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TRMENIAN CLAIMS.

DR ANGELL TALKS OF HIS MISSION TO TURKEY.

the fix-Minister Thinks Armed Demoustintion Necessary to Secure Payment of American Claims-Turkey a sick Man No More.

Professor J. B. Angell, formerly president of the Michigan university, who for more than a year has been the United States minister to Turkey, talked freely the other evening on the deck of the Teatonic regarding his mission.

LorI have passed a very cuict and thankful year." he began. "Nothing hamened to rufile my relations with the sultan of Turkey. I cannot say that I acquired a great affection for him. My personal impressions of his majesty were that he is a man of great shrewdness_though he lacks in sociability some of those traits that an American admires most. He is surrounded by very intelligent men, but he is the govermaent. His people regard him as the religious head of Mohammedan faith, and they now emphasize the religious side of their national policy by always referring to their ruler as the caliph. He plays his policy well. He is clever in creating and perpetuating the jealousies of one power against the other." "Do you look for a religious upheaval in Turkey?" "No, I think that it is impossible while the powers are watching the Turks as they are now. The sultan is too shrewd to proclaim a war of fanaticism. Tranquillity is his policy." "Has the Greek war changed Turkey's position in Europe?" "Indeed it has," was the prompt reply. "Turkey can no longer be called the sick man of Eu- pain. rope. Turkey has started on an era of

THE WAR BALLOON'S FALL.

Experiences of Sergeant Boone, One

of the Corps at Santiago. . A private letter requived from Sergeant Thomas C. Loone of Company K, Second regiment, where experiences in the war balloon ascension in front of Santiago on July 1 were told in a letter from him to the Springfield Republican. and who is now in the government hospital at West Tarbia, Fla., gives forthe first time the part culars and extent ner Miller delivered an address before

of his injuries. The surgeous at the hospital say that Mr. Boone's right kidney is turned around and that an operation is necessary to put it in place. Mr. Boone's letter in part siva:

before while in Cuba because I did not | said he had been trying to interest the care to arouse the anxiety of my friends at home, and although I have been unable to walk for some time still I did of July I went up in the balloon on the battlefield at 7 a. m., and the balicon

together with their bad marksmanship, shrapnel shots went through the inflat- do produce a large surplus for a foreign ing bag, allowing the gas to escape, and we came down with a rush, striking the top of a tree alongside a creek, throwing us out. In falling I was caught in the abdomen by a point of the anchor of the balloon, was suspended for a mo-

and shaken up, but owing to the excitement of the time I did not notice the

NICARAGUAN CANAL. JUR FOREIGN TRADE AND A SHORT CUT OUTLET.

Warner Miller Tells Some of the Reasons Why the Canal Should Be Built-Worth Ad Ms Cost to the Navy Alone.

Former United States Senator Warthe Linnulactions' especial on of New York at its headquarters in throoklyn the other night, his subject being "The Commercial and Other Advantages to Be Derived by the Construction of the "I have not told you of my accidents | Proposed Nicacagua Caual." Mr. Miller

people in the scheme for ten years. "The incidents of the past few months," he said, "have demonstrated not consider my condition as serious as | the necessity of the canal as a means of the surgeons here claim it to be. I will defense. The people of the United States tell you how I got hurt. It was a streak would willingly have paid almost any of continuous bad luck. On the 1st day | price had the canal been cut through at the time the Oregon made its great trip of over 13,000 miles around the Horn. was being moved all over the field when | The manufacturers of the United States | shot to pieces 80 yards from the Spanish | today hold an enviable position. By the line at 1 p. m. We thought our height, returns from the last census the volume of our manufacturing products exceeds afforded us protection. We were badly that of any other nation. We not only mistaken. At least 200 bullets and four supply the home market, but can and

WARNER MILLER

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because she is producing cheaper than

must then look to the people who live

in the Pacific ocean and not to those in

the Atlantic. The people who live

around the Pacific ocean number more

than 500,000,000. They may be small

consumers at present, but look at the

future, and with the division of China,

with the concessions made for the

building of railroads and the opening

of mines, is it too much to say that in

ten years the market will grow larger

in volume than all our foreign trade of

the present time? If we can open the

canal, we will furnish all the railroad

supplies and steel rails. At the present

time Japan gets all her steel rails from

us. Give us a cheaper and quicker route,

and neither England nor Belgium can

compete with us. & Build the Nicaragua

canal, reduce the route over 10,000

miles, and, in my judgment and that

of others, the population of the Pacific

tutes. The "just as good" kind don't complaints and all internal pains. Sold Sold by

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more than 3,000 miles.

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ment-it seemed a lifetime-then dropped into the creek, with the water up to my shoulders. I was hadly bruised

"Three of our detachment were killed and four wounded out of 21 men, which shows that we were in a pretty warm place. Well, I did not go to the hospital about my injury until July 14, and I was then so weak I could scarcely walk. The surgeous at the field hospital placed me in an old army wagon without springs at 9 o'clock one night to be taken to another hospital seven miles away over the worst read in the world without doubt. We had gone about half a mile when the wagon turned completely over, the wagon body catching my neck under its side and the corner of a box catching me in the abdomen. I was unconscious for two hours. My market. The Nicaragua canal would neck is still very sore. When I regained give a larger foreign trade than any consciousness, I was placed in the wagother scheme that has ever come before on, but the bumping over ruts and rocks the American people. The building of fairly drove me mad, and I said I could the Erie canal has made New York not stand it. I was told that I could what it is, the metropolis of the counwalk, which I did. The wagen went on. try. The building of the canal made I reached the hospital at 7 o'clock the possible the settlement and building up next morning after a night of agony. of the west. At this hospital I was told that I was injured internally and that they could Europe control of the trade in the do nothing for me, that I would have to orient. With the foreign trade in the go to the United States for an opera-

the cost of maintenance. Even if it did THE CHINESE EMPEROR not the enterprise is of such vast imnortance that it should be constructed anyway. The Erie canal has paid to the state of New York more than it cost Life of the Most Secluded Monand has paid its cost to the people a

thousand times over. "General Tracy said when he was secretary of the navy that if the canal were not built the government would THE OLD RULER AND THE NEW.

have to maintain two navies, and the past few months have demonstrated that Both Are Hedged Around With Banhe was right. Now the Oregon and riers Secluding Them From the Iowa have got to go to the Pacific, an-Outside World-Curious Selection of other long voyage of over 13,000 miles, and 5,000 men are to be sent to the Philippines. I do not know what the peace commission is going to do abroad, but it looks very mech as if President Weak Character of the-Emperor. McKinley intends to keep at least a portion of the Philippines. We have got abdicated in favor of the dowager emoutside our old borders and must stay press, has been the most secluded monthere. That necessitates the enlargement arch in the world. He is surrounded by

of our navy and of our army." officials whose chief duty seems to be In conclusion Mr. Miller said the government that holds Cuba also would to keep him from coming into touch hold the mouth of the Nicaragua canal. with the outside world. Before reach--New York Sun. ing the building in which he is prac-

FINEST MANSION IN AMERICA

The Two Vanderbilt Houses Are Being Made Into One Great Palace. Another Vanderolt mansion, one

surpassing in magnificence that of Cornelius, is being built on Fifth avenue in | miles in length, and then a third set, New York. Mrs. W. D. Sloane is con- inclosing what is known as the Purple

structing a palace on the site of the Forbidden City. Inside of the latter residence of Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, live the emperor and his family, the using her own house as well for the ladies of the royal harem and the thounew place. It will be one of the finest sands of eunuchs who make up the staff

of royal servants.

The emporer himself lives in the northwestern part of the inclosure, and the empress dowager has a palace near by. In another part of the inclosure is the hall of literary abyss, or the imperial library, and in this the cabinet officers hold their sessions, and it contains also a department of the royal treasury. No one outside of the foreign legations has ever got into the palaces of the emperor of China, and no foreigner is permitted to see him.

tically confined one has to pass through

three sets of walls, each set being

guarded by a small army of eunuchs.

First, there are the great 60 foot thick

walls of the Tartar city, then the walls

of the imperial city, which are six

arch In the World.

daughters in the royal harem for the political prestige it gives. Everything connected with the emperor is regulated by law. He has imperial physicians who watch over his health. The law even provides just what he shall eat. According to the old Chinese books, there must be placed daily before him 30 pounds of meat in a basin and seven pounds boiled into soup. He has a daily allowance of about

a pound of hog's fat and butter, and he has the right to order two sheep, two fowls and two ducks, while his drink for the day is restricted to the milk of Wives For the Young Emperor. 80 cows and the steeping of 75 parcels The Downger Empress Practically of tea. Manages the Affairs of the Empire.

The emperor is lean and unhealthy. He sleeps most of the day and does what work he has to at night, and his life of The emperor of China, who recently pleasure has made a physical wreck of him. It is doubtful whether he understands his real situation. It is said that he has never reviewed his own army and that he knows absolutely nothing about military tactics.

The emperor knows nothing of modern civilization. He doesn't even know his own country. His eunuchs are said to have really more influence with him than any one else. They have been his closest associates all his life, and the head eunuch, Pi Tsiau Li, the ally of the empress dowager, is one of his confidential advisers.

The emperor was born in 1871, is the son of Prince Chun, seventh brother of the Emperor Hien Ferg, and succeeded to the throne by proclamation, at the death of Emperor Tung-Chi in 1875. He is the ninth emperor of China of the Mantchoo dynasty of Tsing, which overthrew the native dynasty of Ming in 1644. There exists in China no laws of hereditary succession to the throne. It is left to each sovereign to appoint his successor from among the members of his family of a younger generation. The late emperor died suddenly and the empress dowager, his widow, appointed the present emperor.

PEACE AND ITS PRICE

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EXPENSES OF NEGOTIATING THE TREATY OF PARIS.

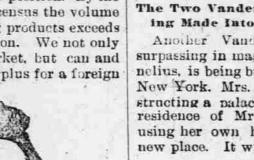
Uncle Sam's Costs Are Estimated at a Quarter of a Million Dollars-Plenty of Pocket Money For His Commissioners-Personal Bills Paid.

The peace commissioners and their secretaries and attaches, who sailed recently on their way to Paris to negotiate the treaty of peace with Spain, will not lack for pocket money. President McKinley was determined that the representatives of the United States should travel in a style proper to the dignity of this country and the importance of the mission that they have to accomplish.

They are to lack nothing to adequately maintain their official position, and even the messengers are to be given liberal allowances for their personal expenses. Funds to the amount of \$250 .-000, it is understood, have, been deposited to the credit of Judge Day in one of the Paris banks, and he has unlimited anthority to draw more if that is not sufficient.

Despite the fact that to some extent at least the peace commissioners will be the guests of the French government, it is expected that it will cost the United States \$250,000 to negotiate the treaty of peace with Spain. The French government has placed the celebrated Salon des Ambassadeurs at the disposal of the commission as a place in which to hold their meetings. This courtesy has relieved the commission of one item of expense. Despite this, however, it is said that the expenses of the commissioners and their staff will amount to something over \$1,000 a day during their stay in Paris.

From a reliable source of informa-



commercial prosperity. She has a strong army, well officered by Germans, but she is wholly wanting in modern siegeguns and warships. Their navy is a tub! You can see it all by looking into a pool. One of our best battleships could sink every cruiser they have and do it at its leisure. The sultan has great respect for us since our war with Spain. He watched every move in the game. As I have said, it is a military government, because Mohammedanism is military. The army is a religious army, and the sultan, who rules independently of his cabinet, can 'put 360,000 efficient men in the field in short notice. He asked me about our ships and guns, sending for me immediately after the splendid victory at Manila in order that I might explain how it all happened."

"How did the Turkish people feel regarding the decisive defeat of Spain?" "I am glad you asked me that, because it gives a line on the Turkish character that volumes would not so clearly describe. The Turks were delighted at the result because, the Spaniards drove the Moors out of Spain in the fifteenth century. Oh, they are good haters and pass a grudge down from one generation to another."

"Tell me about the claim for indemnity made by our government for the outrages upon American citizens and injuries to American property in Armenia and other parts of Turkey," "We made no more, no less salary. Mon hly \$75. the same claim as did all the great powers " replied the former American minister, "but the sultan made a general answer, denving his responsibility. That was not satisfactory to the president. The claims were filed in Constantinople. The sultan's report to the great powers, was that he had claims against them In mitigation of damages. I promptly made the point that no such claims could be urged against American citizens, because, while the Turkish con-'tention' was that the Europeans had sufficient loss in a general riot, the property of the Americans had been destroyed by the very soldiers who were put to guard such property, and their acts were those of agents of the government and not as individuals. That is the point of our contention as it stands today, and I was directed to urge it just as strongly as language would permit. To all this we received the same reply that was given to the other great powers. Practically Turkey never made a specific answer at all.'

"Will Turkey pay our claim of indemnity for outrages inflicted upon American citizens and injuries to American property in Asia Minor?" "A bankrupt has an advantage. He can pay nothing and owe the rest. If the United States ever expects to collect that money, she must make a demonstration in force before the Golden Horn," replied | dysentery. The cases of yellow fever, Mr. Argell.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature

"I think it would be a very good ruple in ten years, and it will become a the hundreds, the hundreds to scores thing if the warships that are going to and the disease is of a very mild type. completely baffied the doctors. They suggested trains of thought to him and great market for the manufactures of and the scores at last down to 15. Manila could anchor a few days in the | The mortality from malaria or dysentery held a significance which he missed in are totally unable to cure it, and direct the cast." These 15 girls were put into training. sea of Marmora and fire a salute to his | is much greafer than that from yellow formal sheets of paper. their efforts toward bottling the poison Mr. Miller then gave a brief history Their paces were tested and all sorts of inajesty the sultan from their 13 inch | fever. Now that the Spanish troops But he never took these manuscript up in the blood and concealing it from of the Nicaragua canal and said that experiments were made as to their temguns, the concussion from which would | have all left for Spain it is heped that bits into the pulpit with him. He rir \$5,000,000 had already been pers and traits. After some months the view. S. S. S. cures the disease posiprotably shatter every window in the yellow fever can be made still loss danpreached . without notes, using the spent on it, and that the government Where war shall mate with rest. old empress picked out the three girls tively and permanently by forcing out gerous if rough the continuance of Dr. thoughts, but not necessarily the exact A cry comes forth from out yon gloom ST.,210." was now discussing it, and that Presishe liked, and the eldest of these, who every trace of the taint. That should be dovelike, white. Wood's good work .- Medical Record. words, that he had written in his study. "What will be the outcome of the dent McKinley had appointed a commiswas 18 years old, became empress. The I was afflicted with a terrible blood disease, "Sheathe swords! Suppress the can-For many years he used to preach twice which was in spots at first, but afterwards troubles in Crete? Will England become sion, with Admiral Walker as chairtwo others became what are called secnon boom!" spread all over my body. on Sunday in his own church and often Stand fast, O Guards of Right! Considering the Possibilities. man, to go to Nicaragua, resurvey the Running for the lives of the unfortuondary wives, or chief concubines; and These soon broke out into We're pulzhn day an richt 'Chu e we want lodo what's right nate Cretans?" "If the great powers say so, yes. Nobody can answer at presdelivered a third sermon or an address sores, and it is easy to imagine the suffering I endured. Before I beronte and report back its judgment as these two latter were sisters, one of The promises of broken faith in another church in the evening .- New to the feasibility of building the canal whom was 13 and the other 15 years On sands of time are strewn; Bout them Philippines we took in splen-York Herald. 53 and its cost. He said the report had not ent as to what the final outcome will We bought those promises with death. came convinced that the old. The marriage of the emperor was did style. doctors could do no good, I had spent a hundred What sowed them? Blood-our own! My opinion? Well, I'll state been made yet, but that the members be. There certainly have been many celebrated in claborate style, and the Across the seas, on every strand, That I think we'd better wait, of the commission agreed on its feasimagnificence of the occasion may be brutal massacres in that distressed isdollars, which was really Wind a Handienp. The bones of men bleach white, 'Cause there'll be more news from Dewey thrown away. I thei bility, but differed as to its cost, their hand. No outrages have occurred in Arimagined from the fact that it cost the The signposts of our motherland! Japan will never be as prosperous as tried various patent medicines, but they did after willie. figures ranging from \$90,000,000 to menia or in the Balkans this year. Nogovernment \$10,000,000. Stand fast, O Guards of Right! she wants to be until she invents some not reach the disease. budy can foretell what the end will be. \$140,000,000. Mr. Miller said he was An, no f r p l tles. I min't ready yet to mix Every three years new batches of When I had finished my way to suppress the typhoons which Stand fast, nor heed the whining cry positive the canal could be constructed Turkey at this hour is unfriendly to wives are packed out for the emperor. first bottle of S. S. S. Russia, though she made peace with her Into platfor a which events'll mebbe rile; knock large Loles in the national wealth Of curs, who fear the foe; was greatly improved for \$1(1,000,000. The prettiest girls in the empire are Of women, who would fain deny" and was delighted with I don't flatte na candidate; and diminish her population with un-"The canal is necessary," he said, the result. The large red splotches on my after the war of 1877. Her present anichosen, and the emperor doesn't allow That God had made them so! I've controled that I'll walt failing regularity once or twice every "and wifen completed will be worth to chest begin to grow paler and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I regained Stand fast for all that Britain's worth! Till we get the news from Dewey after most ye rows out of a recent demand by affairs of state to interfere with him in year -St. Louis Republic. Stand fast amid this night! the United States more than \$1,000. the guarannient of the ever for another while. his amusements. He is sort of a holy my lost weight, became stronger, and my ap You hold the peace of all the earth--Washington Star. tite greatly improved. I was soon entirely 000,000. The day the first steamer sails figurehead, and his officials keep makunstallaudit of the indeputity growing well, and my skin as clear as a piece of glass. H. L. MYERS, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J. Stand fast, O Guards of Right! Distressing Stomach Disease through the Nicaragua canal property not of that contesta . This made Turkey ing him more sacred every day, in re-Why allow yourself to be slowly torconamently cured by the masterly on the Facific coast will increase 100 turn for which they get unlimited op-Don't destroy all possible chance of a Starm." Relief in Sig Bours. now is of South American Nervin "Did Colonel Lay have a conference tured at the stake of disease? Chills portunities to carry on their plots and per cent in value, and within a half cencure by taking the doctor's treatment Distressing Kidney and Bladder disric Invalids need suffer no longer. and Fever will undermine, and eventupeculations. The whole Chinese court of mercury and potash. These minerals tury the Pacific coast will be as popuwith you regarding the claim for incouse this great remedy can cure ease relieved in six hours by "NEW cause the hair to fall out, and will demnity put in by this government?" die brink down the strongest constilous as the east. If the government and al. It is a cure for the whole is made up of intrigues and intriguers, GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY wreck the entire system. "He did not. My reports were made ditakes and constructs the canal, the tolls and the nobles are glad to get their ution "FBEI-CURA' (Sweet Chill world of stomach weakness and indi-CURE." It is a great surprise on acwill pay interest on the investment and SSFor R gestion. The cure begins with the first rectly to Washington, and all my in-Tonic of Loon) is more effective than The relief it brings is marvelcount of its 'exceeding promptness in structions came direct. But, as I have "I escaped being a confirmed dys-Ouining and being combined with from "In a minute" one dose of HART's lous and surprising. It makes no failis an evcellent Fonic and Nervine Med-icine is pleasant to take, is sold under cosilice of Colic, Cramps or how long you have suffered, your cure under positive guarantee to cure or Nausea. An unexcelled remedy for is certain under the use of this great · · · · I he L relieving pain in bladder, kidney and said above, no progress has been achieved. I have lived for a year in a tranquil is an excellent Fonic and Nervine Medpeptic by taking Ayer's Pills in time." This is the experience of many. Ayer's is FURELY VEGETABLE, and is the only Pills, whether is an after dinner pill or blood remedy guaranteed to contain no as a remedy for liver comp. Write for book potash, mercury, or other mineral. back, in male or female. Relieves reland where history is not made." tention of water almost immediately. money refunded. Accept no substi- Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Summer health giving force. Pleasant and al-If you want quick relief and cure this CASTORIA.

us, in the first place by means of the Suez canal, and in the second place that ANTED SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY it is only 15,620 miles by way of Cape PERSONS in this state to manage Horn from Liverpool to San Francisco, our business in their own and nearby counties. It is unabily office work conwhile from New York to San Francisco ducted at home. Salary straight \$900 it is 15,660 miles, an advantage toa year and expenses - definite bonatide Liverpool of 40 miles. But if the Nicaragua canal were constructed the ad-References. Enclose self-addressed vantage would be greatly in favor of stamped envelope, Herbart E, Heis, the United States. Then the distance Prest., Dept M. Chicago, 1from New York to San Francisco by

tion, and here I am."

SANITATION IN SANTIAGO.

What Americans Have Done For One of Cuba's Dirtiest Cities.

The city of Santiago, long known as a breeder of pestilence and one of the dirtiest and most unhealthy places in dirty and unhealthy Cuba, has been in American hands only about two months and is now in a condition of cleanliness that New York might almost have envied a few years ago. Under the system introduced by General Wood, who, it may be reinembered, is a physician, Santiago is divided into five sections, each one under the general supervision of a medical man, who has under him inspectors of sewers, streets, houses and dispensaries and a number of street cleaners. Five hundred cubic yards of refuse are burned daily, disinfectants are distributed wherever they are needed, and a heavy fine is imposed for un-

cleanliness or for any failure to report unhealthful conditions and deaths. The results are shown in a decrease in the death rate within a month from an average of 70 to one of 20 a day. Among the troops the principal diseases are typhoid, malarial and yellow fevers and several of which have been among the



MRS. W. D. SLOANE. mansions in the United States. Many

years ago William H. Vanderbilt installed in the two houses now in course of construction his two daughters, Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard and Mrs. W. D. Sloane. They occupied the northerly part, while Mr. Vanderbilt retained for himself the southerly end. The three houses under one roof lasted until the death of Mr. Vanderbilt. Then Mrs. Sloane and Mrs. Shepard occupied the house between them. Since the death of her husband and the marriage of her

daughter, however, Mrs. Shepard has lived almost entirely at Scarborough. Some months age Mrs. Sloane secured private arrangement and began preparations for having the whole northern end of the block turned into the magnificent place now being constructed. A handsome stairway, wide and extravagantly beautiful, is being built. It is of African marble and rare woods. The new mansion will connect with that of George Vanderbilt by means of a picture gallery, which will contain paintings and other art treasures of the value of \$1,500,000. The gallery will be accessible to both houses. The date set for the completion of the work is Dec. 1. Then Mrs. Sloane will give a house warming.-New York Journal.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine. at none that have accomplished more for umanity than that sterling old household medy, Browns' Iron Bitters. It seems t intain the very elements of good healt! and neither man, woman or child can tak it without deriving the groutest henefet. Browns' Iron Bitters is sold by an' dealers.

HIS SERMONS' PREPARATION

Dr. Hall Jotted Down His Thoughts Like "Paper Sparing Pope,"

The late Dr. John Hall's method of preparing his sern.ons was peculiar to himself. It was his habit to write down everything he intended to say in a kind of shorthand of his own devising, using abbreviations such as B for Bible and C for church, and wd and shd for would and should. He jotted down his thoughts, like "paper sparing Pope," on the backs of old envelopes or any other scraps that came ready to hand, preferring them to sheets of paper because, in

The American minister had an audience, but even the Chinese of Peking do not know how the emperor looks. There are not 5,000 men, outside of his eunuchs, who have ever set eyes on him. He knows absolutely nothing about the actual condition of his people. When

he goes out into the city, matting is hung up in front of all the houses and strips of cloth are stretched across the imperial procession must pass.

The American minister warns all Americans not to go out, at their peril, for the emperor is always accompanied by soldiers, and the man who peeps around the corner or has his eye fastened to a hole in the matting is liable to be blinded with a bullet or arrow. The streets are fixed up for the occasion. All the booths and squatters are driven bright yellow clay. Yellow is the im- Japan broke out. perial color.

The young emperor is a decidedly weak character and doesn't even do his tends to that for him. It is said that he occasionally goes into fits of rage when he is crossed, but it is the rage of a child and is over as soon as he has exhausted himself. 'He has been under the thumb of the empress dowager since he was a baby. She supervised his education and picked out his wives for him. She has him so hemmed in with officials and wives who are her sworn allies that there has never been a chance for the young emperor to extricate himself from his subservient condition, even if he wanted to, which he apparently doesn't.

The emperor was 17 years old at the time of his marriage, ten years ago, and the empress dowager gave him three wives to start with. The selection was curious. All the pretty Tartar girls of the empire, numbering many thousands, were gathered together and sorted, and the best of them were sent to Peking. The selection was first made by the governors of the provinces, and no girl was presented who was over 18 or under 12 years of age. The choice lots were dressed in the finest of clothes and were carted from all parts of the empire into Peking, They were here submitted to the inspection of the old empress dowager, being brought into her presence in lots of five. She passed upon them as fast as she could and weeded out the poorest and dullest. Those who remained were taken out for the time and brought in in new lots, and so the sorting went on

The empress dowager will be 64 years old next month. She is said to be a most remarkable woman, and she has been practically the ruler of China for the past generation. She was the secondary wife or the first concubine of the Emperor Hien Fung, who died along about the time of the beginning of our civil war, and she has been practically the boss of the harem and the empire since then.

She was at the head of the empire during a greater part of the Taiping rebellion. She managed its affairs during its war with France, and she had a little taste of Russian diplomacy in her alleys and side streets through which the | fuss with the czar of some years ago. She is said to have a mind of her own, and all of the Chinese respect and fear her. She is a stickler as to form, and she insists that all business shall be done through the young emperor, though she really directs what he is to do. She is very vain, and she had consented to the spending of about \$20,-000,000 on the celebration of her birthday, and this money was being collected Mrs. Shepard's share of the house by away, and the roads are covered with for the purpose when the war with

The empress dowager is even more secluded than the emperor, and when she receives her officials she sits behind own thinking. The empress dowager at- a screen, and the cabinet ministers get down on their knees and talk through it at her.-New York Sun.

Food In Porto Rico.

Speaking of the food supplies, Mr. L. Browning of St. Louis says that the best hotel, the Inglaterra, charges but \$1 a day, American money, and provides its guests with butter imported from Copenhagen in one pound tin cans at a cost of 80 cents per pound and other food at similar cost. Of the hours of meals the details are interesting. Breakfast is at 11 a. m., consisting of soup, steak, potatoes, rice, eggs, bread and black coffee. The other meals come at intervals of about six hours and are much as the American meals are, with the addition of a few native peculiarities. After a few days at the hotel Mr. Browning moved out to camp, and in providing a few luxuries paid 50 cents a pound for ham, 20 cents a pound for loaf sugar, 40 cents a bottle for pickles, etc.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Their Avocation Not Gone.

The war correspondents need not go out of business; the football season is about to open.-St. Paul Globe.



coast will double in five years and quaduntil the thousands had dwindled to his own words, these scraps frequently Blood Poison-the disease which has so called immunes, are few in number,

tion it is learned that a daily allowance has been made to the various members of the commission as follows:

To each of the commissioners, \$150 a day; to Secretary Moore, \$75; to Assistant Secretary MacArthur, \$50; to Disbursing Officer Brannigan and Chief Translator Rodriguez, \$25; to each of the nine interpreters, attaches, stenographers, etc., \$10, and to the two messengers, \$5 per day, making a total of \$1,025 per day, or, for the 90 days that they are expected to be away, a grand total of \$92,250. This is for the personal expenses alone of the various members and does not include any salaries.

Because most of the members of the commission are already in the government service they will get no additional salaries for their work with the peace commission. Thus Commissioners Davis, Frye and Gray, who are drawing salaries as United States senators, will not receive any additional compensation beyond the payment of their daily expenses. The same is true of all the minor attaches, each of whom is employed in one of the departments in Washington and whose regular salaries are continued during their absence on this mission.

The only men attached to the commission who will receive salaries for their services are Judge Day, the president of the commission; Whitelaw Reid and Mr. Moore, who resigned his place as assistant secretary of state to accompany the commission as its secretary and counselor.

It is expected that Commissioners Day and Reid will be given a fee of \$25,000 each for their work on the commission, and that Secretary Moore, upon whom much of the work of preparing the documents in the American case has devolved, will receive a fee of \$20,000. Mr. Corbin, son of Adjutant General Corbin, who accompanies the commission as an attache, will probably get \$1,500 as a recompense for his services.

The American government is paying the expense of the ladies who are members of the party, and it is calculated that the item of transportation alone for the 35 persons in the party by sea and rail will amount to at least \$25,000. The special expenses of the commission in Paris for entertainments, etc., will probably be not less than \$15,000 or \$20,000.

Taking into consideration the salaries that will have to be paid to persons who take the places of the attaches of the commission during their absence from Washington, it will be seen therefore that \$250,000 will scarcely foot the bill. -New York Journal.

> The Guards of Right. The skies are dark, the mist is dense. We cannot see our way; A pressure that is chill, intense Has hidden all our day. We know the foe is somewhere near Beneath this blinding blight Of doubt, uncertainty, not fear-Stand fast, O Guards of Right!

Dimly the sun has kissed the east, Dimly has kissed the west; We're hidden to the fateful

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-Punch