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M. KURINO'S OPINION

The Japanese Minister Talks of United States Interests in the East.

SECOND ONLY TO ENGLAND'S

Interference in Case of Franco-German and Russian Alliance Justifiable.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Minister Kurino of Japan gave the Associated Press a very significant interview on the Eastern question. He said that in his opinion the commercial interests of the United States in the East, particularly in Japan, are so much more extensive and important than those of Germany or France that it would be eminently desirable in the event of a Franco-German alliance with Russia, to prevent the consummation of the peace treaty, for the United States to take an active part in offsetting such an alliance. Mr. Kurino wished it to be clearly understood, however, that this was his personal conviction. He had not, he said, received any instructions from his government, and there had been no suggestion of an official or unofficial character from him to the state department. His views were the result of his personal information of the extent of United States interests in the East.

"The commercial interests of the United States in Japan are very much greater than those of Germany or France. Practically their interests are little or nothing, while those of the United States are very extensive. The British trade comes first, and after comes the trade of the United States. It will be eminently proper, therefore, if the United States, in consideration of her superior commercial interests, should offset a demonstration on the part of France and Germany, if any such move is actually made. I am not officially informed that it has been made, nor am I apprehensive of the move should it be made. But in the event of its being realized, then there is little doubt in my opinion that the commercial interests of the United States would make it expedient to take part in the issue. This, of course, would not mean that the United States was to engage in a fight. Its co-operation would undoubtedly be effective without any radical step."

OBJECT TO LI'S TREATY.

Some of the Chinese Generals in Favor of Continuing the War.

SHANGHAI, April 27.—A dispatch received here from Peking says that affairs there are in a critical state. Some of the generals are in favor of continuing the war. The Chinese object to Li Hung Chang and the terms of the treaty of peace between China and Japan, and the officials are claiming that the emperor alone should decide upon the terms. The ratification of the treaty consequently is uncertain, and if the treaty is ratified it is feared there will be trouble with the army.

Treaty Before the Emperor.

LONDON, April 27.—A Peking dispatch to the London Times says that John W. Foster, the American ambassador to the Chinese peace envoys, and the secretary of Li Hung Chang, have arrived there and the treaty of peace between China and Japan is now before the emperor and his ministers.

DANGER IS GREAT.

Forests of Wisconsin in a Very Dry Condition at Present.

CHIPPWA FALLS, Wis., April 27.—Word has been received here that forest fires are again raging in the vicinity of Phillips, and it now looks as if that devastated region will suffer a second catastrophe. The woods near Prentice are ablaze and the homesteaders and farmers are rushing into the city for safety. There were several farmhouses burned out Wednesday and there seems to be no probability that the fires will abate. The weather is hot and the woods and trees are as dry as tinder, making them fit subjects for the fire to prey upon. Unless rain comes the fire will certainly create wide desolation. The people of Prentice have made an organized effort to keep the flames from entering the city. All the fire appliances the city affords have been gotten ready for immediate action, and, warned by the disaster to Phillips last summer, the most heroic efforts will be made to keep the city from burning up. The nearest approach it has made is about a quarter of a mile distant and is burning slowly towards the city. If a wind springs up the flames may be carried into the town.

At Other Points.

MARINETTE, Wis., April 27.—Reports have been received here that forest fires are raging in the woods between Amburg and Iron Mountain on the St. Paul road. Marinette lumber companies which are interested in that region in pine timber are anxiously awaiting details of the fire.

Embezzled \$8,000.

WASHINGTON, Wis., April 27.—Alonso Knight, ex-county treasurer, was arrested on a warrant charging the embezzlement of \$8,000 from Bayfield county. The examination of ex-county Clerk Williams is now in progress. The two are alleged to have been partners in the deal and the aggregate of their defalcation is about \$4,000.

HAVE LITTLE TO EAT.

Bill of Fare of Sailors on the Cruiser Olympia.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 27.—The crew of the Olympia is still loudly complaining of its treatment. One of the apprentice boys was ashore and said that the 60 apprentices had come out from the East and the majority of them had been placed on the Olympia. There were a few of the boys on board, but they would leave at the first port touched. The following is a list of the day's allowance per man as obtained from one of the men: Fourteen ounces of hard bread; one pound salt pork; one gill of vinegar every 10 days; two ounces of tea per day; four ounces of pickles per week; sugar in their coffee on Saturday.

Complaint was made to Captain Reed with a request for spuds (potatoes) and he asked:

"What does Lieutenant Sturday say?"

"He says we can't have any, sir."

"Well, if Lieutenant Sturday says no spuds, you can't have any."

CANCELED PERMITS.

Auditor Dunn Running Amuck Among Timber Thieves.

ST. PAUL, April 27.—State Auditor Dunn has canceled permits to cut timber and trees covering 36 sections of state land. One of the permits, all of which were issued by ex-State Auditor Biermann, was for oak timber and was canceled because it was illegally issued, there being no provision in the law granting permits for cutting hardwood timber.

One of the permits for cutting pine was issued in September, 1893, because the state was liable to loss on account of fire, yet no cutting has been reported although three logging seasons have passed since the permit was issued. The other permits, one for cutting pine and two "licenses" for cutting trees, were issued in 1893 and after two logging seasons no cutting has been reported to the auditor's office.

These are what may be properly termed speculative purchases and the auditor does not propose to allow anyone to speculate at the state's expense.

WOMEN'S CLUBS.

A State Federation Organized at a Minneapolis Meeting.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 27.—A state federation of women's clubs, formally organized with a constitution and officers, is the result of a meeting of club women at the West hotel. The new federation is the direct outgrowth of a visit made in December by Mrs. Henrietta of Chicago, who met the Minneapolis women and gave them an impetus for organization. The object of a federation, as stated in the constitution, is to bring the women's clubs of the state in communication for acquaintance and mutual helpfulness. No sectarian or political test is required of clubs applying for membership, and while distinctively humanitarian movements may be recognized, the chief purpose of the body is not philanthropic or technical, but social, literary, artistic or scientific culture.

Inspection Improves Dairies.

ST. PAUL, April 27.—The report of the state dairy commissioner showing the condition of the dairies in and adjacent to St. Paul, shows an improvement since the last inspection, especially in the care of cows and the ventilation of barns. The inspection included 182 barns and 3,111 cows, and in 50 barns the cows were found to be in extra good condition, in 51 to be good, in 54 fair, and in 18 in poor condition. The knowledge that the barns are to be inspected regularly has had a beneficial influence on keepers of dairies.

World's Fair Diplomas.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The world's fair diplomas awarded to exhibitors, whose exhibits were favorably mentioned by the judges, are being prepared at the bureau of engraving and printing, and will be sent out in about 60 days together with the medals now being struck at the Philadelphia mint. About 24,000 diplomas in all will be issued.

Trainmen Exonerated.

FARGO, N. D., April 27.—The coroner's inquest on the man killed by the Great Northern passenger train was completed and exonerated the trainmen from all blame. It has developed that the man's name was Edward Peterson, and that he had lived north of Fargo for four years.

To Consecrate.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 27.—Bishop Tuttle of Missouri has been selected as the presiding bishop at the consecration services of John Hazen White, bishop-elect of the diocese of Indiana, to be held in St. Paul's church May 1.

Will Vote on the Silver Question.

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill., April 27.—The Democratic central committee will call a primary May 11 to ascertain what a majority of their party believe in regard to the free coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1. A vote at this time would be largely in favor of free coinage.

Thousands at Wilson's Funeral.

FAIRFIELD, Ia., April 27.—The remains of ex-United States Senator Wilson were interred here during the afternoon. The attendance exceeded anything in the history of this portion of the state. The guard of honor of 100 old soldiers and thousands of citizens accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

GIRLS IN A PANIC

Mad Rush for Safety During a Fire in a Montreal Tobacco Factory.

STAIRWAYS SOLIDLY PACKED.

Dozen Seriously or Fatally Injured by Leaping From the Windows.

MONTREAL, April 27.—W. C. McDonald's extensive tobacco factory on Ontario street was partially destroyed by fire during the evening. The loss will reach \$500,000. One employee was killed outright and a dozen others probably fatally injured.

The fire started at 5 o'clock in the drying room, and for awhile smoldered. Then suddenly the flames burst through, and a most awful panic ensued. There were 900 employees in the building and more than half of this number were women and girls. The shrieks of the women as they beat against the iron screens, praying the crowd to do something to save them, were most heartrending. The scene on the fourth floor was

Beyond Description.

When the first wild rush for the stairway occurred the passageway was solidly packed and many fainted and fell under the feet of the frenzied crowd. Then a mad rush was made for the windows. But the crowd forgot about the heavy iron screens which guarded that means of egress. Frantic women tore their hands beating against the cruel obstructions, but they were too strong for their feeble blows. Death seemed inevitable until Marie Gagnon found a window that yielded to the determined blows of those who could get their united efforts to bear. This window overlooked an extensive 1-story warehouse.

Without a moment's hesitation the unfortunate woman leaped into the air and landed on the roof below. Encouraged by her daring, and impelled by the smoke and flames, which were making rapid progress in that part of the building, other women followed her example, until about 20 maimed and bruised forms were piled upon the warehouse roof. By this time the passageway had become sufficiently cleared to permit a more rapid clearing of the building. The work of rescue by means of fire extension ladders was in progress and many

Almost Inanimate Forms

were carried out by the brave firemen. On the third floor, where the fire started, the scenes were almost as heartrending, but, being warned sooner, the operatives were able to escape quicker by the stairways. Many were terribly crushed in the mad rush, but the most serious casualties were confined to those on the top floor.

There was not a fire escape on the outside nor any appliances on the inside of the building for the fighting of the fire.

MAY DISMISS GREENWAY.

The Ottawa Government Said to Have Such a Scheme in Mind.

WINNIPEG, April 27.—The statement is published here from Ottawa that Lieutenant Governor Schultz, who is now at the capital, has complained to the Dominion government because Attorney General Sifton took part in the Haldimand election in presenting Manitoba's position in the separate school question.

Some go so far as to say that the governor may ask for the resignation of the attorney general or may even dismiss the Greenway government in order that the radical legislation, as asked by the Dominion government, may be put into effect. The local government officials here are puzzled to know what is meant by the Ottawa rumor.

NICARAGUA CANAL COMMISSION.

It Will Leave for Greytown Early in May.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Nicaraguan canal commission has left Washington for New York. Several days will be spent there in examining the working drawings and surveys of the canal company. The commissioners will then return to Washington and make preparations to start for Nicaragua early in May. Secretary Herbert has placed the cruiser Montgomery at their disposal, and on this ship they will sail on May 7 from Mobile for Greytown. While the commission is at work in the interior on the line of the canal, Commander Davis will make careful soundings of the harbor of Greytown and the approaches to the canal.

THE POOR HIS VICTIMS.

The Appleton (Wis.) Failure Makes Many Persons Paupers.

APPLETON, Wis., April 27.—The failure of Louis Schintz, a real estate dealer, takes on a more serious aspect as the details become known. His liabilities are \$50,000 and assets \$25,000. His creditors are almost entirely members of St. Joseph's congregation, who had entrusted him with their little savings in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500. Many of them are old and helpless and will be rendered paupers by their loss. Schintz was prominent in Catholic society circles and he used his influence in this direction in a business way. Among his largest creditors is Father Richards of St. Joseph's church, who had \$5,000 placed. The bulk of the money appears to have been lost in Colorado mining speculations.

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A PECULIAR CASE.

Woman in New York Divided Her Time Between Two Husbands.

NEW YORK, April 27.—One of the strangest cases on record is that just brought to light of a woman with two husbands. She divided her time half and half between them. The case was discovered by a suit brought by Samuel Lehman, of 230 East One Hundred and Sixth street, against George Webber, ex-manager of Hollender's hotel, for \$10,000 for alienating his wife's affections. He is also suing for divorce. Lehman is the wronged husband, having been the first to marry the woman. The Lehmans were married in 1892. Ever since then Mrs. Lehman has been in the habit of spending three nights each week away from home. She told her husband at such times that she was going to a lodge meeting. Lehman afterwards discovered that she stopped at Hollender's hotel as Webber's wife during her absences. His baby, recently born at Lehman's house, was named George, after Webber. Judge Gildersleeve has granted a writ of arrest for Webber, but he has not yet been captured.

WEDDING PRESENTS.

A Favored Few Viewed Those of the Carzons.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—While it was given out that the gifts at the Carzon-Leiter wedding were not displayed, it was a fact that they were on exhibition in two large rooms. Thither trusted servants conducted such of the guests as were invited to view them. The jewels, a very gorgeous assortment of which were presented to the bride by her parents, brother and sisters, glittered behind the glass doors of a strong case. In this collection were a three-strand pearl necklace, a collar of diamonds and several diamond stars. Mr. and Mrs. Leiter gave their daughter besides a case of silver, an entire service of the most elaborate description. Other presents were rich and numerous.

A feature at the wedding breakfast was the signing of a register by such guests as were invited by the hostess to do so. This book, which had parchment leaves, was in the blue and silver parlor, known as Miss Leiter's boudoir, where a servant was in attendance to hand each comer the quill pen. Mrs. Cleveland's signature was the first to be inscribed.

CHINESE CERTIFICATES.

Base of Operations of Forgers Changed From Frisco to Victoria.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 27.—Since the arrest in San Francisco of Max Katzauner and half a dozen others for traffic in forged Chinese certificates, some of the operations of the ring have been transferred to this city. It is estimated that within a month upwards of 500 forged certificates have been sent from here to China.

"The result of the San Francisco arrests," said one of the officers of the provincial police, "has been that Victoria has for weeks past been flooded with these forged certificates, which may be obtained through a Chinaman at any time for \$25. The sellers agree to deliver the purchaser, with a reasonable amount of personal baggage, at some convenient point on the American side, generally at or near the mouth of the Columbia river."

Both Carry Bullets.

PAIDUSE, Wash., April 27.—There was a duel on the streets here between Judge Hughes and his son-in-law, Raymond Poiffer. Three shots were fired by Poiffer and one by Hughes. Both men were wounded, but neither fatally.

Three Cremated.

FRANKFORT, Ind., April 27.—The remains of James Yeager, a cripple, and his two children, aged 5 and 9 years, were taken half cremated from the ruins of the Fincel block. The fire is said to have been the work of incendiaries.

County Officers Arrested.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 27.—Thomas Rogers and H. P. Brandow, deputies under ex-County Collector George Hall, were arrested, charged with being implicated in the embezzlement of \$18,400 from the county.

Danger of Another Yaqui Uprising.

NOGALES, A. T., April 27.—The Oasis, a newspaper of this place, is in receipt of special correspondence from Minas, Freitas, Sonora, conveying the intelligence that there is danger of another uprising against the Mexican authorities by the Yaqui Indians in the Southern part of Sonora. They have been investing all their spare cash in arms and ammunition for many months.

Price's Cream Baking Powder—Most Perfect Made.

Robbed an Express Office.
CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., April 27.—The Denver and Rio Grande express office was robbed of about \$1,100 at Victor. Express Agent Carlin says a powerfully built man entered the depot shortly after midnight and after talking a few minutes, struck Carlin a powerful blow. When he regained consciousness, the robber had disappeared, the safe door was open and the money gone.

Detroit Board of Health Legal.

LANSING, Mich., April 27.—The supreme court handed down a decision holding that the act passed by the present legislature, authorizing the appointment by the governor of a new Detroit board of health is constitutional. The court declares that the new board is entirely warranted in drawing upon the treasury of the City of Detroit for money.

LATEST MARKET REPORT.

Milwaukee Grain.

MILWAUKEE, April 26, 1895.
FLOUR—Steady.
WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 62½c; No. 1 Northern, 63½c; July, 63½c.
CORN—No. 3, 47½c.
OATS—No. 2 white 32½c; No. 3, white, 32½c.
BARLEY—No. 2, 52c; sample, 53c; 53½c.
RYE—No. 1, 68c.

Minneapolis Grain.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 26, 1895.
WHEAT—Close, April, 64½c; May, 64½c; July, 63½c. On Track—No. 1 hard, 66c; No. 1 Northern, 65½c; No. 2 Northern, 64½c.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, April 26, 1895.
WHEAT—Cash, April, No. 1 hard, 65½c; No. 1 Northern, 64½c; July, No. 1 Northern, 65½c; September, 63½c.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, April 26, 1895.
HOGS—Market 10@15c lower. Range of prices, \$4.35@4.45.

CATTLE—Steady and active at yesterday's prices. Good demand for fat cattle and good stockers and feeders.

Prime cows, \$4.00@4.50; good steers, \$3.50@4.00; prime cows, \$1.75@3.75; good cows, 2.25@2.75; common to fair cows, \$1.50@2.25; light veal calves, \$3.00@4.00; heavy calves, \$2.00@3.00; stockers, \$1.75@2.50; feeders, \$2.25@3.00.

SHEEP—Good sheep steady; common dull.

Muttons, \$3.00@4.25; lambs, \$3.75@4.75; common, \$2.25@2.50.

Receipts: Hogs, 1,400; cattle, 250; calves, 10; sheep, 20.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

CHICAGO, April 26, 1895.

HOGS—Market active and 5@10c higher.

Sales ranged at \$4.50@4.90 for light; \$4.60@5.00 for mixed; \$4.45@5.05 for heavy packing and shipping lots; \$4.45@4.65 for rough.

CATTLE—Market firm; best grades 5@10c higher.

Dressed beef and shipping steers, \$4.15@6.50; cows and bulls, \$1.75@5.00; Texas, \$3.50@4.50.

SHEEP—Market slow and steady.

Receipts: Hogs, 17,000; cattle, 3,500; sheep, 7,000.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, April 26, 1895.

CLOSING PRICES.

WHEAT—April, 61c; May, 61½c; July, 62½c; September, 63½c.

CORN—April, 47½c; May, 47½c; July, 48c; September, 48½c.

OATS—April, 38½c; May, 38½c; June, 39c; July, 39½c.

PORK—April, \$12.22; May, \$12.72; July, \$12.52.

LARD—April, \$6.85; May, \$6.85; July, \$7.00; September, \$7.15.

SHORT RIBS—April \$6.27; May, \$6.27; July, \$6.42; September, \$6.55.

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