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Advertisement for Pearline washing powder, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing the product's benefits.

THE JAPANESE DEED

Emperor of Japan Declares Unconditional Armistice.

THIS IS A GREAT CONCESSION.

But Was Made Necessary by the Shooting of Li Hung Chang.

Last Week Japan Demanded Conditions Before Stopping the Fighting—The New Turn Will Anger the War Party—The Army Will Obey, but the Civilians Will Object.

Tokyo, March 29.—The emperor of Japan has declared an unconditional armistice. The news that an unconditional armistice has been declared by the emperor of Japan was confirmed at the Japanese legation, where it was stated that the emperor had received effect had been received from the home government. The following is the full text of the dispatch: "On the opening of negotiations the Chinese plenipotentiary proposed an armistice which Japan was willing to accept on certain conditions. While this negotiation was going on, the untoward event happened to the person of the Chinese plenipotentiary, the emperor, in view of this unhappy occurrence, commanded the Japanese plenipotentiaries to consent to a temporary armistice without condition. This will be communicated to the Chinese plenipotentiary."

The power of the Japanese government to execute the armistice will not be put to a crucial test. The military power of Japan has almost outstripped the civil power during the war. This has caused serious concern as to the ability of the military element, backed by the war spirit among the people, would not submit to an armistice even if the civil authorities ordered them to. To meet this emergency, a change of army commanders was recently made. There have been three army corps operating in different campaigns, and each under general or superior authority over his particular campaign. About three weeks ago, in anticipation of the armistice, Prince Komatsu was created commander in chief over all the armies. The object of this step was to concentrate authority in one man in close touch with the imperial household, who could thus execute an armistice by the army. It now remains to be seen whether Prince Komatsu can execute the important commission given him. The splendid discipline shown by the army during the war gives assurance that there will be immediate acquiescence by the military. And yet Prince Komatsu has to contend against a war spirit which has been kindled by many victories. It has been said that an armistice would be so unpopular among the people and soldiers that it would excite a revolution. The object of the two Japanese statesmen, Count Ito and Mr. Matsui, who have served as peace envoys.

The declaration of an armistice was most welcome news to the Chinese legation, although it was accepted with the stolidity and passive dignity which is characteristic of the Chinese. The object of the armistice reached the legation through the Associated Press. Mr. Yang Yu had received no official communication from China nor from the state department. Under the circumstances he was asked to be excused from discussing the situation. The numerous attaches of the legation were evidently glad that the tension and discussion were at an end. There was some doubt as to the meaning of the term "unconditional" armistice, although this was accepted as meaning that no further conditions would probably be proposed. It had induced the envoys to agree to an armistice before agreeing exactly on the terms of peace. It is felt that the agreement of these terms will still be a difficult task. The feeling in the interior of China, where the direct effects of the war have not been felt, is very strong against a cessation of hostilities. Moreover, the payment of a cash indemnity will necessitate the imposition of heavy taxes on the people and consequent depression. These considerations, together with the losses and ravages of war, make the future of China so problematical that the officers would not discuss it, beyond the probabilities of resuming conflict.

THE JAPS STILL FIGHTING.

Moving on Peking in the North, Attacking Formosa in the South. London, March 29.—The Times will tomorrow publish a dispatch from Peking which further excitement has been caused in that city by the reports of Japanese advances on Shanhsi and the island of Formosa. The dispatch reports that the Japanese are still attacking Li Hung Chang at Shimonoseki. The correspondent learns that Li Hung Chang is now about to continue the negotiations, though he still maintains much distrust by the attempt upon his life. The Japanese officers are very watchful to prevent any further trouble. It is reported that the attack on Li Hung Chang was made by Rokunosuki in revenge for the execution of his brother in Tientsin at the beginning of the war.

A Hongkong dispatch to the Times says that the general commanding the Chinese forces on Pescador Island telegraphed on March 23 that he had sunk two Japanese vessels and captured two others. The Japanese had captured two forts. A Shanghai dispatch to the Times says that three Japanese cruisers and two gunboats, the squadron under the command of Admiral Ito, bombarded the forts on Pengshu Island on March 23. One thousand troops were landed and an attack was made on the fort which dominated the other. The Chinese evacuated the position during the night, and the Japanese entered on the morning of March 24. The Japanese turned the guns on the other forts, which made no reply. The magazine of one of the western forts exploded before the position was evacuated by its defenders. Only 1,000 prisoners were taken, the other Chinese being allowed to escape in junk. The Chinese were killed and twenty-seven wounded. The victors will leave 3,000 men to guard Pengshu Island. Provisions for four months will also be left there. The Japanese have secured a southern basis for their operations, and the fleet is about to leave. In view of peace having been established on the island.

The British cruisers Leander and Sparan have arrived at Taku. The British vessel Alacrity, with the admiral on board, left Shanghai for Formosa. Nine warships which steamed down the east coast of Formosa passed South Cape on March 27. A junk was captured by the Japanese and those on board were questioned as to the locality of the warships, after which the junk and its crew were released. The British consul has advised that all foreign women and children leave Formosa. A number have already gone to Amoy and Hongkong. The blacks in Southern Formosa are very restless in the few whites who compose the foreign population on that part of the island. Hongkong, March 29.—The Japanese are bombarding Taiwan, the capital town of Formosa. A Girl Confesses a Murder. Omaha, March 29.—Cora Smith, formerly of Des Moines, who has lived in this city since her husband was arrested here, has confessed to Des Moines this morning. She confessed to having assisted in murder.

THE CHINESE FRAUDS.

Gigantic Plan of the Ring of Certificate Forgers.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN IT.

Max Katsauer, the Notorious Victoria Smuggler, in Jail.

All His Money Obtained by Dishonesty in British Columbia Squandered in San Francisco—A Clear Case Against the Conspirators.

San Francisco, March 29.—After many delays the internal revenue department has finally succeeded in landing one of the biggest gangs of counterfeiters that have operated in California since the days of the Boyd-Ciprico gang. This combination sold fraudulent certificates issued to Chinese by the custom house in China and reaped a fortune. Boyd ran away to Australia, came back, turned state's evidence against Ciprico, and afterward shot himself. Ciprico was acquitted, Kip never came to trial, and Whaley fled the country. Another of the gang fled before his case was tried.

There were five conspirators in the Boyd-Ciprico gang, and there are five in the one just landed. Like its predecessor, it also dealt in fraudulent Chinese certificates. The names of the men arrested are: H. L. Foss, freight clerk on the Oceanic Steamship Company's dock; James H. Sullivan, formerly deputy county clerk; Max Katsauer, a new arrival from Victoria, and said to be the leading smuggler of Puget sound; Fernando D. Ciprico, the man who was tried and acquitted for ex-consul; and a British subject, Madagasgar. The man now serving time in San Quentin for being mixed up in the operation of the General smuggling ring. They are all charged with conspiracy in attempting to land Chinese in the United States by means of forged certificates.

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The Astor Scandal. Trenton, N. J., March 29.—There were filed with the clerk of the chancery court yesterday the answer of J. Coleman Drayton to the petition presented by his wife, Elizabeth Drayton, praying that she be granted a divorce. The answer says: "Although the legal residence of the defendant and his wife was in Bernard township, in the county of Mercer, on or about the 13th day of January, 1892, yet during this time they were traveling in England, and while temporarily sojourning in London, the petitioner and defendant separated. The petitioner resides sometimes in New York, sometimes in England, sometimes in France, and the defendant denies that such a separation ever took place. And this defendant, in answer to this part of the petition which charges that while temporarily sojourning in the city of London, England, the defendant deserted his wife and returned to America, being moved thereto, as the petition charges, by cruel and unjust suspicions as to the marital fidelity of the defendant, the petitioner never deserted her, and the defendant, therefore, prays to be dismissed with reasonable costs and charges in his behalf most wrongfully sustained."

The Elks Jury Unable to Agree. Cleveland, March 29.—The jury in the Elks case came into court shortly before noon today, but after an hour's deliberation failed to agree and were discharged. Judge Hammond said they must again retire, and either bring in a verdict or unanimously report that they are unable to agree. The case is over the value of the paraphernalia. It was appraised at \$300. Several jurors, it is said, cannot agree that its sentimental value and its value as a piece of property are worth \$2,000, which is necessary in order to keep the case in court. Already the members of the grand lodge have agreed to a plan to raise the money by a subscription, and harmony again prevails. This plan includes the resignation of both sets of officers and the selection of others. Late this afternoon the jury declared inability to agree and were discharged.

Andrew Carnegie on Business.

New York, March 29.—Andrew Carnegie arrived on the steamer Paris yesterday. He is expected to stay in New York for several days. He said the country could be described as convalescing. While it was not much stronger than it has been, he believed that there has been a change for the better, and he believed there would be a gradual improvement until congress met next December. Nobody can predict the future, but he believed that congress would be able to pass any important measures, and if this should be the case, he believed that above all things was a period of absolute rest.

Frederick Douglass' Will.

Washington City, March 29.—The will of the late Frederick Douglass was filed today. It is dated August 30, 1886, and gives his widow the house and fifteen acres of land in Annapolis, D. C., and \$10,000 in United States bonds and \$10,000 in money to be derived from other property. His daughter, Rosetta D. Sprague, and his three sons, Louis, Frederick and Charles, receive an equal share amounting to about \$5,000 each. The will was witnessed by only two persons. The law, it is said, requires three witnesses to be valid as far as the transfer of real estate is concerned. As to the personal property, however, it is said to be valid.

Silver Continues to Rise.

New York, March 29.—An advance in silver in the open market in London today has been followed by a corresponding rise in the silver here, which has led to increased strength and activity in silver certificates. Today's advance is attributed to the growing belief that England will consent to sell the metallic conference. The market has assurances of representation from the United States, France and Germany. It is said Spain is in the market as a buyer of bullion in connection with a loan for the purpose of raising the gold standard. Bar silver closed at 5 p. m. in London quoted at 26 1/2 bid per ounce.

A Train Robber's Body Found.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 29.—The body of John Underwood, leader of the highwaymen who attempted to rob the Cincinnati Southern on Wednesday morning, has been found near the scene of the hold-up, fairly riddled with buckshot. He is the fourth victim. Tramp Martin is expected to die.

THE UNITED STATES GATHERING

Her Vessels of War.

ON ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC.

Activity at Mare Island in Preparing the Ships for Duty.

The State Department Satisfied With the Action of Spain in the Alliance Matter—The Monterey Going South, the Olympia to Honolulu.

Washington City, March 29.—It is expected at the navy department that Admiral Meade will sail with his squadron tomorrow from Kingston, Jamaica, for Carthage, Colombia, for coal. It will be April 3 before they sail for Colon. After leaving Colon, Admiral Meade will work along the east coast of Central America. It is probable that either the Atlanta or the Raleigh will be left on guard at Colon for a few weeks longer. The Counting port squadron will touch at Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, and then at Greytown. The fact that Admiral Meade is due at Honolulu on April 11 in some quarters has been construed to mean that the United States is about to make a demonstration of force to restrain Great Britain from intimidating Nicaragua. But it is said at the navy department that no orders bearing on this diplomatic question have been sent Admiral Meade, and the fact that his visit to Nicaragua at this time is nothing more than a coincidence is borne out completely by the itinerary arranged months ago. After leaving Greytown the squadron will visit Little Cocos Island and Old Providence, where the Keatsage relics were collected. Havana is the next place set down, but it may be that this stop will be omitted for the same reason that caused the abandonment of the plan of touching at Santiago de Cuba, namely, a desire to avoid any show of naval demonstration in Cuban waters while conditions are disturbed. The squadron therefore may go directly from Old Providence to Key West, and so on to Hampton Roads.

Waller's Citizenship Forfeited.

Washington City, March 29.—"Accepting in full the statement of the attorney of ex-consul Waller in Madagascar," said a state department official today, "it is difficult for us to see any grounds upon which the government of the United States can interfere. Waller deliberately neglected every act by which he could retain citizenship, and his action clearly indicated an intention to reside in Madagascar. Great Britain has given the work of preserving British interests in Madagascar if ex-consul Waller fails to show he is still an American citizen."

The Venezuela Frontier.

London, March 29.—No communications have been exchanged recently between Great Britain and Venezuela on the frontier question. Great Britain has given no assurance that there will be no further trespassing on Venezuelan territory, and will recognize only the Schomburgk line as the frontier.

American Flag Insulted on the Congo.

Indianapolis, March 29.—Carl Stokelman, a citizen of Indiana, who has been in the Congo region of Africa for several years, writes to his friends here that he is in trouble with the French. His letter is from Mayumba. He maintains that under the Berlin treaty he has a right to display the American flag over his house and over his boats. The French, he says, will not permit him to display the flag. He asks that Secretary Gresham's attention be called to the matter, and if receiving. He says the French are becoming unbearable in the conventional basin of the Congo. The first act of the French was to order the American flag down on land. About the first of the year they directed that the Stars and Stripes should not be displayed over boats. The course of his letter Mr. Stokelman says: "I ask you to make necessary inquiries from the home government as to what rights I have in the Congo region of Africa for several years, writes to his friends here that he is in trouble with the French. 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