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THE LONGEST PROPHETIC PERIOD IN THE BIBLE

This was the subject of the lecture at the Orpheum last Sunday evening.

In the 8th chapter of the Book of Daniel is recorded where the prophet was shown a ram which had two horns, and his horns were high.

Then begins the interpretation of the vision. The Angel Gabriel was commissioned to "make this man understand the vision."

In symbolic prophecy a day stands for a year (Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:6) and is so interpreted by all Bible commentators.

That solemn work is now going on. When it closes, probation for the human family closes that work will soon close.

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SIDE LIGHTS ON AMERICAN CONSULS IN MEXICO

Men Whose Names Are Figuring in News Dispatches.

The American consuls in Mexico are constantly figuring in the newspapers in connection with the exploits and movements of Villa, Carranza and the other rebel chieftains.

George C. Carothers, consular agent at Torreon, has been described by Senator Fall as the diplomatic representative of the United States attached to the flying court of Pancho Villa.

Thomas D. Edwards, consul at Juarez, who has figured conspicuously in the dispatches since the killing of Benton, is an older man. He was born at Floyd, N. Y., in April, 1849.

Marion Letcher is United States consul at Chihuahua. Here is Letcher's biographical statement as recorded at the state department.

Alonso B. Garrett, United States consul at Nueva Laredo, who brought Clemente Yergara's body across the Rio Grande, like Edwards at Juarez, is an old man.

Though a man with much to be said, people seldom take offense when he is awake. Chicago News.

SEEKING SHARE OF CHINA'S BUSINESS

Association Tries to Further Interests of Americans.

OPPORTUNITIES ARE WIDE.

Attempts to Impress State Department at Washington With the Necessity For Instant Action in Order That Americans May Share Profits—Other Nations Have Acted.

Peking, China.—The Americans of North China have formed a society under the style of the American Association of North China to foster the interests of American commerce.

They want a commercial attaché to be assigned to duties of investigation throughout China following the practice of other nations, which keep a lively propaganda campaign afoot on behalf of their nationals and they are appealing to the American state department to appoint such an official.

Foremost among those who recognize the need for activity is the new minister, Paul Reinsch. Dr. Reinsch brings to his office a keen perception of the tremendous possibilities which await intelligent effort in this field and a desire to see the American flag holding its own in not topping the bunting of other nations.

Careful investigations have shown him that Americans have great opportunities for a market which is not only valuable but which is also necessary to cultivate now in order to have it developed when the opening of the Panama canal will cause the westward drift of trade to become more and more pronounced.

The association, if it develops along the lines the founders have in view, will be a prod for the government. It will vigilantly protect American inter-



DR. PAUL REINSCH.

ests, advise the administration upon conditions and suggest action best calculated to keep American commerce moving with an upward tendency rather than stagnating or slipping backward.

The first desire, therefore, is for the appointment of a commercial attaché, whose duty it will be to report constantly upon commercial conditions, journey to various centers and make compilations which will be of material benefit to those engaged or who wish to engage in operations in this part of the world.

The consuls at many ports already contribute valuable aid in this direction through their commercial reports, but a consul is restricted in his sphere. The commercial attaché would have more of a roving commission, and his information could be first hand. Other nations have such officials constantly on the lookout for new avenues.

As a matter of fact, this proposal is not new. It was being investigated by the previous administration and the probability is that a commercial attaché would have been at work in China had there been no change. That it is a desirable one is obvious.

China is the largest market in the world that is in process of development. Railway communication is being pushed ahead vigorously. Within the past year the government signed agreements with foreign financiers for the construction of more mileage than has been allotted in the past thirty-eight years.

Every other nation is striving energetically to lay foundations for commercial development, while America, the logical supplier, is idle. Americans in China appreciate this to the full, and the formation of the North China association is their answer to the question as to what they are doing to try to make the home land understand that there is a magnificent market awaiting exploitation, but which will not be permitted to await much longer. Other nations are wide awake and are securing the plums as fast as they can gather them.

She Wins Haircut and Shave. Otley, N. D.—At a recent farmers' institute here business men offered prizes for various exhibits. The village barber offered a dollar bottle of shampoo liquid for the best exhibit of a haircut and shave and having the second prize. Mrs. L. Franz the second prize. Chicago News.

METHODS OF THE KAISER.

When William Wants Information He Just Simply Gets It.

It is a well known fact that, often becoming interested in some subject, Kaiser William summons the greatest authority on the subject and gets the latest information in the quickest way.

The emperor, so the story goes, summoned Professor Harnack, the renowned theologian, and asked him some technical questions—say, the latest news on the antiquity of the book of John. The Kaiser is known to be a specialist in refuting higher criticism, so perhaps the question was even more technical.

He and Harnack indulged in a spirited discussion and all too soon the clock brained private secretary interrupted to tell his majesty that he had an appointment for the next half hour with Prince So-and-so. The emperor's face clouded.

The next day Professor Harnack received an invitation from the count who was entertaining the Kaiser, and although he was not acquainted with his host he accepted. At dinner he found himself sitting next to the emperor, who immediately resumed the theological discussion where it had been left off the day before. And this time it was finished.—Chicago News.

TYPE AND TAPE.

These Names Sounded Queer as They Were Heard in London.

Here's one about an American printer whose vicissitudes took him across the ocean last year and landed him in the town of London.

This printer betthought him of starting a little paper in the heart of England. So he rented a little building, then went to purchase his type and presses. For the type he stopped at a typefounder's place and explained his needs.

"I want some type," he said. "We don't sell type here," answered the clerk blankly. "You might get it at the draper's shop over the way."

"How should I get type in a draper's shop?" "How should you get it anywhere else may I ask, think you, sir?" "Well, in my country type is sold at a typefounder's, not at a dry goods store."

"Aow? Did y'wish toype, sir? I thought you wish type such as they have in type measures and typeworms. You didn't wish type to bind on the edges of frocks, then, but toype to print a paper with? Step this way, thank you, sir."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cause of the Roman Empire.

The reason "why the Roman empire succeeded the republic" was that there was felt to be an urgent need of a strong central power. For many years the republic had been desolated, and the cry of the whole people was for peace—peace at almost any price. Now, peace could be secured only by the ascendancy of a single man, ruling with absolute and irresistible sway.

Japanese Fashions.

A Japanese woman of fashion is by no means a train on her husband's finances. The cost of her wearing apparel is very small indeed when compared to her sister of the accident. She wears \$13.80 worth of clothing under her kimono, the latter costing about \$25.

A Lesson in Spelling.

The lawyer was Scotch, and the judge was English. The case in argument concerned certain water rights, and the lawyer had frequently to use the word "water," which he pronounced very broad.

"Mr. So-and-so," at last interrupted the judge, "do you spell water with two t's in your country?"

"Na, na, my lord," quickly retorted the lawyer, "but we spell manners w' twa n's!"

Mixed Odors.

"My wife was to give a rose tea—everything scented with roses."

"A delicate concert." "Yes; but things went wrong. The people in the next flat took that occasion to have onions and cabbage."—Louisville Courier Journal.

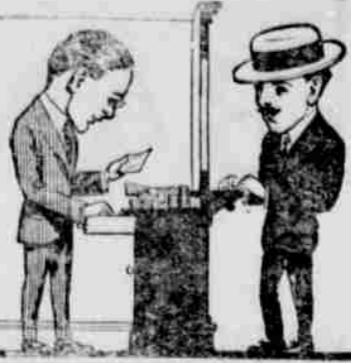
Man of His Word.

Wife—You've changed dreadfully. Before we were married you said that you'd lay down your life for me. Hub—Well, I did my life of single blessedness.—Exchange.

It is vain to put words in the mouth of him who will not stretch out his hand to take it.—Anwar Johnson.

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