

## THE MINISTERS WENT TOO FAR.

### Asked to Modify Their Demands in Negotiations With China.

## JAPAN TOOK THE INITIATIVE.

The Word "Ultimatum," in the Text of Demands to Be Handed to the Chinese Envoys, is Deemed Too Strong - The Appeal of Japan For Moderation is Meeting With Favorable Responses Minister Conger Cabled For Information - Ministers to Peking Too Hasty.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, Nov. 28.—It developed to-day that the chief point in the exchanges concerning China which have been going on during the last few days among the powers relates to the wisdom of delivering an "ultimatum" to China, using the express word "ultimatum" in the text of the demand to be handed to the Chinese envoys, involving the possibility of a resulting declaration of war against China in case the demands of the ultimatum be not complied with.

### APPEAL FOR MODERATION.

It appears that some of the powers desired the express use of the word "ultimatum" in the demand relative to the capitulation of other extreme punishment of eleven of the princes and other high officials responsible for the outrages, and this view of using the most expressive term of diplomacy seems to have found favor with the ministers at Peking. When it became known at the several capitals considerable dissent became manifest.

### JAPAN TOOK THE LEAD.

About a week ago Japan took the initiative in an appeal for moderation, and this received the favorable consideration of the United States, France, Russia and probably Great Britain, although a positive statement as to Great Britain cannot be made. About the same time Secretary Hay took steps to express the view of this government that it was inadvisable to proceed to the extent of an ultimatum against China, but that the demands should not be beyond what China reasonably might have the power to comply with.

The unanimity of sentiment among the powers gives grounds for the belief that the demands of the ministers will be modified by the omission of an ultimatum, although it is not yet clear what the final attitude of the remaining powers—Germany, Austria and Italy will be.

The negotiations in this particular were carried on in London through Ambassador Choate, and it is regarded as significant that one of the parties to the Anglo-German alliance should give its adherence to the moderate position advanced by the United States.

### TEXT OF AGREEMENT WANTED.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The state department has cabled Minister Conger to forward the text of the agreement reached by the foreign ministers at Peking. Meanwhile he will withhold his signature until the President has had an opportunity to satisfy himself as to this important document and to make such changes as will bring it in accord with our policy.

### MINISTERS TOO HASTY.

It is safe to predict that this particular agreement will not become effective in its present shape. It appears that, upon inquiry directed to the powers themselves, their ministers at Peking have not correctly reflected their present views as to the basis of the peace negotiations. This statement certainly is true as to a majority of the powers interested and the fact is regarded as warranting the prediction that the agreement must be modified or abandoned.

### INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS.

It is learned at the state department that while these negotiations are dragging along at Peking, some of the American consuls in China are achieving practical and valuable results by individual efforts. These are addressing themselves in cases directly to the viceroys of the great provinces where American property interests have suffered, to secure indemnity and reparation, and in most cases they are succeeding very well. It is surmised from the latest Chinese advices that the English consuls are doing likewise, and are collecting many claims, and the money are being turned over to the mission interests which suffered. If this movement continues, it is entirely possible that the United States and Great Britain will not be obliged to concern themselves with the prosecution of individual claims for indemnity through the slow moving agencies at Peking.

### AUTHORIZED TO SIGN.

Paris, Nov. 28.—A dispatch from Peking to the Havas agency says the ministers of the following powers declare they are authorized to sign the joint agreement to be presented to China: Germany, the United States, Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Belgium and Italy.

### CONCENTRATED FOR WINTER.

London, Nov. 28.—"The representations of Prince Ching, Li Hung Chang and others to the Chinese court that the powers are dissatisfied and are threatening action on the Yang Tse King to stop supplies," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, writing Tuesday, "are reported to be having an effect, and it is reported that the court is likely to take measures to meet the powers."

"An American correspondent reports from Pao Ting Fu that 3,000 Germans, under General Kettler, and 2,000 French troops, under General Bailoud, concentrated there for the winter, with the intention of making frequent expeditions north and south to punish reputed Boxer villages."

### THE OUTLOOK DARK.

"Prince Ukhtomski is in daily conference with Li Hung Chang, and occasionally meets Prince Ching. He re-

gards the outlook as dark, even if the powers agree, for, he says, China may reject the terms, and then will come war, rebellion and famine. Prince Ukhtomski favors allowing China to govern herself, the powers holding the ports until she does reform herself and does undertake to protect foreigners.

"Russia," he asserts, "has no intention of annexing Manchuria, although she will have to maintain a dominating force. He is convinced that, even if others make war on China, Russia will not."

### EMPEROR WILL RETURN.

Shanghai, Nov. 28.—Advices from Sian Fu assert that the Empress Dowager has consented to the return of Emperor Kwang Su to Peking, although she will remain at Sian Fu.

### BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY.

#### THE TURKISH MINISTER WANTS INFORMATION ABOUT HER.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, Nov. 28.—All Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister here, called on Secretary Hay today relative to the visit of the big battleship Kentucky to Turkish waters. The Kentucky sailed from Naples last Saturday and arrived at the important Turkish port of Smyrna this morning, only a few hours before the minister's visit.

It is understood that the negotiations between Mr. Griscom, our charge at Constantinople, and the porte, for the settlement of the missionary claims, and the question as to Dr. Norton's exequatur as consul at Harpoot are progressing with indications that a compromise will be arranged.

### Senator Davis' Funeral.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Speaker Henderson, of the House of Representatives, to-day appointed the members of the committee to attend, on the part of the House, the funeral of the late Senator Davis, of Minnesota. The committee includes the entire Minnesota delegation, with Mr. Tawney as chairman; Cannon, of Illinois; Grosvenor, of Ohio; Moody, of Massachusetts; Jenkins, of Wisconsin; W. A. Smith, of Michigan; Richardson, of Tennessee; Bailey, of Texas; Clark, of Missouri; Burke, of Texas; Underwood, of Alabama.

The special train bearing the committee of the Senate and House will leave Washington to-morrow.

### WHERE SHE WENT DOWN.

Just before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war the vessel was purchased by the Navy department, fitted as an auxiliary cruiser and rendered effective service as one of the patrol fleet, being manned in part by the Michigan naval militia. It is said that her anchorage at Guam was off the harbor of San Luis d'Apra, and that owing to her draft she was obliged to lie six miles off shore. The harbor is

## THE U. S. CRUISER YOSEMITE LOST.

### Was Sunk in a Typhoon at Guam November 15.

## FIVE OF CREW DROWNED.

The Sunken Auxiliary Cruiser Was the Station Ship at the Island of Guam—Carried a Complement of Eighteen Officers and Two Hundred and Sixty-seven Men and Eighteen Guns Supported to Have Gone Down Off the Harbor of San Luis d'Apra.

### (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Nov. 28.—A cable dispatch from Manila, received here to-day, reports the sinking of the United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite in a typhoon at Guam November 15. Five of the crew were lost.

### THE SUNKEN CRUISER.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The Yosemite was first commissioned April 13, 1898. She has been station ship at the island of Guam since the days of the Spanish war. She is a 16-knot converted cruiser of 6,173 tons displacement, and is provided with a main battery of ten 5-inch rapid-firing guns and a secondary battery of six 6-pounders and two 8-inch rifles. She has a complement of 18 officers and 267 men. Her measurements are 331 feet in length by 48 feet extreme breadth. She has a mean draft of 29 feet 1 inch.

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## NEW YORK FIGHT AGAINST VICE.

### The Program of the Crusade Recently Inaugurated There.

## TWO LONG TERMS IN PRISON.

Organization of the Citizens Committee Not Yet Completed—Former Mayor Hewitt Declines to Serve—Parties Connected With the "Black Rabbit" Tried, Convicted, and Each Given a Long Term of Imprisonment in the State Penitentiary—Entertainment Called Off.

### (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Nov. 28.—Organization of the citizens' committee of fifteen for the suppression of vice will not be completed before Friday or Saturday. This delay is occasioned by the great amount of good material rather than the scarcity. Charles Stewart Smith, to whom was left the appointment of the committee, insists that the men who accept places on the committee of fifteen shall be willing to contribute liberally of their time. Funds will be forthcoming in plenty, but there will be much work to be done, and this will fall upon the committee.

### BUT ONE EXCEPTION.

It is understood but one exception will be made. Former Mayor Abram S. Hewitt has declined to serve as a member of the committee for the reason that he cannot give to the work the time it deserves. Yet so keenly is it felt that Mr. Hewitt's advice will be almost indispensable, that he will probably be persuaded to reconsider his refusal. It is possible that the committee will increase its membership to 25, so as to take in ten who may act as advisers.

### A BALL CALLED OFF.

"Billy" McGlory's hall on West

rently undaunted by the vice crusade, Charles E. Acron prepared to-day to reopen the Tivoli. His intention became known to Edward Glennon, Chief Devery's right-hand man in the Tenderloin police station, who sent word to the dive keeper that twenty-five policemen would be sent to the Tivoli and close the place if he opened it. Acron concluded not to open to-day, but says he will to-morrow.

### A BANK ROBBERED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Emden, Ill., Nov. 28.—Four masked men wrecked the Farmers' bank, of Emden, today. It is stated they secured all the funds of the bank, between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

When the robbers discharged their first blasts of dynamite in an effort to open the vault, the explosion aroused a citizen, John Alberts, four blocks away. Alberts hurried to the bank. One of the robbers was on guard in the street. He seized Alberts, who was bound hand and foot and dragged into the bank, where he witnessed the gang drilling into the vault door, making ready a second blast. When the fuse was lighted the robbers stepped outside and Alberts lay in the corner when it went off. He was not seriously injured however. The second blast un-dermined the vault doors, and the robbers made off with all the cash. Securing a hand car they pulled in the direction of Delavan. There they were met by Night Patrolman Sanford, who attempted to arrest them. One of the robbers fired and Sanford fell, mortally wounded through the body. Outside of town the men boarded a passenger train on the Chicago and Alton. All traces of them were lost. The engineer of the passenger train claims that he saw a man jump from the first car near Mimer while the train was moving at a high rate of speed, but a search of the locality failed to show any traces of the man.

The bank building was almost a complete wreck and the vault entirely ruined.

### THE PHILIPPINES.

#### PROGRESS OF WORK OF UNITED STATES COMMISSION.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Manila, Nov. 28.—The Philippine commission has passed a bill requiring banks to accept deposits whether in Mexican or local currency, and to honor checks in the currency in which the deposits against which they are drawn were made.

A liquor license law for Manila has been prepared which will debate saloons on the Escolta and some other streets from obtaining licenses in the same locations after the existing licenses expire. The commissioners and the present marshal intend to relieve the Escolta of the congested condition largely due to the presence of so many saloons. Under the new law the license fee will be \$300 gold and the term six months.

Next Saturday the commission will mail to Secretary Root a report covering the first three months' work, outlining existing conditions, the progress made, the present status of affairs and the situation generally, and embodying suggestions as to the future, together with questions on certain matters.

All the military on duty will be relieved for to-morrow (Thanksgiving day), with the exception of necessary guards on field duty.

### THE FERNANDINA SHORTAGE.

#### STATEMENT OF S. A. L. OFFICIALS IS DENIED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Fernandina, Fla., Nov. 28.—E. D. Lukenbill, the agent of the Seaboard system here, resigned November 3 and requested an examination of his accounts. The railway people, after partial examination of the books, discovered a large shortage, which is estimated to have been something like fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Lukenbill was arrested and put under bond for a preliminary trial November 10. On that date, by mutual consent of counsel, the hearing was postponed until December 17, and Mr. Lukenbill put under bonds of \$3,000 to appear on that date. The attorneys for Mr. Lukenbill claim there has been no shortage. Mr. Lukenbill claims there is no truth in the story that he has had dealings in any way with brokers in New York.

### SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

#### LORD ROBERTS WANTS 8,000 MORE TROOPS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
London, Nov. 28.—While the reports of the condition of Cape Colony are regarded as somewhat unnecessarily alarming, there is little disposition to take a too roseate view of the general situation. The constant dispatch to South Africa of reinforcing drafts and the daily fights at points wide apart, show that the war is not over, and, while the statement that Lord Roberts has demanded 20,000 fresh troops is incorrect, it is a fact that he has asked for 8,000 men to replace the battalions, whose wastage incapacitates them from duty at the front. These reliefs will be dispatched, but they will seriously attenuate the garrisons of the United Kingdom, inasmuch as Lord Roberts insists the troops shall be picked men and have seasoned officers.

### THE BOERS ACTIVE.

#### PREPARING FOR A DESCENT ON CAPE COLONY.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Edenburg, Orange River Colony, Saturday, Nov. 24.—The Boers are most active between the railroad and Basuto and south of Ladybrand, Thabanchu and Bloemfontein. General Dewet and former President Steyn are near Dewetsdorp. It is believed they are preparing for a descent on Cape Colony for recruits and supplies. As a counter move two battalions of the Guards, Grenadiers and First Coldstreams hold all the fords of the Orange river from Allwal North to the Orange river station, but small parties of mounted Boers are able to cross the river almost anywhere. The British have great need of more mounted troops, otherwise the capture of Dewet is hopeless.

## PUNISHMENT OF CHINESE OFFICIALS.

### The German Press on Suggestions From the United States.

## ATTITUDE OF THE KAISER.

A Semi-Official Paper Declares That the Kaiser Has Never Insisted Upon the Punishment of Specific Persons, But Desires Harmonious Action of All the Powers in Punishing the Guilty - One Paper Says the United States, With Russia, is China's Chief Defender.

### (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The semi-official Berliner Post, in the course of an evidently inspired article, replying to the suggestions of more lenient punishments of guilty officials in China, made by the United States Government, says:

"Since doubts have been expressed here and there as to whether it is advisable to insist upon death for the ring leaders of the anti-foreign movement as an irrevocable decision, it should be pointed out that such doubts cannot be traced to considerations of humanity, as if some power regarded such a punishment as too severe. The fact is, rather, that all the powers are convinced that the ring leaders deserve death, but that the question has been raised on various sides as to whether such a measure should be insisted upon from the standpoint of political expediency."

"So far as Germany is concerned, she has never insisted upon the execution of specific persons, but has repeatedly declared that she laid chief emphasis upon the harmonious action of all the powers in punishing the guilty. This attitude corresponds with the guiding principle of Germany's policy which seeks, above all else, to preserve the harmony of the powers."

### GERMANY'S RETREAT.

The Freisinnige Zeitung describes the Post's declaration as "Germany's retreat from the demand for the death penalty."

The Militar Wochenblatt, discussing the charges of cruelty on the part of Germans in China, says:

"The usages of civilized warfare are not always applicable with the half-civilized. A commander must deviate from the law of nations where observance of it is rendered impossible through the behavior of the enemy or his own situation. In a critical situation, where care for prisoners would endanger self-preservation, prisoners must either not be taken or must be gotten rid of."

"The German army," the paper adds, "should not be accused of cruelty without considering the facts in the light of the conditions."

### CHINA'S CHIEF DEFENDERS.

The papers this evening resume their criticism of the course of the United States government based upon the latest news from Washington. The Berliner Neuste Nachrichten says:

"The United States, with Russia, is China's chief defender." The Lokal Anzeiger sees "renewed evidence of the separate policy of the United States."

### KRUGER IN FRANCE.

#### ATTITUDE OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT TOWARD TRANSVAAL.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Paris, Nov. 28.—The conversation which former President Kruger had with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delcasse, yesterday was confined to the former sounding the latter as to the probable attitude of France in certain eventualities. Mr. Kruger did not press for a definite statement and the conversation lacked preciseness. M. Delcasse let it be understood that France had not changed her attitude since he explained the government's position in the Chamber of Deputies last March. France will not take the initiative in intervention in South Africa, but will not discourage any other country from so doing. On the contrary, she will join in such initiative if it is taken under such conditions as appear to her to merit acquiescence.

Mr. Kruger did not formulate any opposition and did not intimate what he intended to do, but it is believed he will take the first official diplomatic step at The Hague. It is not known whether he will ask Holland to propose mediation or open other and less clearly defined negotiations.

Mr. Kruger to-day drove to the School of Fine Arts to inspect the plaster model of the monument to be erected to the memory of Colonel de Villebois Mareuil, the French officer who died in South Africa fighting for the Boers. He was received by Colonel de Villebois Mareuil's brother. A number of artistic and literary people and students were present. Mr. Kruger eulogized Colonel de Villebois Mareuil and his comrades, whose devoted heroism, he said, "recalled the chivalrous knights of the middle ages."

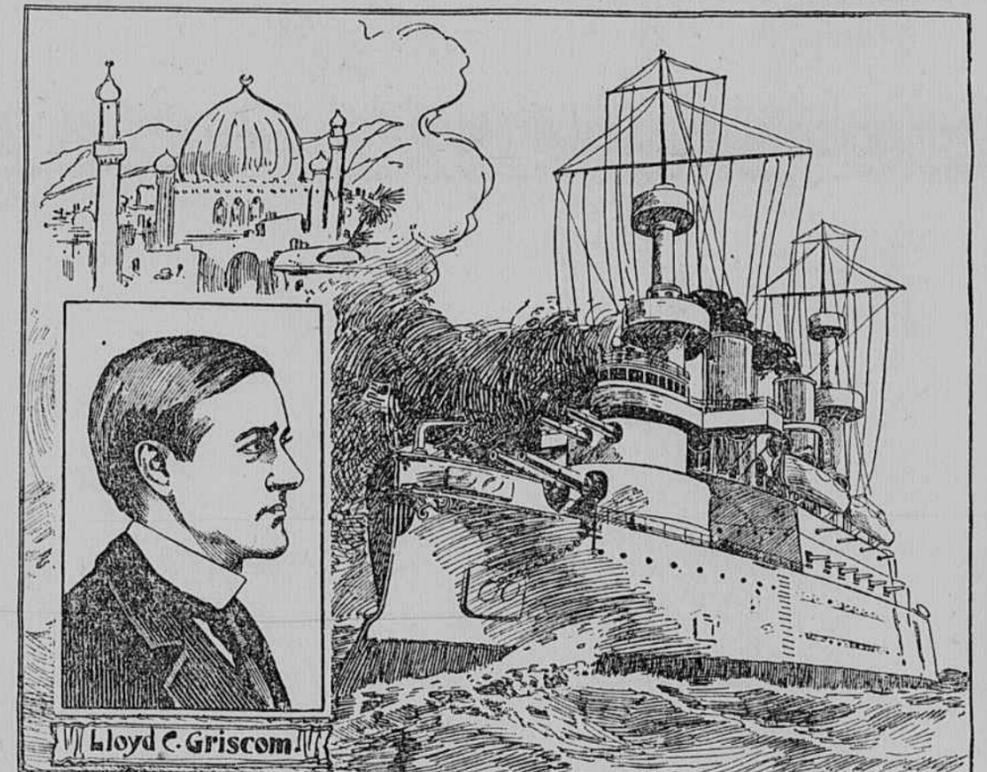
Mr. Kruger then proceeded to view the Pantheon, but was too fatigued to enter. He was heartily cheered everywhere along the road.

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THE KENTUCKY'S VISIT TO SMYRNA.

The battleship Kentucky has reached Smyrna and it is expected that Abdul, the procrastinating monarch of Turkey, will talk more politely to Mr. Lloyd Griscom, our Charge d'Affairs at Constantinople, than he has of late. Mr. Griscom is pressing a little matter of money due as indemnity, and he also wants to know why Prof. Norton is not to be allowed to represent Uncle Sam at Karpuz.

### THE KENTUCKY.

#### THE BATTLESHIP BEHAVED BEAUTIFULLY IN A STORM.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 28.—The navy department has received a letter from Captain Chester, of the Kentucky, mailed from Gibraltar, telling of a storm which the ship passed through on the Atlantic and the opportunity it afforded of testing the seagoing qualities of the big battleship. The storm arose on the 30th ultimo and raged that day and the next. The waves tore away the starboard life-boat and beat it to pieces. This was the only mishap. Captain Chester says that throughout the storm the battleship behaved beautifully and showed excellent seaworthy qualities.

### DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

#### RESULTS OF THE WORK OF CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 28.—The census bureau to-day issued a bulletin giving the results of the enumeration of the domestic animals in enclosures, but not on farms and ranges. Of 1,878,207 barns or enclosures reporting domestic animals, which was substantially one-third of the total number of farms in the United States, 784,560 contained 1,460,570 neat cattle, 1,355,536 enclosures reporting horses aggregated 2,833,877 horses, and the aggregate of other animals reported as follows: Mules, 162,115; asses, 12,870; sheep, 156,470; swine, 1,692,861, and goats, 47,652.

### OFFICERS AND CREW.

According to the naval register, the Yosemite was manned by 18 officers and 267 men, but in her capacity as required, and undoubtedly a part of them were ashore engaged in duties at the naval station. This probably would be true of her commander, Seaton Schroeder, who also is governor of Guam, and who probably left the active command of the ship to the ranking Lieutenant, Augustus N. Mayer. The other officers are Lieutenants W. E. Safford, Albert Moritz, B. B. Bierer, Ensigns A. W. Pressey, H. L. Collins, A. N. Mitchell and F. T. Evans, Assistant Surgeon F. M. Murling, Assistant Paymaster P. W. Delano, Chaplain L. P. Reynolds and eight warrant officers.

### Rear Admiral McNair Dead.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 28.—Rear Admiral Frederick G. McNair died at his residence in this city this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from a stroke of apoplexy. He had been in poor health for many months, and it was in contemplation to take him to Europe. Yesterday he was taken violently ill, and to-day his condition became so critical that his attending physician called into consultation Dr. Stone, one of the naval surgeons, but the admiral slowly sank away. He was the ranking admiral of the navy and the officer next in line to Admiral Dewey.

### GUILTY AND SENTENCED.

Michael Davis, proprietor of the "Black Rabbit," the most notorious den in this city, was permitted to plead guilty to-day before Recorder Goff in general sessions to keeping a disorderly house. He was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

### INDICTMENTS QUASHED.

Two other indictments against the prisoner, each charging a felony, the maximum penalty of which would have been twenty years at hard labor in state prison, were practically quashed by the district attorney's recommendation that the prisoner be discharged on his own recognizance.

Pauline Sheldon, who was present during the orgies when the "Black Rabbit" was raided, also escaped with an eight months' sentence.

### GIVEN LONG TERMS.

In contrast with these sentences Jules Dumont, employed as floor manager by Davis in the "Black Rabbit," tried and convicted before Judge Cowley last week, was sentenced to fourteen years in State's prison. Edith Myrtle Lynch, a performer at the "Black Rabbit," tried and convicted before Judge McMahon, got seven years in State prison.

### DIVE KEEPER UNDAUNTED.

In defiance of the police, and appa-