

U. S. WARSHIPS STEAM TO HONG KONG

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CHINA'S FINANCIAL CONDITION SERIOUS

Boxer Indemnity Overdue—Japan Will Not Act With Other Powers Against the Empire.

Amoy, Nov. 4.—The radical element has gained ascendancy here. Taotai Chang was compelled to flee to Hong Kong during the night.

The city is in great confusion. The populace has been thrown into a panic by the report that Manchus from Foo-Chow had poisoned the city's water supply.

Washington, Nov. 14.—From reliable sources it is learned here that Japan is not contemplating any action toward China, acting in harmony with the other powers.

New York, Nov. 14.—Japanese Consul General here, Kokichi Midzuno, has been ordered to proceed to Peking to advise the Japanese ambassador to China.

Peking, Nov. 14.—The opinion is held at the legations that there are serious complications in store for China, and greater sufferings than she has yet endured.

The prospects of foreign intervention by other powers than Russia and Japan are beginning to be discussed. Winter is expected to terminate the massed movements of troops, but there will be greater death rolls through famine.

A report reaches here that 2000 imperialists at Hankow have joined the rebel ranks and that the remaining imperial garrisons at that port have gone over to the rebels.

According to a consular report, the Hankow consuls, with one exception, at a recent meeting agreed to default on the indemnities owed to the captives of the Han-Yang or Wu-Chang. They therefore discussed the question of asking the government to withdraw the imperial troops to the north, because when the commissariat is empty they are likely to commit depredations and endanger the foreign concessions.

The November boxer indemnity has not been paid and the December indemnity likewise will be defaulted. Even should the government be able to recover the five provinces immediately surrounding the capital, the financial administration cannot be reorganized before default on other debts besides the indemnities occur, and it is feared that intervention for the collection of pledged revenue cannot be averted.

DEMOCRATS TO ATTEMPT SHERMAN ACT CHARGE

Anti-Trust Legislation to Be Undertaken, Says Henry of Judiciary Committee.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law at the coming session of congress is to be undertaken in earnest by democratic legislation. The house democrats, it is declared at the capitol, will push legislation along the line whatever may be the administration's determination in the matter.

In addition to anti-trust legislation the judiciary committee also has decided upon revision of the injunction statutes and the laws regulating indirect contempt cases.

"The coming session of congress is by no means to be over-shadowed by tariff legislation," said Representative Henry in speaking of the plans of the judiciary committee. "Of course the tariff revision will be of great importance but it will not minimize other problems before the house."

To Review Diegle-Helby Case. Columbia, O., Nov. 14.—Rodney J. Diegle, former senate sergeant-at-arms, convicted of complicity in legislative bribery, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, was today granted leave by the supreme court to file a bill of exceptions to the ruling of the circuit court.

The supreme court will review all exceptions.

Woman Killed; Cast Overboard



MRS. LILLIAN C. NICKERSON.

Providence, Nov. 14.—Sensational disclosures are expected soon in connection with the death of Mrs. Lily Shannon Nickerson of Jamaica Plain, Mass., whose body was found on the Rhode Island shore late in July. Evidence has been found which proves that she was murdered on the night of July 20 last on board the steamship Georgia in Long Island Sound.

It is expected that an arrest will soon be ordered by the Rhode Island authorities.

RICH WOMEN FIGHT DUEL; ONE KILLED

Jealousy Causes Fights in a Crowded Street at Sapulpa, Okla., Today.

Sapulpa, Okla., Nov. 14.—In a duel on the principal street here today, Lily Marshall and Mrs. Laura Smith fought until one was killed. The Marshall woman is in jail and Mrs. Smith is dead. Both are rich oil land holders. The fight was the result of jealousy.

A large crowd witnessed the tragedy.

FEDERAL COURT HALTS LOWER RATE MANDATE

Enforcement of Order of Missouri Railroad and Warehouse Commission Enjoined.

Kansas City, Nov. 14.—A temporary injunction against the enforcement of the Missouri railroad and warehouse commission's order reducing rates on the transportation of iron and steel within the state was granted today by the federal circuit court. The decision was rendered by Judges Hack, McPherson and Valkenburg.

TARKINGTON DIVORCED

Wife of Noted Novelist and Playwright Gets a Decree at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Nov. 14.—A decree of absolute divorce was granted in the superior court of this county yesterday to Mrs. Louisa Fletcher Tarkington, wife of Booth Tarkington, the novelist and playwright. Mrs. Tarkington in her decree said the matter of compensation to Mrs. Tarkington in a private agreement. Mrs. Tarkington in her complaint alleged that the defendant treated her with cruelty and that they had lived apart for the last several months. Mr. Tarkington did not enter resistance to the suit. Mrs. Tarkington later made public this signed statement:

"In justice to both of us, I will say that I fully acquit Mr. Tarkington of any intentional unkindness to me. The differences between us are of temperament and habit and after nine years of effort it is apparent to both of us that we cannot reconcile our views of life. The fact that we have not been able to come to the same viewpoint does not mean that either of us approves of divorce for any light reason."

Mrs. Tarkington is the daughter of the late Stoughton J. Fletcher, a wealthy banker and capitalist of this city. She is a writer of verse and has contributed to the magazines.

Prominent Veteran Dead.

Gazette-News Bureau. Daily News Building, Greensboro, Nov. 14.

News has reached here of the death of another Confederate soldier. George Palmer Erwin of Morganton "crossed the river" Saturday evening. Mr. Erwin was a prominent citizen of Burke county, for years being treasurer of the Western North Carolina railroad and later chairman of the board of county commissioners of his county and vice-president of the Duke University. He was a graduate of

TELEGRAPHERS GIVEN A RAISE

President Finley Announces a Wage Increase of 15 Per Cent. for Southern Operators.

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES ALSO GET ADVANCE

Their Salaries to Range 5 to 15 Per Cent. Higher, According to Length of Service.

Washington, Nov. 14.—President Finley of the Southern railway has announced that several hundred clerical employees of the system will be given increased salaries. The increases range from 5 to 15 per cent, according to length of service.

Arrangements were today completed for granting a wage increase to the telegraphers. Their average increase is 15 per cent, totaling \$125,000 per year.

The action of President Finley in regard to the telegraphers settles a matter which has been in controversy for some months, and which, according to reports, almost resulted in a strike.

CLERKS OF SOUTHERN ARE TO GET MORE PAY

About 30 in This City Will Have Additional Cause for Thanksgiving.

Local employees of the Southern railway last night received information from President W. W. Finley which will no doubt make the Thanksgiving spirit, so far as they are concerned, seem more real, as the following will show:

"President Finley of the Southern Railway company, announced today that, in recognition of the value of their service and their loyalty to the interests of the company, the management had authorized an advance in the salaries of its clerical employees heretofore receiving \$70 per month or less. This advance is to be effective as of November 1, 1911."

The employees have not been informed of the amount of the increase but it is said that about 30 of them will be affected in this city.

LONG AND SHORT HAUL ACT IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Washington, Nov. 14.—In a majority opinion today of commerce court, in the transportation rates cases it is held that the long and short haul provision of the interstate commerce act is constitutional.

DEVINE-BURTON & HOLT CASE STILL ON TRIAL

In Superior court the case of H. P. Devine vs Burton & Holt, the first case that was taken up, was not finished when court took recess at noon and will probably consume the rest of the day. Mr. Devine was on the stand and was going over the books when court adjourned. He is asking for \$5000 damage for alleged breach of contract.

The case of C. Falk vs Asheville Music company was first continued for ten days at the request of the plaintiff because one of the attorneys for the plaintiff was engaged in the trial of a case in Federal court. H. W. Hacker, who is the receiver of the Asheville music company, had come from Chicago with the expectation that the case would be called today and he wished to have his deposition taken if the case was continued. After some argument it was agreed that the case should be continued until the next term or the plaintiff could take his deposition.

6TH M'NAMARA VENIRE

Los Angeles, Nov. 14.—The sixth venire summoned yesterday in the McNamara murder case appeared in court today for preliminary hearing before Judge Fordwell. Thus far 22 men have been drawn on venires. Of these, 14 have entered the box. Five were still in the box when court opened this morning.

WILSON'S HEAD SOON TO FALL

President Taft Is Casting About for a Successor to Veteran Cabinet Officer.

NATION'S HEAD MEETS WITH HIS ADVISERS

Tariff and Trust Problems to Be the Main Issues During the Coming Session.

Washington, Nov. 14.—President Taft met his cabinet today for the first time in three months. Secretary of War Stimson was the only member absent.

The reassembling of the president's official family gave recurrence to rumors that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson soon would resign. This is generally believed to be true. In official circles it is stated Wilson is delaying announcement of his resignation until the president can decide upon a successor for the post. It is said the secretaryship has been offered to two men at least, who are prominent in scientific agricultural work and that the offer was declined by both.

The cabinet devoted its time today largely to consideration of the president's forthcoming message to congress and to cabinet officers' reports. Many questions accumulated during the summer were also considered.

The president's recommendations to congress for supplementary anti-trust legislation probably along the line of a federal incorporation act, will be formulated after thorough conferences with Attorney General Wickersham. It was intimated the president had not fully framed his ideas on the subject and that nothing could be predicted as to any policy was declared. It is understood the president's advisers pointed out that the work of the coming congress would center upon two main issues—the tariff and the trusts.

Cost of Living Problem. President Taft is planning to take up the high cost of living problem in a special message to congress when he transmits the report of the tariff board's investigation of the wool and cotton schedules. It is said the president will vigorously renew his recommendations for a parcel post. The tariff board's findings will show, it is declared, that much of the high cost of living is due to the middleman rather than to the tariff.

RICHESON WRITES AGAIN TO HIS CONGREGATION

Urges Acceptance of Resignation—Pleads Not Guilty; Trial Date, Jan. 15.

Boston, Nov. 14.—Members of Emmanuel Baptist church of Cambridge have received a second letter from Rev. Clarence V. Richeson, under indictment charging him with the murder of Amy Linnell, urging acceptance of his resignation as pastor. The letter will be acted upon November 24. The first letter from the minister lies on the table awaiting action. The second is dated November 16, four days after the church failed to act on the first letter. The text of the second letter follows:

"Dear Brethren: I cannot express how deeply I am touched at your loyalty and manifestations of confidence in me, in this my great trouble. I cannot but feel that the welfare of the church might be prejudiced while its minister is placed in his present position. I therefore feel, notwithstanding my grateful appreciation of your kindness, that the church should accept my resignation, of course leaving it entirely to you how and when the matter should be carried into effect."

Richeson will be placed on trial on the charge of murdering Miss Linnell on January 15, 1911. This date was set late yesterday when Richeson was arraigned. The preacher pleaded "not guilty." He was then returned to the Charles Street jail to await trial.

The date of January 15, proposed by District Attorney Phillips, was strenuously opposed by W. A. Morse, the pastor's counsel. He declared that the defendant's counsel had not been able to hold a single meeting and asked a continuance of six months.

Mr. Morse said that John L. Lee of Lynchburg, Va., who is to be the chief counsel for the defendant, would be unable to meet the other lawyers until the latter part of this month at the earliest. Considering that Mr. Lee represents the accused man's family, he felt that counsel should confer before the date of the trial was set. District Attorney Phillips urged an early trial and Judge Sanderson, who presided, ruled with him. In fixing the January 15 as the date, the court said that two months was ample time for the defense to prepare its case.

SLEW MOTHER, SISTER NIECE ASSERT POLICE

Brooklyn Shoemaker Arrested Following Triple Murder—Denies Knowledge.

New York, Nov. 14.—Charged with the triple murder by shooting of his sister, Mrs. Adolph Lefaro, her five years old daughter, Rosie, and his mother, Mrs. Antonio Delloma, last night arrested by the police. The shooting took place in Brooklyn yesterday.

The police say that Delloma recently had attempted to force money from his mother and sister as his supposed share in the small estate of his father, who died sometime ago. Delloma denied all knowledge of the murder.

The murderer invaded the dark kitchen of the Lefaro home in Brooklyn during the forenoon, accomplished his deed, and left the bodies of his victims huddled about the bare table without sign that there had been a struggle. An infant, in a crumpled cradle in the corner of the room, slumbered peacefully while the murder was enacted, and was found gurgling and cooing by Adolph Lefaro, husband of one of the slain women.

English Nobleman to Take An American Girl as Bride



MISS ANTOINETTE HECKSCHER. Central Mass. Birth.

New York, Nov. 14.—Another international romance involving a leading New York family and one of the old families of England has become known to society. The engagement has been announced of the beautiful Miss Antoinette Heckscher, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Heckscher of New York to Oliver Sylvian Balliol Brett, eldest son of Viscount Ester. The engagement compares in interest with that of Miss Mildred Sherman and Lord Camoys, who are soon to be married. While Mr. Brett is now an honorable, he will succeed to the title of viscount on the death of his father.

PULITZER BEQUEATHED MILLIONS TO SCHOOLS

Large Gifts to Arts Also Made Public—Many Employes Are Remembered in Will.

New York, Nov. 14.—The will of Joseph Pulitzer was filed for probate today. Its conspicuous features are the ratification of the gift of \$1,000,000 to Columbia university for the establishment of a school of journalism and also the ratification of an additional \$1,000,000 for the same purpose, subject to certain conditions which, if not complied with by Columbia before the amount is paid over, will result in the sum going to Harvard university, one-half for many unusual prizes and scholarships as set forth in the will.

The document also make a large number of interesting bequests not previously known. Among these is \$250,000 for a scholarship fund at Columbia university; \$500,000 to the Metropolitan museum of art; \$500,000 to the Philharmonic society of New York; \$100,000 to Mr. Pulitzer's faithful valet, James Dunningham; \$100,000 to be distributed by the executors among his personal secretaries, editors and companions and certain editorial writers employed on the World; \$500,000 for the erection of a fountain in Central park; \$25,000 for the erection of a statue of Thomas Jefferson in New York city and some minor bequests.

PRELATES OFF FOR ROME; THOUSANDS BID ADIEU

Archbishop Farley and Mgr. Falconi Leave to Be Inducted into Cardinals' College.

New York, Nov. 14.—Six thousand children sang a benediction in St. Patrick's cathedral to Archbishop John Farley of New York and Mgr. Diomedo Falconi, apostolic delegate to Washington, who sailed today for Rome where they will be elevated to the college of cardinals. Thousands of parishioners lining the route from the cathedral to the Hudson river waved them a farewell. An escort of many officials and the monsigner of the diocese accompanied them to the river and aboard the steamer Rosedalia, while 500 of the clergy and 1000 laymen crossed the river with them. At Hoboken the cardinal-designate boarded the Kron Princessin Cecelle following a farewell reception.

TURKS' CHARGE FAILS

Attack on Italian Post at Tripoli Repulsed with Slight Loss of Life.

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THE METHODIST MEETING ENDS

The Western North Carolina Conference Adjourns After Profitable Meeting at Statesville.

MINISTERS ASSIGNED TO THEIR NEW POSTS

Number of Changes Made—Rev. G. G. Harley Is Transferred to Concord Charge.

Special to The Gazette-News. Statesville, Nov. 14.—Appointments of the conference were read at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The morning session was occupied in the reading and adoption of reports. The report on temperance recommended that the conference not support daily papers carrying whiskey advertisements, but an amendment was adopted recommending that the conference respectfully request the management of papers carrying such advertisements to discontinue the same at the expiration of present contracts.

C. C. Ireland was appointed conference lay leader; Rev. H. K. Boyer, conference missionary secretary; Rev. L. E. Abernethy, conference educational secretary; Rev. D. H. Coman, conference missionary evangelist; Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of The Advocate; Rev. W. M. Curtis, secretary-treasurer of Greensboro Female College; Rev. J. F. Kirk, assistant superintendent of Children's Home.

Bishop Hoess was absent with his cabinet in finishing up the appointments, and Rev. Dr. J. H. Weaver presided at the morning session. After religious services, Rev. C. H. Neal read the report on the spiritual state of the church. This report asks that the conference appoint a song evangelist, Prof. A. N. Fisher, to assist in revivals; also an evangelistic committee, appointed, composed of J. E. Abner, L. T. Cordell, J. W. Moore. Report was adopted.

Rev. G. T. Rowe read the report of education No. 2. This report showed the colleges and schools to be in a fine and growing condition, in improved buildings, increased facilities, and larger number of students. This report asks for an educational assessment of \$14,055. It recommends Rev. F. F. Marr, Rev. S. B. Tarrentine, Dr. J. H. Way, F. H. Hanes, Jr., be elected trustees of Trinity college; trustee for Greensboro Female college, G. L. Bray; Rev. Ira Erwin, Rev. J. H. Weaver, Rev. W. P. Womble, F. W. Campbell, H. F. Davis, E. C. Smith, C. C. Moore and E. O. Cole for Rutherford college; Rev. L. T. Mann, Rev. Harold Turner, W. C. Newland, John M. Tuttle for Lenoir college. This report also recommends Rev. J. B. Crockett as president of Lenoir college; Rev. J. A. Baldwin, president of Southern Industrial Institute; Rev. W. M. Curtis, secretary-treasurer of Greensboro Female college. Also the appointment of W. R. Odell and P. T. Durham as a committee on correlation to co-operate with a like committee of the North Carolina conference.

Rev. G. G. Harley, pastor of the North Asheville Methodist church, was transferred to Concord, Rev. W. E. Poovey succeeding him.

Other appointments are as follows:

Asheville District. Presiding elder, D. Atkins; Asheville Bethel, H. H. Robbins; Asheville Central, C. W. Byrd; Asheville Haywood street, W. A. Newell; North Asheville, W. E. Poovey; Bald Creek and Huntville, W. L. Edwards; Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant, J. J. Parker; C. E. Dupont, Black Mountain station, W. G. Mallonee; Burnsville station, J. O. Erwin; Fairview, J. A. Fry; Henderson circuit, A. J. Latham; Flat Rock and Tuxedo, W. R. Shelton; Hendersonville station, A. L. Standford; Hot Springs, to be supplied; Marshall, E. B. Stahler; Mars Hill, L. H. Griffith; Micaeville, O. M. Harris; Swannanoa circuit, R. F. Huntcutt; Tryon and Saluda, E. O. Smithdeal; Weaverville station, F. A. Hawley, E. C. Gibbs; Weaverville circuit, J. R. Warren, supply missionary to Cuba, R. J. Parker.

Charlotte District. Presiding elder, J. R. Scroggs; Ansonville, W. P. Sanford; Charlotte Belmont park, L. A. Falls; Charlotte Brevard street, W. O. Goode; Charlotte Calvary, W. P. McGee; Charlotte Sevierville, N. S. Ogburn; Derita, P. L. Terrell; Dilworth, W. C. Jones; Duncan memorial, to be supplied; North Charlotte, J. A. Farrington. Continued on next page.

HIGH MISSOURI COURT DUSTS HARVESTER TRUST

In Addition a Fine of \$50,000 Is Assessed Against the International Company.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 14.—The supreme court of this state today issued a writ of ouster against the International Harvester company and assessed a \$50,000 fine for violation of the state anti-trust law.

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