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## KNOX MAY HIT BACK AT CRITICS

Styled Morgan's Agent For Aid-  
ing American Bankers.

## CHINESE LOAN EXPLAINED

Secretary of State Believes the United  
States' Action Paved the Way For  
Reforms in Flowery Kingdom.

Secretary of State Knox resents the  
criticisms of his conduct of the state  
department and may issue a state-  
ment giving notice that if the people  
don't like his kind of diplomacy he is  
ready to lapse into a do-nothing rut,  
or give way to some one else.

Mr. Knox believes in mixing com-  
mercialism and diplomacy, and it ir-  
ritates him when he is accused of run-  
ning the department for the benefit of  
J. Pierpont Morgan and other big  
financiers.

Some of the inside history of the  
Hankow railroad loan was given out  
and throws new light on the part  
taken in that transaction by the United  
States. It seems that big world poli-  
tics are involved. This government  
stepped in just in time to prevent an  
act that would have retarded for many  
years the plans for the national pro-  
gress of China.

The \$20,000,000 Hankow railroad  
loan had been practically awarded to  
the German, French and English syn-  
dicate. At the eleventh hour the United  
States interfered and demanded a  
share of the loan. The European diplo-  
mats laughed at our representations.

The real reason the United States  
took a hand in the proceeding was the  
knowledge that the foreign syndicate  
was to be secured in its loan by a  
lien upon the likin taxes of the various  
provinces. This tax is regarded as one  
of the most archaic institutions of  
China and a great deterrent to its de-  
velopment.

The United States plans to abolish  
this tax and at the same time put the  
Chinese currency on a modern basis  
and reform the customs service. These  
reforms would have been impossible,  
or at least delayed for many years, if  
the Hankow loan had been put through  
in its original shape, as the lien on  
the likin taxes would have perpetuated  
the ancient customs.

The United States insisted on our  
right to share in the loan because of  
our treaty obligations with China and  
our prestige in that part of the world,  
our part in establishing the open door  
policy and other valid reasons. After  
a long and bitter controversy the United  
States won out.

Secretary Knox regards this as his  
big bit of statesmanship. It saved  
China a further setback, and enhanced  
the prestige of the United States in  
the East. At the same time stipulation  
was made that part of the supplies for  
the railroad should be purchased in  
America.

Secretary Knox turned over to J.  
Pierpont Morgan the duty of handling  
the share of the loan awarded to  
America. He merely stipulated that  
the firms taken into the syndicate  
should be of such a character as to  
carry absolute confidence to the fore-  
igners.

In view of the larger politics in-  
volved in these transactions, Secretary  
Knox grows very weary when he hears  
the charge that he is running the  
state department in the interest of  
Morgan and other bankers.

He believes his policy furthers the  
best interests of the United States  
government. He is becoming tired of  
the continued criticism, based, as he  
believes, on a wrong understanding  
of the situation, and is seriously con-  
sidering issuing a statement which  
will show that if the people don't want  
this sort of thing, he will be content  
to let his activities simply to pro-

tecting the lives and properties of  
Americans in foreign lands.

**Mine Victims' Bodies Mummified.**  
Eleven bodies of miners were recov-  
ered from the St. Paul coal mine at  
Cherry, Ill.

To the amazement of veteran mine  
inspectors the bodies entombed since  
last November, when brought to the  
surface, were found to be almost per-  
fectly mummified.

The mummified condition was  
brought about by the bodies having  
during three months been in a part  
of the mine which was dry and warm  
and going through a slow process of  
drying up.

The rescuers found the eleven  
bodies in what is known as the second  
level. They were about 175 feet from  
the main air shaft. The men instead  
of retreating to remoter parts of the  
mine, evidently had made a desper-  
ate effort to escape when the disas-  
ter occurred, and they were among  
the first to die.

They were found with their arms  
stretched forward and face down,  
having been suffocated as they ran,  
probably by a gust of heat and gas.

**Castellanes Ask \$13,500.**  
The Marquis and Marquise de Cas-  
tellane have instituted suit in Paris  
against the Princess de Sagan, their  
former daughter-in-law, for \$13,500  
back annuities. This, they allege,  
the count and countess, in the mar-  
riage settlement of 1898, engaged  
themselves to pay at the rate of \$500  
a year.

The annuity was paid until the  
Count and Countess de Castellane  
were divorced, when the countess, who  
was formerly Miss Anna Gould, re-  
fused to contribute further to the sup-  
port of her former husband's parents.  
M. Bonnet argued the case on behalf  
of the plaintiffs, and M. Clemenceau  
will reply within a week.

**Freed; Wed In 12 Minutes.**  
"Celerity, accuracy, celerity," is the  
motto of the acrobat. True to his pro-  
fession, Otto T. Max Unger, an acro-  
bat, was divorced and married within  
twelve minutes in New York.

At 3 o'clock, when the decree was  
granted, Malenie Anne Brogel, whom  
he was to marry, sat beside Unger in  
court. Before the ink had dried on  
the papers, the pair hurried to City  
Hall in a taxicab, and at 3:05 had tak-  
en out a marriage license.

Meanwhile, Alderman White had  
been summoned to City Hall by tel-  
ephone. He arrived at 3:09 and 3:12  
the pair were married.

**Careless Women Blamed For Divorces**

"The sloppiness of women is respon-  
sible for most of the divorce cases,"  
said Rev. Father Joachim, a Passion-  
ist priest, during a lecture at St. Pe-  
ters Roman Catholic church at Pitts-  
burg, Pa. "Before marriage many of  
them are neat and tidy at all times,  
but after the wedding ceremony they  
are careless about their looks only in  
the street.

"Many homes are wrecked because  
of the nagging and fault finding by  
both man and wife and a disposition  
on the part of both not to bear with  
each other's fallings."

**Grief Kills Wife-Slayer.**

William E. Westervelt, a contract-  
ing builder, who on the night of June  
16 last shot and killed his wife in  
their home in Tea Neck, near Trenton,  
N. J., died in state prison. He pleaded  
not guilty to murder in the second de-  
gree, and on Dec. 22 was sentenced to  
fifteen years. Westervelt was brought  
to Trenton on Dec. 27. From the mo-  
ment of his arrest he indulged in  
hysterical crying and refused to eat. He  
developed hasty pneumonia, which  
caused his death.

**Hetty Green's Cat Saves Many Lives.**

Satan, a big black cat owned by  
Mrs. Hetty Green, one of the wealth-  
iest women in the world, gave an  
alarm of fire to which 140 families  
in a block of Hoboken, N. J., apart-  
ments owed their escape from  
danger. Satan, who had been placed

in the care of the janitor in the ab-  
sence of his mistress, clawed at the  
janitor's door until he was aroused  
from his sleep. He found the hallway  
filled with smoke and routed out the  
tenants.

**Killed by Thief in Hotel.**

Two desperadoes with drawn revolv-  
ers raided the lobby of the Waverly  
hotel on the Bowery in New York,  
shot down and fatally wounded Fred  
Devlin, a guest who, when they de-  
manded money for drinks, was only  
able to produce a dime, and then held  
up and robbed the clerk of the night's  
receipts. Less than \$10 all told was  
the result of the hold-up. Devlin  
died shortly after the shooting, but  
was unable to tell who did it.

**Horse Falls Dead when Sold.**

As the auctioneer at the Steinsnyder  
horse sale at Vineland N. J., "Gone at  
\$167.50," the horse on which the bid  
was made leaped into the air and fall-  
ing over backward, died immedi-  
ately. Charles Griffith, a colored man,  
who had the halter strap wrapped  
around his own hand, was jerked into  
the air so hard that a physician was  
sent for to attend to his injuries. The  
horse broke its neck in the fall.

**Gets Leprosy From "Rats."**

Acting on the information that there  
are two girls in St. Louis who are  
suffering from leprosy caused by the  
wearing of "rats" made of Asiatic  
hair, G. A. Jordan, assistant health  
commissioner, will investigate the sale  
of hair goods here.

The girls, according to the health  
board's informant, were employed un-  
til a few days ago in a downtown  
store.

**Old Song Restored Voice.**

Thirteen years ago Jesse Everett,  
of Monticello, N. Y., completely lost  
his voice, having once been a good  
singer. When he heard the strains  
of a familiar air played upon  
the piano he told his wife he thought  
he could sing again and did so with  
remarkable effect. Physicians are un-  
able to explain the phenomenon.

**Fall 800 Feet to Death.**

Tipped out of an overturned mine  
bucket like pebbles from a hod two  
laborers in the Taylor mine of the  
New Jersey Zinc company at Newton,  
N. J., fell 800 feet to the bottom of  
the shaft and were dashed to death.  
It is not known what caused the buck-  
et to overturn.

**Sustains Local Option.**

Local option was sustained in the  
Virginia legislature when the Myers  
bill, calling on a popular election to  
decide state-wide prohibition, was re-  
ported unfavorably. This is regarded  
as a blow to the prohibition move-  
ment.

**Snowball Destroys Boy's Eye.**

While standing at a window watch-  
ing his father in a friendly snowball  
fight with a neighbor, at New Bright-  
on, Pa., little Frank Neadland was  
struck by a snowball which destroy-  
ed the sight of one eye.

**Won't Need a Crutch.**

When Editor J. P. Sossman, of  
Cornelius, N. C., bruised his leg  
badly, it started an ugly sore. Many  
salves and ointments proved worth-  
less. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve  
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years have been since infancy sub-  
ject to colds and croup. About  
three years ago I started to use Fo-  
ley's Honey and Tar, and it has ne-  
ver failed to prevent and cure these  
troubles. It is the only medicine I  
can get the children to take without  
a row." The above from W. C. Orn-  
stein, Green Bay, Wis., duplicates the  
experience of other users of Foley's  
Honey and Tar. It cures coughs,  
and prevents bronchitis and pneu-  
monia. Sold by all druggists.

## WOLGAST BEATS BAT NELSON

Won Lightweight Championship  
in 40th Round.

WAS HARD FOUGHT BATTLE

Although Nelson Was Not Knocked  
Out He Presented a Pathetic Ap-  
pearance, His Face Being a Mass of  
Cuts and Bruises and His Body Cov-  
ered With Blood.

San Francisco, Feb. 23. — Battling  
Nelson was defeated by Ad. Wolgast,  
of Milwaukee, in one of the most  
gruelling contests seen here in  
years. Wolgast is now the lightweight  
champion of the world and the Dane  
merely an ex-champion, who clearly  
and decisively illustrated that the old  
sage of the pitcher going to the well  
too often still holds good even in pug-  
ilism. Nelson was not knocked out,  
but he was so near it that the inter-  
vention on the part of the referee in  
the fortieth round was as wise as it  
was humane. The encounter was orig-  
inally scheduled for forty-five rounds.  
It surely could not have lasted much  
longer, especially the condition that  
Nelson was in.

The one-time peerless Battler pre-  
sented a pathetic sight. His face was  
one mass of cuts, bruises and scars.  
His right eye was completely closed  
and the blood streamed down his  
cheeks and covered his body. He was  
the typical spectacle of the fallen  
champion.

**Bat's Blows Lacked Steam.**

Nelson fought with the same game-  
ness and spirit that has characterized  
all of his fights. He was the same old  
Battler when it came to rushing and  
assimilating punishment. He was, too,  
the same old Nelson who was willing  
to take five blows in order to get  
home one punch. However, the old  
sting was lacking, for only once dur-  
ing the encounter was Nelson able to  
put the Dutchman down. From the  
thirtieth round on till the end Nelson's  
star seemed to have set. He be-  
gan to decline from the thirty-first.  
His leads were weak and he could not  
see to land. It was the beginning of  
the end, and when the sports realized  
that a new champion was in sight the  
odds quickly shifted to even money.

The contest was witnessed by a  
large crowd. It was promoted by Sid  
Hester, a local fight manager, and was  
a big success. It was held in a spe-  
cially built arena across the bay from  
here at a place called Point Richmond,  
a fast growing little city and harbor-  
ing plenty of game sports, too.

When the men faced each other it  
was figured that at least 11,000 per-  
sons were present. The receipts will  
easily figure close to \$50,000.

## BOY PATIENT'S BITE KILLS

Dr. C. C. Burhenn, of Jeanette, Victim  
of Blood Poisoning.

Greensburg, Pa., Feb. 23.—Dr. C. C.  
Burhenn, a leading physician of Jean-  
ette, five miles west of here, died from  
blood poisoning.

Several days ago, while attending a  
child about ten years old, who had  
contracted diphtheria, the physician  
placed his finger in the boy's mouth.  
The little patient brought his teeth  
down on the doctor's finger, cutting  
the flesh and bringing the blood.

In a few hours symptoms of blood  
poisoning developed and the physi-  
cian became very ill.

Special physicians were hurried to  
the sick man's side from Pittsburg,  
but the poison from the first seemed  
to have taken hold of the entire sys-  
tem, and but little hope was given  
the physician's family. In his weak-  
ened condition pneumonia set in, mak-  
ing the case hopeless.

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