

HEAVY COST FOR CHINA

Indemnity Bill is Made Out by Allies, EXPENSIVE INSURRECTION.

Substantial Demands for the Boxer Uprising Foot Up to \$275,000,000—A Difficult Problem Confronting the Nations as to Methods of Collection.

Two hundred and seventy-three million dollars is the international bill to be laid before China as the sum total of the cost to her of the Boxer uprising. This enormous amount—nearly 40 per cent greater than the expert, Sir Robert Hart, has repeatedly declared the empire can pay without seriously crippling her—has, according to Paris report, been decided upon by the committee of ministers at Peking. Official advices received at Paris from Peking say the ministers are divided into two parties as regards the manner in which China is to raise the indemnity. France, Germany, Russia and Japan agree in favor of raising the customs duties, which can be relied upon to produce a great part of the requisite sum, and the imposition of a duty on junk, which will constitute a tax on inland navigation, and the taking over of some of the likin (provincial transit duties). On the other hand, the United States and Great Britain decline to agree to an increase of the customs duties, but they do not appear to have presented a counter proposition. The fact that the United States and Great Britain have joined hands on this question has caused surprise at Paris. It was hoped the United States would stand with France and Russia. The result will be greatly to protract the negotiations.

Pays Niles Bank Creditors. The comptroller of the currency at Washington has declared dividends in favor of three insolvent national banks. He announces the first dividend of 25 per cent in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of Niles, Mich., amounting to \$358,144.12; the second dividend of 25 per cent in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of White Pigeon, Mich., making in all 75 per cent of claims proved amounting to \$44,739.83, and a final dividend of 34-10 per cent in favor of the creditors of the Citizens' National Bank of Hillsboro, O., making 68 4-10 per cent on claims proved amounting to \$358,055.06.

First Trees in Wisconsin. The public schools of Madison, Wis., and of every city and town in the state set aside all regular exercises Friday for the fitting observance of "Arbor and Bird Day." As nearly as possible all the schools followed the request made by Gov. La Follette to "observe the day by the planting of trees, by the adornment of schools and public grounds and by suitable exercises having for their object the advancement of the study of arbor culture, the promotion of a spirit of protection to birds and trees and the cultivation of an appreciative sentiment concerning them."

Claim Money from Spain. A claim was filed with the Spanish claims commission at Washington in behalf of Harry McGann, a seaman on the ill-fated Maine when she was blown up in Havana harbor, asking \$10,000 for injuries sustained by him in consequence of the explosion. A claim of \$20,000 was filed in behalf of Catherine Burns, whose son, a corporal of marines, was killed by the same explosion. Butler & Harwood of New York city, who filed the claims, base them on the ground that Spain, directly or by reason of negligence, was responsible for the explosion.

Cuban Report Drafted. Advice was received at Washington to the effect that the Cuban envoys who arrived in Havana Monday have formulated their report, recommending to the constitutional convention the absolute acceptance of the terms of independence fixed upon by Congress, and generally known as the Platt amendment. The private dispatches received, which are presumably from Gen. Wood and some of the civil officials, indicate that the delegates have formulated their views into a positive recommendation for the acceptance of the Platt amendment.

Capitol Invaded by Robbers. An attempt was made to rob the room occupied by Speaker Henderson as a private office at the house end of the National Capitol at Washington. The door which leads into the entrance to the house lobby was broken in by forcing the lock. All the desks, cabinets and bookcases were ransacked and papers and documents were tumbled about promiscuously. It is supposed the thief was after some valuable papers, as the speaker's messenger made an inventory of the articles in the room and reports that nothing is missing.

Buy Oakley Race-track. Andrew J. Welch and O. A. Jones have completed negotiations for the purchase of the Oakley race-track, near Channahon, and its next meeting will be held under their management. Welch and Jones are owners of the Charter Oak course at Hartford, Conn.

Victims Killed in Turkey. The minister of finance at Constantinople, Rashid Pasha, has been relieved of his post and is succeeded by Kemal Pasha, minister of instruction, who will temporarily fill both positions.

Follows Ross in Resigning. One more professor of Stanford university in California has revolted over the treatment of Professor Ross and has resigned to preserve what he regards as "academic freedom." This time it is Professor Arthur O. Lovejoy, associate professor of philosophy. In his letter of resignation to President Jordan Professor Lovejoy says, after referring to the examination of the documentary evidence in the Ross case: "I am forced to the conclusion that the dismissal of Professor Ross for the reasons assigned, after the president had declared he was a fit person to retain, involves an abridgment of the liberties which any university professor should demand."

Girl Rescues Her Sisters. Lottie Wangburg, 16 years old, made a heroic rescue of her two little sisters, 3 and 5 years old, at Marinette, Wis., in a fire which totally destroyed her home. She was awakened by the smoke pouring into her room. She opened a door leading down stairs and the flames shot in. She closed the door, raised a window, and jumped to the ground, twenty-five feet below. With her foot sprained she ran for a ladder on the other side of the house, placed it in position, and ascended into the burning dwelling, and carried the children down the ladder. They were safe when the neighbors arrived. The girl had to be attended by a physician.

Heirs of Estate Defeated. A decision was rendered by Judge Fish of the circuit court at Racine, Wis., in favor of the purchasers of what was known as the Perkins land tract in the city of Burlington. F. W. Perkins, before his death in 1865, gave a title to certain land in Burlington, now valued at over \$200,000, to business associates and the property was to be sold and the money paid to the heirs. Two years ago the heirs claimed that the title was illegal and brought ejectment suits against manufacturers and others who had erected buildings on the land. In his decision rendered today Judge Fish stated that he believed the cases would be carried to the supreme court of this state.

Perish on a Sinking Tug. The steamer Germanic reports at Little Current, Great Mountain Island, Ont., that when off Gore bay light the tug Tecumseh was sighted in a disabled condition. The captain of the tug asked that he be towed to Gore bay and the Germanic gave her a line. After proceeding some distance the captain of the Tecumseh hailed the steamer, saying they were sinking. The tug was brought alongside and two men and a woman were taken off, when the tug suddenly lurched and sank, carrying down with it the captain, whose name was not ascertained; his sister and a Toronto man named Forbes.

American Cavalry Leaves Peking. The American cavalry, which has been ordered to leave China, left Peking Sunday morning for Tientsin. The men will march to that place carrying two days' concentrated rations, which it is intended to test. The cavalrymen were extremely popular there, and the cleanliness and order of the camp arrangements were much praised. Imposing farewell ceremonies attended their departure. Sir Alfred Gaselee and other British generals, with their staffs, were present, and the British commander sent a detachment of Baluchis, who escorted the Americans outside the city wall.

Gets Taste of Old Blue Law. Omaha, Neb., was given a taste of puritanical Sunday with a vengeance. Practically everything but the town clock was stopped last Sunday. The mayor's orders were that nothing be sold or dealt in that did not contribute directly to human existence. At the last moment, however, the street cars were permitted to run, because the officials of the lines called the mayor's attention to the fact that they have a contract with the postal department to carry the mails, and it would be an interruption of United States regulations. Then the mayor relented.

Four Perish in Flames. Four little children were burned to death in a farmhouse six miles from Muskegon, Mich. The victims were Thomas and John Wertman, aged 3 and 4 years respectively, and Jennie and Hennechey Kool, aged 4 years and 8 months respectively. Mrs. Wertman had gone out of the house to get a pail of water, and when she returned the building was on fire and the children were beyond help.

Prussian Cabinet is Formed. The new ministry at Berlin is gazzetted as follows: Baron Rheinbaben, minister of finance; General Podbielski, minister of agriculture; Baron von Hammerstein, district president of Metz, takes the portfolio of the interior; Herr Moeller, minister of commerce; Herr Kraetke, director of the imperial postoffice, becomes secretary of state of that department.

Fast Train Crashes to Ruin. Running at a speed of seventy miles an hour down one of the steepest grades in Iowa, a heavily laden Burlington passenger train Monday morning crashed into a freight engine, left the rails and rolled down a twenty-foot embankment, near Ottumwa, Ia. The engineer of the passenger train was killed and a large number injured. S. D. Brown, engineer, of Burlington, Ia., was killed, being buried under the remains of the engine.

Share Old Sixty Dollar Note. A. H. Rhoades of Omaha, Neb., has in his possession a bill which was issued according to an enactment of the continental congress in 1779. The paper on which it is printed is of heavy, coarse quality, faded yellow by age. It is square in shape, its dimensions being 2 3/4 x 3 1/4 inches. At one side of the face of the bill is a picture of the earth, with the motto, "Deus regnat, exultet terra" (God reigns; let the earth rejoice). The face has also this inscription: "The bearer is entitled to receive 60 Spanish milled dollars or an equal sum in gold or silver, according to a resolution of congress of the 14th January, 1779." The obverse side has a picture of two leaves—one of mint and the other a sprig of pine; also the printer's signature, "Hall & Sellers, 1779." Some time ago a newspaper at Spokane, Wash., stated that Otto Flechtl of Coeur d'Alene was the only known possessor of a \$60 bill in the country. Mr. Flechtl, it is said, was offered recently \$1,000 for his specimen. Mr. Rhoades states that his ancestors were long residents in Maine, from which state he himself migrated westward.

A DOCTOR THIS TIME. Portland, May 6th.—Dr. E. A. Rose, a practicing physician, formerly of Yates Center, Kans., was on what everyone supposed was his death bed. He had Diabetes, and six of his brother doctors were in attendance and consultation at his bedside. They had done everything that medical skill could suggest to save his life, but they were at last reluctantly forced to tell him that he must prepare for death.

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Now Kind of Exhibition. James Hudson, a New York tea buyer, has brought to this country from Arabia a sample of the laughing plant. It gets its name not because the plant laughs, but because it is the cause of creating laughter in any one eating its seeds. The plant is of moderate size, with bright yellow flowers in clusters, and soft, velvety seed pods, each of which contains two or three seeds resembling small black beans, which, if eaten, produce effects analogous to those of laughing gas. The seeds are pulverized and taken in small doses. Any one taking them begins to laugh loudly and boisterously, and then sings, dances and cuts all kinds of fantastic capers. The effects continue for about an hour, and when the excitement ceases, the exhausted individual falls into a deep sleep, on awakening from which he is utterly unconscious of any such demonstrations having been made by him.—Chicago Journal.

Historian a Mill-Hand's Son. Joseph Owen of Balliol college, Oxford, who has just been elected to a modern history fellowship in Pembroke college, is the son of a Lancashire artisan and worked in an Oldham mill when he first left school, at the age of 13.

Some historians say that the manufacture of silk was introduced into Spain by the Moors.

Of the 196,500,000 Mohammedans in the world, only 18,000,000 live in Turkey.

If You Have Dyspepsia Send no money, but write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., Box 142, for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative; express paid. If cured, pay \$5.00—if not, it is free.

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