

STORM CENTRE OF OLD WORLD

CHINO-JAPANESE CLAIMS IN MANCHURIA

Aggressive Actions of Mikado's Empire May Precipitate Crisis—Telegraph Traffic.

Peking, Dec. 14.—The policy of Japan in Manchuria is threatening to bring about an acute crisis in Chinese affairs, and as a result of the course pursued by the Tokyo government, there is danger of Russia cancelling the Russo-Chinese telegraph convention, signed last October.

The failure of China to conclude a corresponding agreement with Japan will have the effect of annulling the agreement made by China with Russia, and it may result in a Russo-Japanese convention, under the terms of which China will be excluded from the Manchurian telegraph traffic in the same way that the Russo-Japanese postal agreement resulted in the possession of the Manchurian postal service by these two powers.

Japan has not even taken China's arguments, which are based upon claims of sovereignty, into consideration, and she has not replied to the communications of the Chinese government in the matter.

It is thought that Japan desires to bring about the annulment of the Russo-Chinese agreement by refraining from entering upon a similar agreement with China.

In connection with this dispute it is interesting to note that the powers have persistently discouraged China from expecting any intervention. China's plight in Manchuria is aggravated by the commercial distress due to the lack of Chinese currency.

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Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve is cleansing and pain relieving. It destroys the bad odors arising from suppuration, or running sores, and puts them in the best possible condition for healing.

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If your medicine dealer does not have the "All-Healing Salve" in stock mail 50 cents in postage stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and you will receive it by return post.

In treating all open sores, or ulcers, boils, carbuncles and other swellings, it is important that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery be taken persistently to purify the blood and thereby remove the cause of the trouble. It is in the blood that the great battle of health has to be fought.

If you have bitter, nasty, foul taste in your mouth, coated tongue, foul breath, are weak and easily tired, feel depressed and despondent, have frequent headaches, dizzy attacks, gnawing pains in the stomach, constipated or irregular bowels, sour or bitter rising after eating and poor appetite, these symptoms, or any considerable number of them, indicate that you are suffering from biliousness, torpid, or lazy liver with the usual accompanying indigestion, or dyspepsia and its attendant derangement.

The best agents known to medical science for the cure of the above symptoms and conditions, as revealed by the writings of leading chemists and scientists of all the schools of medicine, have been skillfully and harmoniously combined in Dr. Pierce's

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F. Napier Denison Gave Interesting Address on Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

The lecture on "Earthquakes and Volcanoes" by F. Napier Denison Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. was one of the most interesting and educational of the winter's courses.

He exhibited some fifty excellent views taken on his personally conducted tour of Vesuvius and Aetna, which added much to the lecture.

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Thousands of tickets had been distributed for this ceremony and the hall and tribune, and reaching to the foot of the throne in the plaza of St. Peter's was a mass of women in black heads; men in dress clothes, monks, soldiers, cabiniers, tators and cardinals, some others in caps, many in gorgeous private carriages.

The Pope was dressed in pontifical robes, and with him he gave a blessing as he went to the foot of the throne in the plaza of St. Peter's was a mass of women in black heads; men in dress clothes, monks, soldiers, cabiniers, tators and cardinals, some others in caps, many in gorgeous private carriages.

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