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Attitude of United States Misrepresented.

CRITICISMS UNJUST.

Doing All Possible to Bring About a Speedy Agreement.

IN ACCORD WITH OTHER POWERS

Demands Severe and Adequate Punishment of the Principal Wrongdoers, Indemnity for the Past and Security for the Future.

No Protest Against Pao Ting Fa Expedition.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The rather severe criticisms of the English press upon the attitude of the United States Government relative to the Chinese complications, based upon the advice of the American correspondents, have naturally attracted a good deal of attention here.

With a view of ascertaining what basis there might be for these criticisms, an inquiry was made in an authoritative quarter with the following results:

"The commens of the London press upon the attitude of the United States in the pending negotiations in China are founded on a complete misunderstanding. So far from the Government interposing any obstacles to an agreement among the Powers at Peking, Mr. Conger has been instructed frequently and in urgent terms to do everything possible to bring about a speedy agreement with the Government took part in the expedition to Pao Ting Fu, but it made no protest against it, and has given no expression of opinion to the other Powers as to its propriety."

"This Government is in agreement with the Powers in demanding severe and adequate punishment of the principal wrongdoers, indemnity for the past and security for the future. It does not, however, at this distance presume to decide who are the most guilty, what punishment must be inflicted in each particular case, and what sentences are possible of execution. These matters as well as that of indemnity are left to the negotiators on the spot."

"It is to be presumed that they will not exact a reparation, either personal or pecuniary, which would be beyond the power of China to carry out."

EXTREMELY UNWISE.

State Department So Regards Some of Proposals Advanced by Entente.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—It is said that the details of the proposition before the Council of Ministers at Peking, as set out in the London special dispatches, are substantially correct. However, they are not included in any note so far as received here officially, but are rather comprised in a series of notes of exchange between the State Department and Minister Conger, day by day as the negotiations proceeded.

The State Department has regarded several of these propositions as extremely unwise and inadvisable, but it is felt that this fact justified the United States in withdrawing singly from the concert of Powers.

WILL RETURN TO PEKIN.

Emperor and Empress Announce This as Their Purpose.

(By Associated Press.)
TIEN TSIN, Nov. 13.—It is reported that an imperial edict has been issued announcing that Emperor Kwang Shu and the Empress Dowager will return to Peking tomorrow.

A Russian column of 30 men, with four guns, which left here November 8th, returned November 9th, having engaged the Chinese.

At Tientsin the Russians fought 2,000 Chinese troops, dispersing them and killing 200. The Russians had no casualties.

The population of the city of Tien Tsun now reaches 600,000 Chinese, and the allies are strengthening their positions as against a possible surprise. It is supposed that one-third of the inhabitants are "Boxers."

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

General Gratified at Progress Made Toward Settlement.

(By Associated Press.)
PEKING, Nov. 12.—Via Shanghai, Nov. 11.—A protracted conference of the foreign ministers was held today, at the direction of which there was a general expression of satisfaction at the progress made toward reaching a settlement.

It was stated that most of the minor points had been disposed of, and that an agreement had been reached upon several essential questions.

United States Minister Conger said he was encouraged to believe that propositions would be ready to be submitted to the Chinese plenipotentiaries at an earlier date than he had heretofore hoped.

The ministers will meet again tomorrow. Reliable information from Niu Cwang indicates a disturbed condition of affairs in the region and paralyzing commerce.

CHINESE GARRISON PEKIN.

Expedition Sent Out Against Them by Von Valdersee.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Nov. 14.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Count Von Valdersee, dated Peking, November 11th:

"The former Chinese garrison of Peking is now between Hualai and Kuen Huan (Also written Huan Huan), a distance of eighty-nine miles, respectively, northwest of Peking.



STRONG GROUNDS AGAINST DIVORCE

May Be Taken by the Episcopal Church.

THREE NEW CANONS.

Anathema Pronounced Against Remarriage of Divorced Persons.

EXCLUDED FROM GRACE.

No Person Divorced for Causes Arising After Marriage and Marrying Again During Life Time of Other Party to Divorce Shall Be Admitted to Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Communion.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—When the General Conference of the Protestant Episcopal Church meets in San Francisco next October three new canons on the subject of marriage and divorce will be placed before the body for its consideration.

Should these canons become the law of the Episcopal Church through the approval of the General Conference then the Episcopal Church will have pronounced its anathema against divorce and more particularly against the remarriage of divorced persons while another party to the divorce is still in life.

The subject of marriage and divorce came in for a good deal of attention at the hands of the General Episcopal Conference in Las Vegas, N. M., in 1898, that the committee of twelve was appointed for the purpose of making a report on the subject to the next conference, of that body, as would pave the way for changes in the present texts of the church on these subjects.

The committee after having met a year ago, when they failed to reach an agreement looking toward reform, again went into session today.

This afternoon as the members came out it was announced that the conference had adopted three canons dealing with the subject of the conference had been drafted.

The first canon adopted is entitled "Holy Matrimony and Impediments Thereto." The full text of this canon is as follows:

Section 1—Holy matrimony defined. Section 2—Every minister who shall solemnize a marriage shall without delay make such record of same as may be required by the law of this Church and civil authority.

Section 3—No minister shall solemnize marriage without the presence of witnesses nor without witnesses to whom the parties are to be bound.

Section 4—No minister shall solemnize marriage between any two persons unless he inquires, he shall have satisfied himself that neither person is or is the husband or the wife of any other person living, unless the former marriage was annulled by a competent court of competent jurisdiction for cause existing before such former marriage.

Section 5—Prohibitions of remarriage. While the above two canons affect new marriages, the third canon affects divorces, and prohibits remarriage by any Episcopal minister of any party to a divorce suit, whether guilty or innocent.

The third canon goes one step further and excludes from all sacraments of grace, which the dispensation of the church may give to a divorced person who shall have remarried and be living with husband or wife, as the case may be, while the other party to the divorce is still in life.

This canon, which, however, applies only to the offending party of a divorce practically tends to outlaw the offender, as far as church fellowship goes, and provides for his exclusion from the fold on the condition that he come truly penitent and separate from the party to the second marriage, or if he should happen to be in immediate danger of death, and show the spirit of true repentance.

Section 6—Only one exception. This canon is sub-divided into three sections as follows:

Section I. No person divorced for cause arising after marriage, and marrying again during the life time of the other party to the divorce shall be admitted to baptism or confirmation or received to Holy Communion, except when penitent and separated from the other party to the subsequent marriage, or when penitent and in immediate danger of death, but this canon shall not apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery.

Section II. No person shall be admitted to baptism or confirmation or the Holy Communion under this canon until the minister shall have given to the person due and sufficient notice of such intention, and of the rights of appeal therefrom, as hereinafter permitted.

Section III. This section provides for appeal to the Bishop of the diocese or missionary district, who, if he deems the cause sufficient, may take counsel with any neighboring bishops and decide whether there shall be any dispensation. The canons in this form were unanimously adopted by those taking part in the conference.

The committee, which consisted of 12 members, only nine of whom were present at the meeting today, one having died and two not having been heard from.

George's Population. (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The population of Georgia, according to the official



THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Bishop Duncan Makes an Impressive Address.

LAFFERTY RECALLED

Prayers of the Conference Asked for His Daughter.

DR. WHITEHEAD, SECRETARY.

For the Forty-First Time Elected to the Honor—Reports of the Richmond and East Richmond Districts—Rev. S. T. Mastin, Financial Agent of the Methodist Orphanage.

(Special Dispatch to the Times.)
NORFOLK, Va., November 14.—The Virginia Methodist Conference convened in Cumberland-Street Church this morning, Bishop W. W. Duncan presiding. His opening address to the conference was indescribably touching. When the white-haired Bishop began speaking, a stillness which was almost painful fell upon the congregation. As he proceeded with his address, it was evident that an extraordinary impression was being produced upon his hearers. This was made evident shortly by the fervent "Amen" from the brethren, which repeatedly echoed in the church, which, following his text, first Corinthians, 13th chapter, he repeated St. Paul's words on charity and applied them to the session just beginning.

DR. LAFFERTY RECALLED.
The prayers of the conference were offered this morning for Dr. Lafferty, whose daughter, it is feared, is seriously ill, since Dr. Lafferty, who started for Norfolk, was recalled by the members of the conference, which caused him to return to his home. Dr. Lafferty's son, Mr. E. R. Lafferty, is, however, representing him today.

THE TAKING OF THE SACRAMENT this morning was a peculiarly solemn ceremonial. The prayers of the conference, and the solemnity of the participation of so many white-haired old men.

REV. DR. WHITEHEAD.
Reverend Paul Whitehead, of Richmond, was for the forty-first consecutive time unanimously elected secretary. Messrs. S. Lambeth, George F. Green and J. D. Langley were elected assistant secretaries. Reverend A. Driscoll was made Conference postmaster.

The Committee on Memoirs was then selected—Reverend Doctors Whitehead, Young and Koyall. These gentlemen were selected by relatives of the deceased to write the memoirs of the members of the conference who have died since the conference last met. These were brothers Brown, Sanders and Mullins.

THE COMMITTEES.
The following committees were appointed: On Temperance—F. M. Edwards, Richard Ferguson and W. A. Christian. On Public School Interests—Richmond, J. S. Wallace; St. Albans, J. W. Danville, M. Elliott; Farmville, W. W. Sawyer; Petersburg, J. D. Forkner; Portsmouth, M. T. Robertson; Norfolk, S. C. Hatcher. Sunday-school Board—Richmond, C. D. Crawley and T. J. Barham; Danville, M. Elliott; Farmville, W. W. Sawyer; Petersburg, J. D. Forkner; Portsmouth, M. T. Robertson; Norfolk, S. C. Hatcher. St. Albans, J. W. Danville, M. Elliott; Farmville, W. W. Sawyer; Petersburg, J. D. Forkner; Portsmouth, M. T. Robertson; Norfolk, S. C. Hatcher.

On Church Extension—Richmond, George H. Spooner; West Richmond, Oscar Littleton; Randolph Macon, J. W. S. Robbins; Churchville, J. W. S. Robbins; Lynchburg, D. J. Trayner; Danville, M. Elliott; Farmville, W. W. Sawyer; Petersburg, J. D. Forkner; Portsmouth, M. T. Robertson; Norfolk, S. C. Hatcher. Sunday-school Board—Richmond, C. D. Crawley and T. J. Barham; Danville, M. Elliott; Farmville, W. W. Sawyer; Petersburg, J. D. Forkner; Portsmouth, M. T. Robertson; Norfolk, S. C. Hatcher.

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CARNEGIE A PHILANTHROPIST.

Will Establish a Polytechnic Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 14.—Andrew Carnegie, I. is stated on unquestionable authority, has another surprise for Pittsburgh. His purpose is to establish a polytechnic school for the instruction of practical mechanics and industrial sciences.

The amount of money which it is said will be spent by Mr. Carnegie in founding and endowing the school is \$2,000,000. Details of the proposition are expected to be made known to-morrow.

THE DIVORCE MILL.

Indictments Returned Against the Alleged Operators.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The grand jury today returned indictments to Recorder Goff in the Criminal Court, against Henry Selmer and Frank Wilson, the alleged operators of the divorce mill, recently disclosed by the District Attorney and others.

The defendants are charged with perjury and subornation of perjury. There are two indictments against Selmer, two indictments against Wilson, and one indictment against each of the women, Mrs. Herick and Miss Tompkins.

DEATH CAME FIRST.

A Soldier on His Way to Wed is Found Dead.

(By Associated Press.)
HALIFAX, N. S., November 11.—Sergeant Major J. G. Edwards, of the Royal Artillery, was found dead in the church quarters, St. John's, when a carriage called to-day to convey him to Trinity church, where he was to be married. Near the body a carbine was found, which, by accident or with suicidal intent, had been discharged, and a bullet from which had passed through the head of the dead soldier. The body was taken to the hospital.

News of the death of Sergeant Major Edwards was carried to the church, where the bride, Miss Allen, and friends were waiting for the groom to arrive. Miss Allen was thrown into hysterics by the "information" and she was removed quickly to her home and placed under the care of a physician.

DAILY'S REMAINS.

They Will Be Placed in a Vault to-morrow.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The body of the late Marcus Daly will be placed in the receiving vault in Calvary Cemetery to-morrow, where it will remain until the family finally decide upon interment. It was stated by members of the family today that the body would not be sent to Montana.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 11:45 o'clock from St. Patrick's Cathedral. The family and a few of the most intimate friends of Mr. Daly will accompany the body to Green-wood Cemetery, where it will be placed in John W. Macfar's mausoleum. Later a plot will be purchased in Greenwood and the body will be interred there.

RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

Senator Platt Has Called a Meeting of the Committee.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Senator Platt, of Connecticut, chairman of the Committee on Relations with Cuba, has called a meeting of that committee for next Friday, under the resolution of the last session of Congress, authorizing an investigation of affairs in Cuba in connection with the developments in the Neely case.

ORDERED TO G'LVESTON.

Captain Wheeler to Report on Damage Done Orphanage Medical There.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Captain Elias Wheeler, of the Ordnance Department, has been ordered from this city to Galveston, Texas, to examine and report upon the condition of ordnance material at that place, and to estimate the amount of funds necessary to repair the same. He is to report to the Ordnance Department at Washington.

THE EARTHQUAKE SEVERE.

Between Twelve and Fifteen Thousand Buildings Destroyed or Damaged.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Mr. Russell, United States Charge d'Affaires at Caracas, reports that the earthquake in Colombia last night did very much more damage than first reported. The people deserted their homes and slept in the streets and between 12,000 and 15,000 buildings were destroyed or damaged.

LABOR TROUBLE PEOPLES CRISIS.

(By Associated Press.)
TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 14.—The trouble between the rival labor organizations, the assistance of the International General Workers' Union, reached its climax today. Each organization has made the demand that the members of the rival order be expelled out, and some of the manufacturers have closed their factories to prevent trouble.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

A Warm Welcome Awaits the Members at Bristol—Dr. Hawthorne Delivers a Lecture.

(Special Dispatch to the Times.)
BRISTOL, Va., Nov. 14.—The Baptists of Bristol have made every preparation to entertain in good style the Virginia General Association, which is in session in the First Baptist Church in Bristol, Va., to-morrow evening. A majority of the delegates are expected to arrive on the first train to-morrow. They will be promptly assigned to homes by the Entertainment Committee, which has been supplemented by a committee from the Board of Trade.



WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For Virginia—Ed, continued cold Thursday; Friday, winds mostly light northerly; North Carolina—Fair Thursday; Friday, variable winds, mostly light northerly.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

PLAN TO HAVE CAMPING GROUNDS

Legislature to Be Petitioned for Funds.

INTEREST REVIVED.

Encouragement on the Part of State and City Government Needed.

VIRGINIA'S FINE ORGANIZATION.

The Military to Hereafter Expect Greater Influence in Politics—Captain A. S. Lanier Notified of His Election and He Will Soon Assume Command.

It is probable a movement will soon be started among the military people looking to securing grounds for annual encampments.

There is a revival of interest in the military. Many young men are joining the companies in various parts of the State, and new companies are being formed.

It is generally thought that the Legislature and the City Council are not doing as much to encourage the soldiers as they should.

What will be asked of the Legislature is in purchase of 1,000 acres of land where the soldiers can go into encampment for about two weeks every year, and to provide a fund to pay the expenses of the soldiers.

FINANCE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 14.—The attack of influenza, from which the czar has been suffering, has now developed symptoms of typhoid fever. The indisposition of His Majesty was first announced November 2d, and has presented the usual symptoms until yesterday, when his illness assumed the character of typhoid.

Baron de Frederichs, the Master of the Imperial household, has issued the following bulletin:

His Majesty passed a good night. His general condition is satisfactory. Temperature, 101.5; pulse, 92. His head is clear, and the strength of the patient is quite satisfactory. The diagnosis shows typhoid, which for the present is pursuing a thoroughly satisfactory course.

(Signed) "DR. TCHINOFF."
"DR. DE FREDERICHS."
Czarevich W. N. Romanoff.

DAMAGES PAID.

Suits Will Not Be Brought by the Relatives of the Deceased.

Suits will not be brought against the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway by the relatives of William N. Gregory and Charles Cliney, who were killed last week at Millford, by the falling of a large tank owned by the road at that place, as the claims have been adjusted.

Mr. Charles Cliney, father of the unfortunate boy, and Mr. James Gregory, brother of Mr. William N. Gregory, met in conference with Maj. Myers, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway, Tuesday morning, and accepted his offer of two thirds of the usual damages, making \$2,500 each.

The amount was paid at once to Mr. Cliney, but on account of certain complications in settling up the estate of the late William N. Gregory the payment in this case will be delayed several days.

RECEIVER NAMED.

Cause of Strong Failure Was Endorsement of No. 8.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—A receiver was yesterday appointed for the firm of William L. Strong & Company, of which the late Mayor Strong was a member. The cause of the Strong failure, made public to-day, was that the Strong firm had incurred more than \$200,000 in notes for the St. Woolen Mills, for which the firm was agent, and that the sudden death of former Mayor Strong and of F. H. Stott, heads of the two concerns, in this case, had brought about a crisis by dissolving both firms at a moment when large sums were due.

POSTAL ESTIMATES.

Appropriation of \$121,000,000 Will Be Asked of Congress.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Postmaster General Emory Smith has framed his