

Around the Globe.

THE CHINESE WAR CLOUD.

What a day or an hour may bring forth in the 'purple east' is beyond the power of any man to predict. As F & H goes to press there are indications of a general uprising of the Chinese people, north and south, against the 'foreign devils.' That picturesque London journalist, William T. Stead, puts the case this way: "The fact is that the white world is face to face with a determined effort, by no means confined to China, on the part of the colored races, to assert their rights to live their own lives in their own way, without the perpetual bullying of palefaces." This may be an over-statement, nevertheless, repeated aggressions on the part of Russia, Great Britain, Germany and France, since the weakness of China was demonstrated in the war with Japan, undoubtedly have infuriated the mass of common people. The invasion of eastern Siberia by Chinese showed plainly enough the feeling of the Chinese toward Russia.

The force which the United States will have in China in August is estimated at 10,000, and provision has been made for placing 15,000 men there. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, in command of our troops, has been made a major-general. The president has sent a commissioner to China to investigate the situation, in the person of W. W. Rockhill, chief of the bureau of American republics, formerly chief secretary of the legation at Peking. He writes and speaks Chinese fluently.

Here and There—Trade with Porto Rico has nearly doubled in the past year, though that with Cuba has increased but little. Exports to the island from the United States in May, 1929, were \$305,564, and in May, 1930, \$626,473. The imports into the United States from the island in May, 1929, were \$647,172, and in May, 1930, \$1,103,567.

Chicago city officials have allowed the removal to Union park of the riot monument erected in Haymarket square in memory of the policemen killed there in 1886 by the anarchists.

A monument to Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, will be erected on the Lincoln farm near Evansville, Ind., where her body is buried.

The earl of Hopetoun has been appointed governor-general of the new Australian commonwealth. He is hardly 40 years of age and his five-year occupancy of the governorship of Victoria was creditable. He is a man of large means, a member of the Scottish peerage and a peer of the United Kingdom.

Siberia is no longer to be a penal colony. The imperial decree abolishing the former status is a result of the building of the Trans-Siberian railroad. Nothing since the opening of our own western lands by the Pacific railroads has been comparable to the rapid settlement of the vast Siberian plains by the rushing farmers who have followed the iron road.

Nine thousand Mormons have established themselves in Alberta, Canada, having founded five towns, of which the leading one is Cardston, with a population of 8000. The chief industry is agriculture, which is said to be pursued with marked success. These Mormons are said to be non-polygamous.

An immense steel plant to be built in South Buffalo by the Lackawanna iron and steel company, capitalized at \$25,000,000, will get all its power by electricity from Niagara Falls.

Christian Endeavor—The 50,000 or so of Christian Endeavorers in session at Alexandra palace, near London, elected Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark president and treasurer of the world's union of the Y. P. S. C. E. and John Willis Baer of Boston secretary. The number in attendance at the meetings represented not merely the United States and England, but Germany, France, Spain, Japan, Australia, Jamaica, Mexico and other countries.

Famine Figures—Dr. Louis Klopsch, who has recently traveled 2000 miles in the famine-stricken portions of India, says: "One-half of India to-day is a great charnel house, in which countless thousands have already perished of cholera, plague, dysentery and starvation, and as many more are doomed to a like fate. Twenty thousand new cases of cholera weekly, with 75 per cent mor-

tality, representing 15,000 deaths every seven days, plague on every hand, dysentery mowing down its victims right and left, and starvation starving millions in the face, reaping a harvest unprecedented, sums up the horrible story."

The North Country—There is reported a surplus of over \$1,000,000 in the Canadian treasury from the revenue of the fiscal year just closed, to apply on the public debt, which is about \$260,000,000. The Dominion has been "running behind" in its expenses for many years, and the apparent turn of the tide is heartily welcomed.

The 30,000 people gathered on the gold coast of Cape Nome, Alaska, are reported by the United States treasury department to be threatened with an epidemic of typhoid fever, under conditions which render it next to impossible to combat the disease. Many of the people are penniless, and at the end of the 90-day working season may have to be transported from thence by government steamers. Many gold seekers are leaving the district, on account of the enormous cost of living and the discouragements met at every hand.

The Birds are now in charge of the department of agriculture, in accordance with the provisions of the Lacey act. Certain live animals also are included under the law. To import a bird from abroad calls for a permit, with certain exceptions. Among the birds whose importation is forbidden is the English sparrow. Interstate traffic in birds or game killed in violation of state laws is prohibited. The act calls for the distribution by the department of agriculture of certain game birds, but as no appropriation of money was made for the purpose, this plan cannot be carried out at present. The Lacey law is expected to be a potent agency in the preservation of wild birds.

Virginia has been selected for the name of one of the new battleships. The name of Virginia has been borne in our navy but by one vessel, a comparatively small steamer used in the civil war. Virginia was, however, a famous name in the Confederate navy. Thirty-two naval vessels built or authorized bear the names of states of the Union, leaving but 13 states to compete for the next battleship of first rate. Armored cruisers may be named after states, as they come within the category of first rates.

The Social Experiment carried on for 25 years near Rockford, Ill., has been abandoned by its promoter, George Jacob Schweinfurth, who advises his followers to study the Christian Science teachings of Mrs. Eddy. The Schweinfurth "heaven," as it was popularly known, put into practice certain revolutionary ideas concerning marriage. The community was highly prosperous, a change in the promoter's faith inducing him to abandon it.

The Railroads are shown by the report of the interstate commerce commission to have received less revenue per passenger and ton per mile than in the previous year, operating expenses also showing a slight decrease, owing to economies in operation. The average revenue per passenger mile for the year was 1.25 cents. The revenue per ton of freight per mile was .724 cents. Of the aggregate capital of all the roads, 59.29 per cent paid no dividend during the year ending June 30, 1929. The extent to which consolidation has gone appears in the fact that of the 2049 corporations, only 543 are independent, operating roads.

The number of railways in the hands of receivers on June 30, '29, was 71, a net decrease of 23 compared with the previous year. The mileage for the 12 months showed a gain of 2593 miles, the greatest in seven years, placing the total at substantially 190,000 miles of single track, with nearly 37,000 locomotives and 1,376,000 cars of all classes. An analysis of the figures presented in the report points to the large amount of "water" in the share capital.


President Stillwell of the projected Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad says he has secured practically all the money needed to build the road. The capital stock is now \$25,000,000, but as the road is built this amount will be increased until there have been issued \$20,000,000 4 per cent preferred stock and \$20,000,000 common stock. The name of the Mexican terminal of the road re-

cently has been changed by the Mexican congress to Port Stillwell. It is expected the whole work of construction will be completed within two years. The entire length of the road when completed will be 1480 miles, which will compare with a distance of 2100 miles on the Santa Fe from Kansas City to the Pacific.

An Irish lawyer addressed the court as "gentlemen" instead of "your honors." After he had concluded, a brother reminded him of his error. He

immediately arose to apologize, thus: "May it please the court—in the heat of debate I called your honors gentlemen. It was a mistake, your honors."

"That's a dead man by the railroad," said the citizen to the coroner, "and they wants you to set on him right away." The coroner was soon on the spot, only to find the man alive. "What did you tell me he was dead for?" he said angrily. "Well, sir," replied the citizen, "the very last words he said to me wuz, 'Bill, I'm a dead man!'"



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