

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

Secretary Peirce of the American Legation at St. Petersburg

GIVES INTERESTING FACTS,

Both Political and Commercial, Regarding the Country—Our Relations With Russia Most Cordial—The Great Trans-Siberian Railway and its Near Approach to Completion. Reports of Famine.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Mr. Herbert H. D. Peirce, first secretary of the United States embassy to Russia, has been in Washington several days on leave of absence from his post. It has afforded an opportunity for talks with the President and state department officials on Russian affairs, both political and commercial, and the imparting of much interesting information which could not be brought by the channels of official reports.

Speaking to a representative of the press, Mr. Peirce said: "The relations between the United States and Russia were never on a more cordial basis than at present, and the friendship which is traditional between the two countries finds constant expression in Russia, not only among officials but also among the people of all classes. It is not too much to say that from the emperor down to the peasantry, there is a sincere friendship for us and a desire to become acquainted with American methods and to make use in Russia of the skill and ingenuity which has advanced this country with such great strides."

For this reason there is a great opening in Russia for American capital and for the introduction of American machinery and methods of doing business. It is an immense field, far beyond anything realized by the people in this country; a sort of commercial and industrial awakening. Here is the new field for American enterprises and capital, for with our Pacific coast facilities, the Philippines and the trans-Siberian railroad route, there is ready access to Russia. Mr. Hitchcock's personality and splendid business ability did much to stimulate our trade relations, and the effect is widespread and continuous. There is special opportunity for investments in steel and iron industries, cotton mills, and for the manufacture of machinery and tools. Then, too, our manufactured goods will find almost illimitable markets, although Russia has a protective tariff which is encouraging her own industries. Still, even with the tariff, she wants many of our manufactured goods, such as steel rails, as the home production is far short of sufficient to supply the present state of development. In fact there is hardly a line of American industry which cannot find very profitable investment throughout Russia. Moreover, Russia regards American goods as better than those of any other country, so that this favorable sentiment invites us into these vast new fields.

"People outside of Russia hardly realize how nearly complete the trans-Siberian railway is," continued Mr. Peirce. "I was told recently by Prince Hilkoff, minister of ways of communication, who has charge of this great work, that he expected to make a trip around the world in forty days during the coming Paris exposition, going by way of the trans-Siberian route, and he had the kindness to ask me to accompany him on the trip. Even now the route is almost continuous from Moscow to the Amoor river and thence to Vladivostok on the Pacific coast, with the exception of a comparatively short stretch which has to be covered by post horses. Once open, this marks almost a commercial revolution, giving a highway from western Europe to the Pacific, and from our Pacific coast into the far east and thence to eastern Europe.

"The road is so well along that trains are run out of Moscow which would astonish even Americans as models of elegance. These trains have not only baths, libraries and other modern equipments, but a complete gymnasium to beguile the long trip through Siberia. The original purpose of Russia was to make the route one for military and strategic purposes, linking the capital and other large centres with the naval rendezvous at Vladivostok. But now commerce and travel over the road has quite overshadowed the strategic purpose and Russia finds that she has opened a highway which is to be one of the great channels of the world's traffic. In time possibly the route will be diverted southward through Chinese Manchuria, to permit a terminus at Russia's new and important leasehold at Port Arthur. But for the present Vladivostok continues to be considered its commercial terminus on the Pacific."

Mr. Peirce was asked concerning the recent reports of widespread famine in Russia, and the appeal issued in London for relief.

"There is really no cause for alarm," said he. "I am familiar with this appeal for relief, and while not wishing to question any charitable or philanthropic movement, I think it only just to Russia that it should be known that the distress is confined to rather small and remote regions, and that Russia herself has coped with the situation thoroughly and successfully. The country is so vast, and the methods of communication so primitive in places, that cases of distress are slow to be reported and relieved. This may have led to the

existence of considerable suffering and distress. But as far as I can learn this suffering is not widespread, but is confined to some of the provinces in southern Russia. The Russian government has been prompt in ameliorating the distress, and the czar has given immense sums—I think I am safe in saying 3,000,000 roubles, or \$1,500,000—out of his own private resources to alleviate the distress. The energetic steps of the government have largely overcome the trouble."

GRAIN CROP REPORT

For June—Large Acreage of Corn Planted—Average Conditions.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Following is the monthly grain crop report issued to-day by the department of agriculture: Preliminary returns to the statistician of the department of agriculture on acreage of corn planted last year. Of the twenty-one states having 1,000,000 acres or upwards in corn last year, all but Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio show an increase, and the decrease in the three states named is very small. A much larger increase than has usually taken place is reported as having been contemplated, but a late or otherwise unfavorable planting season has restricted operations in Illinois, Indiana and several other important states. The average condition is 88.5, as compared with 90.5 on July 1, 1898, 82.9 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 91.1, the mean of the July averages for the last ten years. The condition in the principal states is as follows: Ohio and Missouri, 85; Indiana, 90; Illinois, 86; Iowa, 81; Kansas, 92, and Nebraska, 93.

The condition of winter wheat has further declined during the month of June, being 65.6 on July 1, as compared with 85.7 on July 1, 1898, 91.9 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 82.4, the mean of the July averages for the last ten years.

The average condition of spring wheat is 91.7 as compared with 97.5 one month ago, 95 on July 1, 1898, 91.2 at the corresponding date in 1897 and 88.7, the mean of the July averages for the last ten years. The principal state averages are as follows: Minnesota, 95; Iowa, 93; Nebraska, 73; South Dakota, 102, and North Dakota, 84.

The average condition of winter rye is 83.3, as compared with 93.8 on July 1, 1898, 85 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 90.5, the mean of the July averages for the last ten years. The condition in New York and Pennsylvania, the two principal winter rye producing states, is 93 and 87 respectively.

The average condition of spring rye is 69.7, as against 90.4 on July 1, 1898, 90 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 90.6, the mean of the July averages for the last ten years. The condition in Wisconsin, the principal spring rye producing state is 94.

The average condition of the oats crop is 90, as against 91.4 last month, 85.7 on July 1, 1898, 88.5 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 83.3, the mean of July averages for the last ten years. The condition in New York and California is 88, in Wisconsin 98, in Minnesota, 96; Iowa, 100; South Dakota, 95 and North Dakota, 93.

There is an increase of 1 per cent in the acreage in potatoes, and the crop promises well. The wool report indicates the average weight per fleece as being 5.95 pounds, an increase of 1.15 pounds over last year.

The proportion of the wheat crop of 1898, still on farms is reported at 8.5 per cent or about 64,000,000 bushels. The condition of the forage crops and principal fruits will appear in the printed report, the unprecedented large number of correspondents reporting this month having rendered it impossible to tabulate all the products reported upon in time for the telegraph synopsis, even by working overtime.

Dewey's Washington Reception. NEW YORK, July 9.—A special to the World from Washington says: "A letter has been sent to Admiral Dewey, through Secretary Long, telling him of the programme parties in Washington, have arranged for his reception. Secretary Long will present to Admiral Dewey, on the east front of the capital, in the presence of President and citizens of Washington, the sword voted to him by Congress. The president has approved the programme."

Drowsiness is dispelled by BEECH-AM'S PILLS

What is Celery King? It is an herb drink, and is a positive cure for constipation, headache, nervous disorders, rheumatism, kidney diseases, and the various troubles arising from a disordered stomach and torpid liver. It is a most agreeable medicine, and is recommended by physicians generally. Remember, it cures constipation. Celery King is sold in 25c and 50c packages by druggists and dealers.

TENDENCIES OF WOMEN



"We have no time" is heard on every side. Women have no time to look after their health. Home and family come first and health takes care of itself.

The ills of women, however, are serious, and neglect of them means trouble. Mrs. John Fritz, of Wilcox, Okla., tells how Dr. Hartman's advice made her well. She says: "I extend my sincere thanks for the good advice you have given me. I do not believe I would be living now if it were not for you. I had suffered with flow of blood for four months, but the doctors could help me but little. I was so weak I could not turn in bed; then I applied to Dr. Hartman. I followed his advice and only used three bottles of Pe-ru-na and Man-a-lin. Now I am well and as strong as I ever was."

Dr. Hartman, president of the Surgical Hotel, Columbus, O., will prescribe for fifty thousand women this year free of charge. All women suffering from female troubles, or any disease of the mucous membrane, may have Dr. Hartman's private counsel without cost. Send for special question blanks for women.

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Dr. McKinley and sister, Miss Mammie, are guests of friends in Mannville.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS

Of Volunteers Appointed by President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—The President has appointed the following lieutenant colonels of volunteers: Major J. F. Bell, assistant adjutant general of volunteers, now serving in the Philippines. He was appointed from Kentucky to West Point in 1874. He went to Manila with General Merritt and has had charge of the bureau of military information.

Captain Herbert H. Sargent, who was colonel of the Fifth Immune regiment during the war with Spain. He was appointed to West Point from Illinois.

Captain John J. Brereton, of the Twenty-fourth infantry. He was appointed from New Jersey to West Point and graduated in 1877, since which time he has been with the Twenty-fourth infantry. He was in the battle at San Juan Hill and highly commended for his coolness and bravery.

Captain E. H. Plummer, Tenth infantry. He was appointed to West Point from Maryland in 1874. During the Spanish war he was secretary in Camp Merritt, and served as quartermaster at the headquarters of the Fifth corps. Captain Plummer was recommended for brevet for gallantry in action at Santiago.

NEARLY A LYING

At Glenwood Pa—All on Account of a Game of "Craps"

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 9.—Glenwood, a suburb of this city, was thrown into big excitement to-night, by the threatened lynching of a young negro named Daniel Scott. Scott with three companions went to a mill workers' camp near Hays Station, where a game of "craps" was soon started with several of the mill men. Scott lost his all on a throw, grabbed the money and ran, with the crowd at his heels.

Patrick Murto caught up to him and demanded the money. Scott pulled his revolver and fired at Murto, the ball grazing his shoulder and knocking him to the ground without real injury. Scott fled, but was captured on the Glenwood bridge, where a crowd of several hundred men soon gathered. Murto's companions thinking he had been murdered wanted to lynch the negro. No rope being at hand some wanted the police over the bridge. Before the police arrived to rescue him, Scott had been used for a foot ball by the crowd and was a sorry looking object when landed in the station house. Scott claims that his revolver was loaded with blank cartridges.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

Closing Day of International Convention—Introduction of Missionaries.

DETROIT, Mich., July 10.—The closing day of the International Christian Endeavor convention was the busiest day of a busy week. When the day is completed, there will have been held eight great gatherings, provided the rain, which began falling just after the big morning meeting assembled, does not check operations. The tendencies of the '99 gathering along educational and other practical lines have caused this convention to be called the educational convention. Its general trend is conceded to have been to broaden as well as inspire the young people, rather than to have led them, toward narrow forms of spirituality, or intolerant religious views.

The last quiet hour early morning service was largely attended. Missions was the topic in both the great tents at the morning meetings; foreign missions in Tent Williston; home missions in Tent Williston. In the former meeting the foreign missionaries present were introduced to the great audience by "Father Endeavorer" Clark. The first address was by Rev. Dr. A. McLean, of Cincinnati. His topic was "The Great Need of Missions."

One of the principal addresses in Tent Williston was by Rev. C. N. Howard, of Rochester, N. Y., entitled "Our Country's Greatest Peril."

The introduction of missionaries by President Clark was one of the features of the convention. Thirty of the workers in heathen fields spoke a sentence or two in the languages spoken in the scene of their labors, and retired. The hand clapping greeting their appearance and retirement was almost constant.

A smooth-faced, determined-looking youth, D. B. Eddy, of Leavenworth, Kansas, member of the Yale band, was introduced to speak of "The Great Resources of Missions." Mr. Eddy spoke of the means, mechanical, inventive, political and social, through which God had given assurance that the world is to be won for Christ. The responsibility of Christians in carrying out God's revealed plans, he said, are heavy, and they must go forward. "Pray and work, let our enthusiasm roll back upon ourselves; we are playing with the world, and letting motives of avarice and self righteousness be uppermost. Pray, pray always for guidance."

The closing feature in Tent Endeavor was an address by Dr. Robert E. Spear, of New York, on "The Great Blessing of Missions."

The sentiment of the Home Mission rally in Tent Williston as proposed by Rev. Dr. Hill, of Massachusetts, was the Greek proverb, "They bearing torches passed them on from hand to hand." Many home missionaries from western states and territories were present. Rev. Dr. W. W. Boyd, of St. Louis, delivered an address on "Our Country's Many Problems." He discussed the two questions of immigration and the race problem. For the solving of the immigration problem he proposed three remedies: to maintain the highest public sentiment, to legislate against the admittance of the pauper and vicious classes of Europe, and to bring to bear a combined and quickened Christianity upon the stranger within our gates. As to the race problem, the speaker said that in his judgment the government made a great mistake, which it will not be apt to repeat in the Philippines, when it put in the hands of the negro all the privileges and franchises of the freest government on the globe. "There are two sides to this race problem," said Dr. Boyd. "There is not a white man in the north who, if his wife or daughter were outraged by a bear, would not rush summarily to vengeance. But that does not excuse a though it may palliate the diabolical crime of lynching, and the hour is at hand when decisive steps must be taken to abolish it. Christianity must settle this question; legislation cannot do it."

Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of New York, spoke upon "Our Country's One Salvation."

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Stop overs will be allowed on return trip at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington on tickets sold to New Jersey resorts and at Baltimore and Washington on tickets sold to Ocean City, Maryland.

Tickets will be sold on above dates from Wheeling for \$10.00 round trip with meals, leaving at 12:25 and 5:25 a. m., 8:30 and 5:20 p. m.

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These deaths have occurred from time to time amid the refreshing prairie breezes of summer; in the fair and mellow days of autumn, and also in the dry and sunny seasons of a southern winter.

Such deaths amid such favorable surroundings afford positive and convincing proof that climate alone will not cure consumption; that neither pine-laden breezes nor bracing mountain air will restore weak lungs or build up a constitution that is being undermined and broken down by the insidious germs of a fatal disease.

But, on the other hand, many thousands of testimonials from grateful people all over this country, who have been cured by the Dr. Slocum System of Treatment, and are today in the enjoyment of perfectly restored health and strength, afford the most convincing evidence that this treatment, aided by favorable climatic conditions and surroundings, is a positive cure for Consumption and all other chronic diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs.

Therefore, those who go to the mountains, the seashore or to southern climates, as well as those who already reside in such favored localities, should not fail to take the Dr. Slocum System of Treatment if they wish to derive the full benefits of favorable climatic conditions and scientific medication.

The Dr. Slocum System of Treatment (consisting of Four Preparations) is both medicine and food. The medicines used in it allay the cough and lung irritation, heal the soreness and subdue the pains in the throat, overcome shortness of breath, improve the appetite and digestion, and bring comfort, rest and refreshing sleep, while its food properties are building up the constitution, enriching the blood and infusing the sufferer with new life and vigor.

No single remedy will accomplish all this, but the Four Remedies embodied in the Dr. Slocum System of Treatment will. More than a quarter of a century has been devoted to perfecting this System of Treatment; every indication, every symptom in Consumption and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, has been carefully studied in the devel-

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