

JAPAN WAS PUFFED UP.

Her Easy Conquests Developed Thirst for Territorial Acquisition.

WILL NOT LISTEN TO ADVICE.

Until the New Treaty is Ratified America Not Likely to Be Snubbed.

CHINA WILL BE PUNISHED.

No Peace Until the Emperor Bows to the Authority of the Great Mikado.

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(Special War Correspondence of The World.)

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Dec. 4, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—President Cleveland's offer of mediation between China and Japan will not be accepted by Japan. This is quite certain. The Japanese Government resents all attempts on the part of outside nations to interfere with the course of the war.

But while the new treaty is pending before the United States Senate, and while the Western republicans such evidences of sympathy, Japan hesitates to run the risk of giving any offense to Mr. Cleveland or to the American people by a curt refusal.

The Emperor of Japan will treat only with the Emperor of China. There can be no half-way diplomacy, no tentative negotiation, no side paths in any arrangement for peace.

LI HUNG CHANG FOILED.

Li Hung Chang has tried again and again to sound the Japanese Foreign Office on the subject of conditions for peace, but has failed to get any reply.

And now Mr. Dietrich, one of the ad-

visers of the Chinese Viceroy, has come to Japan with another mission of private negotiation, accompanied by Mr. Alchick, of the London Times, of whose backstairs diplomatic enterprise I have already written. Mr. Dietrich had an interview with Ito Miyoji, the Secretary of the Japanese Imperial Cabinet, and although he presented a letter from Li Hung Chang, or rather attempted to present it, he was informed brusquely that the Prime Minister would consent to see an envoy on behalf of China except an envoy representing the Son of Heaven, and fully empowered to sue for peace in his behalf and to conclude terms.

And so Mr. Dietrich has taken his little letter in his hand and gone back to his wily master.

Japan is determined to humble China before the world and before herself. To treat with Li Hung Chang would be to give the Chinese an opportunity to say that the war was a mere local affair beneath the notice of the Emperor, and was settled by one of the Viceroys.

DOESN'T KNOW HE'S WHIPPED.

As the matter stands now in China the Emperor is not supposed to know (if, indeed, he does know) that the Chinese arms have suffered any defeat or that China has attempted to sue for peace. In order to have the Emperor open negotiations with the conquerors Li Hung Chang must first officially inform His Majesty that China is beaten, and so give the lie direct to all reports that have been made to Peking of defeat.

In the ordinary course of events, and quite without any prejudice against Li, the Emperor would be obliged to remove the Viceroy's head, an event which the latter is endeavoring to prevent.

It is no longer a question of a war indemnity of several millions of dollars, nor even of Japanese supremacy in the Korean peninsula—it is a question of domination, of a new-born thirst for territory and for outlying colonies.

ENGLAND OF THE EAST.

Her few easy victories have swollen the pride of Japan almost to the bursting point. She bourgeois out with the idea that she is to be the England of the East, with conquered peoples and dependencies, while at home her manufacturers are to overthrow the influence of western industry and commerce in Asia.

Already plans are being made to establish a line of Japanese steamers direct to England, and the great English steamship companies are to be crippled first and then destroyed.

It is necessary to understand this before it is possible to realize the present attitude of Japan towards China and towards the rest of the world. But there is a cloud on the horizon, a very small cloud but still a cloud, and it is this—that is, forcing Japan to carry the war on relentlessly, to attempt to break down China at any cost without regard to the possible effect of such an event upon the interests of other nations.

SHALL CHINA BE CUT UP?

Only a few days ago the Cabinet was considering the question whether it would be for the interests of Japan, taking everything into consideration, to cause the downfall of the Manchu dynasty and split the Chinese Empire in two. But since the fall of Port Arthur the war party of Japan, which

is the real foreign party, has had supreme control of public affairs and public policy. All other branches of the Government have shriveled into insignificance and the soldiery are movers of the future. Of the future? Well, of the present.

The finances of Japan begin to figure largely in the plans of the Government. The first loan of 30,000,000 yen (300,000,000 yen) five per cent. bonds was floated as a domestic enterprise at par. The Government has only called thirty per cent. of the money, and yet it is about to float a second loan for 50,000,000 yen at ninety-five per cent. five per cent. below par.

On Nov. 21 about 123,000,000 paper yen were in circulation, and against this there was a gold reserve of 2,300,000 yen and a silver reserve of 23,000,000 yen. The gold reserve only amounts to this sum when its premium value is added to it.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

If the Government collects all its loans from the people—and if the war continues it must do so—something like 40,000,000 yen will be left in circulation as a medium of commerce—in other words, a little over \$1 a head for the entire population of the Empire.

Of course much of the money called in by the Government will be immediately put into domestic circulation, but this is the only true paper money. The gold and silver will be paid out to foreign countries where the paper yen is unacceptable.

At the present time large quantities of silver and gold, many millions in fact, are being shipped out of Japan to meet war expenses, and as gold and silver disappear the currency of Japan will be upon a partly credit basis with nothing but paper.

That is why I say there is a cloud on the horizon, while England and Russia remain in the shadow keeping watch over their own.

JAMES CREELMAN.

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(From the Indianapolis Journal.)

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Third Race—Chateau, Gallatin, Tenacious.

Fourth Race—Sirocco, Con Lucy, Woodchopper.

Fifth Race—Detroit, Frank R. Harf, Eclipse.

RACE TRACK, ALEXANDER ISLAND, Dec. 22.—An excellent card of five races will be run off here this afternoon. The entries are high class for Alexander Island, and the contests should be spirited in every event.

The third race, which is at a mile and a sixteenth, ought to furnish a very interesting contest. Chateau, whose run-

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Men's Fancy Cashmere SUITS, in Cutaways and Sacks, formerly \$18.00, now..... 9.00

Men's Blue and Black Kersey and Melton OVERCOATS, formerly \$10.00, now..... 5.00

Men's Genuine Shetland STORM ULSTERS, formerly \$10.00, now..... 5.00

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away race yesterday created a sensation, meets Galatin, Panacous, Long St. Laurent and other good milers.

In the fourth race, such sprinters as Sirocco, Jack Lovell Woodchopper, Paragon, Walcott, Con Lucy, Herwyn, Gonzales and Pointe meet. This is the best field of sprinters that has yet faced the starter at this track.

Eclipse, Blue Bird, My Gyp, Frank R. Harf and Detroit will make an extremely interesting contest for the purse in the last race. The other events are promising. The entries and selections are as follows:

First Race—Selling; six furlongs.

Stringfellow.....124 Sextus.....124 Son Malheur.....124 Adaxus.....124 Chateau.....124 Gallatin.....124 Tenacious.....124 Sirocco.....124 Con Lucy.....124 Woodchopper.....124

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The entries and selections for to-day's races are as follows:

First Race—Selling; one mile.

Bob Campbell.....107 Malga.....107 Longhorn.....107 Denver.....107 Eclair.....107 Jim Henry.....107 Press Com'ry.....107 Charter.....98 Bette Queen.....97 Frank R. Harf.....101 Detroit.....101

Second Race—Selling; six furlongs.

Longbrook.....104 Merritt.....94 Beatus.....104 King Craft.....102 Dick White.....102 Holston.....102 Guy Hogg.....102 Gaid Daid.....102 J. J. B. Sells.....102 Galena.....102 B. F. Fly.....102 Detroit.....102

Third Race—Two miles.

Young Arion.....105 Centinella.....102 Excelsior.....102 Saratoga.....102 Beattie B.....102 Peartree.....102

Fourth Race—Brewer's Handicap; one mile.

Clementine.....114 Amie May.....109 Gabe Bauer.....112 Theodore H.....101 Old Dominion.....112 Ta.....90 Wahle.....110 Black Jack.....85 Melody.....110 Rapid Transit.....84

Fifth Race—Five furlongs.

Ruby R.....102 Patsie.....102

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