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4 OTHERS DEGRADED

Instructions Have Been Forwarded Minister Conger at Peking. Chinese Government has Taken Heed.

UNCLE SAM OBJECTED TO

Prince Tuan's Appointment and He was not Appointed but was Ordered Before the Courts for Trial.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 29.

There were two important developments in connection with affairs in China today. One was the receipt by the state department late this afternoon of a cablegram from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, stating that Sheng, Chinese Director of Railways and Telegraphs, had handed him a decree of the Emperor and Empress, dated Taiguan, September 25, blaming their ministers for encouraging the Boxers.

The second was the announcement by Mr. Hill, acting Secretary of state, that the instructions of this government to Minister Conger were forwarded to Peking

this morning. The advices from Consul General Goodnow are to the effect that China goes further than merely issuing an edit denunciatory of the Boxer leaders. The edict orders the degradation of four Princes, and deprives Prince Tuan of his salary and official servants, and directs that he be brought for trial before the imperial clan court.

CONGER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

It is the intention of the officials to keep secret the instructions sent to Minister Conger until such time as developments shall warrant their publicity. State Department officials believe that an agreement can be effected with the powers, and that negotiations may be entered into without delay.

The instructions to Minister Conger are understood to contain the following stipulations:

1. That Prince Tuan be removed from office and some one acceptable to the powers be appointed in his place.

2. That Minister Conger represents the United States as a plenipotentiary, and has no connection whatever with mediation for China.

3. That any reasonable programme outlined by a majority of the powers, the stipulations to be less severe than those of Germany, may be accepted by Mr. Conger.

4. That in the event of a continued disagreement among the powers and China, Minister Conger is to proceed to negotiate with Earl Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching solely with regard to American interests, and with a view to determining the attitude of the United States as to future action.

AMERICAN WARNING HEHEDED.

The Chinese Government had taken this intimation to heart, and

perhaps hastened in its action by the recent manifestation of dissatisfaction by the United States Government at the reported promotion of Prince Tuan—already has begun the punishments of him and the other Chinese leaders who are held guilty.

IMPERIAL CLAN COURT.

There are five other members of the court, all of them high personages. They occupy a building at Peking, and are in regular session for the trial of cases affecting members of the nobility and the highest personages. Chinese officials here say that the reference of the case to the high court is, of itself, the fullest assurance of the gravity with which the throne regards the matter.

HOW PLANTS GAIN WEIGHT.

Their Growth in Avordupois Comes Wholly from Gas in the Air.

As far as is known the first botanical experiment ever performed was conducted by a Dutchman. He placed in a pot 200 pounds of dried earth, and in it he planted a willow branch which weighed five pounds. He kept the whole covered up and daily watered the earth with rain water. After five years' growth the willow was again weighed and was found to have gained 154 pounds. The earth in the pot was dried and weighed and had lost only two ounces.

The experimentalist, therefore, looked upon this experiment as supporting the theory that plants required no food but water. But he was wrong. Later it was discovered that much of the increase in weight of plants was derived from carbonic acid gas in the air.

Vegetable cells contain a liquid known as "cell sap," which is water holding in solution various materials which have been taken up from without by the roots and leaves. Thus it is in the living cells of the plant that those "digestive" processes are carried on which were once believed to occur in the soil.

LONG SERVICE AS COUNSEL.

John Fowler, the United States consul at Chefoo, China, has been in the government service ever since reaching manhood—for 21 years. Beginning in 1879 as a clerk in the Washington navy yard, where he stayed two years, he was later transferred to the Tallapoosa and stayed on her till she was wrecked in 1883. Ten years ago he was appointed consul at Ning-Poo by President Harrison, whence he was transferred to Chefoo by President Cleveland in 1890.

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