THIS COUNTRY MAY JOIN ENG-LAND IN DEMANDING THEIR PUNISHMENT.

BUT WILL NOT BE A CATSPAW.

While the United States Will Co-operate With Great Britain in Securing the Punishment of the Perpetrators of the Recent Outrages in China She Will Not Aid England in Her Suspected Diplomatic Schemes in the East .- The Supreme Court Vacancy.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13. The United States will probably cooperate to some extent with Great Britain in the protection of citizens of both countries in China and in regard to the punishment of the perpetrators of the recent outrages upon Christian mission-

when the proposition for co-operation was first received from Great Britain, the disposition of the United States au the disposition of the United States and thorities, was to act independently of all other Powers. But it is now learned that it is extremely probable that the United States will act jointly with Great Britain, as far as can be done without in any way giving aid to any schemes which the British government may have for interfering with the autonomy of the Chinese government or increasing her influence in the Orient. It is held here that Great Britain is looking fully as much at the practical and commercial side of the Chinese question as she is at the sentimental and philanthropic side, and that while every step she may take will nominally be for the purpose of securing the punishment of the persons responsible for the last outrages, and the prevention of such occurrences in the future, her real object will be the strengthening of British commercial and political influence in the Celestial Em-

It is well known to officials here that the British public was very much disappointed by the failure of Lord Rosebery's government to secure any substantial advantages as an outcome of the Chi-nese and Japanese war, and they are in-clined to believe that their diplomatists were outmatched and over-reached by the representatives of Russia and France.
The opportunity afforded by the necessity of interfering in the missionary troubles is welcomed as affording a possible means of retrieving the blunders made during the peace negotiations. made during the peace negotiations.

The United States will, however, in no

way be made a catspaw for pulling Brit-ish chestnuts out of the fire, but so long as Great Britian confines herself strictly to measures looking to the protection of foreign residents in China and the se-curing of proper satisfaction for injuries to them or their property, the United States will in all probability act in entire accord with her.

The first object of the United States

will be to secure the punishment of those responsible for the recent atrocities in which American life and property

The United States will in no way be behind Great Britain in her demands for the punishment of the guilty and for the protection of Americans in the future. A monetary indemnity will also be demanded, but this will be made a matter of secondary importance. The first thing to be insisted upon will be the meting out of severe punishment for the murder of the missionaries and their families.

The Supreme Court Vacancy. the Supreme Court Bench. The cable from Paris quoting Mr. Coudert as saying that he had not received any information as to the reported intention of the President to offer him a seat on the Supreme Bench, has had the effect of lessening the talk of him in connection

with this place. Mr. Coudert's reason for declining the Attorney Generalship in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet at the beginning of the adminis tration was that he could not afford to give up his law practice for the salary of a Cabinet official, and though the salary of a Supreme Court Justice is larger than that of a Cabinet member the same objection would apply with almost equal force to his taking a place on the Su-preme Bench. There is to be taken into consideration, however, the high honor attached to the Supreme Court, and the fact that the position is for life, with retirement on full pay at will after seventy years of age, and these considerations might reconcile a lawyer to giving up an extensive practice.

There are no new names mentioned here to day in connection with the place, but there has been rather more talk of ex Postmaster General Bissell, and the conviction seems to be growing that the President will make the selection from New York State. In the absence of the President, however, all the gossip about Justice Jackson's successor is necessarily only the reflection of the views of individuals, and no one assumes to have any information whatever as to Mr. Cleve-land's intentions. It is quite possible that the President will select some one who has not been spoken of, as he did when he appointed Chief Justice Fuller, and as he did also in his recent selection of Attorney General Harmon.

Mr. Harrison's Picture.

A life-size painting of ex-President Harrison was received at the White House yesterday. It is the work of Eastman Johnson, the New York artist to whom the ex-President gave a series of whom the ex-President gave a series of sittings in the early summer. The paint-ing is considered a very artistic piece of work and a splendid likeness. It will be hung in the White House and will complete the gallery of Presidential por-

An appropriation of \$0,500 was made by the last Congress for the purchase of the portrait and Col. John M. Wilson, in charge of public buildings and grounds, was directed to have the disbursement of the money. Gen. Harrison selected the artist and sat for the portrait in New York last spring. It will probably be hung on the walls of the Red Parlor, near the portrait of President Cleveland, which was pointed during his first term. which was painted during his first term, and that of ex-President Arthur. Gen.

CHINA'S CRUEL FIENDS Harrison and his family are said to be well pleased with the portrait.

Petitions for Prohibition.

When Congress convenes next December the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will present its seventh annual petition for total prohibition of the liquor traffic within the District of Co-lumbia. A bill will also be formulated to be presented at the same time. Senlumbia. A bill will also be formulated to be presented at the same time. Senator Proctor will bring up the bill and present the petition. There are men in both houses of Congress, says Mrs. Olinton Smith, the chairman of the petition committee, who believe in prohibition and are from prohibition States, but when the her fail to vote for the W. C. T. U. bills. Others have said, according to Mrs. Smith, that if they could be convinced that the best people of the District of Columbia are in favor of prohibition, especially if the pastors of the churches favored it, many Senators and members would be willing Senators and members would be willing to vote for it. Acting on this suggestion, members of the W. C. T. U. set about to circulate petitions in the churches, and the result is they have obtained huge rolls of signatures.

LOCAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Twenty-sixth Session Opened at Rutherford College Yesterday. ecial to the News and Observer.

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, N. C., Aug. 14.
The twenty-sixth session of the North
Carolina Local Ministers' Conference was opened in the M. E. Church here at 8 o'clock this morning by Rev. W. O. Williams, President.

After the reading of the 103 Psalm, the singing of the hymn "Before Jahovah's Awful Throne," etc., by the congregation and prayer by Rev. Dr. Branson, Prof. Hill E. Abernathy delivered the address of welcome to the conference, which was responded to by Rev. Wil-

The President then delivered his annual address to the conference on "Chistian Education," taking for his starting point: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. (Mat. 21: 10). Among other things he said:

"Grecian civilization was a wonderful forward movement of intellectual life. Roman power was the outhronement of mental energies vastly superior to the rude barbarism over which it triumphed. To this day civilized humanity feels the influence of those classic lands, and enjoys the literature of Greece and Rome, but the world's debt to the church is in-

finitely greater.
"Christianity furnishes a moral and conservative element which heathendom lacked; and it is Christianity which has really preserved classic intelligence, purified it and made it immortal. 'Ye are the salt of the earth,' said the Saviour. History wonderfully verifies the saying. No unchristian nation has appreciated and cherished the literature

of the ancient Republics.
"To go still further back, Genesis is the beginning of universal history. The Decalogue is the beginning of a sound and consistent Jurisprudence. Jewish prophecy is the first distinct announcement of a grand future for the human race. At Horeb where the ancient church was first formally organized, appeared the light and sounded the trumpet that doomed the superstition and idolatry of this world. Subsequent ly the church of Christ sent its Apostles to the very centres of Pagan civilization to instruct and redeem it. Their only weapon of conquest was the truth—the 'sword of the spirit' which is the word of God.

"It redeemed every nation it conquered, and it is to day the mightiest weapon of conquest in all this world. "Extract from modern literature, all

It is still a matter of speculation as to the light it has borrowed from the Bible, who will be selected for the vacancy on and its glory would be eclipsed. After the appointment of the usual committees, the conference adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. for Divine service.

There will be preaching daily at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The conference sessions will be from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Southern Pines Peaches Abroad.

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., Aug. 14. Yesterday a shipment of peaches was made from here to London, England, over the Southern Express Company. The total expressage on fruit from here for the first week in August amounted to \$5,000.35.

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