

THE MINISTERS AGREE

The Note Was Altered to Suit the American Idea.

The German Government Still Insists Upon "the Severe, Admissible Punishment," as the Note Puts It.

London, Dec. 7.—The Daily News publishes the following from Nagasaki dated December 4: The order to send 5,000 Russian troops back to Odessa has been countermanded. They will remain in the far east until further orders.

Negotiations for the peace settlement have not yet been opened, says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post writing yesterday. The French, German and Japanese ministers are awaiting instruction and Princes Ching and Li Hung Chang are awaiting a more satisfactory edict. The impressions is growing among men of all nationalities that peace is impossible, that a resumption of the campaign in the spring is inevitable and that partition is the only solution. Two American missionaries complain that the Germans at Cho Chau loot converts equally with other Chinese.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—With reference to the news communicated from London that an agreement has been reached at Peking, a high official of the German foreign office, who is empowered to speak in the name of Count von Bülow, imperial chancellor, said Friday evening:

"The report is correct, but there are still some minor points unsettled. It was clear from the first that the note formulated by the foreign envoys in Peking would not be accepted, inasmuch as the United States disavowed Mr. Conger instantly and Russia raised some formal objections. Now that the envoys are agreed, and the note is acceptable to the United States, there should be no exultation as if the other powers had been bowed to the will of one nation. All were free to take whatever course they chose, and they chose in the interest of peace and harmony. They altered the note to meet the views of the United States. It is to be hoped that the fact that Germany has gone so far in complying with the wishes of the United States will meet with recognition in America."

Referring to the question of punishments, the official in question pointed out that Germany still insists upon "the severest admissible punishment," as the note puts it.

Li Hung Chang has informed Gen. Chaffee that he and all the people of the province of Chi Li are extremely pleased and gratified at the behavior of the American troops toward the Chinese. This is considered no light matter. From all sections of the portion of the city under American supervision come words of praise, thankfulness and commendation regarding the behavior of the Americans.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The next important step in the Chinese situation will be the formal presentation to the Chinese plenipotentiaries of the agreement arrived at between the representatives of the powers at Peking for reparation for the Boxer outrages. In just what manner this will be done Mr. Conger has not informed the state department, although the probability is that the document will be handed to the Chinese by the direction of the diplomatic corps. As has been stated already, the agreement is simply a statement of the terms upon which the powers will negotiate with China for final settlement, and it is laid before the Chinese officials as a matter of form.

The negotiations for final settlement will come later after the Chinese have been given a reasonable opportunity for the consideration of the conditions laid down by the powers. The complete agreement, deciphered from the code, is now in the hands of the president. Officials decline to make its text public in advance of the receipt of information that it has been formally accepted by the powers, although the advice which have heretofore come from Mr. Conger leave no doubt that this will be the case. The essential features of the agreement already have been outlined in the press dispatches.

Well-Known Artist Killed.
New York, Dec. 10.—John McAuliffe, a well-known artist, aged 70, was accidentally killed by falling from a window of his residence. Mr. McAuliffe was especially well known in connection with his pictures of horses.

Sang the Boer Anthem.
The Hague, Dec. 10.—Mr. Kruger attended religious services Sunday morning at the cathedral, and the congregation sang the Boer anthem as he withdrew. After the service he conferred with Dr. Gleichman, president of the second chamber.

Duke of Westminster Engaged.
London, Dec. 10.—It is authoritatively asserted that the duke of Westminster is engaged to marry Miss Shelagh West, daughter of Col. Cornwallis West. By the marriage the duke will become the brother-in-law of Mrs. George Cornwallis West (Lady Randolph Churchill).

Queen's Son Coming.
London, Dec. 10.—Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper says it learns that the duke and duchess of York will visit the United States on their return journey from Australia via Canada.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

Officials of the Santa Fe Road Claim That the Backbone is Practically Broken.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 10.—The officials of the Santa Fe road take a decidedly hopeful view of the telegraphers' strike situation. They all say the backbone of the strike is virtually broken already, and that the affairs of the road will be in their normal condition inside of two weeks. The officers felt justified Sunday night, in view of the alleged improvement in conditions, in resending the order closing the shops.

H. U. Mudge, general manager of the road, sent out a general order Sunday afternoon to all operators who had not yet gone out, offering to promote them if they would continue in their resistance to the strikers. He told them that they had been faithful to the interests of the company thus far and that they could fill out their application blanks for better positions at once. The general manager added that all the men not taking part in the strike should have better positions, if they were capable of filling them, and their old places would be filled from outside sources.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 10.—The strike of the Santa Fe operators is beginning to be felt here. Passenger trains were all several hours late Sunday night and while there are plenty of operators here, freight trains are tied up waiting for orders at several stations where men have gone out. The closing of the shops here will throw 600 men out of work, greatly interfering with business.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 10.—The following information is given out by strikers' representatives:

At 8 o'clock Sunday night practically all the telegraphers on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe proper, are still out. A few men returned to work Sunday morning under the impression that the strike had been called off and were later on induced to join the strikers. Later in the day they were all out to a man west of Emporia. Not a man will return to work unless their grievances are settled in the fullest possible manner. Some of them have already other prospects offered them on other roads and will accept them if the Santa Fe management persists in its present course.

ACUTE HEART AFFECTION.

Mrs. Mary L. McLean, Mother of John R. McLean, Expires at Her Home in Washington, D. C.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Mary L. McLean, mother of John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died here at her residence at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning of acute heart affection. She had been ill since Friday last, and from the first attack her life was despaired of.

At the bedside of Mrs. McLean when she died were her daughters, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Ludlow, the wife of Rr. Adm. Ludlow; her son, John R. McLean, and Adm. Dewey.

Mrs. McLean was a native of Kentucky, but previous to coming to Washington, several years ago, she spent most of her life in Cincinnati. She was the widow of the late Washington McLean, proprietor of the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mrs. McLean was in her 72d year.

MAJ. JOHN M'BRIDE.

Commander of the Irish Brigade Recruited in America For the Boer Army Arrives in New York.

New York, Dec. 10.—On board the steamer La Bretagne, which arrived at quarantine Saturday night, was Maj. John McBride, late of the Boer army. Maj. McBride was in command of the Irish brigade which was recruited in this country, and served with distinction under Col. Blake until Maj. McBride, who is a native of County Mayo, Ireland, was given the command on May 3. Maj. McBride spoke very enthusiastically of the Boer cause, and expressed the opinion that they would eventually win in spite of their recent reverses. The major after leaving Lourenco Marques proceeded to Paris and from thence to New York.

Author of "Fanchon" Dead.
St. Louis, Dec. 10.—August Waldauer, a widely known professor of music, died here Sunday of a complication of diseases, aged 75 years. He was best known as the author of "Fanchon," in which Maggie Mitchell made a hit some years ago. Prof. Waldauer played first violin in the orchestra that accompanied Jennie Lind on her tour in this country.

Three Killed in a Wreck.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 10.—A freight wreck on the Southern railway three miles south of Sanford, Tenn., resulted in the death of Conductor David L. Gloyer and two unknown tramps. Thirty-two cars got loose on a grade and ran into an engine that was aiding in pulling on the track two derailed cars.

Five Millions of Capital.
Duluth, Minn., Dec. 10.—A prospectus has been issued for the Charles G. Howe Consumers' Flour Milling Co., to be incorporated for \$5,000,000. The mill is to have a capacity of 35,000 barrels of flour a day, and is seeking a site in Duluth.

Will Test the Law.
Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 10.—The American Tobacco Co. has taken steps here to test the anti-cigarette law of Tennessee. By prearrangement Roy Scott, a dealer in tobacco, sold a package of cigarettes and was arrested.

EIGHT WERE DROWNED.

Iron Ore Barge Goes to the Bottom of Lake Erie During a Gale.

The Vessel Was Valued at \$19,000, But the Insurance Had Expired December 1.—The Cargo Was Covered by Insurance.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 10.—In the midst of the most bitter gales that ever swept Lake Erie, the iron ore barge Charles Foster, in tow of the Iron Duke, went to the bottom at 4 o'clock Sunday morning ten miles off Erie, and eight persons were drowned, as follows: Capt. John Brindge, of Cleveland; first and second mates, names unknown; Seaman Robert Wood and William Kelly, both of Port Austin, Mich.; Mrs. May, cook, of Detroit, Mich., and two unknown deck hands.

The Charles Foster was one of the fleet of James Corrigan, of Cleveland, and for two months has been running from Duluth to Erie with iron ore. Her cargo consisted of 1,500 tons of ore. Capt. Ashley, of the Iron Duke, made Erie in safety. In an interview he said:

"The Foster was in tow 600 feet astern. I was up all night, and there were three men on watch with me. The seas were rolling tremendously from the northwest, and the gale carried with it a blinding snow storm. We made the harbor light all right. When we turned for the harbor a sea much heavier than any other experienced struck us. I ran to the stern. Just as I got there the Foster plunged in an awful sea and dove down nose first. There was not a cry from a soul of the crew of eight she carried. Just as she pitched down I saw a man on her forecabin with a lantern.

"The towline parted when she went down. The storm was so heavy that I could not put about to hunt for any one. There would not have been a particle of use anyhow, because in those tremendous waters no one could have lived a minute even if they had not been icy cold. Had there been a cry for help I would have turned and risked my ship, but it was no use. I had all I could do to make port in safety myself."

When asked for an opinion as to the cause of the sinking of the Foster, Capt. Ashley said that he could not tell.

"Apparently everything was all right aboard until she took that fatal dip. There had not been a single signal of distress from her up to that time."

There are 80 to 100 feet of water where the wreck occurred, and there is little hope of ever being able to locate the place. The Foster was valued at \$19,000, but there was no insurance, as it elapsed December 1. The cargo was not insured. The life-saving crew took a trip out Sunday, but could find no trace of wreckage.

NOT GUILTY.

Rev. Wm. B. Johnson, Acquitted of Murder Sunday at 5 a. m., Filled His Pulpit at 11 O'clock.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 10.—Rev. William B. Johnson was on Sunday acquitted of the murder of William T. Bellinger, a court stenographer, at Bamberg, last April. The jury retired Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock and did not come to a verdict until 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Johnson received the verdict calmly, and filled his pulpit at 11 o'clock. He and Bellinger had a dispute over a fence separating their homes. He used a shotgun and Bellinger a pistol.

IN FRIENDLY TERMS.

Ex-President Paul Kruger Received a Message From the Czar of Russia.

London, Dec. 10.—"Mr. Kruger received a message from the czar Friday night," says the correspondent of the Times at The Hague. "It was couched in very friendly terms, but the fact that its existence has been kept a close secret is sufficient to indicate its author's intention to abstain from any active steps friendly to intervention. The czar naturally pleads his illness as a sufficient excuse for not interfering."

"Mr. Kruger, when cheered by the crowd on his return from the cathedral, turned and roundly rebuked those near him for such a desecration of the Sabbath."

Number of Vessels Built.
Washington, Dec. 10.—The vessels built in the United States, and officially numbered, from June 30, 1900, to November 30, 1900, were 495,671 149,933 gross tons. The principal items of the total are seven steel steamships on the great lakes (24,933 gross tons), and four smaller steamships (8,850 gross tons, which would pass through the new Welland canal) and one steel schooner barge (2,750 tons).

Died at the Age of 103.
Denver, Col., Dec. 10.—Adnah Adams Treat died here Sunday, aged 103 years and 8 months. He had long been the oldest living mason in point of age, and the second oldest mason in point of time connected with the order.

New Persian Minister.
Washington, Dec. 10.—Gen. Isaak Kahn, the new Persian minister to the United States, arrived on Sunday from New York. He probably will be presented to the president during the present week.

IMMIGRATION.

During the Last Fiscal Year the Immigrants Arriving in This Country Numbered 448,572.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The annual report of the commissioner general of immigration shows that during the last fiscal year the total number of immigrants who arrived in this country was 448,572, of which 23,200 came through Canada. Of the whole number 304,148 were male and 144,424 females. This is a net increase over 1899 of 136,857. These figures, however, the commissioner general says, do not show the total number of alien arrivals, as 65,833 aliens came as cabin passengers. They would have swelled the total immigration to 514,277 had they traveled in the steerage.

The figures show that of the whole number of arrivals 424,700 came from European countries, 17,946 from Asia, 30 from Africa and 5,896 from all other places. Switzerland and Spain and the Spanish islands show a small decrease in immigration, while Austria-Hungary shows an increase of 83 per cent; the Russian empire and Finland 49 per cent. Japan 29 per cent. increase and Japan 340 per cent. increase. The total arrivals from Japan, however, amounted to only 9,791.

GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME.

Chicago Authorities Looking For J. C. Bartlett, Who is Endeavoring to Get Up a Blind Pool.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The authorities are looking for one J. C. Bartlett, who has been endeavoring to get up a "blind pool" for the purpose of inducing people to send him from \$100 to \$1,000 to be invested in stocks for his benefit. In order to give his scheme standing, he has scattered broadcast over the country within the last week or ten days a very seductive "confidential letter" printed on what purported to be a letter head of Bartlett, Frazier & Co., of this city. The circular did not guarantee any stated profits, but conveyed the information that "Bartlett" expected "to do better than heretofore," when he "paid a 65 per cent. dividend." It is believed that quite a number of people have been caught by this get-rich-quick scheme. The authorities have located the office of "Bartlett" in one of the large buildings, but have thus far been unable to arrest him.

THE CAPITAL CENTENNIAL.

Eleven of the Thirteen States Will Be Officially Represented in the Ceremonies.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Eleven of the 13 original states will be officially represented in the capital centennial ceremonies next Wednesday. Gov. Roosevelt accepted the committee's invitation Friday evening and will be accompanied by his staff. Of other governors who will attend are Jones, of Arkansas; Thomas, of Colorado; Tunnell, of Delaware; Shaw, of Iowa; Powers, of Maine; Rollins, of New Hampshire; Voorhees, of New Jersey; Gregory, of Rhode Island; McMillin, of Tennessee; Tyler, of Virginia; Atkinson, of West Virginia; Utero, of New Mexico; Smith, of Maryland; Steunenberg, of Idaho; Crane, of Massachusetts; Stone, of Pennsylvania; Scofield, of Wisconsin; Russell, of North Carolina; Mount, of Indiana; Lee, of South Dakota.

TO RESTRICT SUFFRAGE.

Bill Providing for a Vote on a Constitutional Convention Passed By Alabama Legislature.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 8.—A special from Montgomery says that the bill providing for a popular vote on whether or not a constitutional convention shall be held in Alabama passed the senate Friday and will be signed by Acting Gov. Oakes at once. The prime purpose of a new constitution is to restrict suffrage so as to eliminate the ignorant Negro vote.

Found Natural Gas.
Butterfield, Minn., Dec. 8.—Natural gas has suddenly commenced to flow from a 350-foot tubular well belonging to the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, which has hitherto been used to supply the engines. When a pump repairer lighted a match there was an explosion which wrecked the building and nearly cost him his life. A stream of fire shot upward 100 feet and burned steadily until the aperture was shut.

Murdered Man's Remains Found.
Greenville, Mich., Dec. 8.—Four months ago Lew Campbell, 67 this village, mysteriously disappeared and a man named Apin came here and disposed of most of Campbell's property, claiming that he had purchased it from him. Apin then left. Friday Campbell's body was found packed in lime, in a hole under an old haymow on the place where Apin lived. The skull was crushed and the body badly decomposed.

Educating the Filipinos.
Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 8.—Under the patronage of the United States Philippine commission, an experiment farm will be started some 200 miles from Manila, where the growth of all sorts of seeds and plants from this country will be tested.

Frightened to Death.
Vancover, B. C., Dec. 7.—Confronted by the wife whom he had deserted in England for another woman, William Boulton dropped dead. After the autopsy a verdict was announced that death resulted from fright.

SELLS' DAUGHTER TESTIFIES.

When the Girl Finished the Mother Was Sobbing Softly, But She Spared Florence the Ordeal of Cross-Examination.

Columbus, O., Dec. 8.—Florence Sells resumed the stand Friday morning. So far she has told the story of the intimacy of her mother with men other than her husband since 1891. Florence has been fully cognizant of the intrigues of her mother with Bert Johnson, Ned Raymond, Harry Lyons and Billy Bott, but had kept the secret, hoping that her mother would do better and the scandal never become known. At last she was forced in vindication of her own good name to take the stand and tell the whole shameful story. She was in good voice and had recovered from her nervousness of Thursday evening. Florence told of presents of perfumes, diamond rings, wines and liquors which Bott had given her mother. She knew of these because her mother had told her about receiving them. She had seen her mother fix the side door so that Bott could enter without ringing the bell. Bott sent Mrs. Sells green liquors in fancy bottles. Florence had seen her mother enter the Bunson block and go up the stairs to Bott's rooms.

Florence said that she and her mother stopped at the West Baden hotel, West Baden, Ind., in May, 1899. William Bott was there, and she frequently saw him in her mother's room at night. Her father was also with Mrs. Sells at the Thousand Islands the same summer. Her mother and Bott had taken long trips about the islands together, sometimes being away all day. Florence said her father was very kind to her mother, and she had never seen him under the influence of liquor. According to the testimony of Florence, Bott had been warned over the telephone by some unknown woman, who told him to put his property out of his hands as soon as possible, as he was going to be in serious trouble. Florence told of the last day at home and of the last hours she spent with her mother. She told of how on one occasion that her mother had promised her she would never receive Bott again, and then on the next night he was in her mother's room. Florence told of leaving home and going to her aunt's, where for the first time she told her father of her mother's shame.

As Florence told this story she was overcome by her emotion and was compelled to pause. Tears came into her eyes as she told of how she had begged and pleaded with her mother to forbid Bott the house and how that mother had broken the promise she had made. Even the judge on the bench was affected and the women in the lobby had their handkerchiefs to their eyes. For the first time Mrs. Sells was affected, and it seemed to require all her strength to retain her calmness.

When the direct examination of Florence Sells was concluded there was expectation. Every one was expecting that no mercy would be shown the girl in the cross-examination, but Col. Holmes, counsel for Mrs. Sells, arose and said: "Miss Sells, your mother has requested me not to cross-examine her daughter, and I will only ask you six questions, to which you can return short answers."

Mrs. Sells had broken down and was sobbing softly, but her daughter was dry-eyed and answered the questions in a firm tone. They were in regard to her love for her mother and grandmother and why she had not visited them. It was the most sensational scene ever seen in a court room in this city. When Florence was dismissed from the stand the plaintiff rested. Florence was conducted from the court room by her father, while the mother sat sobbing in her chair. The judge on the bench turned his eyes away and the counsel for both defense and plaintiff sat silent in their chairs. There had been dramatic incidents in the case before Friday, but this was the climax. Forgetting the fact that the daughter had turned from her in her trouble, forgetting her appearance on the stand and the testimony she had given, the mother bowed her head and waived the right of cross-examination, and let the story of Florence go to the judge.

No matter what Mrs. Sells was or is, no matter her sins, her follies or misdeeds, she rose superior to them all and spared her child the ordeal of a cross-examination. The plaintiff had but one more witness to call, but he was ill and could not come, so, with the understanding that he might be put on the stand at some future time, the case of the plaintiff was then rested.

Welcomed By Whites.
Griffin, Ga., Dec. 8.—The Georgia Negro conference of Methodists, 250 strong, is in session here. The white mayor welcomed them, and white citizens made every arrangement for their comfort.

A Premature Explosion.
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—As a result of a premature explosion which occurred in Riverton Mine No. 2, Thursday afternoon, John Benedict, aged 62, was killed, and David Benedict, his son, probably fatally injured.

Director of Lick Observatory.
San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Prof. W. C. Campbell, acting director of Lick observatory, is to succeed the late President James Keeler as director. The appointment will be confirmed at the next meeting of the board of regents.

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