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CHINDA TALKS TO BRYAN.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Japanese Ambassador Chinda had a short interview today with Secretary Bryan regarding the status of the California alien land legislation negotiations. Their talk was confined altogether to a rehearsal of the conversation between President Wilson and the ambassador on the same subject Wednesday in accordance with the desire of the former that Mr. Bryan should be kept acquainted with every detail of the negotiations.

The date of the delivery of the state department's answer to the last Japanese note is still uncertain, but it is supposed that the matter will receive the attention of Counsellor Moore when he returns to Washington from his vacation.

Biggest event in the history of Jackson County—the Jackson County Fair.

Preventable diseases in the first six months of 1913 are estimated to have caused losses in Chicago aggregating \$10,326,742.

Jackson County Fair opened by 1,000 school children in parade accompanied by the old Confederate soldiers.

FRANCE AND SPAIN EXPECTED TO FORM AN ALLIANCE SOON

Sought by France to Offset Germany's Big Army Increase

RELATIONS ARE VERY CORDIAL

Spanish Armies Have Shown Improvement In Past Five Years.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The first European chessboard of politics, now that the Balkan war is over, is one which will strengthen the hand of France and together with the three years of military service, will tend to offset the German Army increase. What I am hinting at is the alliance with Spain which everybody here is expecting to be announced this fall.

Relations between the people of France have never been more cordial and the alliance will be popular in both countries as an added guarantee of European peace. It is said that it was originally planned by the late King Edward VII, who discussed it in detail with the young Spanish king, but whether this be so or not it is certain that the proposed alliance has no more ardent champion than King Alfonso.

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Americans who remember the war over Cuba may not think very highly of the fighting value of the Spanish army, but, though this does not begin to compare with either the French or German in efficiency, it must not be forgotten that it has been greatly improved during the last five years, principally because of Alfonso's great personal interest in it. The soldiers are far better trained, the discipline is excellent, and the short-comings are merely lack of modern artillery, which Spain lacks ready cash to buy. But France is more than willing to extend financial assistance with more than 200,000 troops.

Senator Berenger, who, if perhaps a little of an alarmist, is undoubtedly a true French patriot, has, on our eastern frontiers, discovered a new German danger which threatens France and, as the revelation of this discovery has created an extraordinary excitement in German military circles followed by a number of attempts to ridicule it in German military papers, there seems to be a good deal more to the affair than one was at first inclined to believe.

New Danger Menaces.

Senator Berenger points out the many facts which tend to prove that Germany, in case of war, has given up the hazardous idea of invading via the Vosges Mountains, and is now concentrating her forces on the frontier of Luxemburg, which little principality only needs to be crossed, a matter of a few hours to find a stretch on the French Northeastern frontier which is practically defenseless.

Henri Berenger has, incognito, travelled along this frontier and the adjoining German districts and has found a formidable German permanent army entrenched in a fortified camp at Trier.

What is more alarming, however, is the fact that he has found a railroad, not shown on even the latest of maps, and serving no apparent commercial purpose, has been secretly built. This railroad, would enable a German army to penetrate Luxemburg and attack the defenseless stretch of French frontier. Senator Berenger has conclusively proved that Germany, within twenty-four hours from a declaration of war would be able to occupy the line from Longwy to Dun-sur-Meuse with 100,000 troops and he demands that the French General Staff must immediately prepare to meet a sudden attack.

The little commune of Marcelzen-Faucigny, in the Haute Savoie, is practically on strike. There is neither Mayor nor Councillors. The

BERLIN SCIENTIST HAS DISCOVERED SMALLPOX GERMS

Claims to Be Able to Propagate Germs for Use in Vaccination.

WISE PROPHECY OF QUEEN RECALLED

Recent Events in the Balkans Bring It Forcibly to Mind.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—The germ of small pox, a protozoan so infinitesimal that it has passed through the minutest filters and escaped the trained gaze of microscopists for decades, has been finally discovered by Dr. Walter Fornet, staff physician at the Kaiser Wilhelm academy.

Dr. Fornet claims not only to have discovered the germ, but to be able to propagate it. This means that it will henceforth not be necessary to inoculate a calf or cow with smallpox virus in order to secure lymph for vaccination, and consequently that a pure culture can be secured. The lymph won by present methods contains numerous bacteria which must be exterminated before it can be used for vaccination. What further Dr. Fornet's discovery may mean cannot yet be told, but it opens the way for experiments along hitherto unknown lines in the treatment of smallpox.

Apart from the possibility that Dr. Fornet's discovery may result in new methods of treating smallpox it is important in that it will make possible the preparation of a pure vaccine virus which may lessen the ill results sometimes following vaccination, and thus deprive the German anti-vaccinationists, whose number is already very considerable and steadily increasing, of much ammunition. The German law requires the vaccination of all children in their first year and again in the twelfth, and is very rigorously enforced.

Recent events in the Balkans have brought to mind the wise prophecy of which prevented uncle and nephew from being arrayed against each other in the war just closed by the treaty of Bucharest.

In 1879, the Bulgarians, having finally thrown off the Turkish yoke, Councillors resigned in a body, and the voters refused to replace them. The cause of this municipal chaos is the resentment shown by the municipality and the voters towards the local schoolmaster, who fills the post of mayoral secretary. The schoolmaster sticks to his office, which he intends to keep against all comers. For months he has fought the whole commune single-handed.

In the interest of the commune, a special commission was instituted by presidential decree. One of the first duties of the commissioners was to preside over the cantonal elections. They received the ballots of eighteen voters, and for the election of the municipal council there was only a single name on the electoral list—that of the schoolmaster, who voted for himself. The tangle seems to be inextricable. There is no giving way on either side. With a view to overcoming this stubbornness on one side or the other, a local deputy proposes to seek the intervention of M. Barthou, the Premier.

Excavations made by the Semur Society of Science at Alesia have brought to light vestiges of a vast edifice of the Middle Ages. In the center of the principal apartment is a fine sarcophagus, and around it are a large number of sepulchres of the Merovingian epoch. The local archaeologists believe that they have found one of the first Christian temples in the district, probably the basilica of Sainte Reine, dating back from the sixth and seventh centuries, turtles

This discovery completes the series of the successive epochs of the existence of Alesia. The finding of a smith's forge is thought to prove that in the Tenth Century a plateau of Alesia was partially inhabited.

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set out to choose a ruler. Among the candidates for the Bulgarian throne was Prince Waldemar, of Denmark, then but twenty-one years old. The choice finally fell upon Prince Alexander, of Battenberg.

Alexander abdicated seven years later and the Bulgarian government began negotiations with the Danish royal family to secure Waldemar as king. The negotiations came to naught through the energetic opposition of the queen of Denmark. "The nationality and the interests of the Greeks and the Bulgarians," she said, "are so diametrically opposed that a lasting understanding between them is impossible. Hence, it could happen that the two brothers, one from Athens (King George, eldest brother of Waldemar), and one from Sofia, would be compelled to become enemies and to wage war upon each other. It is for us to prevent this terrible possibility with the means at our command. Our son in Athens shares our view."

The Bulgarians nevertheless elected Waldemar king. He refused the election, and ten months later Ferdinand, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was elected.

The efforts of the Prussian and Saxon ministers of war to secure the co-operation of chambers of commerce in obtaining places in business for retired army officers, concerning which reference was made in these dispatches some time ago, continues to excite the opposition and indignation of business organizations in Germany.

In the circulars sent out by the ministers, commercial interests see not only a campaign to crowd regular business men out of lines of promotion, but also a decided reflection upon business life. They resent the cool assumption that a man who has been found not good enough for the higher commands in the army is, nevertheless, fully competent to occupy a responsible business position. The Senior Merchant's guild of Berlin has adopted a condemnatory set of resolutions, in which it is pointed out that few retired officers could, at their age, acquire the theoretical and practical knowledge required of them, and that they are, as a rule, no longer able to adapt themselves to a new calling.

In answer to the contention of the ministers that such officers are especially fitted for position of trust entailing the management of men, the guild points out that full technical or special knowledge is required precisely in such positions, and that commercial firms have no lack of employees, trained for years in their own offices, who have both the character and the intelligence to fill higher positions satisfactorily. It would not be fair to these men if outsiders were taken in and promoted over their heads. Moreover, it is argued, the of-

ficers would be able to accept lower salaries on account of their pensions and thus cut down the standard of payment for all.

The Berlin municipality, in addition to its other lines of business and social activity, has decided to go into the milk business, and beginning October 1 it will undertake to supply the poor of a part of Berlin with milk from its own farms.

The municipality has been forced into this business by the results of a year's investigation of the milk supplied the board of charities through private dealers. Frequent complaint of the quality of the milk supplied the city laboratory surprised even the critics. The milk was far below standard, both in richness and cleanliness. The board of charities first attempted to remedy this condition by depriving all derelict milkmen of their contracts to supply the poor. But even this drastic procedure did not result in material improvement, the dealers being bound up by long time contracts with outside dairymen who could not be reached by the municipal authorities.

It was then decided to establish an experiment dairy on one of the municipal farms in the outskirts of the city and supply from this the poor of one district. The municipality will not engage in delivering milk, but will turn over the product of its dairy to one of the regular milk firms for this purpose. If the experiment is successful, the system will be extended to other districts of the city.

Notice of Application for Pardon.

You will take notice that Charles Sneed, who was convicted at the October term, 1912, of the offense of selling liquor, and sentenced to the county road, will apply to the governor of this state for a pardon.

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BERKELEY, Sept. 20.—Secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane will leave tomorrow for Monterey, Cal., where a cottage has been engaged for a week's stay. He will return to San Francisco for a brief visit before departing eastward. Secretary Lane's health is greatly improved.

A Pennsylvania railroad fireman has been arrested for stealing railroad whistles. He had a mania for them and stole a dozen.

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