

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

WU MUST GO.

Picturesque Chinese Figure in Washington Is Recalled.

Washington, Aug. 14.—For the second time in his diplomatic career Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, has been recalled from the Washington mission, and has been directed to proceed home, where it is expected he will be assigned to other work.

Dr. Wu's successor will be Chang Yin Tang, known as a "progressive" in Chinese political affairs. He has seen diplomatic service in India, England, Tibet and the United States.

Dr. Wu's retirement from Washington removed a picturesque figure from the capital. Probably no diplomat is better known than he, for he is a popular talker and his pungent wit and bright sallies have been heard and read with interest at many places.

During the Boxer troubles, Minister Wu, in connection with Yuan Shai Kai, then Tao Tai of Shanghai, was successful in getting through a message to the American minister, Mr. Conger, who, with his colleagues, was in the legation compound in Peking, and whose fate was a matter of great concern to the state department.

An answer from Mr. Conger demonstrated that he had received the message sent by the state department and that all was well with the legation officials. It is pointed out as a peculiar coincidence that Wu should be recalled at this time, soon after the downfall of Yuan Shai Kai, his friend.

Wu's sympathies were with the United States during the Boxer troubles, and this led to his recall. Only an intimation from this government that his beheading would be offensive to the United States, it is believed, prevented his summary death at the hands of the Chinese authorities.

The new minister, Chang Yin Tang, from April, 1898, to February, 1899, was consul-general at San Francisco and some years ago was attached to the Chinese legation in Washington for a short time.

OFFICER PLAYS TORPEDO.

Escapes From Submarine Through Whitehead Tube.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The navy department has received word of a wonderful performance of Midshipman Kenneth Whiting, in command of the submarine Porpoise, now in Manila. For the purpose of demonstrating the possibility of an escape from a submarine through a torpedo tube, Midshipman Whiting, who is an expert swimmer, had his vessel lowered to the bottom of the bay near Cavite. Far under the water, probably 60 or 70 feet, Whiting crawled into the torpedo tube. The end of the tube in the boat was closed behind him. The tube in a submarine is closed or opened on the outside by a port, which is moved by powerful machinery. When under the water there is a great in-rush of water, filling the tube as the torpedo flies out.

Whiting, within the tube, got a hold on the port. The officers inside the vessel turned on the power and the port was swung out. Whiting went with it, cleared himself of the torpedo tube, and then let go, flying upward to the surface of the water. He was uninjured by his experience.

Raise Value of Timber Lands.

South Bend—All timber land which has not heretofore been assessed according to the figures returned by the county cruisers will be increased to meet the cruisers' figures. In some instances the increase is radical, one instance being a quarter section owned by the Willamette Pulp & Paper company of Portland. This land has been on the tax rolls at \$5000, but the assessed valuation will likely be raised to \$14,000. The county recently had all the timber lands cruised at a cost of \$10,000 and all timber land is now being assessed according to the reports of the cruisers.

Mad Scramble for Lands.

Seattle—Lake Union shore land, two-thirds of which are submerged, or semi-submerged, and with an appraised valuation of not more than \$20,000, sold on the courthouse steps at public auction last week for \$100,000. Four hundred men and women, anxious to buy the property which belonged to the state, bid many times the amount of the appraised valuation. Few lots were sold at much less than four times their assessed value. Some few lots went for more than ten times what they are credited with being worth.

Cost of Special Session.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The tariff bill passed by congress last week may have marked down some of the schedules, but at a conservative estimate this enactment cost the United States treasury \$4,000,000. The bill is silent as to the exact disposition of the money. The pages of the senate will get \$4,800 for the extra session and pages of the house \$1,500.

EAST WILL BENEFIT.

Lands Across the Sea to Gain by Development in This Country.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Predicting that the Far East will be especially benefited by the continual steady development of the resources of this country, Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador, left Washington this afternoon for Seattle, where he will sail for Japan. The baron returns at the direction of his government and has announced his expectation of returning to Washington in the fall. He will assist in work preliminary to revising the Japanese treaties with the powers of the world, which become operative next year.

"I'm going to Japan on leave of absence," the ambassador said, "I do not feel that I am called upon to say anything particular in regard to the relations between America and Japan. For two or three months after my arrival I had to see almost daily publications of some kind of unpleasant stories about us, which I thought from the outset fabrications of misinformed persons which would disappear in due time, as they did. Ever since then everything has been of a right direction and I have no doubt will continue so forever."

Crops Show Decrease.

Washington, Aug. 11.—An indicated winter wheat total yield of 532,920,000 bushels, as compared with \$437,998, bushels, finally estimated last year; an average of winter wheat of 90.3 against 90.1 a year ago; corn, 84.4, against 82.5; spring wheat, 81.6, against 80.7, and oats, 85.5, against 76.8.

This summarizes today's crop report of the department of agriculture.

The comparative figures for corn include 89.3 last month and 82.6 as the average of August 1 for the last 10 years. The preliminary returns for the winter wheat yield indicate about 15.5 bushels per acre, compared with 14.4, as finally estimated last year. The condition of spring wheat is compared with 92.7 last month and 81.1, the 10-year average on August 1. For comparison the oat crop averaged 88.3 last month and 83.1 for 10 years on August 1.

The proportion of last year's oat crop in the farmer's hands on August 1 was about 3.3 per cent, or 26,232,000 bushels.

Hold Water Power Sites.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Secretary Ballinger will report to congress in December numerous withdrawals of temporary water-power sites in Western states in order that proper legislation may be enacted by congress to preserve power sites to the government and to prevent monopolies.

Acting Secretary Wilson today withdrew for temporary power sites 6,690 acres in Montana and Utah. In Montana the following withdrawals were made:

Along the Yellowstone river, 1,222 acres; along the Hell Gate river, 4,268 acres; and along the Judith river, 1,160 acres; in Utah, along Ashley creek, 240 acres.

Water Fight Is Acute.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Interest is acute here in the impending struggle between Secretary Ballinger and Forester Pinchot, and predictions are freely made that one or the other will be obliged to separate himself from the government service. At the forestry bureau today Pinchot adherents expressed the opinion that Mr. Ballinger's dismissal would come as soon as it became generally known that he has, as they believe, played into the hands of the water-power trust.

Smokers Are Protected.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Purchasers of Philippine tobacco hereafter will have a government guarantee as to its quality and cleanliness, as a result of an arrangement made by the bureau of insular affairs, with the Philippine government. Every package imported into the United States will be stamped with a certificate indicating the quality of the material used and the workmanship. The arrangement was made to insure strict compliance with the new Philippine tariff law.

May Be Five Tariff Experts.

Washington, Aug. 10.—It was announced at the Treasury department today that the board of tariff experts to be appointed by the president might consist of five instead of three. It was pointed out that the number was discretionary with President Taft. No selections have yet been made.

Wheat of State Ranks High.

Washington, Aug. 12.—In the government crop report issued today the figures by states include the following: Washington winter wheat, preliminary returns, production 16,951,000 bushels, and quality 98 per cent. Spring wheat, condition August 1, 1909, 90, and 10-year average, 85.

CANNOT STOP STRIKE.

King Unable to Control Labor Situation in Sweden.

Stockholm, Aug. 10.—The tie-up of the business of the country as a result of the strike is so serious that King Gustav intervened in an endeavor to secure a compromise. The king today sent a message to the parties at conflict, exhorting them to agree at the earliest moment possible and advising arbitration.

It was after King Gustav's message had been approved at a cabinet meeting Saturday that he summoned to a conference at the palace the two leaders of the warring factions—Director Sedow, of the employers, and Senator Lindquist, president of the federation of trades unions.

The result of the conference has not yet transpired, but apparently the king's efforts for a peaceful solution of the trouble were without result. Tonight it was announced the printers would strike tomorrow, and the National labor union has issued a proclamation that, beginning tomorrow morning, every drag wagon whose driver is not wearing a union badge will be stopped by strikers. No exception, it was stated, will be made for owners driving their wagons.

The union further declares it will try to frustrate the attempt of the Stockholm streetcar company to start its cars on the surface lines.

COREA SORE SPOT AGAIN.

Many Clashes Occur Between Japs and Chinese.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 10.—Passengers arriving on the steamer Monteagle from the Orient today in discussing the situation between Japan and China, say conditions at Cheintao, on the Korean border, are more likely to cause serious trouble between the two nations than the dispute over the Antung-Mukden railway.

When the Monteagle sailed reports had been received that the Chinese had massed 3,000 soldiers at Cheintao and collisions between them and the Japanese police were frequent. Seoul dispatches received before sailing state that, following the arrest of a party of Koreans by the Japanese at Cheintao, the Chinese troops attacked the Japanese and rescued the prisoners, several of the Japanese being wounded. A boycott has been declared against the Japanese by the Chinese and Koreans of the district.

MAY AVERT STRIKE.

Chicago Labor Controversy Appears to Be Near End.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—According to the outlook tonight there will be no strike of the streetcar employes of Chicago, and a settlement is likely to be reached by tomorrow night.

It is said an offer of a wage increase, based on employes' length of service, will be made by President Mitten, of the Chicago City Railway company.

John M. Roach, president of the Chicago Railways company, has had his auditors at work figuring out a method of advancing wages, and it is said his first offer to a committee of his employes tomorrow will be on the same general basis as that of Mr. Mitten. The controversy probably will be adjusted without resort to outside arbitration. The employes say they are decidedly opposed to arbitration, and rather than submit to it will accept any reasonable compromise coming from the companies direct.

Seattle Fair Half Over.

Seattle, Aug. 10.—With the closing of the gates Sunday, the first half of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition was ended. Figures compiled by the exposition management show the attendance for the first half of the fair to be 1,744,861. Basing their estimates upon the percentage of increase for August and September over the preceding months at previous expositions, the officials estimate that the total attendance at the close of the Seattle exposition October 16 will be more than 4,600,000.

Bolivian Revolt Likely.

Lapaz, Bolivia, Aug. 10.—It is stated that, although the inauguration of Dr. Don Eudoro Villazon as president of the republic has been set for next Thursday, there are many persons here who doubt that this program will be consummated because of his friendliness toward Argentina. The situation in Bolivia never has been more serious, and sensational events are expected shortly.

China Gives Her Consent.

Tokio, Aug. 8.—It is believed that the Chinese minister to Japan has received instructions from Peking in which the objections of the Chinese government to the reconstruction of the Antung-Mukden railroad and its conversion into a standard gauge line are completely withdrawn.

GIRLS PICK WINNERS

Drawing for Government Land at Coeur d'Alene.

OREGON MAN GETS FIRST CHANCE

Officials Have Double Set Drawn to Guard Against Accident—Work Progresses Smoothly.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—When little Helen Hamilton, niece of Mayor Boyd, of Coeur d'Alene, walked into a pile of 105,000 yellow envelopes containing applications for land of the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation yesterday morning, shortly after 10 o'clock, the great land drawing on the three tracts of government land—the Flathead, the Coeur d'Alene and the Spokane Indian reservations—was on.

Several hundred people stood around the platform, on which Judge James W. Witten, of Washington, D. C., formally opened the drawing on one of the last of the big tracts of Uncle Sam's public domain. Unlike the rush in "squatter" days, the modern method of distributing land moved along with the precision of clockwork.

When Miss Hamilton, daintily dressed in white, had plucked the first lucky envelope from the mass and handed it to Judge Witten and the name of Isadore Seig, of Myrtle Creek, Or., had been read aloud, the gathering crowds began to evidence increased interest and quivering excitement.

A faint cheer arose and followed in rapid order as Miss Hamilton, aided by Miss Christine Donlan and Miss Harriet Post, plucked the other lucky envelopes from the pile. Men and women, now anxious to hear the verdicts in the first 20 envelopes, crowded up to the platform where newspaper men and government clerks grabbed at the bits of news-bearing names and started them throughout the land by special wires run to the drawing stand.

The whole affair is a perfect delineation of the large scale on which Uncle Sam conducts his official business. The drawing for the first day closed at 4 o'clock. The mark of 1500 set by Judge Witten as the labor for the first day, was reached and the remaining 1500 will be drawn today. There are but about half that many claims to be given away, but the extra 1500 are drawn to fill in where winners fail to file by April 1.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS OPEN.

Large Number Gathers at Spokane to Discuss Important Affairs.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—The congress opened with the "Irrigation Ode," sung by the Spokane chorus of 250 voices. The address of welcome to the state was delivered by Governor Hay, of Washington.

On behalf of the city Mayor N. S. Pratt spoke. He caused the suggestion of a session by charging private capital with interfering with government reclamation projects.

The response on behalf of the congress was made by George E. Barstow, president of the congress.

It is understood that a number of state delegations have declined to commit themselves in the matter of endorsing a candidate for president. This is true in the case of President Barstow, who, although an announced candidate, has not been urged strongly for a second term because of the feeling that the honor should be "passed around." Other candidates for the president of the congress developed during the day in the persons of ex-Governor Gooding, of Idaho; ex-Governor Pardee, of California, and Congressman Mondell, of Wyoming.

The question of a next meeting place has narrowed down to a fight between San Francisco and Pueblo, Colo., with Denver pledged to aid the latter. The new constitution privilege, the business-like basis so much desired by the congress, was adopted without dissent.

Bank Guaranty Law Effective.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 10.—The new guaranty of bank deposits law passed by the recent special session of the Texas legislature went into operation yesterday. The law is similar to the Oklahoma law in all its most important provisions. It provides for and defines two alternative methods or plans for the protection of the depositors of state banking corporations which are referred to as the "guaranty fund plan" and the "bond security plan," respectively. The state banks may decide which plan to adopt.

Wellman May Soon Fly.

Tromsø, Norway, Aug. 10.—Advices received here from Spitzbergen, where the Walter Wellman polar expedition is being prepared for an attempt to reach the north pole, say the repairs to the balloon shed which was badly damaged by a storm last June, have been completed and a gas apparatus has been installed.

PINCHOT LOUDLY CHEERED.

Fight Water Trust Is Theme of Government's Chief Forester.

Spokane, Aug. 11.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, caused perhaps the chief sensation at yesterday's session of the National Irrigation congress.

A five-minute ovation was given him when he took the rostrum, and similar cheering and "three cheers and a tiger" were given when he had concluded.

Mr. Pinchot took occasion to denounce the activity of the water-power trust which, he said, though still in its inception, bids fair to overshadow all other trusts. He charged that the irrigation congress is being made the tool of the corporate interests whose agents are being made members of important committees for the purpose of domineering the activities of the congress.

George S. Long, representing the lumbermen of the Northwest, himself connected with a big lumber concern in Seattle, denied that the interests of the lumbermen are inimical to those of the consumer. He said that the lumberman is only trying to supply a healthy demand and that reforestation will begin in earnest when the demand has reached the high-price point.

E. T. Allen, United States district forester, brought applause upon himself when he appealed for safe and sane lumbering and the conservation of water.

Addresses on this subject also were made by E. M. Griffith, of Wisconsin, and E. T. Campbell, of Canada.

J. N. Teal of the joint conservation committee, made an appeal for the enlargement of the scope of waterways on the Pacific coast. He showed the possibility of making navigable the Columbia river for a distance of 2,500 miles by applying the cost of a single battleship to the work. He declared that river transportation is the greatest of automatic rate adjusters, and cited the case of Columbia river improvement recently made.

Politics did not enter the lobby discussions, but much comment was heard for and against the resolution which will be proposed by Secretary Hooker, of the board of control, asking a bond issue of \$5,000,000,000 by the national government to be used as an irrigation fund which may be loaned to irrigators unable to carry out projects which need only financial aid to make them immensely valuable.

It is expected that this resolution will call forth much discussion and opinions are pretty evenly divided.

ONE DEFECT FOUND.

Remarkable Showing at Coeur d'Alene Land Drawings.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—Judge Witten resumed the drawing of the Coeur d'Alene reservation at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The crowd, small at first, increased soon to several hundred, but at no time was there the same enthusiasm as was witnessed on the first day, probably due to the fact that numbers after 1,500 are considered of little value.

Yesterday Judge Witten added several to his large force of clerks. These are busy proof reading, typewriting names and sending cards to the winners.

One of the interesting features of the day was the number of persons calling at the land office to make sure they are the genuine winners of the numbers. Sometimes two men of the same name appear, and the judge hands each a piece of paper upon which he asks each to write his name, age, height, etc., and these must correspond with the particulars on the application.

The first rejection of application occurred yesterday when the name of A. D. Boughman, of Charlotte, Mich., through Agent Edwin L. Coy, of the same place, was read. It was rejected on the ground that Ellerton R. Bayles, the notary public of that town, did not specify that he was an authorized notary to make out papers for land drawing. Out of the 3,000 drawn, this is found to be the only one defectively executed.

Fire Provides Pot Hunt.

Ukiah, Cal., Aug. 11.—Driven before a forest fire that swept over Duncan peak, a few miles from Hopland yesterday, hundreds of bucks, does, fawns, rabbits, squirrels and other game fled down into the fields about the springs to become targets for dozens of rifles, shotguns and pistols with which hotel guests and employes turned out to join in an unexpected pot hunt. For several hours the hills rang with the crash of musketry, and when the fusillade was over 14 fine bucks and a brown bear were slain.

Spain's Heavy Loss.

Lisbon, August 11.—Twelve thousand Spaniards lost their lives in the recent fighting in Morocco and the uprising at home, according to today's issue of Duario de Noticias, which has made reliable estimates, including the persons executed at Barcelona and elsewhere by the government. The paper says there is still grave danger of the revolutionary movement sweeping the entire kingdom.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY SEASON

Less important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

The shah of Persia is married. He is 11 years old.

There are rumblings of a revolution in Northern Mexico.

A hot wave in London has been the cause of many deaths.

Wholesale executions and fighting have been renewed at Barcelona.

Thaw has been given a few days' respite before returning to the insane asylum.

Almost the entire town of Milton, Del., has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Johnson Porter says there is room along the Deschutes for two railroads, each having double tracks.

Greece will ask the advice of the powers before answering the last note of Turkey on the Crete affair.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the English suffragette leader, will soon visit the United States and deliver a series of lectures.

Rioting has occurred at Stockholm, Sweden, in connection with the strike. Dynamite has been used to blow up street cars.

William K. Payne, son of the house leader, has been appointed deputy assistant attorney general at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

Minster Wu, of China, has been recalled.

The earnings of the Northern Pacific show an increase of \$250,000 over last year.

An Evanston, Ill., tailor has had a diamond set in the nail of his little finger.

A New York girl is the first American woman to own her own balloon for use as a pleasure.

Porter Brothers are further causing Harriman contractors trouble in the Deschutes by hiring their men.

In a battle between dock laborers and police at Fort William, Ont., 24 men were injured, three fatally.

The court has decided that Thaw is still insane and must be returned to the asylum. An appeal will be taken.

Fifteen people were more or less seriously injured by an electric car running off a bridge at Vancouver, B. C.

China has sent a note to Japan in which the mikado's policy regarding the railroad rights is called unjustified aggression.

Richard Carlin, who confesses to having been a burglar for seven years, has told the New York police that there is no profit in the business.

Colonel Albert A. Pope, the automobile manufacturer, is dead.

The town of Monticello, N. Y., has been almost completely destroyed by fire.

Taft has cut Madison, Wis., from his itinerary in order to avoid meeting La Follette.

Officers and men of the cruiser St. Louis are suspected of smuggling goods from Samoa.

Six children are dead at Reading, Pa., because they were attended only by witch doctors.

The famous Kiel canal of Germany has been temporarily blocked by the sinking of a steamer.

A French aeronaut has crossed the Alps in a balloon. The highest altitude attained was 18,373 feet.

Samuel R. Van Sant will probably be elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. and Atlantic City selected as the next meeting place.

Gorzag, a town of 300 inhabitants, has been selected as the future capital of Brazil. Owing to its altitude it enjoys a pleasant climate.

Count Zeppelin, the German aeronaut, has undergone an operation for abscess.

English cablegrams say that American iron and steel manufacturers have placed large orders for the immediate shipment of fireclay brick for the erection of many additional blast furnaces.

Orville Wright says he can fly 1,000 miles in his aeroplane.

The first signs of a break in the Swedish strike are appearing.

China has yielded to Japan in the Antung-Mukden railway affair.

The Milwaukee road will soon establish through service from St. Paul to the coast.