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IS HEALTHFUL,
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CHINA ACCEPTS THE CONDITIONS

Emperor And Dowager Very
Angry at the Demands,
Explanations Asked

Chinese Believe That the
Peace Terms Will Increase
Anti-Foreign Feeling.

BURLESQUE PRODUCTION IN TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

PERFORMANCE THAT SCANDALIZES THE CHINAMEN—CONGRER NOTIFIES STATE DEPARTMENT

OF ACCEPTANCE OF DEMANDS. Shanghai, Dec. 31.—The emperor and dowager empress became very angry when the demands of the powers were submitted to them. They thought the powers were taking advantage of China's condition to exact a humiliating peace. It is the general opinion of the Chinese that the peace conditions will greatly increase the anti-foreign feeling and give increased opportunities to secret societies to foment sedition. The Chinese commissioners have verbally informed the foreign ministers of the throne's assent to their demands, but the official document has not yet been presented.

Peking, Dec. 31.—The Chinese note accepting the conditions imposed by the powers says that the Chinese plenipotentiaries, on behalf of China, agree to the conditions and ask a conference with the ministers. A Laffan Bureau correspondent learns that the Chinese do not object to the demands but wish some explanations. They wish the powers to agree to dismantling the Taku forts in lieu of razing them, they also desire information with regard to the strength of the legation guards, and want to know if it is not possible to stop military expeditions into the interior. It is possible the ministers will agree to dismantling the forts but the size of the legation guards will depend upon how the government acts when restored. In regard to the military expeditions the ministers are almost unanimously opposed to them. The German minister is displeased with Waldersee's policy which has been to drive the Chinese army out of the country and kill all possible. Li Hung Chang is still ill.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The state department has received a dispatch from Minister Conger at Peking, dated December 30, announcing that the Chinese plenipotentiaries have notified the representatives of the powers that the emperor decrees acceptance of their demands as a whole, and that Prince Ching requests another conference. They also desire that military excursions into the interior shall cease. It is well known that this last request is in accordance with the views of the president.

Among diplomatic officials it is said that this is not an unconditional acceptance, although it is such a concurrence in the general principle of the note that the powers cannot well set it aside. It appears to be directed toward reopening the word "irrevocable" and securing more definite and if possible more moderate conditions on some of the points involved. It is not clear whether the envoys will sign the note first and then ask for negotiations or endeavor to ameliorate the terms before the final signatures are affixed.

In any event it is felt that the proffer features of the trouble have been overcome by the submissive attitude of emperor, and but little remains now but to perfect details of the peace treaty on the general lines heretofore laid down.

Peking, Dec. 31.—The Chinese are scandalized by the production of a burlesque in the Temple of Heaven by British officers, in which they ridicule the Chinese royal family. Captain Hamilton, who impersonates the empress dowager, sings topical songs and dances jigs. The empress is sold at auction during the performance as a fine bit of old China. The Temple of Heaven is regarded as China's holy of holies.



HOI THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON SPEAKS AT A BANQUET

Does Not Regard Expansion as Safest
Avenue of Development.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—Columbia club, the leading republican club of the state, dedicated their remodeled home tonight. At a banquet in honor of the occasion ex-President Harrison was the principal speaker. Replying to the toast "Hail Columbia," he said he considered the governing faculty to be Gods greatest gift to the Anglo-Saxon, and in the constitution of the United States he saw the greatest achievement of that most rare faculty. He did not, he declared, as some do, look to expansion as the safest or most attractive avenue of national development. By the advantages of abundant products and invention and economy and production the Americans are now leading by the nose the original of the greatest colonizing nations. Australia and New Zealand loyally send their contingents to South Africa, but England cannot hold the trade of her colonies against America. He added:

"Decapitation of ex-Presidents when the oath of office is administered to his successor would greatly vivify a somewhat tiresome ceremonial. Upon the great questions, however, especially upon the question of constitutional law, you must give an ex-president his freedom of the axe, and it is too late to give me the axe."

He closed by hoping that any democrats who were present would pardon him saying that the democratic party was never less attractive than now.

THE PURCHASE OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES

Washington, Dec. 31.—There appears to be no hitch in the negotiations for the transfer of the Danish West Indies to the United States except the political status to be accorded to the inhabitants under American rule. The price, it is understood, has been agreed upon and other terms arranged. Denmark is desirous that her subjects be accorded full American citizenship, but the United States prefers to let congress settle the status of the inhabitants. When the question is adjusted the treaty will be signed.

SNOW STORM IN THE WEST.

Eighteen Degrees Below Zero in Colorado and Eight in Iowa.

Walsenburg, Colo., Dec. 31.—It has been stormy at intervals in this section for several days and the roads lead to the summit of Mount Blanc are impassable. Fears have been entertained for the safety of the hundred or more miners on the top of the mountain who had not yet laid in their winter supplies for provisions. People living at the base of mountain say, however, that if they were in danger of scant winter supply some of them would have cut their way through before this and called upon the neighboring camp for help.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—A snow storm, driven by a strong north wind, prevailed here last night. The storm was general in the southwest. No reports of damage or delay of trains have been received.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.—Iowa experienced her first snow storm of the season last night. Trains are delayed somewhat. The thermometer registered 8 below this morning.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 31.—A general snow storm has prevailed over the eastern and central sections of Wyoming during the past two days. On Powder river and Salt creek the snow is very deep. Much difficulty in feeding stock is experienced, although no serious damage is reported as yet.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—Eighteen degrees below zero was recorded at the government weather station in this city and at Cheyenne, Wyo., at 8 a. m. today. The coldest place in the country was Lander, Wyo., where 28 below zero was reported.

SENATOR QUAY'S FIGHT.

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.—The house democrats and anti-Quay republicans held separate caucuses at 11 o'clock today to discuss plans for fusion on the organization of the house.

A committee of democratic members waited upon Senator Washington Washburn, of Crawford, today and asked him if his formal statement that he would attend the republican caucus and be bound by its action was correct. The senator said his position was clearly set forth in his statement and that he had nothing to add or retract.

The democrats have not fixed a time for holding their senatorial caucus although it will be held some time tomorrow. Indications are that Col. Guffy will be the choice of the democrats for senator.

There is no doubt of the nomination of Col. Quay by the republican caucus tomorrow evening. There is doubt though as to whether he will have 127 votes, the number required to elect. His friends say positively that he will and his opponents are just as positive that he will not.

Senator Flynn of Allegheny, presided at the caucus of the anti-Quay republicans. Messrs. Flynn, Martin, Weller of Bedford, Emiston of Bradford, and McKee of Percy were appointed a committee on the part of the senate to confer with a like committee of democrats to discuss a plan of fusion for the senate. Messrs. Ford of Allegheny, Emery of Venango, Drum of Luzerne, Edwards of Berks, Goodrich of Northumberland, Savage of Philadelphia and Lamax of Bradford, were appointed a committee on the part of the house to meet with a committee of democrats. These committees will meet during the afternoon and report to their respective bodies at 7 p. m.

There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. E. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful disease of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which by all druggists.

BOERS SURPRISE BRITISH POST

They Enter Helvetia, But are
Shelled Out of the Town,
Escaping.

Relieving Column Failed to
Arrive in Time on Account
of Bad Roads.

AN INVADING PARTY BREAKS THROUGH LINES

THEY DAMAGE RAILROADS AND
ARE MOVING SOUTHWARD—LATEST DESPATCHES FROM KITCHENER.

London, Dec. 31.—Lord Kitchener has wired from Pretoria under date of Sunday, December 30:

"The post at Helvetia was surprised at 2:30 a. m., the enemy first rushing a 4.7 gun. At dawn the officer commanding the post at Swartzkopjes sent out a patrol and shelled the enemy out of Helvetia making them abandon the gun temporarily. The Boers, however, got away eventually. No ammunition belonging to the gun was captured.

The casualties were four officers wounded, and eleven men killed and twenty-two wounded. A column was sent out from Machadodorp, but owing to the bad roads it failed to arrive in time."

London, Jan. 1.—Kitchener in a dispatch dated Pretoria, Dec. 31, reports a small party of Boers invading the eastern part of Cape Colony have broken through the British lines and gone in a southwesterly direction. They crossed the railroad between Banger and Sherborne, damaging the line. General Williams's column is following them.

FILIPINOS BREAK THROUGH GEN. GRANT'S CORDON

Manila, Dec. 31.—Gen. Alejandro, the rebel commander who was followed to Mount Arayat by a force under Gen. Grant, made a successful attempt at midnight last night to break through the cordon drawn around his forces by the American troops. He lost a few wounded. Gen. Funston will reinforce Grant with five companies of the Twenty-second infantry. On the northeast shores Friday night Lieut. Oquasha and Lieut. Wright with forty-two men had two hard engagements with a rebel force under Col. Tacion. The insurgent colonel who was wounded, escaped disguised as a priest.

Official statements show the insurgent casualties from August to Christmas: killed, 27 officers, 1740 men; 106 officers and 1904 men captured. Tonight's official bulletin reports the capture of ten officers and 71 men by Americans near Imus.

A harness dealer calls his store room a bridle chamber.

HEALTH AND ECONOMY.
3000 boxes of Wheat-Hearts sold last month. It's the best food for young and old. That's the reason.

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STAMPING COMPANY'S PLANT BURNED IN ILLINOIS

Many Mill Employers Thrown Out of
Work and a Loss of \$400,000.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Fire destroyed the Bellaire Stamping Company's plant at Harvey, Ill., early today, causing a loss of \$400,000 and throwing mill men, boys and girls out of employment. Insurance to the value of \$375,000 was carried on the plant.

A high wind carried great quantities of burning embers about the village, threatening its destruction. Citizens formed a bucket brigade and prevented the spread of the flames. At 8:30 a. m. the water supply gave out. To add to the excitement several tanks, two of them filled with naphtha, exploded. Fragments of iron flew almost everywhere, but no one was seriously injured. When the water failed the firemen left the factory, which was burning fiercely, to its fate and turned their attention to surrounding property. Several buildings suffered slight damages.

FELL INTO THE ABYSS

Champion, Mich., Dec. 31.—A cave-in of the Champion mine occurred here today and John Homgreen and George Williams were precipitated into the abyss. Their bodies will not be recovered.

Gazette "Want" advertisements reach the people of Asheville.

DRUG STORE NEWS.

The best way to avert a cold or symptoms of la grippe is to get a box of Grant's No 24 and take one or two capsules every three or four hours. It never fails. Price 25 cents.

Feed Pratt's Food to your cow. It increases the milk and makes more butter. Price 12 lb bag 75c.

Got a bad cough that ordinary remedies will not cure? Try Grant's Egg Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil. It is easy to take, easy to digest and exerts great curative power. 50c and \$1 bottle.

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