

THREE VITAL QUESTIONS.

They Must be Determined First in the Negotiations to Be Had With China.

EMPRESS DOWAGER MUST BE SHELVED.

An Indemnity Fund Must be Created by an Increase of Chinese Customs Revenues, and the Tsung-Li-Yamen Must be Replaced by a Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Washington, Nov. 3.—It is stated in quarters well versed in Chinese affairs that, outside of the questions of indemnity, punishments, etc., now under negotiation at Peking, there are three vital and far-reaching questions to be determined, viz:

Empress Dowager Must Go.

First, the removal of the empress dowager, personally and through the influence of her advisers, from all participation in the Chinese government; second, the creation of an indemnity fund by the increase of Chinese customs revenue, either by the payment of the duties in gold instead of depreciated silver, as at present, or else by doubling the present silver duties from five per cent. to ten per cent. ad valorem; and, third, the establishment of a ministry of foreign affairs, in place of the old and cumbersome system of the tsung li yamen.

Who Was Responsible.

The demand for the retirement of the empress dowager is said to result from the conclusion now generally accepted, that the imperial government of China was responsible for the Boxer uprising. As the empress dowager was the ruling authority of the imperial government during the uprising, this responsibility is brought home directly to her. There is understood to be no purpose, however, to visit upon her any personal punishment or indignity, but merely to form the reconstructed government, as to exclude her from all participation in it. It is deemed advisable, for that reason, that she should remain permanently away from Peking, and that her advisers also should be kept away from the seat of government.

The Doubling of China's Customs.

The plan of doubling China's customs duties has arisen from the need of finding a source to pay the war indemnities which the various powers demand. It appears, however, that the increase of the duties has heretofore been brought to the attention of the United States government by Li Hung Chang. This occurred during his visit to Washington a few years ago, when it was represented that the five per cent. was fixed in 1858, by treaties with the United States, Great Britain and other countries, and was payable in silver, at which time silver was worth as much as gold. But with the change in the value between silver and gold, Li Hung Chang pointed out that China's five per cent. duty in silver actually netted only about 2 1/2 per cent., judged by the prevailing gold standard. The matter was not pressed at the time.

Present Revenues Already Pledged.

China's present customs revenues are said to be already pledged to meet the interest and principal of Chinese loans, so that it will require some entirely new source to meet the indemnities. The plan of substituting a minister of foreign affairs in place of the tsung li yamen has long been in contemplation, as foreign representatives have found it very difficult to deal with this mixed body, and to locate responsibility upon it, particularly during the Boxer troubles.

MAKING THE PUBLIC PAY.

The Coal Barons Intend to Make the Consumer Bear the Cost of the Recent Strike.

New York, Nov. 3.—Local coal dealers have been thrown into a state of consternation by an announcement that the price of anthracite coal had been advanced 50 cents a ton.

This increase is general and applies to the annual production of anthracite coal—50,000,000 tons—it means an additional profit to the coal trust of \$25,000,000.

A dealer, who has analyzed the conditions of mining in the anthracite region, writes to the Evening Post that, in granting an increase of ten per cent. in wages to the miners the cost of production will be increased 8 1/2 cents per ton. As the price of coal to the consumer had already been increased 50 cents a ton, the new advance gives the operators an additional profit of \$1 on the ton, or \$50,000,000 a year.

Deducting from this sum the increased cost of production on the basis of 8 1/2 cents a ton, it will be seen that, as a result of the strike in the anthracite region, the operators will enjoy a net increase of \$45,875,000 in income.

A Magnificent Donation.

New York, Nov. 3.—J. Pierpont Morgan yesterday donated to the Metropolitan Museum of Art Greek ornaments valued at \$200,000. The collection was purchased from a London art dealer. Inscriptions on some of the ornaments show that they were made about 350 B. C.

Clark M. Carr's Body Found.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 3.—The body of Clark M. Carr, son of Gen. Clark E. Carr, who was drowned in Lake Washington, last Sunday, has been recovered.

DISMISSED THE PETITION.

Refused to Order a Partial Distribution of the Estate of Millionaire Davis, of Montana.

Boston, Nov. 6.—Judge Grant of the Suffolk probate court yesterday dismissed the petition brought by H. A. Rootveny, asking for a partial distribution in Massachusetts of the estate of the late Andrew J. Davis, the Montana millionaire, in accordance with the decree of the court in Montana, which affirms a compromise.

Judge Grant said that it did not seem equitable at this time to grant the petition, since the application appeared to have been made with a view to evade liens filed in Montana against the interest of the petitioner and others.

Mr. Rootveny's petition is only a side issue in an extended litigation over the estate of the dead mining king of Butte, which has been before the courts of Massachusetts and Montana for several years.

SENATOR DAVIS BETTER.

His Condition Much Improved and No Danger of Amputation Apprehended.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 6.—Last evening Dr. A. J. Stone, the physician in charge of United States Senator Davis, told a press representative that the slight operation on the senator's foot yesterday afternoon showed it to be in much better condition than either he or Dr. Murphy had expected to find it, and that only the simplest kind of an operation had been necessary in order to clear away a passage for the pus that had collected under the foot. The former operation had been over the top of the foot, and this one was under the foot in the same manner as the first. The senator had revived from the slight operation, and he considered him the "liveliest corpse in the United States senate today." He insisted that there had been no question of amputation.

TO INSURE AGAINST STRIKES.

Austrian Manufacturers Combine for Mutual Protection, but Admit the Right to Strike.

Washington, Nov. 6.—A number of Austrian manufacturers have formed an association for insurance against strikes, according to United States Consul Hossfeld at Trieste. It is the object of the association to indemnify its several members for all losses, sustained by them from unjust strikes which may break out in their respective establishments.

When a strike occurs a committee will be appointed to investigate all the circumstances, and if the cause of the strikers be found to be just no indemnity shall be paid.

A similar insurance association, although on a smaller scale, is said to have been organized in Germany. "Both the Austrian and German associations, it appears," says Consul Hossfeld, "recognize in principle the justice of strikes which is in Germany at least an important concession to labor."

ANOTHER STORM AT NOME.

Innumerable Small Craft Demolished, but No Lives Lost—Other Damage Done.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 6.—A special to the Times from Port Townsend, says: The steamship Charles Nelson arrived yesterday morning, ten days from Nome. She reports that four days prior to her sailing Nome beach was swept by another severe storm, which did much damage to small shipping and to such buildings as owners were unwise enough to commence constructing on the beach after the September storm. On this occasion while the damage done was heavy, there was no loss of life.

INDIANA AND FLORIDA.

Official Totals of the Population of the Two States Made Public by the Census Bureau.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The population of the state of Indiana, as officially announced by the census bureau, is 2,116,462, as against 2,192,434 in 1890. This is an increase of 324,073, or 14.7 per cent.

The population of the state of Florida, as officially announced by the census bureau, is 528,542, as against 391,422 in 1890. This is an increase of 137,120, or 35 per cent.

TO SMOOTH AWAY FRICTION.

A Commission Goes to Shan Hai Kuan to Help Settle the Camping Disputes.

Pekin, Sunday, Nov. 4.—A commission consisting of the senior staff officer of the forces of each power taking part in the Chinese campaign is proceeding to Shan Hai Kuan (on the gulf of Liao-Tung), in order to smooth the friction between the allied commanders regarding the places to be selected for occupation by their respective forces.

COWARDLY ASSASSINATION.

A Jealous Man Shoots His Neighbor's Wife and Tries to Kill Her Husband.

Lacon, Ill., Nov. 6.—W. J. Linn, alias Jack Gordon, went to the home of Jacob Schafer, ten miles east of this place, called Mrs. Schafer to the door and shot her, killing her instantly. He then fired at Schafer, missing him. Linn was arrested a few hours later at Wyoming, 12 miles distant, and is now in jail in this city.

SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN.

An Appeal in Their Behalf Sent by Lord Roberts to His Countrymen at Home.

DO NOT DEBAUCH THE GALLANT LADS.

He is Proud of Their Conduct During the Arduous Campaign, and Does Not Wish to See Them Degraded by Being Led into Excesses at Their Homecoming.

London, Nov. 4.—Lord Roberts sends from Pretoria a striking appeal to his countrymen to refrain from turning the homecoming of troops into a drunken orgy. He expresses the sincere hope that the welcome will not take the form of treating to stimulants, and "thus lead to excesses that will tend to degrade those whom the nation delights to honor and lower the soldiers of the queen in the eyes of the world, which watched with undisguised admiration the grand work they have performed for their sovereign and country."

"I, therefore, beg earnestly," said Lord Roberts, "that the public will refrain from tempting my gallant comrades, but will rather aid them to uphold the splendid reputation they have won for the imperial army."

Proud of His Army.

"I am very proud to be able to record, with the most absolute truth, that the conduct of this army, from first to last, has been exemplary. Not a single case of serious crime has been brought to my notice, indeed, nothing deserving the name of crime. I have trusted to the men's own self-restraint and wise conservatism which shall characterize your proceedings for representative government may be signally illustrated.

The Fundamental Distinction.

"The fundamental distinction between true representative government and a dictatorship is that in the former every representative of the people, in whatever office, confines himself strictly within the limits of his defined powers. Without such restraint there can not be free constitutional government.

Under the Order Pursuant to which.

"Under the order pursuant to which you have been elected and convened you have no duty and no authority to take part in the present government of the island. Your powers are strictly limited by the terms of that order."

Before withdrawing Gen. Wood wished the delegates a speedy and successful conclusion of their work. He said that Chief Justice Perez would administer the form of oath which the delegates might select, and he concluded by appointing Senor Figueroa, under secretary of state for the government, as temporary chairman.

The convention organized with Senor Lorente, justice of the supreme court, as president, and Senor Villuendo as secretary.

The Following Oath was then administered:

"We, delegates, elected by the people of Cuba to the national constitutional convention, swear faithfully to fulfill the duties of our office. We publicly and solemnly renounce allegiance to or compact made with any state or nation, whether made directly or indirectly, swearing to the sovereignty of the free and independent people of Cuba, and swear to respect the solution this convention may adopt, as well as the government established by the constitution."

All of the 31 delegates were present. Senor Alleman, who said that the convention was "only a continuation of the fight for independence," moved that the regulations governing the old Cuban assembly at Yaya, in 1896, be adopted. As nobody seemed familiar with them the convention adjourned until to-day at 2 p. m., when copies will be furnished to the delegates.

The following resolutions were presented to the president of the convention, just before adjournment, and will probably be adopted to-day:

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"First—That a committee of the assembly proceed immediately to call on Gen. Wood and to manifest the satisfaction with which the delegates have seen him carry out the difficult mission assigned him.

"Second—That the committee request Gen. Wood to cable to the president of the United States as follows: 'The delegates elected to the constitutional convention assembled at their inaugural meeting greet with profound gratitude and affection the president of the United States of America, and they are satisfied with the honesty demonstrated in the fulfillment of the declarations made in favor of liberty and the independence of the Cuban people.'"

HIS MIND AS CLEAR AS EVER.

The Report That Valet Jones' Mind Has Become Unbalanced Denied by Physicians.

New York, Nov. 4.—Charles F. Jones, secretary-valet of the late Wm. M. Rice, who was arrested on a charge of forgery, and who attempted to commit suicide in the Tombs by cutting his throat, passed a very comfortable night. The report that Jones is mentally unbalanced is denied at the hospital and it is declared his mind is as clear as ever.

Declared Outlaws.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 4.—The Australian police have been baffled by the Geelong murderers. Seven months ago the entire colony was startled by a series of murders which took place within 100 miles of Sydney. Two well known desperadoes, Jimmy and Joe Governor, half breeds, were the only ones of the murderers who escaped. Since then they have killed two officers and a woman. A proclamation has been issued by the chief justice of New South Wales, declaring the men to be outlaws.

A REAL FRIEND OF CUBA.

Wise Words and Wholesome Advice to the Cubans from Gov.-Gen. Wood.

Havana, Nov. 6.—The Cuban constitutional convention met in Marti theater yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. Long before that hour the theater was crowded. Many thousands were unable to gain admittance, and the streets in the neighborhood were blocked with people.

Gen. Wood and his staff, accompanied by Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and his staff, received an ovation on entering, the bands playing "America."

Senor Cisneros and Gen. Rivera escorted Gen. Wood to the platform, and he almost immediately opened the convention.

"As military governor of the Island of Cuba and representing the president of the United States," he said, "I call this convention to order. It will be your duty first of all to frame and adopt a constitution for Cuba, and when that has been done, to formulate what, in your opinion, ought to be the relations between Cuba and the United States.

"The constitution must be adequate to secure stable, orderly and free government. When you have formulated the relations which, in your opinion, ought to exist between Cuba and the United States, the government of the United States will, doubtless, take such action on its part as shall lead to a final and authoritative agreement between the people of the two countries to the promotion of their common interests.

"All friends of Cuba will follow your deliberations with the deepest interest, earnestly desiring that you shall reach just conclusions and that by the dignity, individual self-restraint and wise conservatism which shall characterize your proceedings the capacity of the Cuban people for representative government may be signally illustrated.

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Released on Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Ralph Silberstein, arrested on a fugitive warrant from Missouri, was released from custody on a writ of habeas corpus by Judge Gibbons. Silberstein was accused of larceny of jewelry samples in St. Louis.

Will be Admitted Duty Free.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The president has issued an executive order admitting free of duty Christmas presents and souvenirs sent by soldiers in China to friends in the United States. The privilege is the same as was extended to the soldiers in the Philippines one year ago.

Will Observe the Usual Holiday.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The postmaster general announces that postmasters are authorized to observe the usual holiday hours in all states in which election day is a holiday.

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Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuineness of the testimonial letters we are constantly publishing, we have deposited with the National City Bank, of Lynn, Mass., \$5,000 which will be paid to any person who will show that the following testimonials are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special permission. — LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

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