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HEADS DEMANDED

British Public Is Disgusted With African Affairs.

Demand That Somebody Be Punished For Failure.

BUILDING WAR SHIPS

England Continues Work of Strengthening Her Navy.

Another Miniature of George Washington Is Discovered.

London, Dec. 29.—Miserable rain, fog and dirt made Christmas a week of evil memory for England. Depressing gloom, in thorough harmony with the weather, settled over the country. The coasts were strewn with wrecks, commerce was out of joint and the public was bitterly digesting the criticism of the British army. The demand for Major General Sir Henry Colville's resignation, thrown as a sop, only served to whet the ravenous appetities of those who are howling for the responsibility of the reverses in South Africa being brought home to individuals. More heads are demanded. Where so many must be blamable it is felt that the selection of General Colville is woefully inadequate if not unfair. Indeed, it is already said that had not the yeomanry force at Lindley, which Colville failed to relieve, included some of the nobility and other influential persons, Colville would never have been recalled. The bitterness felt by these yeomanry at being compelled to surrender because, as they allege, Colville refused to render the aid within his power, has never died out and it probably will result in one of the most interesting court martials in the annals of the British army upon the result of which will depend the fate of several other high officers, who have proved unequal to the occasion.

The Liberal papers comment severely on the acceptance by the war office of a contingent of Maoris from New Zealand. The Star says:

"The effect of this stupid blunder on the Dutch will be terrible. After declining to employ Indian troops, we are taking a paltry hundred Maoris. This will not only infuriate the Dutch but it will insult the Indian troops, who will regard it as a declaration of their inferiority to an inferior colored race. Go on! O! government of Muddlers! Even the Gods could not save you from your own invincible folly."

DAWN OF REASON.

However there are signs of the dawn of that common sense, the lack of which the English critics so deplore in the military system, for the cavalry now going out to South Africa is discarding the lance and carbine and substituting for these weapons rifles and sabers. After over a year's fighting the authorities have wakened up to the utter uselessness of lances and carbines, considering that thousands of British soldiers have never seen a Boer during the many engagements.

While Great Britain is tied hand and foot to South Africa, the navy which is not escaping the wave of criticism, is quietly increasing its strength and moral. For months both men and ships have been kept in an unusual state of readiness and there are now building in British yards no fewer than eleven battleships, 19 cruisers and 14 smaller vessels, totaling nearly 400,000 tons. These exclude vessels which have been tried but are unfinished.

The gradual removal of the social barriers which formerly restricted English political and educational life was never better instanced than by the appointment this week of Mr. Joseph Owen to a fellowship of Oxford. Six years ago Mr. Owen was a mill hand at Oldham, helping to support his poor parents. He attended at night the university extension lectures and so much ability did he show that the lecturers got up a fund and sent him to the great university, where with his wife he settled down in a humble cottage. He knew no Greek and little Latin. His first success came when he won the Brackenburg history scholarship, to the surprise of many learned aristocratic competitors. Four years of determined up-hill work passed and the final examinations drew near. On a position in these depended Mr. Owen's full future. A few weeks before the ordeal his young wife died suddenly. Mr. Owen's friends thought it impossible for him to accomplish anything, but the mill hand's grit stood the strain, and Mr. Owen gained the coveted first class, with the degree. His appointment as extension lecturer quickly followed, and Mr. Owen lectured where, six years previous, he had learned. The climax in his career came this week, when Pembroke college elected Mr. Owen, out of all the Oxonians, to the lucrative and honored post of fellowship.

PICTURE OF WASHINGTON.

There are few original pictures of General Washington in England, hence the discovery of another miniature is interesting. It is by Sam Folwell, and is dated 1791. Another by the same artist is now in the possession of the Historical Society of Philadelphia, dated 1796. The new find is supposed to be an excellent likeness. It represents Washington wearing a pigtail.

Glasgow, which the Christmas and New Year season has made notorious for the drunkenness exhibited in its streets, has acquired possession of an old mansion house situated in a deserted part of Ayreshire, at a cost of 7,000 pounds, where habitual drunkards will be sent for terms varying from three months to two years. The authorities hope to effect cures by making the inmates do farm work.

A TEMPERANCE TAVERN

Closed Its Doors in New York After a Brief Existence.

New York, Dec. 29.—The resort, Tivoli, closed its doors last night after an attempt had been made for two weeks to keep it open as a temperance tavern. The police watched the place to arrest women who left it without male escorts. This scared patrons away and the proprietor reached the conclusion that his efforts were unprofitable.

Jeff to Begin Training.

New York, Dec. 29.—It is stated that Champion Jeffries will in a few days begin active preparations for its championship battle with Gus Ruhlin which is scheduled to take place in Cincinnati on February 15. It is the Californian's intention to do all his work down at his old quarters at Asbury Park where he will stay for a couple of weeks. Then he will go to West Baden, Ind., for a short stay and finish his training near the battle ground.

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BIG FIGHT BEGINS

For the United States Senatorship in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—The battle for United States senatorship will begin in earnest within the next twenty-four hours. Colonel Quay and many of his lieutenants are on the ground, and the leaders of the opposition will be here before night. The greatest interest attaches to the organization of the senate and house on Tuesday. The stalwart Republicans believe that if they can organize both of these bodies the election of Colonel Quay will be assured. Few of the legislators are here, and the majority will not come in before Sunday night. Chairman Reeder, of the Republican state committee, has arrived, and opened headquarters.

Large placards announcing the candidacy of William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, for speaker of the house, and William P. Snyder, of Chester, for president pro tem of the senate, have been posted about the city. They are the only avowed candidate in the field, and will have everything to themselves until the Democrats and anti-Quay Republicans indicate their choice. Colonel Quay is conducting his canvass from his residence on Pine street, with the aid of Attorney General Elkins, Public Buildings Superintendent Eyre, State Chairman Reeder, and other stalwart leaders. Senators David Martin and J. Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia, leaders of the anti-Quay Republicans, are here, and will be joined tomorrow by Senator William Flynn, of Alleghany, and others in sympathy with them.

GIVEN A GOLD BRICK.

Statue of Pere Marquette in the Capitol a Rank Counterfeit

New York, Dec. 29.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald, the statue of Pere Marquette, in the statuary hall in the capitol, about which there was almost a religious war a few years ago, turned out not to be the statue of Pere Marquette at all.

This statue was presented to the nation by the state of Wisconsin. Objections were raised to its installation in the capitol by persons of other than Catholic denomination and for many months the authorities hesitated as to what they should do. They finally gave Pere Marquette a place with other prominent men.

A discovery has now been made of an oil painting of Marquette in Montreal, which indicates that the statue is as far from being an accurate representation of the famous priest as day is from night. The painting in Montreal, it is said, is undoubtedly authentic and was so covered with dust that no outline of the portrait could be had until it had undergone a careful cleaning.

It is believed that this painting is the only likeness of Marquette in existence and the face in oil is not the face of the Marquette in marble at the capitol.

Gen. Miles on Hunting Trip.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles and Dr. Daly are hunting at Rock Springs, on Trent river, as guests of C. P. Jerome.

ALL IN READINESS

Details For Century Ball Are Now Complete.

Will Be Important Social Event of the Year.

PLEASING PROGRAMME

Guests Will Be Entertained With Musical Numbers.

Grand March to Commence at 9:30 P. M.

OLD TIME FIGURES.

Early Dances Will Be Familiar Ones.

Twentieth Century to Be Ushered in With Pomp.

The final preparations were made today for the Twentieth Century Inaugural Fete at the Auditorium Monday night, which is given under the auspices of the Commercial club. The minutest detail has not been overlooked and the Auditorium arrayed as it is in its decorations will present a fairy spectacle on the eve of the beginning of the twen-

GEORGE W. CRANE,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

tieth century. "It is," to use a familiar expression, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

The doors will be opened at 7:15 o'clock and the entertainment which has been arranged for to precede the ball will begin at eight o'clock. The following is the programme:

1. Overture—"Echoes From the Windy City" ..... DeWitt Hoover Family Orchestra, under the direction of J. Scott Turney.
2. "Vinetta"—Clarionet solo..... Strong Pearl Hoover, 8 years old.
3. "The Lily"—Cornet solo..... Cosey Bertha Hoover.
4. "Gliene Blose Cope"—Trombone solo ..... Bennet Delnah Hoover.
5. Twenty minutes with Spanish troubadours in their inimitable musical sketch.
6. Picture dance with calcium light effects ..... Miss Fay Shreve

The grand march will begin promptly at 9:30. The march will be led by the following gentlemen with their partners: Dean H. Low, A. F. Williams, T. L. King, Adrian F. Sherman.

The programme of the music for the dances until midnight will include many of the old-time figures and square dances; and after midnight the favor dance for which dainty souvenirs have been provided and other of the late dances, the waltzes and two-steps predominating.

Exactly at 12 o'clock the 20th century will be heralded with a novel and interesting ceremony. The managers of the entertainment promise something astounding, startling and electrifying but the secret has been so well kept that the police do not know it.

Refreshments will be served on the stage. The following is the menu:

Chicken and Pickle Sandwiches.
Vanilla Ice Cream and Lemon Ice.
Assorted Cake and Coffee.

The music will be furnished by Watson's orchestra which has been augmented by the addition of a dozen extra musicians. Major Shreve will announce

ROBERT PIERCE,
Chairman of Entertainment Committee.

and call the figures in the square dances.

Dressing rooms have been improvised and attendants will be in each to look after the comfort of the dancers. A canopy will be stretched from the Auditorium to the edge of the walk if the night is stormy and every arrangement for the unloading of carriages, possible, has been made.

The floor has been oiled and waxed and those who have the matter in charge give every assurance that there will be no dissatisfaction with the condition of the floor.

Each of the holders of one or two dollar tickets will be furnished with cards upon entering the hall upon which they will be requested to write their name and address and drop in a box which will be placed in a convenient location.

The names will be engrossed on parchment and placed in the keeping of the State Historical society. The members of the executive committee have been untiring in their efforts and from the present outlook every promise is given that this ball will be one of the largest, ever given in the city.

Tickets have been placed on sale at Stansfield's, Woolverton's, Kellam's, Moore's and Arnold's. The advance sale of tickets has been very satisfactory.

Tickets admitting a gentleman and ladies will be sold for two dollars. Single admissions will be one dollar. Tickets for seats in the gallery will sell for 25 cents and will entitle the holder to the entertainment in the early part of the evening and to watch the dancers. If they so desire they may stay until midnight for the ceremony.

Many watch parties are being planned for that night. The watchers will reserve a certain portion of the balcony and remain until after midnight.

The following are the members of the committees who have had the arrangements for the ball in charge:

Executive—Geo. W. Crane, chairman; J. S. Warner, vice chairman; A. C. Babize, L. M. Wood, T. J. Anderson.

Invitation—W. H. Davis, chairman; B T. Lewis, vice chairman; W. H. Eastman, Howel Jones, jr., W. F. Schoch, H. E. Reisman, Mrs. W. A. Morton, Mrs. A. R. Lingafelt, Mrs. G. O. Wilmarth, Dr. Geo. A. Esterly, Paul Roehr, A. O. Wellman, C. E. Folsom, Scott Lord, Mark Putnam, W. M. Costley, Miss Gertrude Hill, Mart Wikidal, Mrs. Frank S. Davis, Mrs. M. J. McCaslin, Mrs. A. H. Thompson, Mrs. J. F. Jarrell, Miss Edith Brewer, Raymond Lyddane.

Floor—W. W. Webb, chairman; Dean R. Low, vice chairman; J. F. McManus, A. L. Williams, jr., E. C. Arnold, Charles Blood Smith, Chas. S. Holman, Clad Hamilton, T. L. King, A. B. Quinton, Walter Smith, J. W. F. Hughes, F. E. Nipps, W. W. Mills, A. W. Dana, Adrian Sherman, W. J. Black, H. L. Robinson, R. S. Johnson, E. H. Crosby.

Entertainment—Robert Pierce, chairman; J. B. Hayden, vice chairman; F. O. Pepenoe, Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter, Miss E. Parkhurst, T. E. Sheard, Mrs. W. L. Newcomer, J. C. Holland, Miss Celeste Nellis.

Music—H. L. Shirer, chairman; John Sargent, vice chairman; Jos. Gitley, Mrs. M. D. Henderson, Miss Florence Rossington, James Moore, June E. Moore, Mrs. D. J. Greenwald, Dell Keizer, Mrs. J. L. King, Miss Mamie Worrall.

Programme—M. C. Holman, chairman; J. F. McAfee, vice chairman; L. E. Gavitt, Miss Marie Kiesow, Mrs. Abe Steinberg, C. S. Downing, Mrs. H. W. Roby.

Refreshments—Otto Kuehne, chairman; W. A. Morton, vice chairman; T. J. Coughlin, Geo. B. Harrison, Miss Vera Martin, Chas. S. Elliott, Miss Bessie Stewart, Mrs. J. D. Norton.

Decorations—John F. Stanton, chairman; H. M. Steele, vice chairman; Mrs. R. H. Kinnear, R. E. Blair, W. S. Chaney, C. C. Baker, Miss Ellen Everest, John Dudley, Mrs. A. Capper.

Carriages—H. A. Auerbach, chairman; David Bowie, vice chairman; James Ramsey.

Ushers—Topeka City Troop. H. W. McAfee, president; A. M. Fuller, captain.

A JEALOUS RAGE.

Cleveland Man Stabs Wife and Son Then Suicides.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—A special to the Chronicle from Cleveland, O., says: In a fit of jealous rage late last night Martin Terpel, 48 years of age, fatally stabbed his wife Caroline, aged 38 years, and his son Matthew, aged 16 years. Then he shot himself through the heart, dying instantly.

A CHRISTIAN CRUSADE.

Opening of Century Will Be a Signal For Concerted Church Action.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The Record says: The Rev. Johnston Myers of the Immanuel Baptist church has just finished a canvass of the principal churches of his denomination in the state of Illinois. The canvass was to show the sentiment of the churches in regard to a revival. The committee, of which the Rev. Mr. Myers is chairman, held meetings at Springfield, Bloomington, Galesburg, Carthage, Rock Island, Upper Alton, Champaign, Aurora and Joliet, and with these towns as centers plans were laid to institute simultaneous revival services in every Baptist church in the commonwealth.

This canvass of Illinois by the committee, however, roused even more enthusiasm than was expected. Not alone were the Baptist churches in Illinois prepared for the Christian crusade but the Baptist churches of Iowa and Wisconsin asked permission to join and the number of churches in the movement was nearly trebled. The national committee of Baptist denomination in New York then recommended that all churches throughout the country join in the movement. As a result the movement has assumed national importance and marks, it is asserted, the greatest concerted revival in the history of the Baptist denomination. Nearly every Baptist church in the country will hold a watch night service New Year's evening, participate in the interdenominational week of prayer and January 13 will start an organized revival work.

The Methodists are looking forward to the watch night and revival services with more than ordinary interest, and the Congregationalists, Presbyterians and others are planning to do their share in the work. Christian Endeavorers, at the suggestion of Dr. F. E. Clark, the head of the society, are praying for the cause. The Y. M. C. A., the Epworth League, the King's Daughters, the Red Cross society and the Christian societies of the colleges are also planning to revive Christian interest with the opening of the new century.

The services in all the local churches tomorrow will forecast the work that is coming. All the Methodist pastors will preach on matters pertaining to the new century and New Year's day in all the Sunday services. The Baptists will endeavor to have their services open the way for their great revival planned for their denomination.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a "watch night of two centuries" in Willard hall, the woman's temple, Monday night. The occasion will be made a temperance rally, in which there will be a musical programme, a consecration service and an open parliament in which the following resolution will be discussed:

"That under the existing circumstances Mrs. Nation was justified in her attack upon a Wichita saloon."

Roman Catholics throughout the city are also making preparations for the services which will bid farewell to the old year and century and welcome the new in accordance with the edicts of Pope Leo XIII.

HAD HE TWO LIVES

Richard Furze Inflicts Two Fatal Wounds on Himself.

Either Supposed to Produce Death Instantly.

NO ONE WAS PRESENT.

Sent One Bullet Through Brain, Another Penetrated Heart.

Was an Old Employe of the Santa Fe.

HE HAD CONSUMPTION.

Would Have Been Sent to Las Vegas Today.

Coroner Is Investigating This Afternoon.

Richard N. Furze, an old employe of the Santa Fe, killed himself this morning.

The case is one for the doctors to explain, for both wounds were of such a nature that they are supposed to produce instant death—one bullet penetrated the brain, the other the heart. Which shot was fired first is an interesting problem.

If there had been any possible cause for any one to murder Furze the matter would receive a very close investigation. He had no money and no insurance, and not an enemy.

Mr. Furze has been in the employ of the Santa Fe for twenty years. He was in the water service department under John Lawless. He has been a sufferer from consumption, and for the last two years has worked only a small portion of the time. He was 48 years old.

For the past two months he has been boarding at 816 State street, with J. H. Wood, of the Santa Fe shops. On December 26 he laid off and went home sick. For the past two days he has been in bed. He made application for admittance to the Santa Fe hospital on Monday, but owing to the nature of the disease he was not admitted.

Mr. Furze lived with J. H. Wood at 816 State street. He has four grown children. Two of them live in Topeka, one in Fort Madison, Iowa, and one in Oberlin, Mo. His first wife has been dead several years. Mr. Furze was married the second time, but he has not lived with his wife for over three years, although he never secured a divorce. She now lives on Crane street.

J. R. Kearney, Mr. Furze's son-in-law, who lives at 1011 Topeka avenue, was with Mr. Furze yesterday, and made arrangements to have a barber go to the house this morning to shave him.

This morning after Mr. Wood had gone to work Furze called Mrs. Wood and asked her to telephone to the doctor at the Santa Fe hospital. As soon as she left the house it is supposed that he got out of bed, walked down stairs, secured the revolver from under Mr. Wood's pillow and walked back to his own room, went to bed again and then shot himself.

When Mrs. Wood went to call the doctor the only other person in the house was the little boy about four years old who was still in bed. When his mother returned he told her he had heard two noises.

Mrs. Wood paid no attention to the little boy's talk but when the barber came to shave Mr. Furze, about 8:30 he went upstairs, saw where the blood had been flowing from his mouth and his closed eyes and thought he had had a hemorrhage and sent notice to his brother, O. M. Furze was the first to discover the truth whereupon he called his brother-in-law and notified the officers.

The police officers were called and Sergeant Donovan and Officer Lucas went to the place. It was discovered that one shot had been fired through the right temple and one through the heart, either of which is supposed to cause immediate death.

The ball which passed through the head was found lying on the pillow, and the revolver was lying beside the dead man on the bed.

It is the opinion that the suicide was premeditated. Mr. Wood said that Furze had asked him yesterday to lay his revolver on the chair beside the bed because he was afraid some one would come in through the window.

O. M. Furze, a brother of the dead man, arrived in Topeka yesterday from Ft. Madison where he is an engineer on the Santa Fe. He came in answer to a telegram from J. R. Kearney telling of the sickness of Mr. Furze.

Arrangements were being made to take the sick man to the hospital at Las Vegas and he would have been removed today had it not been for his suicide.

The coroner was summoned and an inquest is being held at three o'clock at the undertaking rooms of DeMoss & Penwell.

CROWE'S PARTNER.

Police Think They Know the "Dark Complexioned Man."

Omaha, Dec. 29.—Eddie McGee, alias Burns, alias Ralston, the notorious leader in the Beal's kidnaping at Kansas City six years ago, and who served seven years in the penitentiary for a crime committed nine years ago and a term in the Joliet prison for another offense is now wanted by the police as the "dark complexioned man" in the Cudahy abduction. McGee is well known in Kansas City, Denver and in Illinois cities and is also known to be a friend of Pat Crowe.

The fact that the abductors told young Cudahy he was "wanted as Eddie McGee for stealing $500 from his aunt," is considered significant. McGee's criminal record is a long one and he is alleged to have had a hand in at least three abductions. His description fits fairly well that of the man seen in company with Crowe. His alliases have been numerous and there is some doubt as to his real name. He is said to have been married three times without securing a divorce from his former wives. At present he has a wife living in South Omaha known as Lizzie Burns, whom the police have been looking for as a late companion of Crowe.

RED TAPE SAVED HIM.

C. A. Link Drew His Beer Through a Hose.

C. A. Link was arrested last night at 611 North Kansas avenue at Mat Cave's place, where it is charged he was selling liquor.

The police met a new dodge at the place and the dodge saved the joints: his beer. Since the search and seizure ordinance was declared void the police have not been able to take anything from the joints except the liquor they find in the room. The frequent raids bother the joints, not because they are afraid of being guilty, but because they lost the beer and beer pumps. Link got around this by putting the beer keg in the basement and connecting it with the faucet upstairs by a rubber tube. All the police found when they entered the place was the rubber tube. They knew that it connected with a keg in the basement and they wanted that keg, but they had no warrant to enter the basement; the warrant read on the first floor of building at 611 North Kansas avenue.

In the future they will have to make their warrants read for the entire building and maybe for adjoining buildings, for there is no limit to the rubber tube idea. It may run clear to the wholesale houses.

CHINA REPLIES.

Acknowledges Receipt of the Powers' Joint Note.

Asks Five Questions Regarding the Terms Offered.

New York, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Herald from Pekin says:

A note was received last evening from the imperial court at Si Ngan Fu acknowledging the receipts of the demands of the powers. It further contained five questions, or requests, namely:

First—Might not the Taku forts remain standing, though dismantled?

Second—Is it proposed to behead princes the same as other offenders?

Third—If the demands are acceded to, would the allies cease sending out expeditions?

Fourth—What places do the allies propose to occupy?

Fifth—How long do they propose to occupy them?

NEW EMPEROR CHOSEN.

London Dec. 29.—Private advices from the province of Shansi say, wires the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that while the court was sojourning at Tai Yuen Fu, the emperor dowager appointed a new emperor, with the title Ting Hsu. He is a 15-year-old boy, who was taken to Sian Fu in the imperial yellow chair." This explains the permission given to Emperor Kwang Su to return to Pekin.

Emperor Kwang Su has notified the reform party that he is returning to the capital and will need their assistance.

QUESTIONS PERFECTLY NATURAL.

Washington, Dec. 29.—It is recognized by the officials here as a perfectly natural course on the part of the Chinese government to ask for explanations of the important points in the agreement reached by the ministers at Pekin. So they are not surprised to hear now that before blindly accepting the agreement as binding upon it, the Chinese court wishes for some definite statement as to what Chinese cities are to be occupied, how long the occupation is to continue, whether it is an absolute condition that the princes are to be beheaded and whether the Taku forts are to be razed or whether dismantlement will not suffice.

It is a fact that our government has from the beginning of the negotiations taken an attitude on these five points of inquiry closely corresponding to what it is supposed the Chinese government has assumed as a basis of putting them. Our government does not desire the absolute demolishment of the Taku forts; it will suffice for our purposes, having in mind a temporary stay in China that should be rendered harmless by dismantlement to prevent the ready access to the Chinese capital of any force which it might be necessary to send from Europe and America in the improbable event the Chinese government fails to live up to the obligations it will assume under the agreement. Feeling that the Chinese government should be given a suitable opportunity to demonstrate its good faith, our government has seen no necessary occupation between the Pekin and the sea.

There is no question in the mind of our government as to the extreme unwisdom of continuing the sending out from Pekin of punitive expeditions, which the Chinese government desires discontinued. So decided has been the objection of our government to the continuance of these military movements, which in its opinion have done much to prevent the Chinese authorities from carrying out their engagements to maintain order and insure safety of foreigners, that the United States has been nearly at the point of withdrawing from the concert. On the last point, namely, as to whether the Chinese princes were to be beheaded, our government's position remains unaltered. It simply demands that the Chinese government shall inflict upon the offending leaders, whether princes or mandarins or peasants, the severest possible punishment. The answers to the Chinese questions turn upon the understanding given to the word "possible." It is conceivable that the Chinese government may find it absolutely impossible to behead a prince. The result of the effort might be to overthrow the dynasty, destroy the government itself, and plunge the country into chaos. It is a question of fact to be decided.

Meanwhile it begins to appear from the character of the Chinese response that there may be more time consumed in securing a final acceptance of the agreement than was at first expected. It was not to be supposed that the allies, in view of their union upon the use of the word "irrevocable," as applied to the agreement, would tolerate unnecessary delay on the part of the Chinese government in acting upon the agreement, but upon inquiry it appears to be reasonable at least in the eyes of our government, that there can scarcely be a valid objection to their consideration.

Noted Dwarf Dead.

New York, December 29.—Major Mite, the dwarf, died at the New York hospital last night of a complication of diseases. He had been ill for some time. He was born in New Zealand and had been exhibited in circuses for 14 years.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight; colder Sunday; brisk south to west winds.

WHY BRYAN LOST

Prof. Herron Says It Was Because of Political Ignorance

And the Fact That He Is Not a Radical Man.

SPEAKS TO POPULISTS

Of the Middle of the Road Persuasion at St. Louis.

Meeting Called to Outline Party's Future Policy.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—A conference of middle-of-the-road Populists convened in the St. James hotel today in response to call issued by Joe A. Parker, of Kentucky, chairman of the national committee of that party, for the purpose of discussing their future policy. About ninety members of the national committee were present in person or represented by proxy. Neither Wharton Barker nor Donnelly were here. The latter is sick and could not come. Among those present are Joe A. Parker, Thomas J. Reed and J. D. Johnson, of Kentucky; S. S. Morgan, of Arkansas; Colonel Frank Burkett, of Mississippi; Tom P. Pease, of South Dakota; A. C. Vantine and Joseph H. Ferris, of Illinois; J. H. Hillis, of Missouri; Colonel J. S. Felter, of Illinois; Colonel Thomas Wadsworth, of Indiana, and Miss Clara Williams, of West Plains, Mo. A representative of the Socialist party was present in the person of Prof. George D. Herron, of Grinnell, Ia.

Chairman Parker, in calling the gathering to order, made a short address, in the course of which he said that the conference was called for the purpose of considering a future policy of the middle-of-the-roaders, who stood for no compromise. He believed in divorcement from both the old parties and declared that the fight should be carried forward without any compromise. Mr. Parker said he had issued the call to representatives of all branches of the Populist party, but that the "fusionists" had ignored it entirely. The time was ripe, he said, for a great political battle and he desired to ask the representatives of other reform movements to stand with the middle-of-the-roaders and make the principles of the latter theirs.

Prof. George D. Herron of Grinnell, Ia., who had been invited to be present, was asked to address the gathering on socialism. He said that the reason Bryan was not elected was because he was not a radical man, that he represented the eighteenth century philosophies and was profoundly ignorant of the present political needs. Before the last election a strange condition of affairs existed. One-third of the voters, the speaker declared, were not sure how they should vote. They were not in sympathy with the Republican party and in their extremity saw no refuge in the platform laid down by the Democrats. The result was they did the best they could. These voters are now waiting for a definite, clear-cut, radical programme of reform to be presented to them and this they will uphold. The real issue in America, Prof. Herron said, is a clear-cut conflict between industrial Democracy and capitalism, or industrial political absolutism brought down to date. There is no middle ground, the only way to obtain liberty, he said, was through industrial Democracy.

At the conclusion of Dr. Herron's remarks, there was a general discussion of the question, whether it was desirable to have a union with other reform elements, and, if so, on what basis could they afford to have such a union. When this discussion was finished, Chairman Parker appointed a committee, of which Colonel Frank Burkett, of Mississippi, W. S. Morgan of Arkansas, and Joseph H. Ferris of Illinois were the principal members, to prepare an address. A recess was taken.

WILLED HIMSELF DEAD.

Slayer of Auditor Morris Triumphs In His Determination.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Samuel McDonald, who one week ago shot and killed F. H. Morris, auditor for the war department, died this morning at the Emergency hospital from the self-inflicted wounds he received at the time of the murder. McDonald, after killing Morris cut his own throat and shot himself near the heart. It was thought he had a fair chance of recovery, owing to his remarkable physique but he was determined to die and so informed the attendants at the hospital. He was carefully guarded and prevented from inflicting any further injuries on himself, but for two days he refused to take nourishment as far as possible and this morning at 7 o'clock died quietly and without a struggle. The physician says death was due more than anything else to McDonald's determination not to live. It was a remarkable exhibition of will-power.

Notice of the death was sent to his brother, William McDonald, the opera singer, who is now in Denver.

Human Flesh For Sale

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—News is brought by the Rio Jun Maru that "boxer" proclamations have been found in Sebula calling upon Korean boxers to expel all foreigners including Japanese. The anti-foreign movement in Korea is reported to be increasing in such a manner as to cause much uneasiness. The famine in Shan Si is increasing and is causing much cannibalism. Human flesh is offered for sale and officials are unable to prevent it.

A State Charge.

Jess Weatherly and Hate Weatherly, the colored men arrested for stealing a pair of shoes from Harry Moody, were taken to the county jail this morning on a state warrant. It is charged that they broke in Moody's house to get the shoes so the charge of burglary was brought against them.

Severe Storm at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 29.—A storm of wind and rain passed over the city late last night. Heavy rains flooded various parts of the city. The largest steel barge was capsized in the bay, the tug Klondike sank and a small schooner foundered. No lives are reported lost.

Mr. McIntyre Resigns.

New York, Dec. 29.—Assistant District Attorney McIntyre resigned today, and Charles E. Le Barbier has been appointed as first assistant district attorney. Mr. Le Barbier has been an assistant district attorney for some time.