinacity in connection with the fishery award. Our government paid the \$5,500,000 promptly when the amount became due, and now a quarrel has arisen between the British home and colonial authorities as to who is entitled to the money. They all desire it, and the division, without giving dissatisfaction, seems to be a difficult matter. Newfoundland claims the largest share; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia want the balance. The dominion is of the opinion that it is entitled to the whole sum, and the home government reaches out its hand for a large proportion, while maintaining that it should receive the whole. In this dilemma it may be necessary to call in arbitrators, to decide whether the money shall be paid to some one of the claimants intact, or be pro rated.

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