

TO NEGOTIATE SOON.

Ministers Will Not Await Chinese Credentials.

PROVISIONAL PEKING GOVERNMENT.

Li Hung Chang Pays a Visit to General Chaffee and to a Temple Interior Never Before Seen—Compliments For Our Troops.

PEKING, Dec. 12.—At a meeting of the ministers it was agreed that as soon as the protocol embracing the terms for the peace negotiations is signed it shall be presented to the Chinese commissioners, and the ministers shall then proceed with the negotiations without waiting for the arrival of sufficiently authentic credentials for the Chinese commissioners.

The ministers prepared a draft of the credentials to be demanded of the Chinese and submitted a copy to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, together with a request that their credentials be secured without delay.

The British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, is still awaiting instructions from his government.

The ministers adjourned without fixing upon a date for their next meeting.

At a meeting of the military commanders for the purpose of arranging a provisional government for Peking it was decided to appoint Captain Doodis of the Ninth Infantry, U. S. A.; Captain Selwin of the British army; Captain Sheba of the Japanese army; Captain von Bracon of the German army and Captain Ferigo of the Italian army as such government. Colonel von Gail of the German army, who was second in command of the recent punitive expedition to Kalgan, was appointed chairman of the government. These officers will consult with the Chinese authorities regarding plans for the government of the city.

Li Hung Chang has paid a visit to General Chaffee, the American commander, at his headquarters at the Temple of Agriculture. This temple, together with the Temple of Heaven, near which is situated the race course established by the British military officers, where racing is held weekly, are the two most sacred edifices in China. The only person who worships in them is the emperor, and he only visits them annually.

Li Hung Chang and the members of his staff who accompanied him had never seen the interior of the temple before General Chaffee received them.

In the course of the conversation Li Hung Chang complimented General Chaffee upon his troops, particularly the cavalry. He said, "I think you and your cavalry could defeat me and mine."

Reference was made to lending American soldiers to repress the bands of robbers, Boxers and other disorderly characters, but during this part of the conversation General Chaffee was extremely diplomatic.

Placing Credit Where It Belongs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10.—The Novoe Vremya, in an article evidently inspired, referring to the recent dispatch from Dr. Morrison in Peking to the London Times saying that all the credit for securing softened terms is given by the Chinese to the Russians, remarks: "The credit for the existing entente really belongs to America. England begrudges President McKinley his just prestige because he has emphasized America's friendship for Russia."

The Russian journal regards the alterations which America has procured in the peace preliminaries as of the greatest importance.

French Refuse, Russians Excluded.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Morning Post publishes the following from its Peking correspondent, dated Dec. 10: "The French have refused to participate in the scheme of a police committee for Peking, formed under the direction of Colonel Baron Gail, in which the American member is Captain Doodis. The Russians have been excluded because they no longer exercise control here."

Pay Day For Miners.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 12.—Within the next week a total of about \$478,206 will be distributed in wages by the various companies of this region, making one of the biggest pay days in the history of Hazleton. The mines have been operated steadily since the recent strike, which, together with the 10 per cent increase granted by all the companies, will pay the rolls away beyond what they have been for corresponding periods in previous years. The estimate is based on a careful canvass of all the coal companies' offices.

Fatal Rear End Collision.

TOPEKA, Dec. 12.—A rear end collision occurred between two Santa Fe freight trains near Olathe, Kan., where one life was lost and several persons injured. A north bound freight crashed into the rear end of a stock train, and both were wrecked. Noble Thomas of Emporia was burned to death in the case of the stock train, and his father was badly mangled. They were on their way to Kansas City with stock.

American Outbid English.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Daily Mail as received the following by mail from a Calcutta correspondent: "The port commissioners recently invited tenders or locomotives. The lowest English bid quoted £1,544 for each locomotive and wanted nine months to complete the order. The lowest American tender noted £1,290 and asked for six months. The latter was accepted, subject to the approval of the government."

American Shipbuilding.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The vessels built in the United States and officially numbered from June 30, 1900, to Oct. 30, 1901, were 495, of 141,963 gross tons. The principal items of the total are seven steel steamships on the great lines (34,933 gross tons) and four smaller steel steamships (8,456 gross tons), which will pass through the new Welland canal, and one steel schooner barge (2,730 tons).

Coal Famine in Norway.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 8.—There is a coal famine in Norway, the price having risen 40 per cent, notwithstanding the fact that coal imports have increased 25 per cent. The Christiania papers intimate that the United States would find ready purchasers of coal in this country.

Harvard Defeats Yale.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 8.—Harvard defeated Yale for the third consecutive time in the intercollegiate debate in Sanders' theater last night.

STRIKE A FAILURE.

Santa Fe Officials Claim to Have No Trouble in Operating Road.

TOPEKA, Dec. 12.—General Manager H. U. Mudge of the Santa Fe said that the telegraphers' strike is a complete failure and that the road is finding no difficulty in filling the places made vacant by the operators. He still retains his place at the key in the general telegraph office, however.

By order of the general manager the block system is in force again on the road between Kansas City and Chicago. This order was made yesterday morning after the claim was made by the company that all the operations of the road were in normal condition again. In an interview on the several features of the strike Mr. Mudge said:

"Our business is running normally again. We have kept trains moving steadily under the train order system. It has been satisfactory enough to run the trains in the same way that other western roads run them. The Santa Fe has block signals, as the others have not. We are using the block signals from Chicago to Newton again. I gave the order for resumption this morning. All the striking operators received notice that their services would no longer be required by the company. The superintendent claims there are only 150 vacancies yet to fill and that they will be filled in a short time."

No More Operators Wanted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Third Vice President J. M. Barr, superintendent of the operating department of the Santa Fe railway, has notified all the agents of the company not to employ any more operators, as enough men had been engaged to fill the places vacated by the telegraphers who responded to the strike call. He said:

"At 15 other points on the system we have been hiring new operators since this trouble began. Today I notified our agents not to engage any more."

LARGE IMMIGRATION.

Over Half a Million Foreigners Came to Our Shores Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The annual report of the commissioner general of immigration shows that during the last fiscal year the total number of immigrants who arrived in this country was 448,572, of which 233,200 came through Canada. Of the whole number 304,148 were males and 144,424 females. This is a net increase over 1890 of 136,857. These figures, however, the commissioner general says, do not show the total number of alien arrivals, as 65,635 aliens came as cabin passengers. They would have swelled the total immigration to 514,207 had they traveled in the steerage. The figures show that of the whole number of arrivals 424,700 came from European countries, 17,946 from Asia, 30 from Africa and 5,896 from all other places. Switzerland and Spain and the Spanish islands show a small decrease in immigration, while Austria-Hungary shows an increase of 83 per cent, the Russian empire and Finland 49 per cent increase, Italy 29 per cent increase and Japan 340 per cent increase. The total arrivals from Japan, however, amounted to only 3,791.

Of the 448,572 arrivals 54,924 were under 14 years of age, 370,382 were from 14 to 45 years and 23,266 were 45 and over. It appears that 93,576 could neither read nor write, and 2,097 could read, but not write. The total number exhibited to the inspectors in money the sum of \$6,657,530, 271,821 bringing each a sum less than \$30 and 54,288 having each a sum in excess of that amount.

There were returned within one year after landing in this country 356, and relief in hospital was furnished during the year to 2,417.

CZAR DID NOT SAY IT.

Intimation That He Would Not See Kruger Denied.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 12.—The Transvaal legation says it is authorized to contradict the report that Emperor Nicholas has telegraphed to Mr. Kruger an intimation that he will not receive him. The Dutch government has finally and definitely refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration between the Transvaal and Great Britain.

The decision of the government was communicated in an interview between Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds and the Dutch foreign minister and minister of finance, Mr. N. G. Pierson. Mr. Kruger explained that the object of his journey was to disseminate the idea of arbitration, and the Dutch minister replied that the role of the Netherlands must be passive. The initiative belonged to the great powers, he added. When they had reached a decision, the Dutch government might see what it could do.

LOST IN A LAKE GALE.

Crew of Eight Goes Down With Sinking Barge.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.—A special to The Plain Dealer from Erie, Pa., says: "In the midst of one of the most bitter gales that ever swept Lake Erie the iron ore barge Charles Foster, in tow of the Iron Duke, went to the bottom yesterday ten miles off Erie, and eight persons were drowned, including Captain John Bridge of Cleveland."

New York Markets.

FLOUR—State and western a shade steeper, but still quiet, as buyers lacked confidence; Minnesota patents, \$4.42; winter straight, \$4.40; winter extras, \$2.60; winter patents, \$3.90; 35. WHEAT—Dull, but firmer on steady cables, small northwest receipts and local covering; March, 79 1/2-80; May, 78 1/2-79 1/2. RYE—Steady; state, 52 1/2-53; c. l. f. New York carlots; No. 2 western, 56 1/2-57. CORN—Steady with wheat and continued poor conditions on arrivals; May, 41 1/2-42. OATS—Quiet, but steady; track, white, state, 29 1/2-30; track, white, western, 29 1/2-30. HAY—Steady; mess, \$12.50-13; family, \$15.50-16. BUTTER—Steady; prime western steam, 15 1/2-16. CHEESE—Firm; fancy, large, full made, 11 1/2-12; full made, fancy, small, 11 1/2-12. EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 20 1/2-21; western, loss off, 20. SUGAR—Raw firm; fair, refining, 3 1/2-3 1/2; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 1/2-5; refined, crushed, 50; powdered, 5 1/2-6. MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 32 1/2-33; domestic, 30 1/2-31. RICE—Steady; domestic, \$7.00-7 1/2; Java, 6 1/2-7. FALLOW—Dull; city, 4 1/2-5; country, 4 1/2-5. HIDE—Steady; shipping, 7 1/2-8; good to choice, 8 1/2-9.

THE MONTHS' STORY.

JANUARY.

Though the long, frosty nights of the winter are here, This month is the dawn of a happy New Year.

January was named for the old Italian god Janus, the deity with two faces, one looking into the past and the other into the future. Janus was worshiped as the sun god and was considered the author of the year, with its seasons, months and days. His temples were built with four equal sides, each side containing a door and three windows. The doors were emblematic of the four seasons, and the windows of the three months belonging to each.

The snowdrop, which means consolation, is January's flower, and the garnet, signifying constancy, is its gem. Gabriel is the presiding genius of January.

FEBRUARY.

This cold little month, with its twenty-eight days, In the season of snow with its fast-fleeting sleighs, And dear little Cupid stops on his way With missives of love on St. Valentine's Day.

February derives its name from the Latin word februa, to purify, it being customary for the Romans to observe festivals of purification in that month.

The amethyst, emblematic of sincerity, is the precious stone dedicated to February, and the primrose, typifying the freshness of early youth, is its flower.

Bachelors rule the fortunes of those born in this month.

MARCH.

Lord of all rough winds that blow, I am March, and ere I go I will sing you loud and low.

March is named for Mars, the Roman god of war. Among the Saxons this month was known as Lenet, meaning spring, and this is the origin of our word Lent. The "modest violet" is the blustering month's flower, and the bloodstone, signifying courage and fortitude, is its precious stone.

Malchiel is the ruling deity.

APRIL.

April, April, Laugh thy girlish laughter, Then the moment after Weep thy girlish tears.

April was named from the Latin aperio, to open, because the flowers open at this time of the year. The Saxons called it "Eastre" in honor of their goddess of spring, from which is derived the word Easter. Charlemagne called it the "grass month," and this name is yet given it by the Dutch.

The daisy and the diamond, both emblematic of innocence, are the month's flower and gem.

Ashmodel is the guardian of the April born.

MAY.

In blossoms fair the fields appear, With balmy air sweet May is here.

May owes its name to the Roman goddess Maia, the graceful daughter of Atlas and Pleione.

The hawthorne, emblematic of hope, and the emerald, of faithfulness, belong to May, while Amriel is the guardian genius.

JUNE.

Rapture of birds at dawn, a hush at noon— Ah! by my heart's wild beating, it is June.

June is named in honor of Juno, wife of Jupiter, the Queen of Heaven, the guardian deity of women and the foundress of marriage.

The wild rose and the agate, typifying simplicity and health, are June's flower and gem.

Muriel is the month's own deity.

JULY.

A rustle of corn leaves; a tinkle Of bells on the hills; a bevy Of bees where the clover hangs heavy; A butterfly blundering by— And that is July!

July gets its name from the great Roman general, Julius Caesar, who was born on the 12th day of this month.

The lily, signifying purity, and the ruby, emblematic of love, belong to July.

Verchiel is the presiding genius.

AUGUST.

The warm, late, fragrant days of August, Drifting into the yesterday's dim sweetness, pass Like loosened rose leaves shaken in the grass.

August is named for Augustus Caesar. The moonstone, which signifies wedded felicity, is dedicated to August. The old Romans called this stone "Lunaris" because it contained the image of the moon, and they believed it to have the power of curing diseases during the increase of the moon and that when the moon was on the wane the possessor of a moonstone could foretell future events.

The classic poppy, symbolizing the consolation of sleep, is August's flower, and Hamatiel guards the destinies of the August-born.

SEPTEMBER.

September—dreams are in the sound— Dreams in the warm and yellow ground, Dreams in the ripening leaves of trees And in the drone of busy bees.

September derives its name from the Latin septem, this being the seventh month according to the ancient Roman calendar, when there were but ten months in the year. The morning glory, emblem of contentment, and the apple, of peace, are dedicated to September, while Traniel guards September's child.

OCTOBER.

So sadly, sweetly, the October days Reign in their realm of quiet, pastoral ways.

October comes from the Latin octo, eight. The hop, symbolizing joy, and the opal, hope, are dedicated to October.

Bariel guides those born in this month.

NOVEMBER.

A wintry chill is in the air, And o'er the frost-nipped land The first light fall of snow is thrown By young November's hand.

The name is derived from the Latin novem, nine. The chrysanthemum, "queen of autumn," typifying cheerfulness, is November's flower, and the topaz, which stands for friendship, is its precious stone.

Admachiel is the guardian deity.

DECEMBER.

Ah, this is the merriest month of the year, Filled with gladness and joy and with rousing good cheer!

December derives its name from the Latin decem, ten. The holly, emblematic of foresight, and the turquoise, of success, are the flower and gem for this month.

Hamuel protects all those born in December—St. Louis Republic.

MISS GRACE BOUTELLE.

Famous Maine Belle is Devoting All Her Time to Taking Care of Her Sick Father.

Although the recollection of Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, to a seat in congress will probably never reach him, it is a source of great satisfaction to his daughter, Miss Grace, who is devoting her life to his comfort. As is well known Mr. Boutelle has been for many months an inmate of a private asylum



MISS GRACE BOUTELLE. (Has Forsaken Society to Nurse Her Demented Father.)

at Waverley, Mass. His mind is a complete wreck and even the most sanguine of his friends have given up hope of his restoration to reason.

During his entire illness Mr. Boutelle's daughter has been a ministering angel. She is a beautiful young woman and was long a favorite in Washington society. She would be gladly welcomed back to the scenes of her social triumphs, but has chosen instead to remain close to her father. She has sacrificed everything to be as near the one she loves as possible. Not a day passes but she drives from her lodgings to the insane asylum to spend as many hours with the patient as the doctors will allow. By her tender and loving caresses she seems to soothe the uneasy patient, and if Congressman Boutelle recovers the doctors declare the credit will be due to his affectionate daughter.

Genuine Jordan Water.

An American has erected a number of steam pumps on the Jordan, and is now supplying churches in the United States and in Europe with genuine Jordan water.

Marks of Favor.

Londoner—She is one of your most popular actresses, isn't she? American—Oh, yes. Why, she has had a race horse, a cigar and a tooth powder named after her.—Town Topics.

An Explanation.

"Take back the heart you gave me." Said the progressive maid; "Twas a little poker game, you see, And she required a spade."—Chicago Daily News.

NOT THE BEST.

"She told me last night she wouldn't marry the best man living."

"Ah, so she has accepted you?"—N. Y. Journal.

Seasonable.

The winds are high, And once more We hear the cry: "Shut the door!"—Philadelphia Press.

Killed the Kisses.

"Yes; they tried to live on bread and cheese and kisses." "Didn't it work?" "No. She made the bread and George furnished the Roquefort, and after that nobody wanted any kisses."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Warm Pair.

Stubb—He is either a bartender or an inebriate. Penn—Why? Stubb—He named his twins Tom and Jerry.—Chicago Daily News.

Cold Weather Diet.

Miss Pester—Doctor, what do you recommend for a cold weather diet? Dr. Bergamot—Flannel cakes.—Ohio State Journal.

A Gift to Give.

It is often difficult to decide what to get your friends for holiday gifts. Here is a suggestion: "Good morning, Jennie, I have brought you a nice present," said Gertrude, as she handed her friend a neatly wrapped package.

The pale, weary looking girl, who was slowly recovering from a severe illness, opened the bundle and held up a large bottle of clear, rich medicine.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla," she exclaimed. "I have been reading about it to-day and wished I had a bottle."

On New Year's Day Jennie was able to be out on the street, and her friends who remarked how well she was looking she simply said, "Hood's Sarsaparilla," and every one of them knew it was this great medicine that had given back her health.

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REV. CAMPBELL MORGAN. English Preacher Who Will Succeed the Late Dwight L. Moody at Northfield, Mass. Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, pastor of the New Court Congregational chapel, London, England, has accepted a call to the pastorate at Northfield, Mass., left vacant by the death of Dwight L. Moody. Rev. Mr. Morgan has preached a number of times in Northfield and in Chicago, and is not unknown to the late D. L. Moody's congregation. His pulpit eloquence is more of the persuasive than of the trenchant kind. His voice is powerful and well modulated, and reaches the distant parts of the church without effort. He is fluent of speech and energetic in his gestures. He was born in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, England, on December 9, 1863. His father was a Baptist minister and his mother the daughter of a Baptist deacon. He was educated mainly at Cheltenham, from which place, at the age of 20, he passed to a mastership in the Jewish Collegiate school, Birmingham. He abandoned this calling for the work of an evangelist, and in 1889 accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Stone, Staffordshire. In 1893 he took charge of the Westminster Road Congregational church at Birchfield, near

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