

SIGN THE TREATY

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

FINAL SETTLEMENT IS REACHED

The Compact is Negotiated by F. S. Sherretts, Who Briefly Informs the State Department of its Consummation on August 15.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The state department has received a dispatch from T. S. Sherretts, the treasury expert who was commissioned by the state department to negotiate a tariff between the United States and China, stating that the treaty was signed on the 16th inst., and that he would sail for the United States on the first steamer.

The announcement contained in Mr. Sherretts' brief dispatch to the state department brings to a successful conclusion negotiations which have been in progress for many months for a tariff treaty between China and this country. It was stipulated as one of the features of the peace agreement between China and the foreign powers, at the close of the Boxer outbreak, that an entirely new fabric to the trade treaties should be made.

This carried out the purpose Secretary Hay had maintained throughout the preceding negotiations for an "open door," the desire being to open up foreign communications with the interior of China and thus gain access to the vast markets of the empire.

Following the conclusion of the peace arrangements, Mr. Sherretts was selected to carry on the tariff negotiations in behalf of the United States. This selection was due to his long familiarity with tariff affairs, as he had assisted in the framing of recent tariff legislation before congress, and had also served as one of the general appraisers of New York. He went to China about a year ago, and has since been engaged in working out the details of a tariff agreement.

It was announced about a month ago that the British commissioners had concluded a treaty with China, and it was understood at that time that the British treaty would serve as a basis for similar treaties with the United States and other foreign countries. The state department was advised at the time that the rates on imports entering China were 12 1/2 per cent and the export duties 7 1/2 per cent.

One of the most important provisions of the British-China treaty was that abolishing the Likin tax. It is presumed that similar rates are made in the American treaty, and that the Likin tax is abolished as far as it relates to American goods in transit. The Likin tax has been one of the most burdensome exactions of the antiquated Chinese systems, as it was levied by the officials at various points through the interior, without uniformity, and often with less regard for commercial ends than for the enrichment of the unscrupulous local officials. The abolition of the Likin tax will go far toward encouraging foreign trade and traffic in the interior of China.

Mr. Sherretts' dispatch is dated at Shanghai, and does not go into details regarding the treaty he has signed.

GALA RECEPTION TO TAFT.

Elaborate Ovation to Be Tendered Governor on Arrival.

MANILA, Aug. 1.—Governor Taft is expected to reach here next Wednesday. He left Singapore, Straits Settlements, last Friday on board the United States gunboat General Alava.

The plans for the reception to be given Governor Taft are most elaborate. The shipping in the harbor will be decorated when he arrives and a procession of small craft is to accompany the General Alava up the bay. A series of arches are at present being erected along the line of Governor Taft's march from the office of the captain of the port, where he will disembark from a launch, to Valacanan palace, where a reception will be given him. There will be a banquet the evening of the governor's arrival.

Heiress to Fair Estate.

PLAINVIEW, N. J., Aug. 18.—Mrs. Nelson and her son Abram, the mother and half brother of the late Mrs. Charles Fair, left Newark today for San Francisco to care for their interests in the division of the Fair estate.

Prince Chen Sails.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 18.—Prince Chen arrived here yesterday. He sails today on the Empress of Japan. Mme. Melba also arrived here enroute to Australia.

Peter's Pence Are Few.

ROME, Aug. 18.—The Assumption day collection of Peter's pence in all the churches of Rome aggregated only \$5,000, much less than had been expected.

WILL MOVE AGAINST BACOLOD.

Troops Will Attack Place Where Soldiers Were Murdered.

MANILA, Aug. 18.—The Moro situation in Mindanao is considered critical. It is believed that American troops will soon move against Bacolod, where the murder of two men from the Twenty-seventh regiment was plotted recently. A small party of Moros surprised an outpost of the Twenty-seventh at Camp Vickers on August 7 and succeeded in killing two and wounding one American. They came from Bacolod. Bitter opposition exists against the Americans at Cocolod, and Captain John J. Pershing of the Fifteenth cavalry, commanding the American forces at Lake Lanao, has recommended the reduction of the Bacolod fortress.

General Chaffee, who recently left Manila on a tour of final inspection, reached the island of Mindanao on Friday. In a conference with the local commander, General Chaffee argued that unless the American forces moved decisively against the hostiles they would lose the support of the friendly Moros.

TWO OUTLAWS STRUNG UP.

Members of Casey-Cravens Gang Hanged by Oklahoma Mob.

CORDELL, Okla., Aug. 18.—A mob of several hundred men took Levi Reed and Bud Wingo, outlaws captured recently in a raid on the Casey-Cravens gang, from the county jail here and strung them up to trees to force them to reveal the whereabouts of their leaders and to give information regarding their crimes.

The outlaws finally gave the desired information and the mob returned them to jail, disappearing, apparently to run down the gang. Reed was so badly strangled that he was revived with difficulty.

The Casey-Cravens gang is one of the worst that infests this part of the country. Recently they have committed many outrages in southern Oklahoma.

Governor Savage Takes a Hand.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 18.—Governor Savage and a number of Union Pacific officials have been in consultation here with Mayor Walker and county officials regarding the advisability of sending state troops to control the strikers, who, it is charged, have been trespassing on Union Pacific property and threatening new employes. There has been no marked violence thus far, and the sheriff says he believes he can maintain order. Governor Savage will investigate the matter further and announce his decision before returning to Lincoln tomorrow. Leaders of the strikers say they will aid in preventing violence.

Vaughn Has a New Party.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—W. R. Vaughan, formerly of Nebraska, is at the Astor house. Mr. Vaughan is entitled to the distinction of having organized the first new political party of the twentieth century. It is called "Vaughn's justice party," and first saw the light of day at Washington. "Our party of justice is already an aggressive force," said Mr. Vaughan. "It promises liberty for all Americans. Liberty is unknown in this country. The new party opposes all trusts and monopolies. I am in New York for the purpose of arranging for the holding of a convention here of our party of justice at an early date."

Pope Receives a Message.

ROME, Aug. 18.—Among the telegrams of congratulation received by the pontiff was one of 20,000 words from the Catholics of Catania, Sicily. The receipt of this long message caused amusement, as under the settlement with the Italian government all telegrams for the vatican are accepted and delivered free. In the course of a conversation the pope urged the building of a chapel to be dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

One Thousand Rebels Slain.

PEKIN, Aug. 18.—The viceroy of Sze Chuan reports that imperial troops attacked the rebel headquarters at Inchawan August 12. One thousand rebels were killed and their leader, Tong You Hung, was captured and executed.

Editor Hemphill Dies.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 18.—Colonel William A. Hemphill, former mayor of Atlanta and founder of the Atlanta Constitution, died suddenly tonight.

Four Police Officers Killed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 18.—Grank L. Stone, a police officer, died tonight at the hospital as a result of a bullet wound inflicted by one of four toughs, whom he was trying to arrest at Riverview, a suburb across the line here in Kansas. Before he died Stone said that Pete Nugent shot him. Pete Nugent, a brother of James Nugent, Charles Ross and John Harrington, have been arrested and will be held for Stone's murder.

TROUBLE COMING

ROYALISTS ACCUSED OF OPPOSITION TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

LEADERS DENY THE CHARGE

Claim Movement is Entirely Spontaneous on the Part of the People—Ministerial Organs Assert that Breton Peasants Were Deluded.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The semi-official announcement, made after yesterday's cabinet meeting, that the royalists are directing the agitation against the closing of religious schools in Brittany has evoked considerable comment.

Catholic leaders and the Catholic press deny that the movement is anti-republican. Count Albert de Mun, who, with Abbey Gayraud, is the guiding spirit of the resistance in Finisterre, declares that the movement is entirely spontaneous on the part of the people themselves, and that not an act nor a shout has occurred in Brittany to justify the allegation that a royalist conspiracy exists. Count Albert de Mun says the "Marseillaise" has been sung everywhere and that it is evident the government is embarrassed by the situation and has invented the royalist scare in order to create a diversion.

Francois Coppee in an interview, expressed a similar opinion in more violent and picturesque language. The Patrie says it is rumored that the government intended to arrest the royalist senator from Finisterre, M. de Chamillard. Ministerial organs assert that the government possesses information as to the manner in which the Breton peasants were deluded into a belief that they could successfully resist the republic.

The situation at St. Meen and Folgeet remains unchanged. An important pilgrimage to Folgeet took place today, on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption, 15,000 people gathering from the surrounding country. Processions from nearby villages arrived during the morning, headed by priests bearing crosses and banners and chanting.

Admiral De Cuverville, Abbe Gayraud, who is a member of the Chamber of Deputies, and Councillor Soublon have addressed a protest to the premier, M. Coombes, on account of the allegations of royalism, saying: "We protest against the attempt to give a political character to the demonstrations of an indignant public conscience. While applauding the legitimate protests of the population who are grateful to the sisters, we shall continue to strive to prevent acts of violence. Long live the liberal republic."

Members of religious orders expelled from France, especially sisters, are applying to the vatican authorities for permission to settle in the United States.

PLANS FOR PEKIN BUILDING.

Architect is to Be Sent to China by Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Complying with the request of the secretary of state, the treasury department will detail an expert architect to go to Peking, China, to complete the plans and specifications for the new United States legation buildings there and superintend their construction.

The French architect who performed a like service for his government and who was engaged to plan and construct the buildings for the United States has gone to France and will not return. As his plans were not altogether favorable, Minister Conger has asked that a competent architect be sent from the United States. The selection of a man will be made very soon.

European Cold Wave.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—The weather continues cold and rainy. The temperature yesterday in southern Saxony stood at 32 degrees F., and snow fell in the Erz-Gebrige and in the Vis-see mountains in Alsace. The North sea summer resorts are practically deserted and persons on vacations are returning to their homes. Army officers are wearing their winter overcoats.

Rests with the Police.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 16.—Attorney General Taylor decided today that Governor Durbin has no right to interfere in boxing contests, but that the local police of cities must control them.

Turks and Bulgarians.

VIENNA, Aug. 16.—Local newspapers publish reports of a sanguinary fight between two battalions of Turkish infantry under the command of Nedim Pasha and a band of Bulgarian Macedonia revolutionists, commanded by an ex-Bulgarian army officer, Stojanoff. The engagement occurred near Uskub, European Turkey. The revolutionists were cut to pieces and the Turks had many men killed or wounded.

SITUATION VERY CRITICAL.

Sacking of Barcelona Continues and Valuable Property Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Under date of Wednesday, August 13, Minister Bowen, at Caracas, reports to the state department that the situation there is very critical.

Minister Bowen in the dispatch, the contents of which the state department made public today, says he "is advised by the United States consul at Barcelona that the revolutionists are sacking that town and searching private houses. They are demanding money from foreign residents in exchange for a guaranty of safety of lives and property."

At the time of filing his dispatch he had heard nothing from the Cincinnati or Marietta. He says the sacking of Barcelona continues and that much valuable property is being destroyed.

At the navy department a cablegram has been received from Commander McLean, reporting the arrival of the Cincinnati at Barcelona. The Marietta is at Port of Spain, Trinidad, and is subject to the orders of Commander McLean.

The dispatch from Commander McLean was sent since that of Minister Bowen.

KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE.

Charles Fair and Wife of Can Francisco Meet Death in France.

EVEREUX, France, Aug. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fair, Americans, who were related to Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, jr. (Miss Virginia Fair), were returning to Paris from Trouville today when their automobile swerved and crashed into a tree fifteen miles from here.

Both were killed. The chauffeur became insane as a consequence of the shock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fair had been staying at Trouville during racing week. They had a very fast forty-five horse power automobile, which attracted considerable attention, and with which they were highly pleased. Mr. Fair had been from Trouville to Paris and back again in one day on the machine. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Fair were taken to the Chateau Bulson du Mal.

SENATORS GOING TO HAWAII.

Mission is to Investigate Condition of Affairs There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—United States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas, chairman of the sub-committee of the senate that has been instructed to visit Hawaii and inquire into ex-Queen Liliuokalani's claims to crown lands, has arrived and expects to sail for Honolulu on the next steamer.

Senator Burton expects to spend four or five weeks in Hawaii in company with Senator Mitchell of Oregon and Senator Foster of Washington. They will make a thorough investigation of the affairs and conditions in the islands and among other things will inquire into the crown land question.

Iowans Graduate at Valparaiso.

RICHMOND, Ind., Aug. 16.—The following Iowa students received degrees at the annual commencement of Valparaiso college August 14: Jacob Bretback, Cascade; Charles B. Speers, Hedrick; P. J. Woods, Pleasantville; Petra M. Dahl, Calmar; N. J. Curt, Cascade; James R. McVicker, Sigourney; F. W. Page, Elkader; James P. Reid, Muscatine; J. E. Sturdevant, Stanwood; Otto S. Svabakken, Waterloo; David G. Eckholm, Swea City; Alfred C. Merwin, Leon; William S. Watson, Kellerton; Catherine A. Hastings, Bailey; Elnora G. Hicks, Creston.

Monona Inane Go to Cherokee.

ONAWA, Ia., Aug. 16.—The clerk of the district court of Monona county received orders from the state board of control that after August 15 all persons committed as insane from Monona and twenty-six other counties in northwestern Iowa must be sent to the Cherokee state hospital. Persons committed as inebriates will be sent to Mount Pleasant as formerly.

Death of Thomas Highland.

SAC CITY, Ia., Aug. 15.—Thomas Highland, the venerable father of Mayor John M. Highland, died at the home of his son Walter, northeast of Sac City, in his 90th year. Mr. Highland and his wife recently celebrated the sixty-sixth anniversary of their marriage. He had been in excellent health with mental facilities well preserved until a few days ago.

Pastor Kills Himself.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 15.—Rev. Dr. M. M. Sweeney, pastor of the Bellevue Methodist Episcopal church, Bellevue, Pa., committed suicide last night at his residence by cutting his wrists. He bled to death before his condition was discovered.

Odell Guest of President.

TORBAY, L. I., Aug. 15.—Governor Odell of New York was the guest of the president at luncheon yesterday.

REBELS CONTROL

THE CAPTURE OF BARCELONA ADDS TO THEIR STRENGTH.

HOLD LEADING CUSTOM POINTS

Several Stories and Private Residences in City Have Been Pillaged—Statement that Cable is Cut Proves Untrue.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Just before the department closed a dispatch was received from Commander Nickels of the Topeka at Port Cabello, stating that the revolutionists were in control and that there was no danger of an attempt to retake the town by the government forces. Commander Nickels acknowledged the receipt of instructions directing him to land a force in case of necessity, but stated that the necessity for such a step had not arisen.

In official circles the control of Porto Cabello by the revolutionists is considered a signal victory for that party, as it is a place of considerable strategic importance. It is a town of about 10,000 people, situated on a spacious, deep and safe harbor by means of which, if necessary, troops and supplies may be landed or dispatched to other places in the country. Porto Cabello is but a short sail from Lagaira, which is not far from the Venezuelan capital. A crisis in affairs at Porto Cabello, where the insurgents have been gathering strength, has existed for some time and today's news from Commander Nickels confirms the prediction that a battle would soon be fought there.

Topeka is looking after the interests of Americans in that section of the country and Commander Nickels was given full authority to land a force if necessary and also to prevent bombardment without due notice. This action was authorized at the suggestion of Minister Bowen and closely followed a notice from the Germans that they intended taking similar steps for the protection of German interests. Commander Nickels' dispatch is the first official information that has reached Washington that the revolutionists have secured control of Porto Cabello.

The place called Angustura, mentioned in Commander Rodgers' dispatch from Port of Spain as in the hands of the revolutionists, is about 250 miles up the Orinoco river, and the more modern name for it is Siudad Bolivar. General Matos, who is practically at the head of the revolution against Castro took this town some time ago and left one of his lieutenants in charge. According to information now in possession of the officials here Castro is being hemmed in from three sides at Caracas. General Matos advanced from Bolivar to the northwest to a place called Orinoco, about sixty miles south of Caracas. Ten days ago Castro was reported as having left the capital with a force to meet the revolutionary general, but subsequently he changed his mind and returned. More recent advices indicated that a battle was imminent on the plains immediately south of Caracas.

Early this week the revolutionists took Barcelona, to the eastward of Caracas, and now, according to this last dispatch from Commander Nickels, they have obtained control of Porto Cabello to the westward.

ARRANGE GRAIN REDUCTION.

Meeting of Northwestern and Transcontinental Lines Held.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 15.—The meeting of the northwestern and transcontinental lines at the Great Northern building to discuss the proposed reduction in grain rates today resulted in a partial agreement, which may be fully concluded within a few days.

Within a week it is expected the lines interested will announce the exact reductions. Some of the reductions in rates will amount to 1 1/2 and 2 cents per 100 pounds. It would make the through rate to Chicago 19 1/2 cents instead of 21 1/2 cents.

It is a simple calculation that by a reduction of half a cent a bushel on a crop of 150,000,000 bushels of wheat in the three states a total of \$750,000 would be saved, while the total on all grains is expected to be \$1,250,000.

Burned by Gasoline Explosion.

WAUCOMA, Ia., Aug. 15.—Miss Carrie Budka was seriously burned at the restaurant of F. B. Reed in this city by the explosion of a gasoline stove. The interior of the room was also damaged by the fire.

Dividend on Steel.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Members of the United States Steel corporation underwriting syndicate received a third dividend of 5 per cent on the face of the \$200,000,000 for which they were liable. The syndicate was not asked to advance more than 12 1/2 per cent of this, so its profits to date are \$30,000,000 on the actual outlay of \$25,000,000, or a return of 125 per cent, less a comparatively small sum in loss of interest.

KILLED IN WYOMING.

Fremont Man Supposed Victim of Stockmen's Feud.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 18.—News of the killing of Charles Osterman, a young man aged about thirty years, who was born in Fremont and lived here until he grew up, near Rock Springs, Wyo., was received in this city. It came by way of Nickerson, where relatives of Mr. Osterman's wife live.

The information was embodied in a telegram and did not give details of the manner in which he came to his death, but it is conjectured that he was shot in some of the trouble that has been in progress between the cattlemen and sheepmen of Wyoming. Osterman was the owner of a sheep ranch and had been in the business of raising those animals for some years. His father, Charles Osterman, sr., lives at Central City, Neb. He was formerly a member of a Fremont partnership in the commission business. Only three months ago the young man married Miss Bessie Havens, a niece of Platt and M. Havens of this city, at Nickerson, and the couple went west to live on the groom's ranch.

BAYARD CATTLEMAN SHOOT.

Wounds Clyde Ingram, Who Attempts to Regain Stock.

BAYARD, Neb., Aug. 18.—As the result of a controversy over some stock, Clyde Ingram is seriously wounded and a disastrous feud is threatened.

Ingram, who belongs to the famous family of Maud Ingram, the "western cattle queen," tried to demolish a corral of a neighbor and free some stock which had been caught for trespass.

The neighbor protected his property, and an altercation followed in which Ingram attempted to shoot the other, who then emptied a charge of shot into Ingram's neck.

Drowned in the Nemaha.

STERLING, Neb., Aug. 18.—Hattie, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Ind Webber, a farmer living two miles west of town, was drowned in the Nemaha river. Her brother was repairing a fence near by and the girl was fishing in the stream. She was in the water only a short time, but life was extinct by the time medical aid had been summoned. The young lady had been having fainting attacks recently and it is thought one of these had come on and she fell in the water.

Gladson Gets Feathery Coat.

SEWARD, Neb., Aug. 18.—A man by the name of Gladson came from Aurora to visit his 12-year-old son, who is in jail here charged with stealing a team. Gladson proceeded to get on a drunk of Seward liquor and while walking down the street insulted a woman. It is reported that a party of men caught him and taking him to the river administered a coat of tar and feathers and then turned him loose.

Militia Waits for Orders.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 18.—Governor Savage as the commander-in-chief and Adjutant General Colby are awaiting further information from the war department before they issue formal orders for the mobilization of the Nebraska National guard at Fort Riley, Kan. It is a settled fact that the two regiments will be ordered into camp, but the exact time has not been determined.

Frontier County Fair.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., Aug. 1.—Secretary Cheney of the Frontier county agricultural society is making extensive arrangements for a good fair to be held here September 23 to 26. The speed program, which has just been issued, shows upward of \$500 in purses for that department alone.

Child is Scalded to Death.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Aug. 18.—The ten-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Shultz, who live near Palmer, died from the effects of an accidental scalding.

Wheat Crop in Buffalo County.

RAVENNA, Neb., Aug. 18.—The crop of winter wheat seems to be a surprise to all farmers here, as they have been raising wheat here but a very little. Last fall all was winter wheat, and now, since threshing has begun, it is going all the way from twenty-five bushels per acre to forty and fifty-five. Of course the latter is but a chance field, but a very common yield is thirty-five. Corn is looking fine.

Grand Army Reunion.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., Aug. 18.—Great preparations are being made to make the southwestern district Grand Army of the Republic reunion to be held at this place August 25 to 30 a grand success. Attractions and speakers of note will be present. Concessions are being sold at a lively rate already. The reunion will be held in the beautiful Ravonia park, which is noted as one of the finest parks in southwestern Nebraska.