

JAPAN STAYS HER HAND.

An Armistice With China Proclaimed During Peace Negotiations.

THE WAR PRACTICALLY OVER.

Throughout the Conference at Shimono...

A cable dispatch from Yokohama says that the Japanese Government will suspend all war movements...

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EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

In consequence of the armistice voluntarily granted by the Japanese Government...

The declaration of an armistice is believed to be entirely the result of the attack on Li Hung Chang.

A special dispatch from Shimonoaki says the three weeks' armistice agreed to between Japan and China applies only to the localities of Moukden, the Gulf of Pechill and the Shantung Peninsula.

A dispatch from Hong Kong says the Japanese bombarded the city of Tai-Wan-Foo, the capital of Formosa.

The State Department at Washington heard from its own representative concerning the armistice just proclaimed by the Emperor of Japan.

The armistice now being an established fact, the chief interest hinges for the time being on the condition of Li Hung Chang, the Chinese peace commissioner...

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TEN LIVES LOST AT SEA.

Disaster Overtook the River Steamer City of Haverhill Off Barnegat.

The stern-wheel river steamer City of Haverhill, which sailed from South Brooklyn, N. Y., for Key West, Fla., has been lost with all hands off Barnegat.

There were aboard the Haverhill, besides the skipper, Pilot William D. Van Wyck, Chief Engineer Sam Brown, Assistant Engineer J. Fred Luckenbach...

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

Government Report on the Conditions for March.

The Weather Bureau has resumed the issue of the weather crop bulletin. Following is a synopsis of the reports for some of the states, covering the crop conditions for March.

New England—No injury to grass and grain roots or to fruit buds and small fruits, except to roots along the immediate coast, where freezing and thawing have done little damage.

New York—Fruit buds and grain seeds to have wintered well; snow gone, except along fences and in woods.

Maryland—Fruit buds for the most part been kept from early development; wheat stands in fair condition; very good reports of the wheat crop have also been received from eastern portion, but less favorable reports come from northern, central and southern portions.

Pennsylvania—The season is somewhat ahead of last year, with few evidences of growth; wheat appears in good condition; maple sugar making in progress.

Virginia—Fruit buds have for the most part been kept from early development; wheat stands in fair condition; very good reports of the wheat crop have also been received from eastern portion, but less favorable reports come from northern, central and southern portions.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

Over \$1,800,000 Added During the Month of March.

The monthly United States Treasury statement of the public debt shows that on March 10, 1915, the public debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted to \$908,730,040, an increase for the month of \$1,317,105.

The amount of the new 4 per cent bonds issued during the month was \$28,807,900. Following is recapitulation of the debt: Interest bearing debt, \$715,831,960; increase during the month, \$28,807,900; debt which interest has not been paid on, \$192,900,000; decrease during the month, \$6,955,000; debt bearing no interest, \$83,991,080; decrease during the month, \$762,770; total debt, \$1,664,591,749, of which \$57,944,000 are certificates and Treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the Treasury.

KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION.

Boilers of a Leather Factory in Woburn, Mass., Burst With Fatal Results.

The residents of Woburn Highlands, Mass., were startled by an explosion in Loring & Jones' leather factory. The main in the factory were preparing for work when the boilers in the engine room at the northeast corner of the building exploded, tearing out the end of the building and burying in the ruins at least a dozen men.

The force of the explosion was such that one of the boilers was thrown clear through a heavy partition into the main part of the building.

These men were killed: Austin Clements, foreman; Patrick Lalley, Patrick McGonigle, Frank McMahon, — Patterson.

The injured are Patrick Kelley, John Keefe, John Tracey, Patrick O'Keefe and Octavio Saunders (colored).

The ruins did not take fire. The big timbers of the structure were piled on top of the unfortunate men. About fifty men were employed in the building. There were four boilers in the building, two of which were new.

New York's Huge Debt.

Mayor Strong, of New York City, sent a message to the Board of Aldermen in regard to the financial methods of the city government under Tammany Hall.

According to the terms of the armistice the movement of troops and the transportation of articles contraband of war by sea is forbidden. New distribution of troops not intended to augment the armies in the field is allowed.

Koyama Rokunosuki, the young Japanese who attempted to assassinate Li Hung Chang, has been sentenced to penal servitude for life.

Killed in a Trolley Runaway. A trolley car on the mountain tracks of the Lehigh Traction Company, at Jeannette, Penn., ran away down the incline, and three persons were killed outright, two were mortally injured, and several others were seriously hurt.

Bred Wolves for Bounty. The bounty of \$10 a piece on wolves, in force for twenty years in Bureau County, Illinois, has been repealed. It has been learned that many persons have been breeding the animals for the sake of the bounties, which at times have exceeded \$1100 a year.

The Cotton King Dead.

William Steenstrand, of Liverpool, England, the Cotton King, who exploited the great corner in cotton of 1890, which caused such a sensation and which resulted in his losing \$5,000,000, is dead.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

Table with columns for Milk and Cream, Butter, and Cheese, listing prices for various grades.

Table with columns for Eggs and Beans, listing prices for various grades.

Table with columns for Fruit and Berries, listing prices for various grades.

Table with columns for Hay and Straw, listing prices for various grades.

Table with columns for Live Poultry, listing prices for various grades.

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Table with columns for Vegetables, listing prices for various grades.

Table with columns for Grain, etc., listing prices for various grades.

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MAKE FARM LIFE ATTRACTIVE.

Give the boy or girl something in which to take an interest on the farm. Remove the young stock off the farm and much of the pleasure of stock-raising will be gone.

GREEN TOMATOES.

Among the many plans that have been proposed for saving the tomatoes which remain unripe at the coming of frost, we have found the following the most satisfactory.

THE LAW OF DIFFUSION.

In the application of manure to the soil, one thing is to be fully considered. This is the extreme diffusibility of all soluble substances in the soil.

CASTOR BEANS A REMEDY FOR PEST.

Moles dislike castor beans, as do gophers, and they have both given my garden a wide berth since castor beans were planted.

WILSON IS POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Sworn in to Succeed Bissell by Chief Justice Fuller. The Hon. William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, was sworn in at Washington as Postmaster-General by Chief Justice Fuller.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Cut off all masked, broken and bruised roots and ragged ends when transplanting a tree. All through winter especially the heaviest feed of every kind of farm stock should be at night.

PIERCED BABY'S BRAIN.

A Flying Piece of a Sewing Machine Needle Killed Her Where She Sat. Mrs. James Vaughan was sewing on her machine at Vienna, Indian Territory, when a needle snapped and a part of it stuck in the table.

Killed by a Cure.

At Grove City, Penn., Miss Mary Pearsol died in agony, the result of using a solution of corrosive sublimate and alcohol to remove freckles.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR APRIL 14.

Lesson Text: "The Wicked Husbandman," Mark xli, 1-12—Golden Text: Mark xli, 6—Commentary.

"For I delivered unto you, first of all, that which I also received—how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures." Various sections of this epistle are only recognized by the words, "now concerning."

"And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures." The death and burial and resurrection of Christ, which constitute the consummation of His finished work and may be summarized by the phrase "His blood," were plainly foretold and may be readily seen by annotated eyes in Ps. xvi. and xliii, Isa. liiii, and elsewhere.

"And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve." On resurrection day He was seen on five different occasions—first by Mary Magdalene, then by the other women, after that by the two who walked to Emmaus, also by Peter, and in the evening by the twelve, as they were called, but that evening Thomas was not present, and James Iscariot had gone to his own place. See Luke xiv, 33, 34; John xv, 24.

"After that He was seen of above 500 brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." This has been the largest number to which He appeared at one time and may have been in Galilee or on the mount of the ascension, probably the former. If two or three witnesses could establish a matter, such a company ought to make it very sure. We have no record of His ever appearing after the resurrection and before the ascension to any but the apostles. Paul speaks of His conversion when the Lord appeared to him as a birth before the time, and also a pattern of those who should hereafter believe (1 Tim. i, 16), for the conversion of the nation of Israel will be when they look upon Him at His coming in glory. We are now saved by looking to Him, not upon Him. Compare Isa. xlv, 22, and Zech. xii, 10.

"I persecuted the church of God." Paul's growth in his own estimation was true growth in grace. It was very lowly to call himself "least of the apostles." It was more worthy to be called "chief of sinners" as "less than the least of all saints" (Eph. iii, 8), but he was lowest of all, at a still later period, to call himself "the chief of sinners" (1 Tim. i, 15). This abundant grace constrained him to abundant labors, but he wholly renounces all thoughts of his doing anything, and, as in Gal. ii, 20, emphasizes his "not I, but Christ," "not I, but the grace of God."

"Therefore, whether it were I or they, so we preach and so ye believe." Whether it was Paul or Apollus or Cephas, they were only ministers by whom the Lord wrought (1 Cor. iii, 5-7), so that the members cannot and must not glory, only in the Lord, for no flesh shall glory in His presence. Let us glory only in the Lord.

"Now, if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?" The Sadducees did not believe in any resurrection (Luke xx, 27). Some gentiles mocked at the idea (Acts xvii, 32); but, worse still, some professing Christians of our time say that at death we get our resurrection body, and they have no further use for the body that is laid in the grave. Yet it is plainly written that all that are in their graves shall come forth. They that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, and when Jesus rose from the dead many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves and went into the holy city and appeared unto many (John v, 28, 29; Dan. xii, 2; Math. xxvii, 52, 53).

"But if there be no resurrection of the dead then is Christ not risen." This verse, I think, gives the key to verse 23, which perplexes many. The question which Paul is arguing is, Has Christ risen? Now, all believers are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, but if He is a dead Christ, and not risen, why baptize for the dead? We baptize any one in the name of a dead Christ? "And if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." He goes on to add that if Christ be not risen all preachers are false witnesses, and all living believers are still in their sins, and all dead believers have perished. The great fact of the resurrection of Christ is not a truth merely for Easter, but for every Lord's day. His life and death would be of no avail to us had He not risen again, but He is risen (verse 30), and thus with power declared to be the Son of God (Rom. i, 4)—Lesson Helper.