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U. S. FOREIGN POLICY.

Secretary Olney Will Display Vigor in the Administration of His Department.

Russia to Be Asked to Assist in the Sealing Patrol Against Britain.

BUFFALO, Sept. 30.—A Washington special to the Commercial says: "There are strong indications that Secretary Olney intends to pursue as vigorous a foreign policy as the intense conservatism of President Cleveland will permit. It is intimated in diplomatic circles that he will soon, if he has not already done so, ask the co-operation of Russia in patrolling Behring sea for the preservation of the Alaskan seals. This work, under arrangements now in force, is performed by Great Britain acting in conjunction with the United States. During the season just past the British Government has shown a manifest indifference in carrying out its part of the agreement. So lax have been its efforts that the Canadian seal pirates have pursued their vocation with little fear of molestation and have slaughtered the animals indiscriminately. Secretary Olney has not been unmindful of Great Britain's attitude and it is not putting too fine a point upon it to say that he is greatly irritated with Her Majesty's government.

"It is now said that Russia would have assisted in patrolling the sea when Great Britain's services were asked, if this government had made the request. The British ambassador at Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, threw all his influence against the proposition, and so, too, did Mr. Bayard, our ambassador at London, when it was substantially advised by Mr. Gresham. The argument of both gentlemen was that it would be best for all concerned that England and the United States alone should be parties to the act. This was all right so long as Great Britain faithfully performed her part of the contract. Now that she has failed to do so, Secretary Olney intends to invoke the powerful aid of Russia in keeping the sea clear of poachers, or at least that part of the sea which it was agree should be exempt from the rapacity of the Canadians.

"This will be unwelcome intelligence to Great Britain, between which country and Russia a dislike more cordial and more deep seated exists than between any other two European powers. Great Britain will probably bluster and say that she will never permit sealing vessels flying the English flag to be molested by Russian cruisers. Russia, I am assured, will be indifferent to British protests and will gladly assume the responsibility of overhauling the poachers in the sea, let the consequences be what they may. As a high official authority expressed the situation to me to-day 'England cannot afford to go to war with the United States for so small a thing as a few fur seals and she certainly will not dare attempt it against Russia and the United States combined.'

"This states the case with epigrammatic force. Whatever arrangement is made between Russia and America must take the form of a convention, the ratification of which will require the sanction of the United States senate. While no one can foretell the action of this body, it is not unlikely in the present state of feeling that its assent will be given to the convention and thus open the door to complications without end."

MINERS' CONVENTION.

SPOKANE, Sept. 30. — The convention called to meet at Spokane on Wednesday will be one of the most important meetings ever held in the Northwest. The object of the proposed association is not to form a mining exchange, but to consult together as mining men and others interested in mines and to encourage the passage of such laws, both state and national, as will best subserve the mining industry.

Want of organization has been felt in all parts of the mining districts of the Northwest, and while isolated or individual effort often fails to successfully combat adversities which are met with, the combination of interests and general knowledge to be acquired by co-operation have led to the present movement. The field proposed to be covered by this organization are the States of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, and the Province of British Columbia. The promoters urge the presence of all who can afford themselves the short vacation.

The people of Spokane, Eastern Washington and Eastern British Columbia are now having a practical illustration of what the development of mines will accomplish in a business way. Spokane, owing to the development of the tributary interests, has practically recovered from the effects of the panic, her merchants are enjoying a large trade and at satisfactory prices, as a Seattle man who recently visited Spokane aptly said: "Second-hand stores and assignees' sales are now a rarity in Spokane." A number of Spokane people are in receipt of large and regular profits, the results accruing from the operating of mines, as yet but partly developed, the farmers of Eastern Washington are finding a ready market for large quantities of farm produce in the mining camps, thus enjoying practically a home market, and a general feeling of prosperity reigns where a year ago the outlook was extremely gloomy.

Mining operations, with the smelters and other adjuncts, afford employment for a large number of men at high wages, and a mining camp always offers a large market for merchandise, machinery and timber, one of the principal charges for operating a mine being the timber bill. The timber used in the mines of the famous Comstock lode is placed at a valuation of $55,000,000. In the ownership and management of mines men of large capital and marked business ability are engaged.

The coming convention is the principal matter discussed in mining circles, the general feeling being that although in the Northwest mining is in its infancy it is one of the chief resources of the Northwest, and it is destined with development to become one of the principal sources of wealth in this State, and by many it is believed that in the near future the mining interests of the State of Washington will lead the list in the value of the annual product.

If your child is puny, fretful, troubled with glandular swellings, inflamed eyes, or sores on the head, face, or body, a course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla is needed to expel the scrofulous humors from the blood. The sooner you begin to give this medicine the better.

GERMAN POLITICS.

BERLIN, Sept. 29.—Prince Hohenlohe, the German imperial chancellor, has abandoned the attempt to secure a majority in the reichstag through the aid of Centrist votes. Negotiations are now on foot between the factions of the Conservative party and the National Liberals and Moderates to secure concerted action throughout the next session of the reichstag on the most vital of the government measures. The movement is almost certain to succeed.

The relations between the Emperor William and Prince von Hohenlohe are so strained that it would not be surprising if there should be a new incumbent of the imperial chancellorship before the expiration of a year from the date on which the Prince was appointed, which was on October 29, 1894. The visit of Prince von Hohenlohe to St. Petersburg in the early part of this month has proved unfortunate for him officially. It was alleged that the Chancellor's errand while primarily of an official nature had also a personal side, the Prince desiring to obtain permission from the Czar that his wife might hold the estates in Russia of her deceased brother, the Prince Savan-Wittgenstein, which is said to be worth 50,000,000 marks. The advances which the German Imperial Chancellor made were not more favorably received than others which had preceded them, and the fact that Prince von Hohenlohe should have asked a personal favor of the Czar has, according to current report, greatly angered Emperor William.

There is, indeed, a decidedly strained feeling at present existing between the courts of the two nations. The traffic of the Baltic canal has not developed in a way to meet the expectations of its promoters. Owing to the number of accidents and the high tolls charged only 700 vessels passed through the canal during the month of August.

Among those arrested in connection with the discovery that secrets regarding the national defence were being sold to the French is a former Bavarian army officer, Pfeiffer, in whose rooms in Berlin were found models and drawings of German defence works and letters from the French military bureau. Altogether some fifteen arrests have been made. The drawings and models seized are for the most part descriptive of the new heavy ordnance and plans of fortifications, but three letters found are reported to have contained instructions from the war department at Paris.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Col. Shervington, formerly commander-in-chief of the Malagasy forces, which position he resigned in April last, has been interviewed by the Daily News regarding the war in Madagascar. Col. Shervington told a reporter that the Hovas intended to fight to the bitter end, and he is convinced that the French accounts of their victory over the Hovas at Majunga have been issued for the purpose of cheering the French people. Col. Shervington said further that it was ridiculous to suppose, as was stated in an official dispatch from Madagascar this week, that the main body of the Hovas army had been met forty miles from the capital and defeated. The Hovas, Col. Shervington says, would never expose the capital by dispatching the main body of troops to the front. The French expedition has not met the Hovas army, he said, and will not until within two miles of the capital. Then, concluded Col. Shervington, there will be a desperate battle.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The Echo de Paris says that reinforcements from the island of Reunion will join the column which will be sent to relieve General Duchesne's troops in Madagascar after the French troops under that officer have occupied Antananarivo.

THE CHURCH IN THE U. S.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—Some of the American bishops, doubting that Rome would strictly enforce the order condemning Catholic membership in the Knights of Pythias, Sons of Temperance and Odd Fellows, recently wrote for instructions. A letter in reply from Archbishop Larrisen, secretary of the propaganda, says there is no chance for a revocation of the decree. In special cases recourse may be had to Rome.

TACOMA, Sept. 28.—Articles of incorporation of the True Witness Publishing Company were filed to-day. The trustees are John Leo, L. C. Bronson and Frank A. Edtl. The object of the corporation is the publishing of a paper "for the promulgation and protection of the Roman Catholic faith, as taught and enjoined by the Holy Roman Catholic church, whose head is the Pope of Rome."

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

TORONTO, Sept. 28.—(Special)—The sixth and last of Principal Grant's letters on the Manitoba school question is published to-day. Dr. Grant says the situation in Manitoba is a grave one. He calls far further investigation and delay and blames both sides. In closing he says: "In drawing these letters to a close permit me to say that no one is more conscious of their imperfections than I am. My only plea is that I have done my best. I have offended extreme men on both sides, and possibly that is a sign that I am not wholly wrong in my opinions. I have given these opinions frankly, because it would have been cowardly to conceal them. They can be taken for what they are worth; but the facts which have been stated must stand, and every reader can draw his own conclusions from them."

ALBERNI BOOMING.

ALBERNI, Sept. 28, via Wellington, Sept. 30.—(Special)—George Brown came in today from the new ledge recently discovered near the Nanaimo road and close to the Cameron river. The new ledge is more than forty feet in width and the country has a splendid slate formation. A number of claims have been located for some of the wealthiest men in Victoria. F. P. Saunders returned from Mineral Creek to-day. Speaker Higgins and Captain Woolley have gone to Sproat lake. A large number of people are in town and the mining interest is booming.

George A. Huff leaves for Cowichan next week to be on hand for the election next Saturday.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

A Lady Who Was Born on the Historic "Beaver"—Shooting Accident.

Three Men Drowned—Coal Shipments—Small Debts Court—Snow Fall in Nicola.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Sept 30.—Mr. Evans-Thomas, manager of the opera house, appealed to the citizens of Vancouver to attend the opera house on two benefit nights for the purpose of enabling him to pay off the outstanding debts of the house, such as taxes, etc. A good programme was presented by the amateurs on Saturday, and the house was crowded. The living pictures were a great success. A number of young ladies, among the prettiest in the city, posed to illustrate many famous pictures. Those that received the most applause were "The Dirty Boy," Mrs. Machin and Master Corderoy; and "The New Woman," Miss Hunt, who courageously appeared in bloomers and short jacket and posed in the act of smoking a cigarette, while a bootblack in open-eyed wonder is polishing her shoes. Each representation was accompanied by vocal and instrumental music behind the scenes.

Mr. T. Wygant has written to Mr. W. McCain, who patented the Beaver medals, that his wife, who was a granddaughter of Dr. John McLaughlin, one of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s governors, was born on the Beaver on a trip from Fort Vancouver to the company's post at Stickeen.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 1. — The Woman's Christian Temperance Union are starting a home for homeless young women and girls, mainly for the purpose of caring for them when sick and looking after their moral welfare. The council have declined to make an appropriation of money in their favor. The ladies estimate that it will cost them $150 a month to run the home and hope to raise a sufficient amount by private subscription.

Every lumber mill in the province is to cut full time. It is reported that the Ross-McLaren mills are to start up shortly. The Moodyville mills have again started cutting, and the red cedar mills at Port Moody have been purchased by a Seattle company who will operate them at once. The Brunette mills will shortly be rebuilt.

At the council meeting last night the position of poll-tax collector and assessor was ballotted for and resulted in W. E. Johnstone being appointed to the position. J. T. Brown was appointed milk and license inspector. Robert Marrion received the appointment of health and plumbing inspector. All the old servants of the city have been let out, and civic salary cutting is probably at an end, while the council have saved a few hundred dollars a year, which they have diverted to their own pockets in the shape of salaries. The council passed a resolution to be forwarded to the acting provincial Premier, protesting against the use of Dead Man's Island for a marine railway, and calling the Premier's attention to the fact that the island was placed under the care of the corporation for the benefit of citizens as part of the park.

The death rate was larger than usual in Westminster and Vancouver last month. In the latter place there were 24 deaths, 20 births and 17 marriages. In Vancouver and Westminster combined there were 40 deaths.

The charge against E. M. Wylie, who has been arrested by the provincial constables, is that he supplied liquor to an Indian woman who has been found drowned. There were eight whiskey bottles in the woman's canoe. Wylie will be tried up North in a few days.

The New England Fishing Co.'s steamer Capilano arrived from the fishing banks yesterday with a large cargo of halibut. The fish were shipped East yesterday. The price of halibut on the local market is now 6½ cents.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. Michael's, St. Paul's and Mt. Pleasant Methodist churches yesterday.

The news of the transfer of the yellow cypress timber limits to an English company, which appeared in the COLONIST exclusively a short time ago, has been confirmed by a cable from England. The limits are near Takush harbor and contain 14,000 acres. A mill will be erected on the limits. A company has been formed in London with a capital stock of £80,000. Those who sold the timber limits will retain stock. Yellow cypress brings a large price and is used in fine cabinet work. Messrs. McKinnon de Beck & Co. brought the deal to a consummation after three years' work. It is the only yellow cypress limits in Canada of sufficiently fine quality or quantity to be worked on a paying basis. The capital of the new company is $500,000. The company will be managed from Vancouver with ample working capital. Those who originally staked the claim will retain an interest in the company.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Sept. 30.—His Excellency has written that he will be in Westminster on the 10th and that he will remain until the 12th.

S. H. Roach met with a serious shooting accident at Mud flats, near Hastings, yesterday. He was pushing a boat off the flats and on entering the boat again his gun by some unaccountable means was discharged, the charge entering his leg. He was taken to the hospital and is doing well.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 1.—A prominent fruit shipper said to your correspondent yesterday that fruit exporters had no complaint against the C.P.R. in reference to freight rates. The people that were grumbling were not directly interested. The rate had been rather high for the first two shipments made this year, but had been reduced from $2 to $1.12 per hundred.

This enabled shippers to dispose of their fruit in Manitoba to advantage. This season the success obtained had not been very great; but it was not freight rates, but bad packing and over ripe fruit that was responsible, and above all the childish squabbling of two rival shipping syndicates. If the fruit growers would unite, use care in packing their fruit, and send only good fruit, they would be able to do well next season. The outlook is bright.

A gentleman who has thoroughly tested every legitimate line in farming, said to your correspondent yesterday: "There is money in chickens in this province. The sale of fresh eggs pays me better for the investment than anything I ever tried in British Columbia, and I have tried everything." The Delta creamery is far past the experimental stage. Their capacity is 500 pounds a day, but they are turning out about 250 to 300 pounds. Many of the farmers object to the creamery running on Sunday, so that a day is lost each week. Victoria is the natural market for the creamery, and with the exception of Monday's shipment to Vancouver the Capital absorbs the supply. The freight from Ladner's to Victoria is less than to Vancouver, as the shipment goes direct by the C P N. boat to Victoria. For that reason the butter can be laid down cheaper in Victoria, being delivered at the stores by the Creamery Co. at 25c and sold at 35c. The demand is far in excess of the supply, and not until there is a creamery of large capacity in every municipality will the demand be satisfied. Butter is scarce now owing to the Winnipeg season being over. As the Manitoba season is shorter it is more expensive to run their creameries than in British Columbia where the employes are engaged for a long season. The company is now paying the patrons 80 cents per 100 pounds for milk yielding an average of 4 per cent. of butter fat, with a proportionate price for a lower or higher standard of quality.

There were but two fires in Westminster last month, the loss aggregating $1,300.

The customs duty collected in Westminster last month was $10,490 or $740 less than the corresponding month last year. The imports were $59,659 and the exports $88,775.

A successful public reception and mass meeting under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Templars of British Columbia was held in St. Leonard's hall last evening. Addresses of welcome were presented by the Royal Templars of Temperance, Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Ministerial Association.

The vital statistics for September were: Births 12, deaths 16, marriages 9.

Active preparations are being made for the Chilliwack fair, which takes place on Thursday and Friday next. From indications the exhibition will be ahead of other years. Arrangements are being made for easy transport for the visitors.

The members of the special committee—Messrs. G. W. Henry, E. Hutcherson and R. M. Palmer—appointed by the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association to visit the provincial fall exhibitions, are now carrying out the several duties allotted to them.

The band has purchased a double bell euphonium, the only instrument of the kind in the province. It will be played for the first time at the Westminster exhibition.

A number of Vancouver and Westminster people visited the Langley Prairie exhibition to-day. The weather interfered somewhat with the attendance, but the show was an excellent once.

The prospectus of the Fishermen's co-operative cannery is to be issued shortly. There is no doubt that from the promises made of stock being taken, the company will be formed at an early date.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Sept. 30.—Judge Harrison has at last rendered a decision in re Parsons vs. Simpson, in which His Honor rules that Police Magistrate Simpson has no jurisdiction outside the city limits to hold a small debts court.

Word has been received here of the drowning of three unknown men at Nanoose Bay on the 19th inst. Charles Wilson, a resident of that district, says he saw a boat in which the men were sailing towards Nanaimo capsize and all three sink.

The foreign coal shipments for the month were 55,676 tons, being a large increase over August.

NELSON.

(From the Nelson Miner.)

Twenty-six tenders were received for building the extension of the C.P.R. from the Wigwam to the head of the lake.

Harrison Watson, caretaker of the Canadian section of the Imperial Institute, was in town yesterday, having travelled overland from Nakusp to Kaslo. He left in the afternoon for Rossland.

R. G. McConnell, of the Dominion survey department, who left for Ottawa on Friday, has this year been at work chiefly in the Slocan and Ainsworth districts. He hopes that the department will shortly issue a sketch plan.

At a meeting of the South Kootenay Board of Trade, held at Nelson on Monday, the following officers were elected: President, John A. Turner; vice-president, J. F. Hume, M.P.P.; secretary, J. Houston; committee, U. A. Bigelow, R. E. Lemon, T. Madden, J. Gilker, P. B. C. Turner, W. Jowett, E. Applewhaite, W. F. Teetzel and C. Hamber.

J. Sussman, late of the Kansas City Smelter Co., has nothing to do with the establishment of a smelter. His duty is to visit all shipping mines and keep the C.P.R. informed of the amount of ore that may be ready for transport during the season.

To-day the news of dividends rains upon us. The War Eagle started the game. The Slocan Star followed suit quickly followed by the Le Roi. Now the Alamo has joined the glad throng and the Idaho keeps up its place. On Monday last at a meeting of the directors of the Alamo Mining Company, held at the concentrator, Three Forks, a dividend of 7½ per cent., amounting to $35,000, was declared. At the same time the proprietors of the Idaho, a private partnership, divided $4,500 among themselves. In April last they received $30,000. Work is now fully resumed and the output will soon be large. The Alamo is supplying the concentrator with sufficient ore to turn out 20 tons of concentrates a day.

TRAIL CREEK.

(From the Nelson Miner.)

The right-of-way to the Crown Point is being cleared.

Building at Trail is fairly busy.

The Homestead ledge carries over 100 ounces in silver and $12 in gold.

The Re Roi is putting out about 90 tons of ore a day and shipping from seventy to seventy-five.

The Crown Point fraction has been bonded by W. H. Mead.

Owing to recent rains both the Northport and Trail Creek roads are in bad condition. The government is spending $1,500 on the latter and putting in a good top dressing of broken granite.

A great deal of material is at Northport waiting to be brought to Rossland. There are two large boilers for the War Eagle and a set of air pipes for the Centre Star.

The owners of the commander are hard at work. The shaft is down about 18 feet. An assay of the ore showed 30 per cent. in copper and $12 in gold. Last week a solid body of ore 8 feet wide was discovered.

Work is progressing on the smelter at Trail. It will have a capacity of 125 tons a day. Of this amount about 100 tons will be received from the Le Roi, leaving only a capacity of 25 tons for other custom work.

The Iron Horse is showing up exceedingly well. The ledge, which is 21 feet wide, like so many other Trail Creek properties, gets richer as it gets down. The assays of rock, for the last six days, have ranged from $34 to $96 per ton, giving an average of about $60 in gold.

The War Eagle mine has shipped 7,015 tons of ore to date. The last 27 shipments, amounting altogether to 2,300 tons, brought an average return from the smelter of $48 30 per ton. From this must be deducted $10 50 for freight and treatment, $2 per ton haulage to Trail and $4 for mining, leaving a net profit of $31.80 per ton. A new tunnel is now being run in from below to tap the vein, which it is expected to reach in 1,800 feet.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Ledge.)

The Kalispell will work all winter.

Twenty men are working on the Antoine.

The Monitor is reported to have been bonded to Tom Jefferson.

The Rambler will ship a carload of ore in a few days.

Ore is being packed from the Mountain Chief for shipment via Nakusp.

The concentrator at the Washington will be finished in 90 days.

J. L. Drumheller, of Spokane, has sued Messrs. Bollander, Van Dorn and McClement for $10,000 for entering on the grounds of the Stevenson mineral claim and cutting timber.

Ira Black has bought Mitchell's interest in the New Columbia on the north fork of Carpenter creek.

Ore is being packed from the Howard Fraction on Springer creek to Slocan City.

Large bodies of ore have recently been struck in the Reco and Iyanhoe properties.

E. C. Weaver has a contract to run a 350-foot tunnel on the Elgin.

The Roulette, on the north fork of Carpenter creek, will work this winter. Three men are working on the Jo Jo in the same district.

Dan Mann, the railway man, has purchased an interest in seven claims from his brother, Hugh Mann, and will work some of them all winter. Dan owns the North Star in East Kootenay.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The Nakusp brought up two cars of Alamo and one car of Slocan Star ore on Thursday.

J. D. Sibbald has left for the Big Bend. He will spend some time at the Parks mine, Smith creek and visit the French creek and McCulloch creek mines.

Messrs. Jose and Nowell have arrived at Illecillewaet and gone out to-day to the Dunvegan to give it an investigation in behalf of the Seattle syndicate, two assessments having been done on the mine this summer.

R. H. Lee, surveyor, and party have returned recently from Canoe river. At the instigation of the Provincial Government Mr. Lee has been conducting an exploratory survey along the Canoe river, northward from its junction with the Columbia, with a view of obtaining data as to the adaptability of that part of the country for agricultural and timber purposes. The valley is dry meadow, from one to four miles wide and free of danger from high water. The soil is rich and well adapted for agriculture.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

The rivers and creeks are full of white salmon coming up to spawn. They are much battered and bruised.

The Ashcroft fair takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, and promises to be a good one. There will be horse races and athletic sports on Thursday.

Owing to the absence of the mayor without having appointed any alderman to act in his place, there is no one authorized to sign cheques and city payment has been stopped.

Snow fell last week in some parts of Nicola, doing damage to crops not yet harvested. James Frisken and John Fraser had wheat so badly lodged that there will be difficulty in cutting it.

J. A. Mackay, conductor on the S. & O. branch of the C.P.R., went to the coast this week, where before his return he will be married to Miss Ella Ladner, daughter of Rev. Mr. Ladner of Lulu Island.

The Great Northern, a claim in the Lardeau owned by an American company, will commence shipping ore at once. The contract for the hauling has been let to A. Corsar.

Rev. E. P. Flewelling has a potato measuring 13 inches in length and weighing three pounds 10 ounces. It was raised on the Church of England grounds.

At the cinnabar mine at Savona retorting has begun, and on Saturday last about 250 flasks had been filled and an additional stock of empty flasks had come in. The owners expect to find sale among the gold mines of the province for part of the output.

The navigation of the river up to Revelstoke has closed exceptionally early this year. The water is now so low that the steamer Nakusp will in future land at Wigwam, the terminus of the Revelstoke and Arrow Lake branch.

A large number of friends gathered at the residence of Harvey Woodward, of Lower Nicola, on Wednesday, September 25, to witness the marriage of his daughter, Miss M. E. Woodward, to A. R. Carrington, of Nicola Lake.

The list of sports provided for the Kamloops fair is a long one and good prizes are offered. Horse races, baseball, bicycle races and a hose reel contest are the attractions. Although the fair promises to be highly successful, Kamloops is so situated that from year to year the extent of exhibits shown and field covered by the exhibition should grow to embrace the whole interior of British Columbia.

F. S. Barnard, M.P.P., on his way home from London, England, spent two days of this week with J. A. and Mrs. Mara.

VALUABLE TO KNOW.

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RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN CHINA.

How the Muscovite is Strengthening His Position in the Flowery Kingdom.

American Sympathy Manifestly With the Czar as Against Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—It appears from an official report received here, dated the latter part of August, that Li Hung Chang is again in disfavor, and that the leaders of the ignorant native factions are uppermost. The viceroy of Nanking is the head of the opposition to Li, and the reports show that this Nanking viceroy is the new power in China. A nominal title of "imperial chancellor" has been conferred upon Li, but it has no power or duties. It has been found, however, that Li is the only man capable of negotiating the new commercial treaty with Japan, and he has been named for this duty. A serious hitch has occurred in the treaty, owing to the Japanese demand that Japanese courts shall have extra territorial jurisdiction in China, while no such Chinese courts are to be allowed in Japan. This is a humiliation which the Chinese resent.

On November 8 the first instalment of 50,000,000 taels of the Japan war indemnity is due. Russia has already deposited the money in China, but a grave question has arisen whether China, having the money, will pay it to Japan. One faction demands that part of it be retained for China's home needs, with an extension of the debt to Japan. Russia insists that the full sum shall be paid to Japan.

Reports to official and diplomatic representatives of Eastern countries indicate that Russian influence is becoming dominant, and that British influence, which has hitherto been uppermost in the development of the East, is being systematically eliminated from the control of China and the East. The advance of Russian influence has come by stages, none of which have been sufficient in itself to attract marked attention, but all of them combining toward complete Russian supremacy. At the close of the recent war Russia dictated the evacuation of the Liaotung peninsula and the great fortress of Port Arthur, which had been captured by the Japanese.

It is believed that it is the ultimate purpose of Russia to occupy Port Arthur, and that the formal evacuation by the Japanese will be followed before long by Russian entry under Chinese approval. After Russia had dictated the retirement of the Japanese from Port Arthur, the Russian government advanced the sum necessary to pay the first instalment of the indemnity to Japan. The amount reached $100,000,000 in gold, including the war indemnity and the payment for the release of Port Arthur. This has been followed within the last few days by reports of the establishment at Shanghai of a Russian bank as a medium of China's financial dealings with Russia.

While Russia is making her hold on the East secure, English influence is being thrown off by a succession of events. The Chinese have dismissed Sir Robert Hart from the head of the customs department. Sir Robert was the principal representative of English influence in China. He had modeled the Chinese custom service on English lines and officered it with foreigners. His title was conferred upon him by the Queen by reason of his conspicuous and honest service in China. His retirement has been followed by a demand by China for the recall of Mr. O'Connor, the British minister to Peking, the ostensible reason being the zeal of the minister in the recent investigation of riots against foreigners, though those conversant with the facts say that the real reason was the influence of Russia.

An American gentleman recently arrived in Washington after being in China for some time negotiating for the building of a railroad with American capital, found the Russian influence so strong that he went to the Russian ambassador at Peking to learn if the American project would be viewed with favor by the Russians. The ambassador said: "Yes, Americans and American capital will be welcomed in the development of China, but British capital is not wanted." In the most emphatic manner the ambassador made known his opinion that Russia had openly entered upon her course of controlling and developing China.

In an indirect way the United States has become involved in this evolution of Chinese affairs. The present condition was foreseen by Great Britain some time ago, before the Rosebery government went out of office. Lord Kimberly addressed a note to this country, suggesting joint action in the settlement of the China-Japan trouble. It has since been disclosed by British officials at Washington City that the purpose of Lord Kimberly was to cement English as against Russian influence. The United States declined Lord Kimberly's overture, and as a result the Russians have been left free to execute their broad plan of bringing the Eastern world under the influence of the Czar.

SPANISH CRUISER LOST.

HAVANA, Oct. 1.—Following close upon the loss of the Spanish cruiser Barcastegui, which was sunk in a collision with the Spanish merchant steamer Mortera off Morro Castle, resulting in the drowning of Admiral Delgamo Parejo, commander-in-chief of the Spanish naval forces in Cuban waters, and forty-six men, comes news of the wreck and probable total loss of the Spanish warship Cristobal Colon, a second class cruiser about 12,000 tons displacement and 16,000 horse power. She formed part of the fleet of Spanish warships detailed to watch the coast of Cuba in order to prevent the landing of filibustering expeditions from the United States and elsewhere. Her crew is estimated to have numbered about 200 officers and men, but the exact figures are not known here at present as she had on board men intended for other patrol vessels of the Spanish fleet, and may have detailed the men on shore. The Christobel Colon appears to have encountered severe weather off Cape Antonio and to have put into the Gulf of Guadiana for shelter. There she tried to ride out the fierce gale and heavy seas, but was slowly driven towards Colorado point. Everything possible seems to have been done to save the cruiser, but in the heavy sea running all efforts in that direction were useless and she was finally abandoned.