

THERE IS TROUBLE AHEAD IN CHINA.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT MAY BECOME PRESIDENT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

RELIABLE GENTLEMAN ASSERTS THAT SUCH A PROMISE HAS BEEN MADE.

PRESIDENT IS ANXIOUS TO GET INTO EDUCATIONAL WORLD, 'TIS SAID.

MR. ROOSEVELT IS A HARVARD MAN AND WOULD MAKE IDEAL PRESIDENT.

(By Publishers' Press.) RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 12.—A gentleman of thorough reliability, who has just returned here from New York, positively asserts that President Roosevelt has agreed to become president of Harvard, at the expiration of his term, March 4, 1909.

"The information came to me in a confidential way, and from a man very close to President Roosevelt," he said.

"I was told that the presidency of Harvard was offered to Mr. Roosevelt some time ago—about two weeks prior to the election day—and that he agreed to accept after he ceased to be President of the United States. There was at that time some doubt as to whether he would accept another term. The interview given out by him on election night is taken to mean that he will take up the duties of president of Harvard in 1909. The gentleman from whom I got the information says the President is anxious to get into the educational world, and to hold a place that will not interfere with his athletic sport."

RING FOUND

In Garment Brought to Rummage Sale. It Is Old and Valuable.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U., who are holding a rummage sale in the Hawker building on Madison street, are in possession of a rather valuable article, a piece of jewelry, found in a garment contributed by an unknown party. The ladies always search every piece of clothing left with them, and while going through an old coat yesterday, one of the searchers found a valuable ring, evidently of the vintage of twenty-five years ago. The ring is handsomely mounted and contains the owner's, or former owner's initials. Anyone proving ownership can have the ring, which is now in the custody of Mrs. G. F. Carrell.

KAISER ASKS ABOUT OUR NAVY.

Receives New Naval Attache, Lieutenant Commander William L. Howard.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—The new Naval Attache of the United States Embassy Lieutenant Commander William L. Howard, was presented to Emperor William today. His Majesty alluded to the telegram he had sent congratulating President Roosevelt on his election and asked a few general questions regarding the American navy.

KING REMEMBERS KRUGER.

To Honor His Memory It Is the Royal Wish That Salutes Be Fired In Africa.

PRETORIA, Nov. 12.—The Dutch newspaper *Londevolk* announces that King Edward, through the local authorities, has expressed the desire that royal salutes be fired on the arrival of President Kruger's body at Cape Town and Pretoria and that minute guns be fired during the procession to the grave.

ROBERT DOWNING.

Robert Downing, the eminent tragedian, will appear here next Thursday evening in a double bill, entitled "On and Off the Stage." The first play is "The Last Call," in which Mr. Downing appears as the tragedian at home. This play is in one act, and is followed by "Ingomar, the Barbarian" in which Mr. Downing takes the title role. Two distinct performances in one evening will be an innovation at the Grand Opera House, and should be liberally patronized. Mr. Downing has an excellent supporting company this season.

DON'T MISS THIS TREAT

BIG OPERA HOUSE MEETING ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON—FREE STEREOPTICAN EXHIBITION.

"A Glimpse into the Orient" is the announcement of the Y. M. C. A. meeting for Sunday afternoon.

The association has engaged the Opera House for the occasion at 3 o'clock. Mr. Wm. C. Shafer, State Secretary of the West Virginia Sunday School Association, will exhibit the first set of dissolving views of his recent trip to Jerusalem that has ever been shown in this country. Without a doubt the outfit of a double dissolving stereopticon which Mr. Shafer has recently purchased for his platform work is the latest mechanism perfected by McIntosh of Chicago.

In twelve towns and cities of West Virginia this lecture has been given during the month of August to immense audiences.

The art slides used are the most expensive made and are reproductions of some of the most celebrated artists of Europe.

The stereopticon views will be interspersed with songs thrown on the screen and sung by a quartette comprising Mrs. Wm. Black and Mrs. D. P. Fitch and Messrs. Casarius O. and George Miller. This Opera House meeting will be open to both sexes and undoubtedly the attractiveness of the views and program generally will attract a large audience.

It is understood admission will be free but a voluntary silver offering will be lifted by the ushers.

GOVERNOR ODELL TO HAVE GOOD JOB

WALL STREET SAYS HE WILL BECOME HEAD OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

(By Publishers' Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Wall street has it today that as soon as Governor Odell has completed his term of office, he will assume the presidency of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which, it is said, has been offered him. Governor Odell is a strong personal friend of E. H. Harriman, who is at the head of the Union and Southern Pacific Company which controls Pacific Mail. With Governor Odell at the head of the Pacific Mail a new and powerful force will be acquired in the fight for a ship subsidy. Since Senator Hanna died the cause of ship subsidy has lacked an aggressive champion.

A Close Call.

Charles Heiskill, brakeman on the M. R. division, while on his way to work about 11 o'clock Tuesday evening, was suddenly held up at the Fairmont yards by an unknown man. His first move was to drop a revolver in front of Charley's face and snap the trigger twice without avail. He took advantage of the respite, and by a quick process of reasoning decided that he would rather take his chance of being called a coward for the rest of his life than to become a corpse at the hand of a highwayman, and so taking leg bail saved his bacon. Charley thinks the idea of the man was to thus get the drop on him, blow out his light, take what money he had on his person, and then throw his body across the track as though he had been run down by a yard engine. But taking advantage of the snap judgment rendered, Charley did the running himself, and thus saved the man the trouble of carrying out his further supposed laid plans.

Mass Meeting at Minersville.

The Civic Club, of Minersville, will hold a mass meeting to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. An opportunity will be given to any who wish to become charter members of this up-to-date organization to do so.

The remains of Pearl, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Barnstown, who died yesterday morning, were interred this afternoon in the Barnstown cemetery.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT TO BE HONORED

SAID TO BE SLATED FOR FIRST SECRETARY OF AMERICAN EMBASSY AT BERLIN.

MR. AND MRS. VANDERBILT FAVORITES WITH GERMAN EMPEROR AND EMPRESS.

(By Publishers' Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Well defined gossip in political circles today has it that because of his important services in the campaign, the President will appoint Cornelius Vanderbilt to be the First Secretary of the American Embassy at Berlin.

Mr. Vanderbilt and his wife, who was Miss Grace Wilson, are favorites with the German Emperor and Empress. The Kaiser entertained them on his yacht when they were last abroad.

As First Secretary to the American Embassy at Berlin, Mr. Vanderbilt will doubtless be highly acceptable to the Kaiser who entertained him and Mrs. Vanderbilt in a style usually accorded only to the most distinguished of the European nobility. Mr. Vanderbilt is 31 years old and is a graduate of Yale. He took a course in mechanical engineering in the Sheffield Scientific school and two years after his graduation from the University went back and won a degree as a civil engineer. He always has taken an active, although modest interest in politics. In 1900 he attended the Republican State convention as a delegate. He was a member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission under Mayor Low.

MAYOR KINSEY

WILL ASSIST IN CHURCH DEDICATION EXERCISES TO-MORROW AT MT. ZION.

His Honor, Rev. G. W. Kinsey, will assist to-morrow in the dedication of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at the Knob Fork of Fishing creek, in Wetzel county.

Many years ago City Clerk Engle had an experience at that place that he will remember as long as he lives. While conducting revival services there, an elderly lady in the congregation becoming worked up and excited, expressed her desire to go to Heaven from such a meeting as the one in progress, saying that her mother had died on her knees in prayer meeting. Rev. Engle left the pulpit, took her hand and said a few words of encouragement. He went back to the pulpit and started to lead the congregation in a hymn, when he noticed an unusual diversion near where the lady he had just spoken to, was sitting. An examination showed that her prayer had been answered, life being extinct when the minister reached her side.

PROMOTE BANK OF CHINA.

French Capitalists Offer Funds For Establishing an Imperial Concern.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 12.—The attempts of the Chinese government to establish an imperial bank of China having failed, owing to the distrust prevalent among the natives in regard to entering into anything which savors of government control, French officials and merchants are negotiating with the Chinese Central authorities with the object in view of advancing the funds necessary for the purpose.

M. Chazalon, a retired Shanghai merchant, is representing the Banque de Paris in the enterprise, and it is estimated that he has expended fifty thousand taels in presents to officials to secure his object. The promoters offer to start a bank with a capital of ten million taels, with the proviso that the manager and chief accountant shall be French.

District Institute In Session.

MANNINGTON, W. Va., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The annual district teachers' institute for Mannington district is in session here. The sessions began yesterday afternoon and close today. County Superintendent Carter L. Faust is present. About sixty teachers are here, and a great deal of interest is being taken in many subjects relating to school work are being discussed.

NEITHER JAPAN NOR RUSSIA DESIRES PEACE

BOTH SIDES WANT TO MAKE BETTER SHOWING BEFORE SETTLEMENT IS MADE.

THE UNEXPECTED MAY HAPPEN, HOWEVER, AND HOSTILITIES CEASE SUDDENLY SOON.

(By Publishers' Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The possibility of immediate peace in the Far East which has been the gist of reports current in all parts of the world lately, and especially in America, is not optimistically received in diplomatic circles. It is considered unlikely that either of the belligerents is desirous of quitting the conflict. This is thought to be especially true in the case of Japan, which is naturally anxious to secure Port Arthur, the possession of which was one of the several causes of the war, before ending the fight, or even considering peace.

It would cause great surprise in official circles if offers of mediation were accepted before the end of the winter, when, it is expected, the relative gains and loss of each of the belligerents will have been clearly defined and a good basis for a peace settlement will be obtainable.

On the other hand as one diplomat pointed out to your correspondent this morning, there is always the possibility of the unexpected happening. This diplomat said:

"It is always possible that the world will awaken one morning to find hostilities have ceased; although there is no more reason to anticipate the end now than at any other time in the past month."

BABCOCK HAD VERY CLOSE CALL

HIS MAJORITY IS VERY SMALL BUT HIS ELECTION IS SAID TO BE SURE.

(By Publishers' Press.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 12.—The official returns show that Congressman Babcock has been elected by a plurality of 869 votes whereas in former years he has carried his districts by pluralities around the 12,000 mark. The vote of Wisconsin by counties on President and governor, has been compiled. It gives President Roosevelt a plurality of 138,820 over Parker, and Governor LaFollette a majority of 45,332 over Peck. Roosevelt has a plurality of 93,438 over LaFollette.

Double Immersion.

During the recent political fight, and as the zeal of the opposing forces waxed warm in confidence for their favorite candidates, Bud Jenkins had two bets on the result of the election. The first was with Lawrence Messervy on the next President, and the conditions were that the winner should dump the other into the river. The second bet was with "Bruiser" Brown, upon the same conditions, on the next Governor of West Virginia.

It having now been pretty thoroughly established that both President Roosevelt and Wm. M. O. Dawson have been elected to their respective offices, the next thing in order is the settlement of the bets made upon them. Accordingly, unless the losers recant, Bud has set next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock P. M., for the dual immersion, the same to take place at the wharf, and to be performed under the solemn rites of the Republican faith, to which service all the friends of both contracting parties are cordially invited, if the weather conditions are favorable, otherwise it will be postponed.

Entertainment To-night.

The Lyceum Society of the Normal School will give an entertainment at the Minersville Church this evening. An admission of 10 cents will be charged. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the church and civic club.

Wanted.

To close out my entire millinery goods at once; will sell you hats almost at your own price for this evening. MRS. LAURA FRAZER, Madison street, opposite Yeager's store.

Good school shoes for the children at C. B. Highlands.

UNITED STATES TROOPS MAY BE SENT TO THE ORIENT VERY SOON

CARRIER HAS BEEN REVOKED

CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF FEDERATION OF LABOR IS CONSIDERABLY WROUGHT UP.

(By Publishers' Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The charter of the Chicago Federation of Labor, the Central organization of more than 14,000 trade unionists, has been revoked by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. Notice to this effect was received from President Gompers Friday by Secretary Nockels of the Chicago Federation. Repeated defiance of orders was the basis for the action. President Gompers sent the following notification to the Chicago Federation: "The central body failed to comply with the executive council's direction as decided by Boston Convention and contained in my letter of September 28, 1904. Time limit Nov. 1 having expired, your charter stands revoked. Executive council further decides your charter will be restored upon the compliance of your central body with decision.

Signed, SAMUEL GOMPERS, President A. F. of L."

Secretary Nockels has expressed the belief that the matter will be amicably settled.

Roosevelt Breaks the Precedent.

These men, elected to be Vice Presidents, acceded to the Presidency on the death of the chief magistrate with whom they were elected: John Tyler on the death of William Henry Harrison, April 4, 1841; Millard Fillmore on the death of Zachary Taylor, 12 months after the latter's inauguration; Andrew Johnson, on the 14th of April, a month and a few days after Abraham Lincoln's second inauguration; Chester A. Arthur, on the death of James A. Garfield, September 19, 1881; Theodore Roosevelt, on the death of William McKinley, in the autumn of 1901, a few months after the latter's second inauguration. All of these Vice Presidents who acceded to the Presidency on the deaths of their chiefs were candidates for nomination for President, at the hands of their parties. But none of them was nominated by his party, except the odore Roosevelt, who has just been elected for a full term of his own.—Brooklyn Eagle.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

Excess Over Legal Requirements Is More Than One Year Ago.

(By Publishers' Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The weekly statement of the Associated Banks today shows the following changes: Reserve on all deposits, decrease, \$1,217,850.

Reserve on deposits other than United States, decrease, \$1,212,900. Loans, decrease, \$14,759,600. Specie, decrease, \$1,741,100.

Legal tenders, decrease, \$1,503,000. Deposits, decrease, \$20,107,400. Circulation, decrease, \$271,600. Total loans, \$1,125,089,900.

The banks now hold in excess of legal requirements \$8,891,550 against \$6,138,425 last year and \$18,328,350 two years ago.

MAYOR HARRISON

WILL RETIRE FROM ACTIVE POLITICS IN CHICAGO—WILL NOT BE NOMINEE NEXT YEAR.

(By Publishers' Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Carter H. Harrison, four times mayor of Chicago, will not be nominated for mayor next spring. Formal announcement of the mayor's purpose to retire was received by Mayor Harrison's closest political advisers. While Mayor Harrison under no circumstances will be a candidate in 1905, it is understood that he may consider the advisability of entering the political field again in 1907. It is his intention to make a trip around the world for his health, returning after an absence of a year or eighteen months.

All of the latest telegraphic and local news will be found in the West Virginian.

ANOTHER BOXER UPRISING IS THREATENED—CONGRATULATE TO SITUATION.

CHARLES F. GAMMON WRITES SENSATIONAL LETTER FROM THE ORIENT.

MR. GAMMON WAS SHUT UP IN TIEN TSIN DURING OUTRAGE OF 1900.

(By Publishers' Press.)

BELOIT, Wis., Nov. 12.—Sensational in the extreme are the reports sent from Peking by Charles F. Gammon of the American Bible Society of another threatened uprising in China. Mr. Gammon says in a letter to his father, E. M. Gammon, of this city, that United States Minister Conger is alive to the danger and has notified the Chinese officials that unless the movement is suppressed at once, he will request United States troops to be sent to Peking.

Mr. Gammon's letter reads as follows:

"I find the situation in some parts of the North very unsatisfactory, particularly in Shantung and Honan. Dates have been set for the slaughter of all of the foreigners and the general symptoms resemble those of 1900. Several secret societies including the Boxers have organized into one great society and the purpose of which we do not understand. The officials are helpless because many of their underlings are members. In fact, the officials are forced to obtain information from missionaries. The cause of the trouble I do not know wholly but heavy taxation is one of them. This is being laid at the door of foreigners. Mr. Conger, however, is not to be fooled a second time and he has written to the War Wu Hu (Foreign Office) that unless the trouble is at once suppressed, he will send for United States troops. Doubtless this will stir the officials up a little. There will be a great deal of trouble in China. It is inevitable."

Mr. Gammon was shut up in Tien Tsin during the Boxer outrage of 1900 and Mrs. Gammon was one of the little group of women over whom a detail of British sailors was placed, with orders to shoot them if the city fell in the hands of the Chinese. The American relief party came just in the nick of time. As head of the American Bible Society in China Mr. Gammon is in a position to learn many secrets.

FALSE REPORT

In Circulation Concerning Closing of Public Schools.

Superintendent Rosier, in reply to a rumor that the public schools of this city would close on account of small-pox, stated that the rumor was absolutely false, and that he had never thought of adopting such a course, as it was altogether unnecessary. He further said that two thirds of the children were vaccinated, and that in the event of a serious epidemic, all would be required to take that precaution. Mr. Rosier has taken every precaution to protect the youngsters in his charge and children who have been exposed to the disease are not allowed to attend.

JOHN HAY CONTINUES SECRETARY OF STATE.

The Formal Announcement to This Effect Made by President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—President Roosevelt has made the announcement that Mr. John Hay would continue as Secretary of State during the four years beginning March 4, 1905.

"You may state positively," were the words, "that Mr. Hay will continue as Secretary of State up to the 4th of March, 1905."

The President was asked regarding other possible Cabinet changes, but indicated that there was nothing to be said a present.

THE WEATHER.

Blue Skies Sunday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair, warmer to-night, warmer in southern portion. Sunday fair, colder in northern portion.