

ALL EYES ON THE BUCKEYE STATE

Day of Conferences of Anti-Hanna Republicans.

SEVEN DEMOCRATS REJECT PROPOSALS

Nearly All the Democratic Vote Is Necessary to Defeat Hanna.

Democratic Leaders Unwilling to Enter Into Any Arrangement Which May Fail of Success, As It Would Expose the Party to Ridicule—Major Dick, Hanna's Manager, Is Confident—Bushnell's Attitude Equivocal.

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—This has been a day of conferences with the anti-Hanna Republicans, and from the best information obtainable, the results have not been altogether encouraging, although the claims of the faction have not been modified in the least. These conferences have been with the leaders of the Democracy who are in favor of a fusion with the anti-Hanna Republicans to defeat Mr. Hanna.

The central figures have been Charles L. Kurtz, leader of the anti-Hanna Republicans, and Allen O. Myers, who is endeavoring to bring the Democratic members of the legislature into line for the proposed fusion. At these conferences, which began this morning and continued into the night, the Democrats were asked to state just how many of their members could be counted upon to the proposed fusion. It is stated that seven Democrats had refused positively to vote for anyone except a Democrat for United States senator, and even a free Silver Republican. It is also understood that the number of Democrats who will oppose a fusion may be increased to 10 or 15.

It developed that almost the entire Democratic vote of the legislature will be required on a fusion to defeat Hanna, and the Democratic leaders are not willing to enter into any arrangement which may expose the party to ridicule.

CONFERENCE. It was determined to summon all the Democratic members to Columbus at once, and telegrams were sent to all of them, requesting them to report Friday afternoon without fail, for a conference. Whether the plans for a fusion will be pushed, or some plan adopted by Mr. Kurtz, will probably be determined by this conference.

The early Republican members conspicuous at the anti-Hanna headquarters were Representative George Mason of Cleveland. It was given out that Senator Burke of Cleveland will vote with the Democrats in the senate, but as Mr. Burke has not yet arrived in this city, this statement could not be verified.

DICK CONFIDENT. Major Dick, who has charge of Senator Hanna's personal interests, was feeling very confident tonight that the proposed fusion arrangement would be broken. Sentiment among the Republicans of the state is crystallizing under the vigorous assaults of the Republican newspapers on Mr. Kurtz and the anti-Hanna movement. It is claimed that if the anti-Hanna Republicans force a deadlock, they will bring more people to the capital city than have ever been here before. The supporters of Mr. Hanna do not admit that any Republican will vote against him, and it is significant that none of the members claimed to be opposed to Mr. Hanna have said publicly that they will not vote for him.

SNIDER'S PLEDGE. A breeze was created today by a statement in an evening paper that Mr. Kurtz' lieutenant claimed to have a written pledge from Representative Snider of Greene county that he would not support Mr. Hanna. Mr. Snider publicly declared last night that he would support Senator Hanna and today a delegation of Governor Bushnell's appointees at the Xenia hotel, where soldiers and sailors' orphans, which is located in Mr. Snider's home county, arrived in the city and at once began to importune him to change his mind. Mr. Snider was greatly incensed at this interference, which he considered came from an unwarranted source, and promptly resented it. Tonight he gave out the following statement:

"There has appeared a statement in the columns of the Dispatch which has not only compromised myself but the good name of Governor Bushnell. Desiring to clear our skirts of any blame for the part which some persons seem to be taking in opposition to the re-election of Senator Hanna to the United States senate, I sent a letter, of which the following is a copy, to Governor Bushnell, and now desire to say publicly that for myself and my county we shall support Senator Hanna first, last and always, believing that the time has come when anything else is treachery to the Republican party:

SNIDER'S LETTER.

"Columbus, O., Dec. 30, to Gov. Asa S. Bushnell:

"My Dear Governor: I am informed by the press that some of our indirect friends have made the statement that you held a written pledge from me to vote for you for United States senator. This compels me, in order to preserve your good name, to come out in a public declaration that I am for the return of Mr. Hanna to the United States senate.

I am very sorry the boys came here. I believed, had they remained away, you would not have had to suffer this indignity. However, I shall do all in my power to preserve you above reproach.

Believe me, my dear Governor, sincerely yours, J. J. SNIDER."

KURTZ'S STATEMENT. Governor Bushnell was too busy tonight to accord an interview regarding Representative Snider's letter, but Mr. Kurtz, who was still at the anti-Hanna headquarters, made to an Associated Press reporter the first authentic statement upon any phase of the senatorial matter that has as yet been published. He said:

"Notwithstanding that Mr. Snider's statements made from one end of the state to the other, that he was for Mr. Hanna for United States senator, Mr. Boxwell for speaker and for Mr. Hanna for United States senator;

THE SALT LAKE HERALD

PREPARING FOR WAR

British Naval Reserves Ordered to Be Mobilized.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN

EVENTS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE IN TOUCH.

Explanation of the French Occupation of Hai-Nan—Japanese Working Night and Day in Preparation for the Coming Conflict—Absence of Authentic Information.

London, Dec. 30.—A news agency announces that the British naval reserves will be mobilized.

According to recent estimates, the reserve forces of the British navy number about 25,000 men. Of this number, it is calculated that at least 10,000 men will be required in case of war to complete the manning of the warships of Great Britain, which are understood to require a complement of 10,000 men, whereas only 100,000 are actually in service. The naval reserve problem has long been discussed by British authorities and the general opinion appears to be that the number of men available is far short of the number that would be required in case of war.

In addition to the men in the naval reserve, Great Britain has a large reserve fleet and a number of reserve merchant cruisers, including such vessels as the Campania, Lucania, Etruria, Umbria, Majestic, Teutonic, etc. A special dispatch from Shanghai says that communications are constantly passing between the British and Japanese officials and that the Japanese are trying to effect a rapprochement with England on the basis of a joint guaranty of reform in Chinese administration.

New York, Dec. 30.—Regarding the rumors that the British government has decided to call into active service her naval reserve fleet, Bruce Ismay, agent of the White Star line, when seen today, said he had no official or other information on the subject.

At the office of the British consul, surprise was expressed at the report, inasmuch as Great Britain has a sufficient naval force to cope with any emergency that might arise in the east, without calling to her aid the services of the naval reserve. The British consul here has no official information on the subject.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

Fleets of Both Nations Co-Operating Near Corea.

London, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai, dated yesterday (Thursday) says:

A British fleet of eight ships and four torpedo boats has arrived at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul. It is reported that there are two Japanese cruisers in the Yalu-tse-Kiang river. Japan is working night and day, preparing for war. It is believed that the British and Japanese fleets are in close touch. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tokyo says Marquis Ito is forming a cabinet.

According to a dispatch to the same

REPORT DENIED.

The Daily Mail has received a telegram from Hong Kong and from Tonquin denying the report of French occupation of the island of Hai-Nan, but it regards it as morally certain that Hai-Nan was occupied about a fortnight ago when port Arthur was occupied by the Russians, the coincidence forcing the suspicion that France and Russia are acting in concert.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Singapore, dated yesterday (Thursday) says:

The news that the French had occupied the island of Hai-Nan was brought here from Saigon (capital of French Cochinchina) Tuesday by the French mail boat Ernest Simon. Before the latter left Saigon on the 25th, a French cruiser arrived there with Admiral Bédouin on board. It is believed that the French hold the telegraph office at Hoy Kow (How-Kow) and prevent communication to Hong Kong. The cable between Hai-Phong (Tonquin) and Saigon is broken and under repair, and therefore it is impossible for Admiral Bédouin to telegraph the news of the seizure of the warships and Descaux, left Hong Kong on Dec. 18, and attended the meeting of the defence committee at Hai-Phong about that date, when the seizure of the island of Hai-Nan was decided upon.

LET THE CAT OUT.

The cause of the delay was known only to a few officers on board the Ernest Simon, but inadvertently the secret was imparted to a Frenchman here (Singapore), who not being bound to secrecy, let the matter out. It is believed that the French hold the telegraph office at Hoy Kow (How-Kow) and prevent communication to Hong Kong. The cable between Hai-Phong (Tonquin) and Saigon is broken and under repair, and therefore it is impossible for Admiral Bédouin to telegraph the news of the seizure of the warships and Descaux, left Hong Kong on Dec. 18, and attended the meeting of the defence committee at Hai-Phong about that date, when the seizure of the island of Hai-Nan was decided upon.

A letter from Kobe says: Military maneuvers of great magnitude were executed in Japan last month for the first time since the war with China.

PEACEFUL VICTORIES.

How China May Be Conquered by Commercial Exploitation.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Some facts of value to business men contemplating an extension of trade into China are offered by United States Consul Covert, at Lyons, France, in a special report to the state department.

A brief report has been made to the Lyons chamber of commerce, and sets out in concise form the wonderful opportunities for trade extension in popular China, the undeveloped resources of the country, and the progress already made by the Germans, now become redoubtable rivals of the English in China. The consul says that while the great nations of Europe are grasping for Chinese territory, it is probable that the most desirable conquest may be achieved by peaceful methods. Opened nations have equal interests in opening the trade of China to the world, and the powers that attempt to accomplish it by war and conquest, do so much more to strengthen the Chinese wall.

THANKS FOR AID.

At the Same Time Indian Congress Shows Extravagance.

Bombay, Dec. 30.—The Indian national congress came to a conclusion tonight.

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SAILING OVER FARMS

Conditions Confronting the Farmers of Washington.

THE CHEHALIS VALLEY

NOW LIES BURIED UNDER TEN FEET OF WATER.

Floods Highest Ever Known—Farmers Will Lose Heavily of Grain and Hay—Landslides Have Done Most Damage—No Mail Since Last Sunday.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.—The Chehalis valley is a dreary waste of water. That is all that confronts the eye in every direction. Farms and highways alike are under several feet of water, and men go from one point to another in boats. Fish Commissioner Little, when he left the fish hatchery on the Chehalis river, rowed across farms and up the county road, now buried under ten feet of water.

Mr. Little arrived from the flooded district today on the first train that had succeeded in getting through. He says the loss will not be very extensive, but the prospect is not at all encouraging. Some of the farmers will lose a large part of their grain and hay stored on the farm, and others may lose some stock.

HIGHEST EVER KNOWN.

"The floods are the highest ever known in the valley. The smaller streams, many of them tributary to the Chehalis, are out of their banks, and the usually placid creeks have become raging torrents. The Snohomish is four feet higher than it has ever been, and the Wynemo is over the railroad tracks. At Oakville the branch line is under three feet of water."

It is not probable that much stock will be lost, if the water subsides soon. The farmers will lose heavily on their stores of grain and hay, which were in the granaries or in stacks.

LANDSLIDES.

"Landslides have done the most damage. There have been small slides along the line, but one of the largest was the one which occurred above Chehalis this morning. They have now a hydraulic engine at work, and will have the bank safe in a short time."

NO MAIL SINCE SUNDAY.

A special from Everett, Wash., to the Ledger says no eastern mail has been received there since last Sunday. It is almost impossible to get any definite news from the upper Snohomish valley. The wires are reported to be down, and the condition of the wagon roads, which are flooded on the bottom lands, have prevented any one from coming out of the valley.

It is understood that one span of the railroad bridge at Sultan has been carried away, and that many of the fills recently made in repairing the damage by the November floods, have been more or less washed away. From the fact that the Great Northern will give no indication when the line will be open

is full assurance that it will not be in same days, at least.

CARRIED AWAY.

The bridge over the Stillaguamish river at Arlington, on the Seattle & International, has been carried away. The track of the Great Northern & Monte Cristo at Lowell has been under water for three days, and from Lowell to Snohomish are numerous breaks. For the first time since Sunday the coast line train ran from Seattle to Whatcom today.

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J. B. HAGGIN'S LAST TRIUMPH

NOTED BELLES.

Marriage of the Millionaire to Miss Pearl Voorhees of Versailles—About the Bride and Groom.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—The marriage of James B. Haggin, the wealthy turf man of California, Kentucky and New York, and Miss Pearl Voorhees of Versailles, Ky., took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Miss Voorhees' stepfather, James P. Amaden, in the presence of members of the bride's family only. Miss Voorhees was attired in blue cloth, trimmed with lace. She is a beautiful woman of splendid carriage and elegant manners, and is a queen in society. Mr. Haggin is 74 years of age and his bride 28.

The young lady is the daughter of George Voorhees of Denver, Colo. Her mother was divorced from Voorhees and married James P. Amaden, the Versailles banker. The bride was a niece of Haggin's first wife, who was a Miss Saunders of Natchez, Miss. She has been a member of Mr. Haggin's household in New York for several years.

Mr. Haggin has been a widower for four years and has two married daughters and one son, Lewis Haggin. His son-in-law, Ben All Haggin, died several years ago.

Mr. Haggin recently purchased Elmdorf farm, near Lexington, and has removed to it a large part of his extensive horse-breeding establishment. It is understood that he and his bride will spend a part of the time at Elmdorf, although they will reside in New York. They came to Lexington tonight in his private car, Sayward, and will leave tomorrow for New York City.

WILLIS BEARDSLEY PLEASED

Christmas Gift From Ogden Masons—Idaho Pensions.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Willis T. Beardsley, of Ogden, who is now one of the clerks of the senate, this morning received an express package from Ogden, the contents of which delighted his heart. It contained a beautiful past master jewel presented to him by the brethren of Webster lodge of Free Masons.

Thomas L. Von Noy was today appointed postmaster at Thayne, Utah county, Wyo., vice John D. Willis, resigned. Idaho pensions granted today: Original, George H. Hilde, \$5; William Norton, \$10.

HATFIELD RUN DOWN.

Two Thousand Dollars for Anyone That Will Arrest Him.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 30.—J. M. Meham, deputy United States marshal, today received a telegram from Marshal T. J. Anderson of Camden on Chatter, advising that Anderson had captured Hatfield, and asking him to bring good men to arrest him and share in the reward.

Hatfield broke the Mingo jail six months ago. He was serving a murder sentence and had three other killings to answer for. A reward of \$2,000 awaits his captors.

Honest Way to Fail.

Oakbrook, Ill., Dec. 30.—The Farmers' & Traders' State bank closed its doors today. The following card from the door was displayed: "This bank will receive no more deposits, but will at once pay its depositors in full as fast as their claims may be presented."

Colorado Democrat Honored.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—Governor Adams today appointed T. Stevens of Ouray district judge, to succeed J. J. Abbott, who resigned to take the place on the supreme bench which he was elected to in November. Stevens is a Democrat.

Carman Was Fined.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—D. M. Carman is no longer secretary of the Alaska Trade committee. This morning the committee met, and with little ceremony, declared the position vacant.

Carman has been re-arrested in Chicago on four charges.

MEN AT PRICE FIGHT A DUEL

County Attorney and Deputy Sheriff the Principals.

EIGHT SHOTS FIRED, NONE TOOK EFFECT

Attorney Warf Then Went After a Winchester.

A Feud Had Existed Between the Men For Some Months—When They Met Yesterday Each Drew His Gun and Opened Fire Without a Word—Sheriff's Appearance Ended the Hostilities.

(Special to The Herald.)

Price, Utah, Dec. 30.—A shooting affray, which may result in fatalities, took place here this afternoon. It seems that bad blood has existed for some time between Captain James L. Smith, deputy sheriff, and J. W. Warf, county attorney of Carbon county. The feeling of hostility between the men dates back, according to Captain Smith, to last July, when the then sheriff, who was a friend of Warf, was removed by reason of the efforts of Smith.

Last Saturday night, Smith figured in a little gun play, and this morning was arrested on a warrant charging various misdemeanors. Warf, who signed the warrant, was returned to the jail, but did not appear to prosecute. Smith entered a plea of guilty and a nominal fine was imposed. It was apparent that trouble was not far off and would be precipitated upon the meeting of the men.

BOTH OPENED FIRE.

Shortly after 2 o'clock, Warf and Attorney Mark P. Bradford met Smith near the platform of the depot. No words were exchanged, but both drew guns and cleared for immediate action. The first two shots were returned simultaneously, accounts differing as to which fired the first. Neither took effect, however, and Warf started to run for shelter, Smith emptying his revolver at him with three successive deliveries. The bullets hit all around the flying attorney, but somehow failed to get him.

Quite a crowd gathered at the sound of the shooting, clustering about Smith. In a few moments Warf came out from behind his shelter and executed a flank movement toward the east end of a large freight warehouse.

He carefully reloaded his gun along the platform and shot once more, likewise without effect.

MORE AMMUNITION.

He then discovered that his ammunition was exhausted, and bent a hasty though orderly retreat to a nearby hardware store for a fresh supply. Having obtained his reloading, he returned to the battlefield. Not finding Smith, who in the interim had gone into a nearby hotel, he made an extended and thorough inquiry concerning the possibility of obtaining his private car, Sayward, at Winchester. Chance favored white-winged peace, however, as Sheriff Alfred happened upon the scene at this juncture.

Warf at once filed complaint against Smith, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

SMITH'S STORY.

Shortly after his release on bonds, Deputy Sheriff Smith gave this version of the fracas:

"The trouble grew out of the removal of a former sheriff of this county, who was a personal friend of Mr. Warf's. I instigated the removal and gained his hearty dislike. I have been subjected to a species of petty persecution since last July on this account."

Warf came up to the platform of the railway station upon which I was standing. I met him with a smile. He then reached for his gun, and I, in order to protect myself, pulled mine. We fired simultaneously. He then ran, and if my gun had not refused to work, my second shot would have fixed him sure. I do not anticipate any very serious results from this mix-up, but my mind is not at ease. He has \$250, but if he decides to entertain me again, I will be found at the same old stand."

WARF'S VERSION.

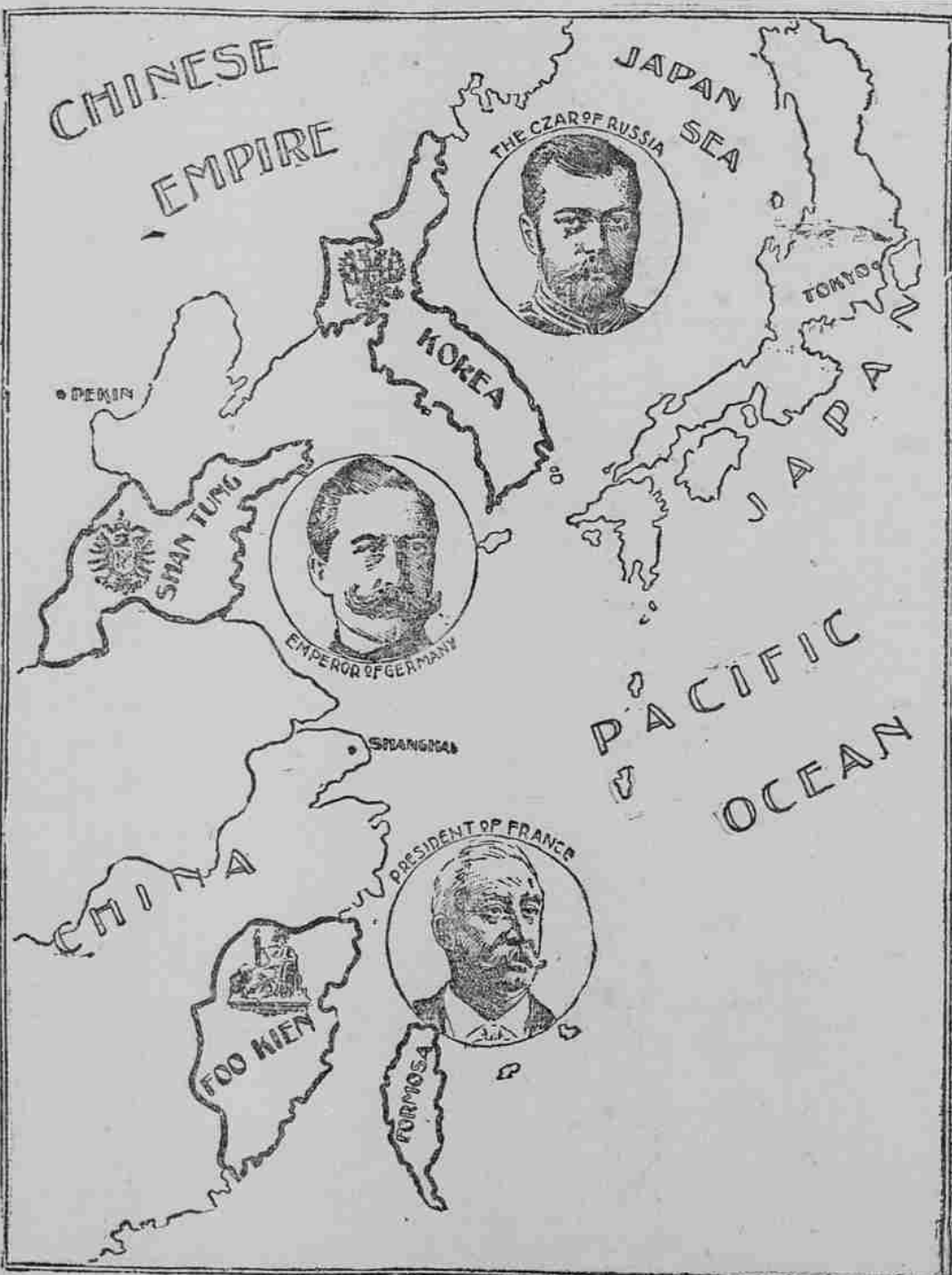
Mr. Warf's statement differs materially from that of Captain Smith. It is as follows:

"On Christmas day Captain Smith was drunk and Sheriff Alfred took him to the Mathis hotel, where I was informed he insulted Mr. Hart. He informed him that she would not stand such insults upon her; that she had two sons to protect her. At this statement Captain Smith grew quite angry, and applied vile names to her sons. He drew his gun, also threatening to do various dire things. Such a state of facts was laid before me by a number of persons who were present. I thereupon filed a complaint, in accordance with the facts, charging him with the appropriate misdemeanors. Having important business out of town, I instructed the justice to hold the warrant until I returned, but against my instructions he allowed Captain Smith to enter a plea of guilty to my complaint, and he fined him \$5, including costs. This is the only motive I can assign for his attempt upon my life. Attorney Bradford and myself were starting to take the train for Helper. When we got within 25 feet of the depot platform, I saw Captain Smith take his gun out of his pocket and level it at me. At the same time Bradford said, 'Look out.' I whirled and ran, and he fired four shots at me at close range. While running, I drew my gun, but was unable to get him in range without firing into the crowd which had gathered at the sound of the shooting. After I had gone about 50 yards, I found that I could get a shot at him without endangering other lives, and then fired two shots. He finally got back into the crowd. This matter will be vigorously pressed."

Mr. Warf was also arrested, upon warrants charging him practically with the same offenses as those alleged against Captain Smith, and was released under bail tonight. The preliminary hearing in both cases will be held here tomorrow afternoon.

Wheat Yield in Antipodes.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 30.—The official estimate of the wheat yield is 2,754,000 bushels. There will be a small surplus available for export.



SLICES OF CHINA WHICH THE THREE GREAT POWERS ARE SEEKING

San Francisco Examiner: It would not be surprising if the occupation of Kiao-Chau should lead to a partial dismemberment of the great Mongol empire. It is reported that France, Germany and Russia have entered into a compact for the acquisition of Chinese territory. Germany taking the Shan-Tung peninsula, Russia taking Corea, and France taking Fo-Kien and the island of Formosa. Fo-Kien is an important maritime province of China, west and northwest of the island of Formosa, on which Foo-Choo-Foo is the capital city. This province is among the most wealthy in China, producing a great deal of the finest black tea, camphor, tobacco and sugar, in addition to iron, indigo and alum. The town of Amoy, on the island of that name, is also within the boundaries of Fo-Kien, and is situated opposite the center of the island of Formosa. The merchants of Amoy are considered among the wealthiest in the Chinese empire. The population of the city of Amoy alone is about 300,000. The population of the province of Fo-Kien is about 1,500,000.

Formosa, which the French are credited with intending to take as part of their share of the grab of Chinese territory, was ceded to Japan by the treaty of Shimonoseki, after the recent war between China and Japan, and, therefore, if France has any intention of acquiring it, she must either engage in hostilities with Japan or else come to some arrangement on the subject with the Japanese government.