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ALARM IS SOUNDED

Russia Has Pressed the Limit in the East.

GERMANY AND UNITED STATES Cannot Permit the Aggressions of Russia—English Officials Display Great Activity.

London, Oct. 25.—The St. James Gazette says: "Even a war with Russia would be less disastrous than to allow her without a show to get such a grip upon China. She could throw all other powers and choke off their commerce. Unless Russia and China gave the necessary assurance, it is a case for an ultimatum and perhaps the most serious step our diplomacy has had since the Crimean war."

The impression is general in the official world, and it is re-echoed by the press, that neither America nor Germany can allow the Pacific to become a Franco-Russian lake, as the Globe puts it, and it is generally thought that the diplomats will be sufficiently strong to combine to resist Russian aggression.

The Pall Mall Gazette sums up the startling news from the far East with this statement: "Russia has annexed China," and in the course of a long article adds: "If this treaty is to stand, roll up the map of Asia."

In conclusion the Pall Mall Gazette urges the re-occupation of Port Hamilton by the British and the immediate strengthening of the British fleet in Chinese waters. "If Japan lose her fleet at the first blow."

Since this news was circulated the greatest activity has been displayed in the government offices, in the ministry or the foreign office and at the admiralty, and the coming and going of messengers was continuous through the morning and the business hours of the afternoon. At the clubs the "war news" in the East is the only topic discussed, the grave situation in Vancouver having almost dropped out of recollection in the alarm of the moment.

Nobody seems to doubt the report that by the recently agreed upon Russo-China treaty, Russia has obtained rights in which the most favored nation clause is not applicable, and which may cause a great war. A correspondent of the Times at Hong Kong, who sent the sensational news, is described by his newspaper as being "in close relations with men who are able to penetrate beneath the surface of things," and it is therefore concluded that the news he has just sent cannot be disregarded.

The foreign office declares today that it has no confirmation of the report.

ST. LOUIS WANTS IT. Another City Entered in the Fight for the Convention.

St. Louis, Oct. 25.—The business men's league of St. Louis today appointed a committee to canvass for a guarantee fund of \$50,000 to secure the Republican National Convention of 1896 for St. Louis. Assurances of support were read from several members of the national committee and the city government.

FAVORS SAN FRANCISCO. Simon Believes the Convention Ought to Come West.

Portland, Oct. 25.—Joseph Simon, a member of the Republican National Committee, for Oregon, who asked today as to his choice of cities for the national convention next year, replied that his first choice is San Francisco, with Chicago as a second preference.

"I have frequently stated that I will favor San Francisco for the convention," said Mr. Simon, "and I am more favorable to the proposition here than before."

"Do you think San Francisco has much of a show of securing the convention?" was asked.

"Yes, I most certainly do," he replied. "The convention ought to come west, and I am informed that San Francisco is likely to secure it. If we can't bring the convention to the coast, I am in favor of Chicago."

Mr. Simon hopes that he will be able to get away from business long enough in December so he can attend the meeting of the national committee at Washington city. When asked if he knew of any new policy that is likely to be adopted at the meeting, he said:

"We are a long ways from Washington here, you know, and I'm not entirely familiar with all the things that are being done, if anything."

OWED MR. LANGTRY. London, Oct. 25.—Sir Robert Peel has compromised with his creditors at 60 per cent. Mrs. Langtry, who it was rumored had a month ago, was contemplating marriage with Sir Robert as soon as she obtained a divorce from her husband, was among the persons to whom he was indebted. He owes her about 1500.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW. Encouraging Condition of Trade for the Past Week.

New York, Oct. 25.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: "The days of gold shipments seemed very near, but a break in cotton which began, ripened on Monday into a collapse sufficient to justify hope of a free movement."

Hikes have also increased sharply, leather is weaker, and the adjustment of prices to real instead of imaginary conditions progresses rapidly. Money markets seem remarkably little troubled.

The cooler weather has generally helped the retail trade and with the increased consumption by millions, the way will be clear for better business.

Already payments through the clearing house clearing approach for October those of the best year in history, although reflecting in part the past transactions and new orders are still much needed by the great industry.

TO A RAZOR EDGE

Is Whetted the Interest of Chicago Politicians.

"HONEST JOHN" THE LEADER Gives Up His Own Ambition and Will Hold the Ribbons Over the Fractious Republican Team.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—A special to the News from Washington says: "Senator Sherman, despite his years, will in all probability be an active participant in the Republican National Convention of 1896. The role will be a new one for the senator. In the convention of 1884, 1888, and 1892, he was a candidate for the presidency, either active or passive, and he recently did not attend the convention. His was without figure in the proceedings of 1892. His announcement now that he is not a candidate on account of his years; that he has given up the ambition of his life and is now content to be a senator, is a surprise."

SET FOR DECEMBER 10. St. Paul, Oct. 25.—In the United States circuit court today Judge Caldwell issued orders directing the sale of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and take place at Topeka December 10.

MARKET REPORTS. Liverpool, Oct. 25.—Wheat, firm; No. 2 red winter, 55 1/2; No. 3 red spring stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 55 1/2; No. 1 California, 55 1/2.

New York, Oct. 25.—Hops, firm. Walla Walla, 400 1/2; Valais, 400 1/2.

COMMITTED SUICIDE. London, Oct. 25.—A verdict has been rendered that the Marquis of Waterford committed suicide while in a fit of temporary insanity.

TEXT OF THE LETTER

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Charles Lees.

In Hands of State Department—Recommends His Government to Repel Venezuelan Aggression.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The state department is in possession of the text of the despatches sent by Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies in the British cabinet, to Sir Charles Lees, governor-general of British Guiana, concerning the strengthening of the frontier, the increase of the police and the purchase of Maxim guns in the British Guiana territory.

"Seventh Sept., 1895—I have the honor to inform you that my attention has been directed to the serious position in which the colony of British Guiana finds itself at the present time. After reading the condition of the gold region, Chamberlain concludes:

"The gold British Guiana appears to possess a considerable source of wealth, from which it may be expected that an increasing revenue can be drawn if measures are taken to open up the country and to render the gold bearing region more accessible to miners than it has hitherto been. A road is also of importance to the power of the government to keep more closely in touch with the frontier and to repel any attempted aggression on the part of Venezuela."

AFTER THE GAMBLERS. Pendleton Grand Jury Hands in Forty Indictments.

Pendleton, Oct. 25.—There was a detailed session in court this morning, when the grand jury handed in forty indictments. It is understood about the courtroom that the indictments are against gamblers and persons who own buildings in which gambling houses are allowed to run. The names are carefully concealed, and bench warrants issued for the arrest of the parties named in the indictments.

The law applies alike to gamblers and those who rent buildings to them or allow games to run in their buildings.

The grand jury also censured the justice courts, alleging that the justices are too eager for fees. This evening Judge Lovell fined a dozen persons for gambling, many being young men, admonishing them not to continue in such practices.

ANOTHER SCHOOL TEACHER. Widgs a Pupil and Gets Into Trouble.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Miss Hortense Ayers, a teacher in the public schools of this city, was discharged by the board of directors today for severely whipping a nine-year-old boy named Allen Pease, with a piece of flexible hose. The boy had refused to do the teacher's bidding and she took him before the principal and whipped him there and struck him on the face, making a number of bruises. The board recommended that the prosecuting attorney be requested to take such action as may be deemed advisable.

the farmhouse of Mr. John Beard, of Tangent, was entirely consumed by fire last Saturday. It was occupied by Mr. John Beard. The fire caught from a fire burning out and the entire building went before anything could be done more than to save most of the furniture, which was done by the people of Tangent, who turned out en masse. The building was insured in the State of Salem, for \$50,000.

It's in town, it's the best! Won't burn nor roughen the skin! Won't yellow your clothes! You will be greatly surprised. Sorry you didn't know it sooner. Tomson's Soap, first packages.

About 5 o'clock Monday night, says the Herald, a fire destroyed a barn for Jephtha Hunt, at Wabash, east of Salem about fourteen miles, and also swept away the armory of the military company at that place. The contents of both structures were consumed, including five horses, a wagon, several hundred bushels of grain, farm implements, etc. The armory was 80 feet long by 40 in width and had been built several years. The origin of the fire is unknown at present. M. W. Hunt, of this city, owns a few hundred bushels of corn. He felt yesterday for that portion of the country before the news of the destruction was brought to Salem, his intention being to go to New station to

METHODS OF HANDLING

Columbia River Fish From the Traps.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE SUGGESTED

Captain Harris and Fisherman Hammond Give Their Views—J. O. Hawthorn Sees the Move.

Yesterday while an Astorian representative was discussing the new tariff with Mr. W. Hammond, of Irwaco, and Capt. A. Harris, an ex-member of the Fort Canby life saving crew, Mr. J. O. Hawthorn joined the group and naturally the conversation touched upon fishing and canning methods. Capt. Harris told of some of the methods of fishermen which he has lately contemplated, as incidental to Oregon's great industry, and the reputation of the now unparalleled Columbia river salmon. He said:

"I have had much experience on the Columbia both as a fisherman and in the life saving service, and I am firmly convinced that unless some sharp measures are taken to break up the practice of 'hauling' fish from traps into boats and from boats on to docks just so sure will the grade of the Columbia packed salmon deteriorate. Fishermen should realize this themselves, but as they do not seem to do so, stringent and concerted action should be taken by the canneries to put a stop to this method of handling fish, or else refuse to purchase fish from men who handle them in this manner. Every time a gaff hook is put into the side of a salmon when it is alive, as is customary with some fishermen, it leaves a good black mark about which the most scrupulous necessitating the cutting of part of the fish away at the packing table, entailing loss of time to the operatives and money to the canner. It is then sent to one another a cutter will stop and take the trouble to cut away these black marks. If it is not done, when a can is opened on the table in the East and the discolored fish is turned out, consumers become disgusted and the reputation of the packers is bound to suffer. If the men using the gaff hook would only hook a fish in the gills or tail it would not matter, but it seems impossible to teach some of them to do so."

"There is but one proper way to do this, and that is for the fishermen to so interest themselves in their own occupation and the reputation of the Royal Chinook salmon, which commands the highest market price of any salmon in the world, to take such steps as will secure their own protection and the maintenance of the high standard in their own product. To attain these desired ends in the most effective way the matter should be taken up by the various fishermen's unions and such amendments to the by-laws introduced as will bring about the results all want to see accomplished."

"I can remember when we used to get away handle fish out of the traps by our hands and deliver them on the docks in the same manner. Gaff hooks were hardly known in those days."

Mr. Hammond said that Capt. Harris had most severely voiced his sentiments and that he was thoroughly convinced and that the fishermen for their own benefit in the long run, should all unite in such a movement as the one indicated in order to maintain the high standard of the Columbia river product, from which the fishermen derive their living.

Mr. Hawthorn agreed most heartily with Captain Harris on the gaffing question, and said that he had been trying for several years to educate the fishermen to those principles, and that only just recently had discharged several employees for handling fish with hooks and catching them in the middle instead of in the gills or tail. He said that it was just like picking your fork in any dirty mess and then putting it into a piece of steak which you were just about to put into your mouth, it is no more than putting your fingers into a piece of fish for packing. "It has been my experience, Mr. Hawthorn said, that you cannot make your packers cut these spots out of a fish, which are caused by the gaff hook, and the only way is not to have any spots in your fish, and the only way to accomplish this is through the aid of the fishermen."

"Another feature which I am in favor of is an improved method of catching the boxes in which fish are shipped to the canneries, and I shall introduce it in my canneries next season. A steam chest for cleaning these boxes is a solution of the problem, which will always keep them sweet and clean. Under the present method of cleaning by water it is impossible to get rid of the oil and salt in the wood."

Mr. Hawthorn is one of the progressive business men of Astoria, and if he can carry out his ideas in regard to the handling of fish it is certain he will have accomplished a great deal of good.

THE GALLANT COLOMA

Left for Hong Kong Yesterday Morning.

Captain Noyes Commences His 26th Voyage—Many Romances Begun on This Trim Little Bark.

At daybreak yesterday morning, although the weather was misty and threatening, the American bark Coloma was towed to sea and started on her long voyage to China. It was the twenty-sixth time Capt. C. M. Noyes had crossed over the Columbia River bar bound for oriental ports, and certainly no master has ever been more fortunate in sailing the deep blue sea than the Coloma's skipper, for in the twenty-five years that he has been trading between the Columbia River and the ports of the far East, he has yet to cost the underwriters their first penny.

On this voyage, besides the crew, Capt. Noyes has his wife and daughter along, it being their third trip to China. Usually on these annual voyages to the far away land of flowers and sunshine, the Coloma carries a small but jolly list of passengers, and it is considered a great treat to be able to include one's self among the guests of the genial and popular commander. When the Coloma was built, Capt. Noyes, who is the principal owner of the vessel, had the cabin arranged especially for the accommodation of passengers, and as a consequence there are few sailing craft afloat that are more comfortable to the voyager.

The foundation of many a pretty romance, be it known, has been laid on the decks of the old bark, as she sped away with outstretched wings for lands beyond the sea. The Coloma's passengers were, as a rule, rather a select party from among the captain's friends, which tended to make the trip far more pleasant than if a number of strangers had been thrown together. During the warm cloudless nights so often experienced on the Western ocean, the passengers were wont to congregate on the polished deck of the vessel and to the soft music of stringed instruments enliven the otherwise monotonous existence of the sailors with their happy songs. There is not a plank in the deck; not a spar, or a line in the rigging of the old bark, could they speak, but would tell of whispered tales of love; the joyous hearts that beat as one while the vessel sped away over the dancing, shimmering waves of the Pacific. Many lives have started out on a happy future there on the decks of the old trading vessel; many times will the story be repeated as fond as the Coloma braves the trumpet or floats in the sunshine of the Pacific waters.

Captain Noyes has many friends in Astoria, who will wish him a safe return from over the sea.

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