

WANT Milder Punishment

America, Russia and France Have Demanded Moderation in Dealing with China,

While the Other Powers Insist Upon the Death Penalty Being Inflicted on Hostile Princes--Russia Puts on a Bold Front in Chi Li Province.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A serious divergence has arisen in Peking," says the TienTsin correspondent of the Daily Mail. "Japan, the United States, Russia and France favor demanding milder punishment than the execution of Prince Tuan and others, while Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Hungary and Italy deem anything less than the death penalty useless.

"An important decision has been arrived at, however, that this divergence is not to interfere with the general peace negotiations.

"Another remarkable feature of the situation is the sudden bold face of Russia, which now declines either to withdraw her troops from the province of Chi Li or to hand over the railway as promised."

A SHARP FIGHT.

Paris, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Marshal Von Waldsee, says: Muhlensfeld's detachment, November 20th, drove a band of Boxers out of Amkai Chwang, after a short engagement, during which forty Boxers were killed and the latter lost eight guns.

TO MAKE TERMS.

London, Nov. 23.—A dispatch to Reuters News Agency from Peking, dated November 22d, says:

"Competent independent judges of the present critical stage of the negotiations opine that the consideration of all the peace preliminaries should be transferred to Washington or to a European capital and be placed in the hands of plenipotentiaries possess-

ed of full power to arrange the terms to be imposed on China. Once the terms are agreed on they should be presented as a demand not requiring negotiation with the Chinese commissioners.

"It is felt that the present discussions of the Ministers, who do not possess the powers to decide on the multiplicity of propositions without reference to their governments, are bound to interminably drag out the preliminaries and result in long delay, causing the greatest uneasiness in the foreign communities, who anticipate vastly increased difficulty in reaching settlement, owing to the alleged waste of time."

FRESH NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Secretary of State has addressed an identical note to the Powers interested in the Chinese situation setting out tersely and briefly the objects as are common to the Powers can be best secured. The note marks the initiation of fresh negotiations on our part of the arrangement of new basis to side over the impossible situation created at the last meeting of the Ministers in Peking. Some responses already are at hand, and it is stated that generally our advances have been well received, and the State Department expresses satisfaction with the progress so far achieved.

It is believed that the note is an appeal from the extreme course suggested by some of the Powers as to the treatment of China, especially in the matter of punishments and indemnities to which the Ministers at Peking were inclined. The intent is to push the negotiations on a more rational and business-like basis.

FOR AN OPEN RIVER.

PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL TAKE ACTION.

To Secure Locks at the Dalles of the Columbia—Congress to Make An Appropriation.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 23.—The subject of an open river from Lewiston to the sea was considered by the Chamber of Commerce trustees today. Not much was accomplished, but the way was opened for a fuller consideration of the subject, to the end that there shall be united action of the three states in Congress to secure the improvement desired. A canal and locks at the Dalles of the Columbia, to cost less than \$5,000,000 to be completed within five years, is the particular project now engaging attention.

This subject came before the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce in the form of a letter from President E. H. Libbey, of the Lewiston, Idaho, Commercial Club, a personal letter to President Taylor, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. It asked the cooperation of Portland in the movement to make the river channel free from Lewiston to the sea.

After a discussion of the subject for two hours, the Chamber of Commerce decided to ask President Libbey to come to Portland for a conference next Tuesday.

MOSQUITOES IN CUBA.

Carry the Germs of Yellow Fever—They Are Responsible for Spread.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Tribune says: It is understood that a report concerning the investigation of the acute infectious diseases prevalent in Cuba will soon be made to Surgeon-General Sternberg. This report, it is declared, will show that mosquitoes are largely responsible for the spread of yellow fever in Cuba, and that a physician who experimented on himself to learn if this theory was true, died from yellow fever, the germs of which had been injected into his system by a mosquito that had bitten a person affected with yellow fever. It will also show, it is said, that another physician who experimented in a similar manner was stricken with yellow fever, but recovered.

Dr. Jesse Lazear is said to have been the physician who succumbed to the disease, and Dr. James Carroll was the one who recovered. Doctors Carroll and Lazear were stationed in Cuba at the time of the experiments.

TROUBLE WITH TURKEY.

Sultan Forbids American Consulate Being Established at Harpoot.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—The Porte has definitely rejected the request for an exequatur for a United States Consul at Harpoot. This refusal is regarded by the United States Legation as a direct violation of the treaty rights, and consequently, despite the refusal, Dr. Thomas H. Weston, who was appointed by President McKinley some time ago to establish a Consulate at Harpoot, has been directed to proceed to his post. The expected visit of the battleship Kentucky to Smyrna is believed to relate quite as much to this matter as to the indemnity question.

Naples, Nov. 23.—The United States battleship Kentucky which arrived here November 19th, sails tomorrow for Smyrna.

THEY WILL STRIKE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 23.—President Mitchell, of the Salted Mice Workers of America, today granted permission to 2000 miners of Hopkins county, Ky., to strike tomorrow.

A SENSATION.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Nov. 23.—Sheriff

R. P. Kirk, of Ballinger, Tex., has identified the remains of the outlaw seen and killed by Deputy Sheriff Neelsson at Dixon Wednesday, as Noah Wilkerson, under life sentence in Texas as accessory to murder. Sheriff Kirk promises to spring a sensation upon his return to Coleman, Tex., where Wilkerson was confined. The rifle and revolver of Wilkerson are recognized as having been the property of certain persons in Texas, who, it is believed, aided the convict to escape.

SWALLOWED BROKEN GLASS.

Negro Charged With Criminal Assault, Suicides in Court.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 23.—In Justice Johnson's court today, Ernest Scott, a negro charged with attempted assault on two white girls, swallowed a handful of broken glass. He will probably die. As the judge bound him over to the grand jury, Scott poured the glass into his mouth and fell into a chair.

"I am done for; they can't hang me," he muttered.

A FARMER BANKRUPT.

His Liabilities Are Less Than His Available Assets.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—John M. Osburn, of Corvallis, a farmer and fine stock raiser, a resident of Benton county for the last forty years, today filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court. His liabilities amount to some \$45,000, and his assets to about \$48,000.

CORN IS CORNERED.

The Bold Speculator Cares Little What the Market May Be.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Geo. H. Phillips, who has successfully cornered November corn, nested on his cars today and declared he would do nothing more this week. November corn closed one cent lower than yesterday, at 44 1/2 cents.

"I do not care whether prices go up or down for the present," said Phillips.

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CALIFORNIA FLOODS.

Anaheim in Danger of Being Swamped by the Santa Ana River.

ANAHEIM, Cal., Nov. 23.—The flood situation here is alarming. A break in the Santa Ana River has brought the water to within a mile of the town, which is fifteen feet below the bed of the river, and if the rise of the latter continues, the town will be swamped. The Catholic cemetery was reached last night and is under a foot of water. In the next hours breaks in the Santa Ana River have let in a large volume of new water, and the colony will be lost. Over 100 families have been driven from their homes, and there is fear that people in isolated sections have been drowned.

The Southern Pacific has lost a mile of track on the Los Angeles branch. All that country is flooded. Two thousand feet of track is out across Coyote Flats. The Santa Fe train from Santa Ana is here, but can go no further. Beyond that 2000 feet of track are out at one place, and 1000 feet further on, while ten miles of roadbed is unsafe.

BIG GAME TODAY.

Harvard and Yale to Meet on the Gridiron—Roosevelt to Cheer.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 23.—Everything is in readiness for the great game between Yale and Harvard, on the Yale field, tomorrow. In-

deed, the first Harvard contingent arrived in the city today on a train of ten parlor cars from Boston. With the arrival of that company of "crusaders" supporters the first money to be wagered on the game from the Harvard supporters appeared. The Harvard men demanded odds of 10 to 7. The Harvard men expect Governor Roosevelt in the morning. He has promised to help lead the cheering of the Harvard supporters.

REBELS VICTORIOUS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from San Juan, Porto Rico, says: A gentleman in this city has received a cablegram from Caracas saying that the rebels have seized the principal seaports of Colombia. The news was conveyed by a steamer which arrived at Laguayra from the west.

PAUL KRUGER IS IN FRANCE

Diplomatic Complications with England May Easily Result.

THE FRENCH PEOPLE EXCITED

The Government Can Not Afford to Antagonize a Friendly Neighboring Country.

DIJON, France, Nov. 23.—One of the most important phases of the demonstration in honor of President Kruger was the turn it took in the anti-British direction. A few criminally foolish Englishmen, whose ill-timed levity at the Hotel Du Louvre in Marseilles exasperated the people in the streets there, never dreamed of the consequences of their act. They sowed the wind, and today the English people are reaping the whirlwind. The news of the supposed insult to Kruger seems to have spread across France, and at all stations, but especially at Lyons and Dijon, shouts for the Boers were mingled with loud cries of "Down with the English!" Indeed, at Lyons the denunciations of the English drowned the shouting for the Boers. This is the disturbing feature which is universally discussed. Fears are expressed that tomorrow's reception in Paris may assume a character calculated to arouse the feeling of Great Britain against France to such extent as to result in unpleasant relations between the two countries.

POLICE PREPARATIONS.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—The peaceful, but enthusiastic manner in which the people of Marseilles greeted the arrival of Kruger, yesterday, and the warm welcome extended to him in the cities he passed through today, all occurring without any anti-British demonstrations of any consequence, have made the authorities here feel confident that his reception here tomorrow will not result in any unpleasant incident. Mr. Lepino, prefect of police, said today:

"We have full confidence in the people of Paris, and count upon them not to do anything likely to cause diplomatic complications. However, the police have the strictest orders to permit only cries which are complimentary to Mr. Kruger and the Boers. They will not tolerate any cries uncomplimentary to the neighboring and friendly country. Any persons uttering such uncomplimentary cries will be arrested."

Mr. Kruger will arrive about noon, and many stores will be closed for the rest of the afternoon. There is cer-

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tain to be an immense concourse of people along the entire route.

ON THE WAY.

Marseilles, Nov. 23.—Though the enthusiasm attending Mr. Kruger's departure from Marseilles was not so boisterous and there was no such crowd present as awaited him on the quay when he landed yesterday from the Gelderland, he had no reason to complain of any diminution of warmth on the part of the people of Marseilles. Mr. Kruger was up at an early hour and was ready and waiting when his landau reached the hotel to convey him to the railroad depot. Amidst the cheering of a large assemblage, the former president of the Transvaal entered his carriage at 9 o'clock and was driven to the station. He was accompanied by Dr. Leyds and Messrs. Pearson, Wessels, Fischer, Van Hamme, Hamand and Heymans. Just before the departure of the train Mr. Kruger appeared on the steps of the railroad carriage, in response to the shouts of the crowd, and said:

"Citizens of Marseilles: I thank the people of Marseilles for its warm welcome. I trust I shall find the same enthusiastic spirit in all the cities which I am going to travel through, and I hope it will be followed by actions which will continue to assist us and result in abetting our cause."

As the train left at 9:20 a. m., a great cry arose. Mr. Kruger will spend the night at Dijon, where he will arrive at 5:20 p. m.

Extensive police precautions were taken this morning. Detachments of policemen were massed along the route from the hotel to the station, but Mr. Kruger's departure took place without any disagreeable incident.

POTHA IN PURSUIT.

London, Nov. 23.—The Standard today, commenting on the report that General Potha, with his command, is close to Dewetsdorp, regards the news as most disquieting, and says:

"We have heard many strange and unverified stories, but one thing we know, that French was pursued all

the way from Middleburg to Standerton and got through the terrible neck of the mountains only by the skin of his teeth."

HEAVY FIGHTING.

London, Nov. 23.—A special dispatch from Middleburg, Transvaal Colony, says that in the surprise on the out-post of the "Buff's" (Third Infantry) southwest of Balmoral, November 10th, the Boers lost sixty men killed and wounded. The burghers, the dispatch adds, simultaneously attacked a garrison of Britishers on Wilge river, but were beaten off with the loss of 120 men killed and wounded.

The Latest Yarn.

A Pittsburg drummer tells this new yarn: I always carry a bottle of Kemp's Balsam in my grip. I take cold easily and a few doses of the Balsam always makes me a well man. Everywhere I go I speak a good word for Kemp. I take hold of my customers—I take old men and young men and tell them, confidently what I do when I take cold. At druggists, 25c and 50c.

ALABAMA COAL IN DEMAND.

Minis Unable to Produce Enough to Supply Wants of Trade.

The demand for coal in Alabama exceeds the supply. Is the information given out by operators. The mines are working harder now than ever before and the production in the state is large. Colonel T. H. Abrych of the Southern Alabama Coal Mining Co. and Brilliant Coal Co., in Marion county, stated the other day that in addition

to the regular union prices paid for mining a premium of 5 cents per ton is paid for every ton over 65 tons a month. The premium is given as an incentive for harder work on the part of the miners on account of the urgent need for the product.

TWO OF A KIND.

The early bird catches the worm, we are told. And the worm that is early gets caught. So if you're a bird you must rise ere the gold. Of the morning flames up, or catch naught! With the first hint of day You must hurry away To where unbridled idiots are caught! And if you're a worm, you must stay close in bed. Till all the woodpeckers have gone; When they knock at your door you must cover your head. And be deaf as a stone till the knockers have flown! "Oh, You'll starve if you do!" Well, the bird'll starve, too. And there'll two 'Simple Simons' be gone. —Indianapolis Press.

PRIZES TO VETERAN SERVANTS.

Prizes to servants who had served their masters a long time were distributed in Austria on the occasion of the emperor's seventieth birthday. Twenty-one prizes of \$75 each were given—for serving 33 years, among the recipients were a valet of 71 years of age who had served his master for 46 years; a nurse 72 years of age, who had been 42 years in one family; a maid of all work, 77 years of age, whose record was 41 years, and a cook, kitchenmaid and a maid of all work, who had each stayed in one place 39 years.

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