

THE CHINESE SIGN. SO IT IS REPORTED IN PARIS ANENT NOTE FROM POWERS. NO MOVE FROM PEKIN.

Our Suggestion to the Contrary Not Favored. OUR PLAN NOT TO BE PRESSED. Mr. Conger at the Same Time, Directed to Urge Forward Completion of Negotiations at the Chinese Capital.

PARIS, January 10.—As the result of inquiries in authoritative quarters, the Associated Press is given the following statement in regard to the Chinese situation: "The Chinese plenipotentiaries signed the joint note yesterday, thus concluding the preliminary stage of the negotiations."

OUR PROPOSITION DECLINED. PARIS, January 10.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press learns on good authority that the suggestion of the government of the United States to change the seat of the Chinese peace negotiations from Peking to Washington, will be declined by the Powers.

It was added that that important step was insignificant, compared with the difficulties to be met with between the Powers themselves, whose clashing interests will have full play in the coming discussions. The United States' proposal to shift the seat of the negotiations finds no favor in the European chancelleries. Three reasons are given for this opposition:

First, it is considered a great mistake to transfer the negotiations from China, where all the information is at hand respecting the situation, and the feeling among the Chinese themselves, and more especially regarding the conditions of trade and commerce with which the negotiations will be chiefly concerned.

Second, the United States' commerce with China is comparatively small, when compared with that of several other countries. Therefore, the United States is not entitled to expect the negotiations to be carried on at Washington.

Third, the most delicate reason advanced is that the European Powers have not felt sufficient confidence in the United States Government might not find itself influenced in the negotiations by having an eye to the exploitation of China. The attitude of the Powers, moreover, is swayed by other motives in opposing the United States' proposal. Great Britain, for example, which seems to be most strongly antagonistic, has probably taken into consideration the United States' attitude towards the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

The feeling here favors Shanghai, it is pointed out, that Shanghai is the most important trade center in China, and moreover, that the southern viceroys, who are favorable to foreigners and anxious to further their own interests, will be more likely to be chosen. The enormous British interests are in favor of the choice of London, but it is improbable that the other Powers would agree to this.

RUSSIA NOT TO WITHDRAW. There is no reason to suppose that Russia will withdraw from the joint negotiations. The treaty she has concluded with China concerns her special interests in regions contiguous to her territories, which she has great political interests to defend, and further, in the joint conference which will wrestle with obstacles to a speedy settlement, Russia aims chiefly at a wide expansion of her political influence. Great Britain wants, roughly speaking, to open the Chinese empire to her commerce, and at the same time strengthen her present foothold. The United States' efforts, apparently, will be devoted to securing commercial advantages, while France and Germany will desire to increase their trade generally, and their political influence in certain provinces. The struggle between these conflicting designs will be bitter, and, in any case, will greatly protract the negotiations.

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friendship entertained toward the United States. The Secretary of State acted on the suggestion of Mr. Conger, in the hope that this might be a means of breaking the apparent deadlock at Peking, and pave the way to final negotiations. Now that this phase of the negotiations is closed, the officials here feel that it would be ungracious to discontinue just what Powers did not look for during the day. Mr. Conger was not heard from during the day.

THEIR APPEARANCE DISCIPLINED. SHANGHAI, January 10.—Liu Ku Yi, Viceroy of Nankin, has memorialized Emperor Kwang Su to abolish the distinction between Manchu and China. Sen Wen Pao, her apparent, has written forty bamboo strokes for not paying due respect to the Emperor. The Empress Dowager acquiesced in the punishment.

LINE ATTACHED TO THE RUSSIE. Food Conveyed Thereby, But Wrecked People Not Yet Landed. MAREUILLES, January 10.—6:30 P. M.—A message from Faraman this morning reported that in spite of the heavy sea still running, a life-boat had succeeded in reaching the French steamer Russe (from Oran, which stranded on Monday, on the coast near the village of Faraman, during a violent storm), at 8 A. M., and attached a line to her by which food was furnished to the passengers and crew, who had all been cooped up in the forecastle since Monday evening, when the vessel stranded, and were famishing.

There are strong hopes that the rescue of the endangered persons is possible, but that communication with the Russe is established. The life-line still holds good, despite the tremendous sea running, but it has not yet been possible to take off the passengers.

HEROISM OF FISHERMEN. The attachment of the line was due to the heroic efforts of twenty fishermen, who attempted what appeared to be a foolhardy task. Their flat-bottomed craft was tossed about like a straw on the waves. The spectators watched it with bated breath. Several times they thought the small craft was lost, but it finally got into a current which carried the boat to the starboard side of the Russe's bow. A line was then thrown on board the wreck.

The captain of the Russe, standing on the bridge, shouted: "We have not lost heart, and have confidence in you; but be quick."

THIRD ATTEMPT SUCCESSFUL. Then the same fishermen made another attempt to reach the Russe. On the first attempt they were capsized in the surf, and the men were thrown back on the strand. They made a fresh effort, with a few newcomers aiding, and the same boat's crew again succeeded in getting a line on board the Russe. This time its security was enhanced by the line's being attached to several rafts between the wreck and the shore.

IN WHICH THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE IS PLACED. CHARLESTON, W. VA., January 10.—(Special)—The West Virginia Legislature may be tied up for a few days by a technicality. The House of Delegates violated a constitutional provision to-day by adjourning until Monday without gaining the consent of the Senate. The Constitution says such consent must be gained by either house of the other in the event of an adjournment longer than three days. Governor Atkinson said to-night of the middle: "The House did wrong, and has made a grave mistake. I am inclined to think the blunder is a grave one."

It was the chief topic of conversation this evening in the hotel lobbies. Some insist that the Legislature is thus adjourned sine die, and that a new session must be called by a proclamation of the Governor, else all legislation may be invalidated. It is a curious predicament for the Legislature to be placed in by one branch this early in the session, when no work of any consequence has been accomplished.

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THE CHAMBER'S WORK. Operations of the Year Reviewed at the Annual Meeting.

MR. MORRIS PRESIDENT AGAIN. His Administration and His Report Complimented.

DISCUSSES MANY SUBJECTS. The President's Review One of Great Public Interest, and Will Be Read by the People Generally—Expositions Are Endorsed.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The attendance was large, despite the inclement weather, and the proceedings were of a very interesting character. The annual reports of the officers were highly gratifying.

Mr. L. Z. Morris, who has made the Chamber such an efficient and zealous president, was unanimously re-elected, and other officers were chosen. A number of interesting matters were also passed upon.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, President Morris called First Vice-President H. L. Cabell to the chair and submitted his annual report, reviewing the work of the past year. The reading of the report was listened to with marked attention and at its conclusion received with warm applause and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. The report was as follows:

Richmond, Va., January 10, 1901. Gentlemen: Again we are assembled at an annual meeting of the Chamber in its thirty-fourth year of its existence. In accordance with the established custom of the body, I submit to you an account of my stewardship in the high office of president, which you honored me twelve months ago, and a review of our work for the past year, coupled with such suggestions as appear to me pertinent on this occasion touching the welfare of our organization and the interests it so zealously seeks to subserve.

We have just emerged from the old and entered upon the new century, an era which "must give us pause, with ample food for most profound reflection." The previous century, especially with respect to its last decade, wherein such marvelous progress was wrought, has passed, and its commands of admiration and inspires our confidence in the future. The advance in the sciences and the arts, the fruit and impetus of a thousand years of lossal undertakings accomplished, and the vast additions to the national wealth, enable us, from the high vantage ground of the immediate past, to cross the threshold of the twentieth century in every way armed and equipped for far greater achievements.

In the midst of such wonderful development we take just pride in the record which Richmond has made, and feel today that, despite every vicissitude through which this devoted city has passed, it gives the fairest promise hereafter of taking its place with the great and growing cities of the land.

THE TWELFTH FEDERAL CENSUS. During the past year the twelfth Federal census was taken, an event of peculiar interest at this cycle of time. The official figures for the population of Richmond, as reported by the census, indicating, as they did, a gain of only 4 1/2 per cent. over those of the previous census. It is, however, a fact well known to all that we have a large population upon our immediate suburbs, which does not appear in the Richmond figures, and which, if justly, if not legally, considered a part of this city's population.

EXTENSION OF OUR CORPORATE LIMITS. The Chamber anticipated with reference to this census the possibility of just the result which has occurred, and with due diligence, on October 13, 1899, it appointed a special committee to look into the question of having the corporate limits of the city extended, but the movement then met with such decided opposition in some quarters that it was impracticable, and asked that he and his associates be discharged from further consideration of the matter. After the census enumeration of our population, many responsible citizens being of the opinion that a recount would show a gain of several thousand over the census figures, the City Council was asked by the Chamber to make a small appropriation for the purpose of having another census taken, but it was thought by the body inexpedient to do so. The people are now, however, awakened to the necessity of extending the city's limits. It is being agitated by and through the press, and in the early public meeting which is being held in the Chamber, when prominent citizens will speak on both sides of this important topic. It is believed that in

the end we shall thus be enabled to get at the true facts as to the expediency of such a measure of extension, and that some wise line of policy may be devised, so that at least the matter shall not again go by default.

THE INDUSTRIAL CENSUS. The industrial progress of Richmond has been almost phenomenal, and the results attained can indeed be pointed to with pride. While the official figures of the twelfth census are not yet available or obtainable, it is confidently believed that the general feeling of the Chamber offers a most inviting field to the investor in manufacturing enterprises.

STATISTICS OF JANUARY 1, 1901. The annual statistics published in the papers of January 1st were so full as to obviate the necessity for any detailed statements in this report, but I cannot refrain from calling your attention to the gratifying exhibits made by our manufacturers and merchants. It was hardly to be expected that following upon the radical improvement which took place in 1899, that 1900 industries could have increased the number of their employees to 2,383, or 2 1/2 per cent., and their sales to \$28,803,484, or 13 per cent. The jobbers, while not scoring an equal advance, increased their sales to \$28,634,700, or 8 per cent. Notwithstanding this increase of business and the consequent extension of credits, the records show the astonishing fact that the total liabilities of all failures in the city amounted to only \$107,400.

I ask to be indulged also in calling your attention to the enviable position of our banking interests. The December statement in 1900 showed deposits amounting to \$10,100,374, an increase of \$2,388,124, or nearly 18 per cent. over the previous year; loans and discounts, \$15,454,982, an increase of \$2,472,875, or over 10 1/2 per cent.; while the clearances amounted to \$16,833,345, an increase of \$2,732,738, or 5.8 per cent. The clearances indicate that Richmond ranks fourth in the city south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, and east of the Mississippi, New Orleans, Louisville, and Savannah alone preceding her; and the latter only recently, in consequence of the immense cotton movement at that port.

SOME SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTS. Two enterprises new to the South, at whose inception and development the Chamber felt the most lively interest and lent its best efforts, are the E. F. Johnson Publishing Company and the William R. Trigg Company.

THE FORMER was compelled to increase its capital stock to meet the growth of its business, and to-day is giving employment to hundreds of people and sending its publications to many States of the Union, and also to our new possession, Porto Rico.

Another great enterprise, to which allusion was made by my predecessor—namely, the electrical development of the city, and the system of water and electric power, is being carried out with the greatest vigor, and will, in the near future, largely augment the number of our factories, and which are the greatest factors for the upbuilding of the city, and affording those already established the means of operating their machinery in a more improved, and more economical manner.

GREAT SEABOARD SYSTEM. Among the notable events of the year was the entrance into the harbor of the Greater Seaboard System, which occurred on the 24th of last June. The ceremonies in honor of this event were held under the auspices of the Chamber, and our people turned out in large numbers to greet the distinguished party which arrived on the first train of this important trunk line, which comprises 2,636 miles, and gives Richmond a direct line to Tampa, Fla. Aside from the intrinsic importance of this new connection, our citizens felt a distinct interest in the fact that the president of this great system, our eminent fellow-citizen, Mr. John Skelton Williams, whose name is prominent in the history of our city, executed this stupendous undertaking. It was, indeed, a great day in the annals of the Chamber, and our citizens upon having thus acquired another addition to our transportation facilities.

NEW DEPOTS AND TERMINAL FACILITIES. The depot now being jointly erected by the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Seaboard Air-Line railroads, and the new depot building on the Southern railway, will provide accommodations for a much larger traveling public which have been provided for by many years; and other things being equal, will greatly increase the cost of our railroads, and will afford needed trackage and greatly improve the facilities of our largely increased traffic.

IMPROVEMENT OF JAMES RIVER. The improvement of James river, the subject of long-cherished hopes with the Chamber, and of constant work and solicitude on the part of the committees formed from its membership, as well as from that of the City Council, has, for the past two years engaged an unprecedented amount of attention. It is hoped that the completion of the project, as reported in the last report of the Chief of Engineers submitted in connection with this report, will be a great boon to the city, and that the river and harbor committee, with other prominent representatives of the government, are endeavoring to bring about the completion of this work by the importance of expediting it. It is essential to place us fully in touch with the commerce of the city, and to await with profound interest the action of Congress upon the pending river and harbor bill.

One of the most novel undertakings of the past year was the "Free Street Fair," which was held during the month of May, and was a great success. It was held in the Chamber, when prominent citizens will speak on both sides of this important topic. It is believed that in

PROMOTION OF LEE. Amendment Providing Therefor Adopted by the Senate.

APPEAL FROM FILIPINOS. It is Pronounced Treasonable by Senator Hawley.

DANIEL FOR THE VOLUNTEERS. He Argues Against Injustice Being Done Them—Sharp Attacks in House on Pending River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—Considerable progress was made to-day by the Senate with the army reorganization bill, but the final vote upon the measure seems to be as far off as ever. To-day's proceedings were characterized by several sharp colloquies, some of which were of a decidedly personal character.

An appeal was presented by Mr. Teller, of Colorado, from more than 2,000 persons in Manila, urging the United States Government to cease operations against the Filipinos. The appeal is sensational in its statements, and so unusual in form that Mr. Hawley, of Connecticut, made a vigorous objection to its publication as a document. He declared that it was a treasonable denunciation of the government and an attack upon our soldiers.

Consideration was concluded of the committee amendments to the army bill, and the Senate took up the amendments proposed by individual senators. The amendment providing for the appointment of General James H. Wilson, Fitzhugh Lee, and Stephen D. Lee, as major-generals in the army, and retired, reorganized, and extended, and on the part of Mr. Pettigrew a bitter debate. The amendment prevailed, however, despite the opposition.

MEMORIAL FROM FILIPINOS. Mr. Teller presented a memorial from 2,000 "Filipinos and peaceful inhabitants of Manila." The memorial was in the form of an appeal to the Congress of the United States, and, as Mr. Teller stated, "signed" personally by the leading people of Manila, and that section—lawyers, bankers, and professional men, representing the best elements of that community."

It reviewed the circumstances leading up to the present struggle of the Filipinos for independence, and paid a high tribute to the work of Aguinaldo and his coadjutors, in their endeavor to obtain liberty and independence for the people of the Philippines.

It points out that the revolution has been fought for practically all the people of the Philippines, and declares that, though 100 revolutionists be destroyed, the cause of the Filipino people will not be extinguished. All of the islands of the archipelago, says the memorial, are supporting the revolution, and they will not yield until the last drop of Filipino blood has been shed.

OBJECTION TO PRINTING APPEAL. The appeal declares that an autonomy similar to that enjoyed by Canada or Australia would not be acceptable to the Filipinos, who desire fully liberty and independence, and they urge the Government of the United States to give them liberty and independence.

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DEFEAT OF SHEAFFER. Mr. Sewall made a warm defence of General Sheaffer, and his amendment was agreed to without division.

DANIEL FOR THE VOLUNTEERS. Mr. Daniel said that the chairman of the Military Affairs committee had said truly, a day or two ago, that the nation was not out of sight of war. He might have added quite as truly that the nation was at war—a war which is to-day in progress in the Philippines, and this country has engaged 68,000 men, half of them volunteers. He desired not to do

THE WESTMORELAND CLUB. Subject of Removal Referred to Committee—No Reduction of Fees. The subject of removing the Westmoreland club-house from the present site, and also the matter of making repairs to the building, was referred to a committee of nine at a meeting of the club last night.

INTERESTING B. Y. P. U. MEETINGS. The meeting adjourned to the night of the third Monday in February.

HELPFUL ADDRESSES AND GOOD MUSIC at the City Union's Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of Richmond, Manchester, held at Broadwood Memorial church, last night, was well attended for so inclement an evening, and was very interesting.

MAJOR CUTCHINS RETIRES. The Blues Present Him with a Costly Silver Service. The Blues' Battalion held a full-dress drill at the Armory, Ninth and Cary streets, last night. A large number of the members, as well as many spectators, were present.

FREE VACCINATION. Board of Health Recommends Action—Small-Pox Prevalent in State. President W. T. Oppenheimer, of the Board of Health of this city, is of the opinion that in view of the fact that small-pox is prevalent in several parts of the State, it would be advisable for the people of the city to be vaccinated at once.

Death and Funerals. Mr. R. F. Gentry, aged 47 years, died yesterday morning at his residence, No. 1025 North 11th street, of a heart ailment. The funeral services will take place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Gentry, No. 1025 North 11th street.

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WANT HALF A MILLION. Will the City Issue Bonds for Street Improvements?

MOVEMENT NOW UNDER WAY. Creation of Committee on Charter Changes the Initial Step.

WHO WILL BE APPOINTED ON IT? Presidents of the Council Branches Have Not Named Members of the Committee—Legislature to Be Petitioned to Amend the City Charter.

It was learned yesterday that an effort will probably shortly be made to bring about an expenditure of half a million dollars in city street improvements. The proposition is a most important one, and it will be watched with interest as it develops into tangible form. The city has already very nearly reached the bonafide limit. The cash is not in the treasury. But there is another avenue to the end in view, and that road will be travelled.

The effort of those interested will be directed towards amending the charter, so that the city may issue the additional \$500,000 of bonds necessary.

THE INITIAL STEP. A few weeks ago a resolution was adopted creating a Committee on Charter Changes. It passed both branches of the Council. Councilman Pollock, of Jackson Ward, was the patron of the resolution. The members of this committee have never been named. The president of the Board of Aldermen and the president of the Common Council will make the appointments.

RECENTLY, a prominent city official was asked to wait on one of the appointing powers with the object in view of influencing the appointment of one or more members of the new committee.

THE PROBABLE CHAIRMAN. It is the custom in the Council to name as chairman of a new committee the author of the resolution creating it. If this rule is followed, Mr. Pollock will be made chairman of the Committee on Charter Changes.

There has been an agitation of the question of street improvements recently. City Ward and Lee District people have met to discuss the question. Some time ago members of the City Council were taken to Norfolk and Washington to inspect asphalt paving. This trip was made without expense to the city. Members upon their return were enthusiastic in praise of asphalt for paving purposes.

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE. Upon the appointment of the Committee on Charter Changes, it is understood a resolution will be introduced, petitioning the Legislature to amend the municipal charter so that the additional bonds for street improvements may be issued. It is expected that citizens of the city, especially property owners of Lee District, will readily consent to appear before the Legislature in advocacy of the amendment.

TO LOCATE THE TROUBLE. The city engineer took the government engineers down the river yesterday to make a survey of the vicinity of Graywood Beach, and, if possible, locate the rock which the steamer Richmond ran aground Sunday morning. The rock will be removed as soon as possible.

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