

GIVES HIS IDEA OF INDEMNITY

SECRETARY HAY'S VIEW.

Thinks China Should Pay Only Two Hundred Million Dollars—About This Question Is Friction Expected.

Two hundred million dollars is the least China can expect to be called upon to pay for her reign of terror. That is the sum arrived at by Secretary Hay who has been figuring on the cost of military operations by the Powers while waiting for answers to his suggestion that the terms in the proposed treaty be signed so as to make them possible of execution.

It is considered most likely, however, that the sum demanded will amount to \$300,000,000, because it is evident that several of the European Powers are preparing to place fancy prices on the cost of their expeditions to the Celestial Kingdom. Germany's idea some time ago, before she raised the pay of her officers, was \$500,000,000. Every other Power has a similar proposition. Russia, Great Britain and Japan alone would charge more than \$200,000,000, without any payment for the lives and limbs destroyed. Secretary Hay believes he has convinced the foreign offices that there can be no settlement unless the spirit of fairness and moderation dictates such terms as China can meet. He is now endeavoring to bring about a little trouble in agreeing upon the treaty.

INSURGENTS RETREATING.

American Soldiers Capture Much Ammunition and Take Prisoners.

Telegrams from Manila, dated Sunday say: While the captures of supplies and the occupation of new points are quite numerous those involving actual fighting are comparatively few. Apparently the insurgents are falling back at all contested points, sacrificing their positions in most cases and satisfied to save themselves.

A detachment of the Forty-seventh United States volunteers, who landed on the island of Catanduanes, off the southeast coast of Luzon, relinquished an attempt to land near a small town, and the Americans were fired upon by 600 riflemen and after a short engagement were driven back. The Americans were fired upon by 600 riflemen and after a short engagement were driven back. The Americans were fired upon by 600 riflemen and after a short engagement were driven back.

BRANDIED WITH HOT POKER.

Horrible Treatment of a Colored Boy by Drunken Miners.

At Curryville, Ind., a mining town, a tramp colored boy was the victim of savage torture at the hands of a party of drunken miners. The boy was tied to a post and given several mock trials, first to which he was branded with a red hot poker on his head, face and on his arms. He was then sentenced to be burned in a red hot stove and in his struggles burned his hands almost to a crisp. Other modes of torture were used. One that he was thrown down the coal shaft; another that he be hanged to a tree. The boy was saved from further punishment.

CRISIS IN GERMANY.

The winter session of the German Reichstag, recently inaugurated, marks the beginning of what perhaps will be the most important legislative campaign since the beginning of the empire, according to Consul General Mason at Berlin, in a report to the state department. He says that the government's execution of Germany's policy in relation to China, he says, is also expected to be a subject of discussion during the year not only a new schedule of import duties, but the issue as to whether the several commercial treaties with other nations which expire by limitation in 1903 shall be re-enacted, with modifications, or abandoned with the demand of the extreme protectionist or Agrarian party.

POSTAL WORK OF THE YEAR.

The report of Postmaster General Smith for the fiscal year ended June 30, shows that the total receipts of the department were \$1,000,000,000, and expenditures \$1,072,400,000. He estimates the revenue for the current fiscal year at \$1,000,000,000, and the expenditures \$1,072,400,000. He estimates the revenue for the current fiscal year at \$1,000,000,000, and the expenditures \$1,072,400,000.

FORTUNE IN STANDARD OIL.

The \$100,000,000 Capital is Now Valued at Eight Times as Much.

Concerning the advance in the price of Standard Oil certificates, it is noticed that the company's capital of \$100,000,000 now has a market value of over \$800,000,000. The rise this year has been phenomenal. Last January it sold at \$42. By the middle of October it had reached the \$60,000,000 mark. A gain of over \$200 a share has been made since that time. The company's capital is now valued at eight times as much.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The first bill of the session introduced in the House of Representatives was by Representative Crumacker, Republican, Indiana, making an appointment of Representatives in Congress under the twelfth census. It provides an increase of membership from 357 to 365. The following States gain in representation: Arkansas, Colorado, California, 1; Connecticut, 1; Florida, 1; Illinois, 2; Massachusetts, 1; Minnesota, 2; New Jersey, 2; New York, 3; North Dakota, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Texas, 2; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 1. The following States lose: Kansas, 1; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 1; Nebraska, 1; North Carolina, 1; South Carolina, 1; Virginia, 1.

FAMOUS GUERRILLA INDIAN.

William Halley, for many years during the civil war the chief lieutenant of Quantrill, the guerrilla, has been sent to the insane asylum at St. Joseph, Mo. He is a physical wreck, and probably he can survive but a short time. Halley was born and reared at Independence, Mo., where his father, a wealthy resident, He was hanged for duelling after his son had engaged with Quantrill in one of his bloodiest deeds, including the sack of Lawrence, Kas.

AN EX-CONSUL DEAD.

Hon. John W. Coppinger, ex-United States Consul at Toronto, Canada, a prominent Democratic politician of Southern Illinois, died Saturday evening at his home in Alton, after an illness of eight days with a carbuncle on his neck.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

BOERS ARE DECLARED BY CHAMBERLAIN TO BE NO LONGER A NATION.

Prospect of trouble between Holland and Portugal caused rise in wheat.

The one-lane large Charles Miner founded off Eric with her crew of eight.

According to the official bulletins, the czar of Russia continues to convalesce rapidly.

Yongtsovton (C) capitalists are organizing a company to manufacture shovels.

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BOXERS ACTIVE IN WESTERN CHINA.

Another Massacre.

Taotal Ordered the Death of Twelve Europeans at Kwei Hua Cheng—An Uprising Threatened at Peking.

Telegrams from Peking, dated Saturday, say: Captains Wingale and Rydger, who accompanied the expedition to Kalgan, returned to-day. During their absence they visited several places to which the Germans had fled, but they encountered no opposition. They learned that some twelve Europeans, mostly Swedish and Norwegian missionaries, besides Captain Watts Jones, were massacred at Kwei Hua Cheng by orders of the Chinese general, who had been ordered to do so by the Chinese government.

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SEMON STRUCKS TROUBLE.

Rev. John W. Wohl Killed by Hon. S. Davis Strokes at Williamson—Strokes Was Mortally Wounded.

Prostrate from wounds inflicted by his antagonist, Attorney S. Davis Stokes, of Williamson, Va., Wednesday afternoon shot and mortally killed Rev. John W. Wohl, a prominent local merchant.

Stokes is one of the most prominent laymen in the church, and he is referred to in the Bible as a man of high character and high standing in the church.

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HIS ASSAULTS WERE TOO SLOW

A BLOODY FRAY.

West Virginia Merchant Shot Down Two Men to Defend Himself—Exonerated by the Coroner.

Telegrams from Panther, W. Va., say: Dr. Thompson, of Williamsport, Pa., and Adam Bailey, of this place, were shot and instantly killed by James H. Chambers, a prominent local merchant.

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AN OLD MINE CAVES IN.

Brave Foreman Saves Many Lives—The Men Were Imprisoned One Thousand Feet From Mine Entrance.

Thirty-two men employed at the Nay Aug colliery, in Dunmore, Pa., were entombed by a cave-in Wednesday morning, but thanks to a simple fortunate circumstance a repetition of the terrible turn about disaster was averted.

The men were at work about a thousand feet from the bottom of the slope and 400 feet below the surface when two acres of the roof between them and the slope came down with a terrific crash, crushing the pillars beneath it and causing a rush of air that hurled the roof from off the fanhouse and almost blew the men from their feet.

The lamps were extinguished, but finding that the air was still pure, they re-lighted them and began to cast about for a way of escape.

Foreman John Gibbons, who chanced to be with the men at the time, bade them to stay quiet and he would try to find a way out. After a difficult and dangerous journey they reached the surface through a hole in the fall block.

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DR. TALMAGE'S SUNDAY SERMON

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE.

Subject: A Way Over Jordan—The Lord Will Send a Boat—From the Other Side of the River, Come to Transport the Faithful to Eternal Life.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—From an unedited incident of olden time Dr. Talmage in this discourse draws some comforting and reassuring lessons. The text is II Samuel xii, 18. "And there went over a ferryboat to carry over the king's household."

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PLACARDS POSTED.

Anti-Foreign Agitation in Bresting—German Soldiers Killed in a Battle—Boers Routed by Waldere.

It is reported in Tientsin that the German soldiers who were sent to the front were routed by Waldere.

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