Chinese Sign Note

Authoritative Statement in Paris That Plenipotentiaries Agree to Terms.

This Action Settles the Preliminary Stage of the Negotiations.

United States Proposal to Conduct Proceedings in Washington Withdrawn.

Paris, Jan. 10.—As a result of inquiries in authoritative quarters, the Associated Press is given the following statement in regard to the Chinese situation: "The Chinese plenipotentiaries signed the joint note yesterday, thus concluding the preliminary stage of the negotiations."

It was added that this important step was insignificant compared with the difficulties to be met with between the powers themselves, whose clashing interests will have full play in the coming discussions. The United States proposals to shift the seat of the negotiations find no favor in the European chancelleries. Three reasons are given for this opposition:

First—It is considered a great mistake to transfer the negotiations from China, where all the information is at hand respecting the situation, and the feeling among the Chinese themselves, and more especially regarding the conditions of trade and commerce at which the negotiations will be chiefly concerned.

Second—The United States commerce with China is comparatively small when compared with that of several other countries. Therefore the United States is not entitled to expect the negotiations to be carried on at Washington.

The third and most delicate reason advanced is that the European powers have not felt sufficient confidence that the United States government might not find itself influenced in the negotiations at Washington by the pressure of interests, having an eye to the exploitation of China. The attitude of some of the powers, moreover, is swayed by other motives in approaching the United States proposal. Great Britain, for example, which seems to be the most strongly antagonistic, has probably taken into consideration the United States attitude toward the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

The feeling here favors Shanghai, if any change is made, as it is pointed out that Shanghai is the most important trade centre in China, and moreover, that the southern viceroys who are favorable to foreigners and anxious to further trade, could make their influence felt. The enormous British interests are in favor of the choice of London, but it is improbable that the other powers will agree to this.

There is no reason to suppose that Russia will withdraw from the joint negotiations. The treaty she has concluded with China concerns her special interests in regions contiguous to her territories, but she has great political interests to defend, and, further, in the joint conference, which will bristle with obstacles to a speedy settlement, Russia aims chiefly at a wide expansion of her political influence. Great Britain wants to roughly open the Chinese empire to her commerce and at the same time strengthen her political foothold. The United States apparently will be devoted to securing commercial advantage, while France and Germany will desire to increase their trade generally, and their political influence in certain provinces.

The struggle between these conflicting designs will be bitter, and in any case will greatly protract the negotiations.

One thing which Great Britain and the United States wish to secure is the raising of the prohibition which now exists in China against foreigners acquiring landed interests.

Shanghai, Jan. 10.—A despatch from Sian Fu (where the Chinese court is located) to a native newspaper says:

"Some of the clauses of the conditions for peace are impossible of acceptance, consequently the Emperor and Empress and the much-troubled court have telegraphed to Liu Kun Yi, the viceroy of Nankin, and Chank Hi Tung, the viceroy of Mankow, to proceed immediately to Pekin and confer with the foreign ministers and Chinese commissioners in an attempt to the modification of the obstructive conditions. They have been instructed, if they are unable to proceed to Pekin, to propose a suitable meeting place for the ministers elsewhere.

Washington, Jan. 10.—As some of the foreign powers do not look with favor upon the proposition of the United States recently made as to the withdrawal of certain features of the negotiations from Pekin to Washington, or some other capital, and other powers hesitate to decide the question, the president has deemed it advisable to withdraw the proposition, and has directed the diplomatic representatives of the United States abroad to so inform the different governments.

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TRAIN WRECK.

Seven or Eight Persons Injured in New Jersey Accident.

New York, Jan. 9.—A passenger train on the Central railway, New Jersey, was run into to-day by a freight locomotive at the Perthamboy station. One passenger car was wrecked and two other cars were derailed. Seven or eight persons were injured.

CATCH COLD.

Blustery Blizzard Blowing in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 9.—A blizzard is sweeping this section to-night; snow is drifting badly and trains and street railway service are impeded.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 9.—The first real blizzard of the season struck this city this evening. Up to 10 o'clock several inches of snow had fallen.

ALIEN LABOR.

Dominion Commissioner in Rossland Making Inquiries.

Rossland, Jan. 9.—E. P. Bremner, Dominion labor commissioner, who has been in the city on business in connection with his office since Saturday last, left last evening for the Coast. In conversation yesterday, he admitted that part of his mission to the Kootenays on this occasion was in reference to the importation of aliens and the employment of them in certain portions of the district.

CASUALTIES.

Twelve Men Killed and Thirty-Three Wounded in Saturday's Fight.

London, Jan. 10.—The British casualties in the fighting on January 5 between Col. Babbington's forces and Boers under Gen. Delarey and Gen. Steenkamp, at Naauwpoort, when the burghers were forced to retire, were 12 men killed and 33 wounded.

Capetown, Jan. 9.—It has been ascertained that the reports of an engagement between a cyclist corps and the Boers at Pickaners Kloof on Sunday were without foundation.

Vancouver Civic Elections

Townley Wins the Mayoralty by Large Majority Over McQueen.

Results for Other Offices—The By-Laws Are Both Defeated.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 10.—The elections passed off very quietly to-day, the citizens being, on the whole, somewhat indifferent as to the results, and the vote was consequently unusually small. There was surprise on all sides, however, at Major Townley's large majority over James McQueen for mayor, the former beating the latter by 540 votes, carrying every ward in the city. The aldermen for 1901 will be:

Ward 1—Robert Grant, H. J. Painter.
Ward 2—J. Cook and J. Neelands.
Ward 3—Dr. McGuigan and J. McPhaiden.
Ward 4—C. F. Foreman and W. A. McDonald.
Ward 5—J. Fraser and W. H. Wood.

License Commissioners—H. H. Layfield and George Bartley.

School Trustees—C. W. Murray, Dr McGuigan and Thomas Duke.

Both by-laws were defeated—one providing for the closing of saloons at 11 p. m., the other for the one-ward system for Vancouver.

Capt. P. C. E. Lockhardt, nephew of General Sir William Lockhardt and correspondent for the London Times, who was a passenger on the steamship Empress of Japan, was with General Gaselee's column during the advance of the allied forces in China. Capt. Lockhardt says he does not expect to hear of any aggressive movement during the winter, but believes that the Boxer movement is far from extinguished. He holds out no hopes of the court returning to Pekin, for the Dowager Empress is recruiting a large army at Hsian Fu, while Prince Tuan is engaged in recruiting an additional army in other parts of the country. The Chinese are well supplied with food, as the crops in the country are enormous. If the Emperor could be secured and placed on the throne, the Empress would still carry on the war.

The executive committee of the Anglican diocese of New Westminster met yesterday. The stipend of the incumbent of Sapperton and Ladner was increased $150 a year. The gift of a farm at Port Haney made by Mrs. Greswolde Williams, of Acton, Eng., was accepted. The farm is to be held on behalf of the Chinese mission.

The handsome private steam yacht owned by B. T. Rogers, manager of the British Columbia Sugar Refinery, brought recently from Japan and said to have cost $30,000, sank to the bottom of Burrard Inlet. She was anchored near the sugar refinery, and the enormous weight of wet snow on the steamer's deck was far beyond her tonnage capacity. She tilted to one side, took in a quantity of water, and sank. Messrs. Armstrong & Morrison are raising the steamer.

The audience who listened to Trebelli at the Vancouver opera house last night was not large, but was very loud in its praises of the famous singer's charming voice. The local papers vied with each other in praising Trebelli's wonderful voice.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.

Dr. Thomas Brown Wheeler, an prominent physician of Montreal, dropped dead in the Murray Hill hotel, New York, yesterday.

James Seamon and Louis Mathier were sentenced at Sandwich, Ont., to six years in the penitentiary for passing bills stolen from the Dominion Bank of Napanee with the signature of the bank officer forged.

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A Manila Tragedy

Murder the Climax to Voyage of Port Blakely Bark Topgallant.

Carpenter Arrested for Killing His Wife in a Fit of Jealousy.

Aboard the Vessel Crew and Captain Do Not Agree Well.

Misfortune is following the unfortunate bark Topgallant on her voyage from Hongkong to Port Townsend. When the Empress of Japan left she was at Manila, having been driven to that port for safety by the November typhoons. Her crew had left her, having refused to ship again on her; and the carpenter was in jail charged with having murdered his wife, Mrs. William Holst, ex-stewardess of the bark. She was found dead in her room at the Oregon hotel, Manila, on December 6.

The story of the dead woman is but an exemplification of the danger of following the pace that kills. Mrs. Holst was of Norwegian birth and about 27 years of age at the time of her demise. When but a girl she was taken to Australia at the time of the great colonization scheme in Tasmania. She met one Jack Slavens, seaman, and lived with him for some time, having one child, who is now with her sister-in-law at Port Blakely. Slavens deserted her, and when Holst visited Australia some three years ago he met the woman and married her, after which they moved to Port Blakely, Wash. Holst and his wife shipped on the Topgallant, and, by a strange coincidence, Slavens was aboard. The old-time relations of Slavens and Mrs. Holst were resumed, and during the voyage to Hongkong much trouble resulted, which finally culminated in the death of the woman at Manila. Slavens did not go to Manila from Hongkong, but shipped on another vessel on account of Holst giving him a severe beating for his attentions to the woman. This fight occurred in Honkgong harbor, in a sampan lying alongside the Topgallant.

The next chapter of the story brings the Topgallant to Manila. The entire crew were discharged and paid off, and Holst and his wife went to the Oregon hotel. Trouble was brewing between the couple, and quarrels were frequent.

On December 5 Mrs. Holst went to the Alhambra theatre with three shipmates, and left her husband at the Oregon, intoxicated and in a bad state of mind. She had eaten nothing during the day, and had drunk more intoxicants than were good for her. About 9:20 she complained of feeling bad, and she and the party left the theatre and proceeded to the Oregon hotel. What occurred there is not clear, except that she grew more and more intoxicated, and was ordered to her room several times by the proprietor of the house.

At last she retired for the night, and the proprietor claims to have heard the sound of a heavy fall after midnight. On the following morning he was awakened and informed that the woman was dead. He immediately notified Captain Crawford, and a guard was at once sent to the place and the husband held in arrest. The coroner's investigation of the body revealed several bruises about the face and neck of the woman. The coroner found that death was due to strangulation, the prints of finger nails being plainly visible on the woman's neck.

The crew of the Topgallant left her on the ground that the vessel was unseaworthy, and although the surveyor pronounced the ship safe, they remained obdurate. The captain threatened them with a year's imprisonment, but eventually paid them off. The Topgallant left Hongkong on the morning of November 8, bound for Port Townsend. They were struck by the typhoon on the night of the 10th, and had a terrible experience for two hours. The vessel rolled heavily, and when the well was sounded there were 22 inches in the hold. The pumps were at once started and kept going continuously, but proved almost ineffective owing to the constant leaking. The seams along the waterways yawned for fully an inch at every roll the vessel made. The stanchions between the decks had also worked loose, while the mainmast had such leverage that it had to be wedged several times. Against the desire of the captain, the men decided to put into the nearest port for repairs. The captain refused, saying he intended continuing the voyage to Port Townsend. The following paragraph is transcribed direct from the log-book:

"The night of the 11th another blow came on, and all hands were busy shortening sail. The morning of the 12th once more found the ship under shore canvas and rolling heavily, her planks opening and closing like the leaves of a book. All day Monday and Tuesday we were lying hove to under reefed spanker and forestay sail. On Tuesday we again made complaint to the captain, and he finally agreed to put in to Manila if he could make that port. In order to throw the responsibility of this step upon us, the captain made us sign a statement in the ship's log-book."

It purported that the crew had threatened to take charge of the vessel unless he put into port. This they all readily did, and the captain's mind seemed easy. On the 17th they sighted and saved a shipwrecked crew of Filipinos, with whom the captain endeavored to work the ship, but found his plan impracticable. Finally he took the wheel himself for four hours, but found that useless; but the weather took the matter in hand, and with light winds the ship made Manila.

FILIPINO LEADERS.

Agoncillo Prefers Paris and Declines to Go to Hongkong.

London, Jan. 10.—A serious disagreement has arisen over the Filipino representative in Europe. Agoncillo, whom Aguinaldo ordered to Hongkong to direct the operations of the junta there, has revolted and refuses to go to Hongkong or give up his post in Paris to Dr. Apaciblo. The latter, Aguinaldo ordered to go to Canada from Hongkong to watch the United States elections. He was then ordered to replace Agoncillo. The disputants have both cabled to Aguinaldo and are awaiting his reply. Dr. Apaciblo favors acquiring the independence of the Philippines through an arrangement with the United States.

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IMMIGRATION ACT.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 11—It is reported on good authority that the government will disallow the British Columbia Act respecting Immigration from the Orient.

IMPERIAL ENVOY.

Younger Brother of Chinese Emperor Will Likely Go to Berlin.

London, Jan. 9.—"Dr. Mumm von Schwartzenstein, German minister to China, to-day communicated his wish," says the Pekin correspondent of the Times, wiring yesterday, "that Prince Chun Yu, younger brother of the Emperor Kwang Hsu, should be sent as the imperial envoy to Berlin. The Prince himself is leaving Pekin, and desires to undertake the mission. He is 17 years old. Prince Su has already assented to proceed to Berlin."

FOOLED.

Peculiar Method of Selling the Bible in Ontario.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—The following advertisement appeared recently in many Ontario papers: "On receipt of one dollar, we will send, securely sealed, beautifully bound book of four hundred pages; full of good things. Every sport should have one. The most wonderful book ever written; French and English translations; prohibited in some countries. Write at once." The crown authorities investigated and discovered the book referred to was the Bible. There was no prosecution, as the description of the book was not misleading.

MOTHER TRIES TO KILL CHILD

Mrs. Woodward Cuts Her Baby's Throat and Then Her Own.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 10.—Last night, in a fit of dementia, Mrs. Woodward, wife of an employee of the News-Advertiser, cut the throat of her baby with a razor and then cut her own throat. Mr. J. H. McFarlane, chief line repairer of the Great Northwestern Telegraphs, was called in by a neighbor and gave what assistance he could in the absence of Mr. Woodward, the woman and baby being taken to the hospital at once. This evening it was reported at the hospital that the woman would probably die, but it was thought that the child's life will be saved.

MR. DUCHESNAY.

He Has Been Appointed Superintendent of Cuba Railway.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—(Special)—E. J. Duchesnay, for years superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., has been appointed superintendent of the Cuba railway, in succession to the late Frank P. Brothers. Mr. Duchesnay leaves in a few days to take up his duties. Sir William Van Horne is arranging to make another trip to Cuba in March.

CROW'S NEST PASS MINES.

Application for Charter of Road to Connect With Northern Pacific.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—(Special)—The next Canadian Gazette will contain notice of application to parliament for a charter for a line to connect the Northern Pacific in Montana with the Crow's Nest Pass coal mines at Fernie.

CHEEKY ROBBERS.

Carry Away a Safe in Daylight From a Store in Massachusetts.

Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 8.—Joseph Hart, Samuel Goldstein, David Karner, David Werblinsky and Terry Silverman were arrested here to-day, charged with stealing in broad daylight a safe containing $1,300 in money and $2,000 worth of jewellery from the office of Morse Bros. in Boston. The police recovered a part of the stolen jewellery and $500 in bank bills. Morse Bros. conduct a diamond and jewellery business on the lease plan. The robbers visited the place while the proprietors were out soliciting trade, and, covering the safe, carried it away on a wagon. A number of persons saw the safe being taken away, but supposed the men were legitimate safe-movers.

JIM HILL.

Trying to Bring About an Agreement to Prevent Friction.

New York, Jan. 9.—James J. Hill again to-day was the central figure in Wall Street. In an interview, he outlined what he and his associates are trying to accomplish. Instead of a combination of great railways under one system, he said he was trying to bring about an agreement between certain big systems of the Northwest by which "friction" would be prevented, and the roads operated more economically.

Recruiting for South Africa

Major Fall Will Visit Victoria Among Other Places to Enroll Men.

Five Thousand Boers Are Making Their Way Into Cape Colony.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—(Special)—Major Fall, one of Baden-Powell's officers, is expected in Canada shortly, to commence recruiting for the South African constabulary, for which force a thousand Canadians are wanted. Major Fall will personally visit the headquarters of each military district to enroll men, and in addition several places in the West, such as Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Kamloops, Vancouver and Victoria.

The Imperial government will furnish transportation and subsistence from point of enrollment in Canada to South Africa, but pay will not commence until the arrival of the men at the Cape.

London, Jan. 11.—"Five thousand Boers, supposed to be trekking east from Vryburg," says the Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail," are now making their way into the heart of Cape Colony. The supposition is that they have captured several small garrisons on the way."

London, Jan. 11.—(5 a. m.)—The situation in South Africa grows worse, rather than better. Lord Kitchener's despatches are more laconic than those of Lord Roberts, and little else of importance is allowed to come through. The Times in an editorial to-day finds comfort in the thought that the process of attrition is doing its work and must shortly lead to the inevitable result. In other quarters, however, there is less satisfaction with the position of affairs, which has practically necessitated the fortification of Capetown.

No steps have been taken to comply with Lord Kitchener's demands for reinforcements.

Lord Coleridge, in a letter excusing his non-attendance at a political meeting, says: "I loathe and detest this war and the policy which brought it about, the mode in which it is conducted, and the undignified excitement over the defeat of a handful of peasants, defending their country at the hands of ten times their numbers of trained soldiers, backed by the wealth of England."

This morning's despatches report that a small party of Boers carried off cattle close to the east fort of Pretoria; and 900 Boers, under Commandant Kreitzringer, are 18 miles from Richmond.

Rumors are spreading at Porterville that the rebels have joined the Boers in the Calvina district.

The military commissioner of police at Johannesburg has warned the public to beware of the dangerous dynamite mines laid in the Rand to protect the mines, as the authorities cannot hold themselves responsible for injuries therefrom.

THE STRANDED RUSSIE.

A Line Finally Made Fast After Many Attempts.

Marseilles, Jan. 10.—A line was attached to the stranded steamer Russie, by the heroic efforts of twenty-five fishermen, who attempted what appeared to be a foolhardy task. Their flat-bottomed craft was tossed about like a straw on the waves, and several times it appeared as though the small craft was lost; but it finally got into a current which carried it to the starboard side of the Russie's bow. A line was then thrown on board the wreck.

The captain of the Russie, standing on the bridge, shouted: "We have not lost heart and confidence in you; but be quick!" A moment later, amid great excitement among the spectators ashore, the line was seen to part. The fishermen then got a line on board the stranded vessel. They then returned to the beach, where hundreds of willing hands pulled their boat high and dry.

The line again parted, causing much anxiety, as the sea was becoming rougher. Then the same fishermen made another attempt to reach the Russie in their flat-bottomed boat.

On the first attempt they were capsized ino the surf and the men were thrown back on the beach. They made a fresh effort, with a few new comrades aiding, and the same crew again succeeded in getting a line on board the Russie. This time its security was enhanced by a line being attached to several rafts between the wreck and the shore.

The life line connected with the Russie still holds good, in spite of the tremendous seas running. But it has not been possible to take off the passengers. An attempt was about to be made to rescue them when the last despatch from Faraman was received.

COMPANY AMALGAMATION.

Montreal Gas and Electric Corporations to Be Combined.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—(Special)—The reason for the surprising activity of late in the stock of the Montreal Gas & Electric Light developed to-day, when notice was given that legislation would be sought next session for a new company, with the title of the Lighting & Power Company of Montreal. It is understood that this company will have a capital of $20,000,000, and will absorb the Chambly Manufacturing Co., Royal Electric Co., Montreal Gas Co. and Lachine Rapids Hydraulic & Land Co. The Chambly and the Royal Electric are already practically united, and it is reported that negotiations with some of the largest shareholders of the Lachine company are practically completed. This will mean a monopoly of the lighting of the city, and as far as electricity is concerned, the price is certain to be advanved. James Ross, who owns a controlling interest in Chambly, and is largely interested in the Montreal Street Railway, which has the contract with the former for power, and Rodolphe Forget, president of the Royal Electric Company, are credited with engineering the plan of amalgamation.

COLONEL COOKE

Summons Hugh Graham on Charge of Defamatory Libel.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—(Special)—Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Daily Star, was summoned before Justice Choquette in the police court to-day, to answer a charge of defamatory libel, made against him by Lt.-Col. J. P. Cooke, commanding officer of the Prince of Wales Fusiliers. The warrant alleges that the Star's account of Major-Gen. O'Grady-Haly's finding in the matter in dispute between Lt.-Col. Cole and Lt.-Col. Cooke, over the Valleyfield strike, was unfair. Mr. Graham pleaded not guilty. Bail was fixed at $500 personal bail for his appearance next week, when a preliminary investigation will be opened.

ABDUCTION.

Young Woman Brings a Charge Against Ontario Man.

Toronto, Jan. 10.—John W. Cook, a prominent citizen, is arrested on a charge of assisting in the abduction of Miss Bessie Burke, sister of Col. M. J. Burke, United States consul at St. Thomas. The young lady herself is complainant, and appears to have been removed from her brother's house at that gentleman's request on account of a disagreement.

BLOCKED IN.

Five Trains Snowbound, and Passengers Rescued After Great Hardships.

Odessa, Jan. 10.—The police, firemen and physicians have rescued 70 passengers from five trains which have been snow-bound for several days, after enduring the greatest sufferings. A force of 4,000 workmen is clearing the tracks to Odessa. Four days' mail has been stalled up.

Russia Has Special Bargain

But M de Giers Says It Will Not Conflict With Powers.

Daily Chronicle Says Lord Salisbury Makes Valuable Railway Concession.

London, Jan. 12.—Prince Uchtomsky's mission to Pekin, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, "was to secure a convention, I understand, on the following basis: In return for renouncing her claim for war indemnity, Russia demands an indefinite instead of a 90-year lease of the Laio Tung peninsula and of Port Arthur; in other words, she demands annexation, as well as the complete possession of the Manchurian railway, which under the existing agreement reverts to China after 90 years."

The Daily Chronicle makes the important statement: "From trustworthy sources we learn that Lord Salisbury has agreed to cede to Russia the railway from Niu Chwang to Shan Hai Kwan. It is not known what compensation will be received for the concession."

Leading financiers versed in China affairs who were interviewed yesterday by representatives of the Daily Chronicle appeared to think that if the news were correct, it indicated that Lord Salisbury recognized the impossibility of preventing the partition of China, and that Russia would get the north and Great Britain the Yang Tse valley.

The original prospectus of the railway company stipulated that the bondholders, mainly British, could be bought out at any time at the rate of £120 per £100 bond.

The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial on the subject, taunts Lord Salisbury with having made another "graceful concession," because Great Britain's entanglements deprived her of the strength to back up her diplomacy.

Pekin, Jan. 11.—M. De Giers, the Russian minister to China, denies the current report that Russia is endeavoring to make a special agreement with China, irrespective of other powers.

"Had this been the case," he said today, "I would not have signed the joint note, although probably, so far as Manchuria is concerned, Russia and China will make special arrangements which will not conflict with any treaties or agreements made by Russia and the other joint powers.

"I do not believe that Russia has any idea of keeping Manchuria; indeed, she is placing all the Chinese officials possible in office. Probably, however, it will be necessary to guard the railroad for an indefinite period.

"I do not believe that there are 25,000 Russian soldiers in Manchuria."

With reference to the claim made by some of the other envoys, M. De Giers was very positive in saying that Russia had not violated her word in taking a concession at Tien Tsin.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang are still awaiting instructions from the court regarding the agreement. Both claim that it is practically certain the orders will be favorable, enabling them to sign immediately.

Prince Ching says proofs of the court's intention to order the affixing of signatures is to be found in the fact that Prince Chung has been designated to go to Berlin to express China's regret for the murder of Baron von Ketteler.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—Prince Chun, brother of Emperor Kwang Hsu, paid a long visit to Dr. Mumm von Schwartzenstein, the German minister to China, which according to a special despatch from Pekin was a most unusual development of Chinese etiquette. Dr. Mumm von Schwartzenstein, in a despatch to the foreign office on the subject, says: "Prince Chun created a sympathetic impression. He strongly resembles his brother, the Emperor, but is more robust and more intelligent."

C.P.R. Gets The C.P.N.

Local Navigation Company Acquired by the Big Railway.

Whic Has Purchased Shares Giving it Controlling Interest.

Improved Service Promised by Placing New Steamers in Commission.

Negotiations which have been proceeding for some time resulted Friday last in the acquirement by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of a controlling interest in the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company. The final details of the big deal were arranged by Mr. C. C. Chipman, commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, who has been in the city on this important mission for the past few days.

Official information is to the effect that a greatly improved service will be inaugurated by the acquirement of fast up-to-date vessels to run between Victoria and Vancouver, and from British Columbia ports to Skagway. It is also mentioned that no bonus in consideration of such improved service will be asked for by the railway company.

Officials of the companies interested in the big deal, seen last evening by the Colonist, were disinclined to give out for publication this morning further information as to details of the arrangement which has been arrived at, or the plans for the future.

The announcement will be hailed with great satisfaction on all sides, it being particularly gratifying that an amicable arrangement of the pressing transportation difficulties with which the two companies interested had to contend, has been arrived at.

Permission is given to state that a large sum of money will be spent in improving the company's equipment.

SPEAKER OF SENATE.

Hon. L. G. Power of Halifax Will Preside Over Upper House.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—(Special)—Senator Power, of Halifax, has been appointed speaker of the Senate.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier denies that he offered to mediate in South Africa.

Messrs. Dunsmuir and Eberts and party arrived here this afternoon, and will be in Ottawa some days on business with the government.

Mr. Gemmell, of Ottawa, gives notice in the Canada Gazette of application to parliament for a charter to build a railway from Fernie, south to the boundary, north to Banff and east to Lethbridge.

Hugh Guthrie, member for South Waterloo, will move the address in the House of Commons.

Lieut. E. A. Pelletier, of "F" company, Royal Canadians, has been appointed inspector of the mounted police.

The men of "D" Battery got a splendid welcome home to-day.

WAR EAGLE DROPS.

Stock Goes to Eighty Cents on the Toronto Exchange.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—(Special)—War Eagle has suffered, and the stock sold down to 80 on the Toronto stock exchange to-day. The result was generally a weaker tendency in the higher priced mining stocks. George Gooderham, president of the company, could not give any reason for the weakness in the stock. He had not known that it had sold down so low. War Eagle stock was first floated at 80, and was listed on the Toronto stock exchange in 1898 at par. It went up rapidly until it sold as high as $3.90. Then, when the possibilities of the mine became more widely known, and the directors at a meeting a little over a year ago limited the yearly output, the stock broke, and within about twenty-four hours was bought at $1.50. It fluctuated for months on various rumors, but gradually lowered until it reached par.

PACIFYING FILIPINOS.

Civil Authorities Send Ultimatum to the Men Still Fighting.

Manila, Jan. 11.—The campaign in Northern Mindanao is directed personally by Brigadier-General Kobbe, with headquarters at Cagayan. Col. Birkhimer, with five companies of the 5th regiment, has swept the country and destroyed Filipino strongholds in the vicinity of Santa Ana. Major Case, of the 40th regiment, is operating in the mountains of Southwest Cagayan. He has destroyed several strongholds and captured some prisoners. Minor captures continue in Luzon. The civil authorities of several towns in Zambalec province met at Santa Antonio recently and signed an ultimatum to send to the insurgent leaders, notifying the insurgents that they will be paid thirty pesos apiece for rifles and liberated if they agree to keep quiet, and setting forth that since Gen. Macarthur's proclamation that if the insurgents do not return to their homes by January 30, they will be considered enemies of their people, who will then assist the Americans to pursue them.

KINGSTON'S WELCOME.

South African Warriors Back at the Limestone City.

Kingston, Jan. 11—(Special)—Probably the largest number of people ever seen on the streets of this city was that which turned out this afternoon to welcome home 51 South African warriors. Business houses and private residences were gaily decorated in honor of the event. The procession marched through the streets to the barracks, where the Mayor formally welcomed the heroes home in an eloquent and patriotic address. Col. Drury and Veterinary Surgeon Massie replied on behalf of the soldiers.

MORRISON THE MURDERER.

Slayer of McArthur Family Indifferent as to His Fate.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—(Special)—A Regina despatch says Morrison, the murderer of the McArthur family at Moosomin, who is to hang at Regina on the 17th, is in good health and sleeping well, and his condition is one of absolute indifference concerning his impending doom.