

Powers Likely to Reach an Agreement on Chinese Question.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—"The foreign envoys have agreed to demand," says a special despatch from Pekin, "an extension of the legation area so as to embrace everything from Ha Tu Men gate to the Tsen Men gate between the walls of the Imperial and Tartar cities, a strip a mile long and a third of a mile wide. M. De Giers (Russian minister) has declined to yield on the indemnity question and some kind of a verbal compromise has been arranged."

The Morning Post publishes the following from its Pekin correspondent, dated Saturday:

"Wang Wen Chao, now a cabinet minister, has written to Sir Robert Hart from San Fu that Emperor Wang Su would be glad to return to Pekin but that his majesty would 'lose his face' if foreign troops were there."

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard asserts that "the Russian volte face dates from the czar's illness."

Shanghai sends another batch of reports from Chinese sources. Among these is a rumor that the allies have reached Wei Hui Su, 300 miles east of Sian Fu and are proceeding westward. Another is that the Taotai of Chu Chan Fu in the province of Che Kiang has been dismissed, and 16 ring-leaders of missionary murders have been captured. A third says that a Chinese official has arrived at the capital of the province of Fu Nan with orders to organize a force of 50,000 Boxers.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express wires that the Russians are assuring the Chinese that the Amur massacres were really repugnant to the Russian officers, but were carried out under orders of Count Von Waldersee.

Pekin, Nov. 25.—The diplomatic body held a final meeting this morning and agreed upon the terms of the preliminary treaty. Nothing now remains except to secure the approval of the respective governments before definite negotiations with the Chinese peace commissioners are begun.

The precise terms of the settlement have not yet been made public here; but it is believed, outside the diplomatic corps, that the main points are in substantial agreement with those contained in the French note to the powers, namely, punishment for the guilty, indemnity to governments and individuals, retention of strong legation guards and the occupation of certain places between P. kin and Taku.

A party of American cavalry went today to disperse a band of bandits in a village sixteen miles from Pekin. The village was found strongly fortified, but the Americans attacked and captured it, killing seven Chinese.

A secret edict from Sain Fu to the provincial viceroys and governors orders them to cease the manufacture of modern arms and to revert to the old style of weapons, because modern arms "have proved utterly useless against the foreigners."

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—The foreign office officials this evening informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the collective note adopted by the foreign minister at Pekin, having been submitted to the home governments it was soon to be unanimously accepted. It was pointed out there is a paragraph therein suggesting that the home governments express their additional wishes and it was admitted that the United States might have done so. But, the officials referred to declined to give any further details, pleading the necessity for preserving the diplomatic secrecy.

They insisted that United States Minister Conger had acted throughout in harmony with all the foreign representatives. Mr. A. D. White, the United States ambassador, told the Associated Press representative that the press cablegram regarding an alleged new Washington circular note was probably erroneous and that it probably referred to instructions cabled him which the Berlin despatch of yesterday to the Associated Press covered. The foreign office officials refused to confirm or deny they had received the alleged notes.

The Illness of the Tsar.

The news that His Majesty the Emperor of Russia has been attacked by typhoid fever will be received in this country with genuine sorrow on personal as well as on public grounds. The interests of the British and of the Russian Empires come into apparent conflict at many points, and, so long as this remains the case, a certain want of cordiality between the two nations is, perhaps, inevitable. But the British people have never allowed the feelings provoked amongst them from time to time by certain aspects of Russian policy, and certain acts of Russian statesmen and of Russian soldiers, to diminish the high opinion they hold of the character of the Tsar. His visit to this country soon after his accession created a most favourable impression, not merely upon those with whom he came into contact, but upon the general public. If the belief that in our great struggle with Russia nearly half a century ago we may have "put our money on the wrong horse" and that, viewed from the standpoint of broad

and far-seeing statesmanship, the abiding interest of the two greatest Asiatic Powers may not be necessarily irreconcilable has been making way amongst thoughtful men in both countries of recent years, as we are glad to think is the case, that result must be in part attributed to the personal influence of Nicholas II. upon British as well as upon Russian opinion. Most of were unable to put much faith in the probable fruits of the peace conference, but the evident sincerity of its author and the exalted nature of his motives deeply touched all classes amongst us. There has always been a general belief in England that the Emperor himself reciprocated the national sentiment towards him—that he liked and respected the British people, and that he cherished a real regard and reverence for our beloved Queen, to whose granddaughter he is married. The Tsar has hitherto exhibited in his policy viewed as a whole, the same attachment to the cause of peace that he proclaimed when he proposed The Hague Conference. It is hardly necessary to say that any event which would lead to a change in the occupant of the Russian throne in the present anxious state of Eastern Asiatic affairs might very gravely prejudice the existing situation. The Emperor of Russia is his own Prime Minister and his own Foreign Minister, though doubtless he has sometimes to defer to the great power of the Russian bureaucracy and of the Russian Generals in the field, and few things can make more for the tranquillity and welfare of mankind than that he should be a lover of peace. Happily there is no reason to fear that His Majesty is in any acute or immediate danger. The malady, at first supposed to be influenza, from which he is suffering is, indeed, of a serious nature, but according to Tuesday's bulletin, which is the latest to hand, it is taking a "thoroughly favourable course," and the efforts of the doctors will fortunately be aided by the youth of the patient.

A Magnificent Christmas Number.

The Christmas cover of "Success" is one of the finest things of its kind which has ever come to this office. It is by J. C. Leyendecker, the Chicago artist who won first prize in the Century poster competition recently, —a contest in which seven hundred of America's ablest artists entered designs. The cover represents the three wise men of the East, and Leyendecker has woven into it much of the beautiful Oriental mysticism which properly belongs to a subject of this character. The Egyptian, the Greek and the Hindoo, "bearing gold, frankincense and myrrh," are represented kneeling before the shrine. The coloring is superb, and the whole cover is a fine example of the rich, decorative art which has come to make American magazines noteworthy the world over.

The inside pages of "Success" well bear out the promise of the cover, and stamp this issue of "Success" as the finest one yet put out by its present enterprising management. The leading feature is a fine poem by Edwin Markham, —probably the greatest which he has written since "The Man with the Hoe." It is entitled "The mighty Hundred Years," and summarizes the great world-stirring events of the last century in a mystic song which rises far above the commonplace.

W. T. Stead, in a strong article, arraigns his own government for the Boer War policy, while J. Henniker Heaton, M. P., British postmaster-general, writes hopefully of a future alliance of the Anglo-Saxon race.

S. R. Crockett is represented by a clever piece of fiction, entitled "Tadmor in the Wilderness," while in the first part of "The Magic Story" is found an unusually strong tone of inspiration. This story, which may easily have a wide influence upon men and women in all walks of life, is by Frederic Van Rensselaer Day.

A Novelette on Virginia Life Before the War.

Laura Spencer Porter, a gifted Southern writer, has just completed a serial in which she portrays girl life in old the Dominion, of the ante-bellum days. Into her story she has woven the social and domestic life of the Virginia gentry, pictured their fetes, festivals, courtships and marriages, giving most interesting glimpses of the descendants of those patrician pioneers who settled on the James. The serial has been secured by The Ladies' Home Journal. It will have early publication, under the name of "Those days in old Virginia."

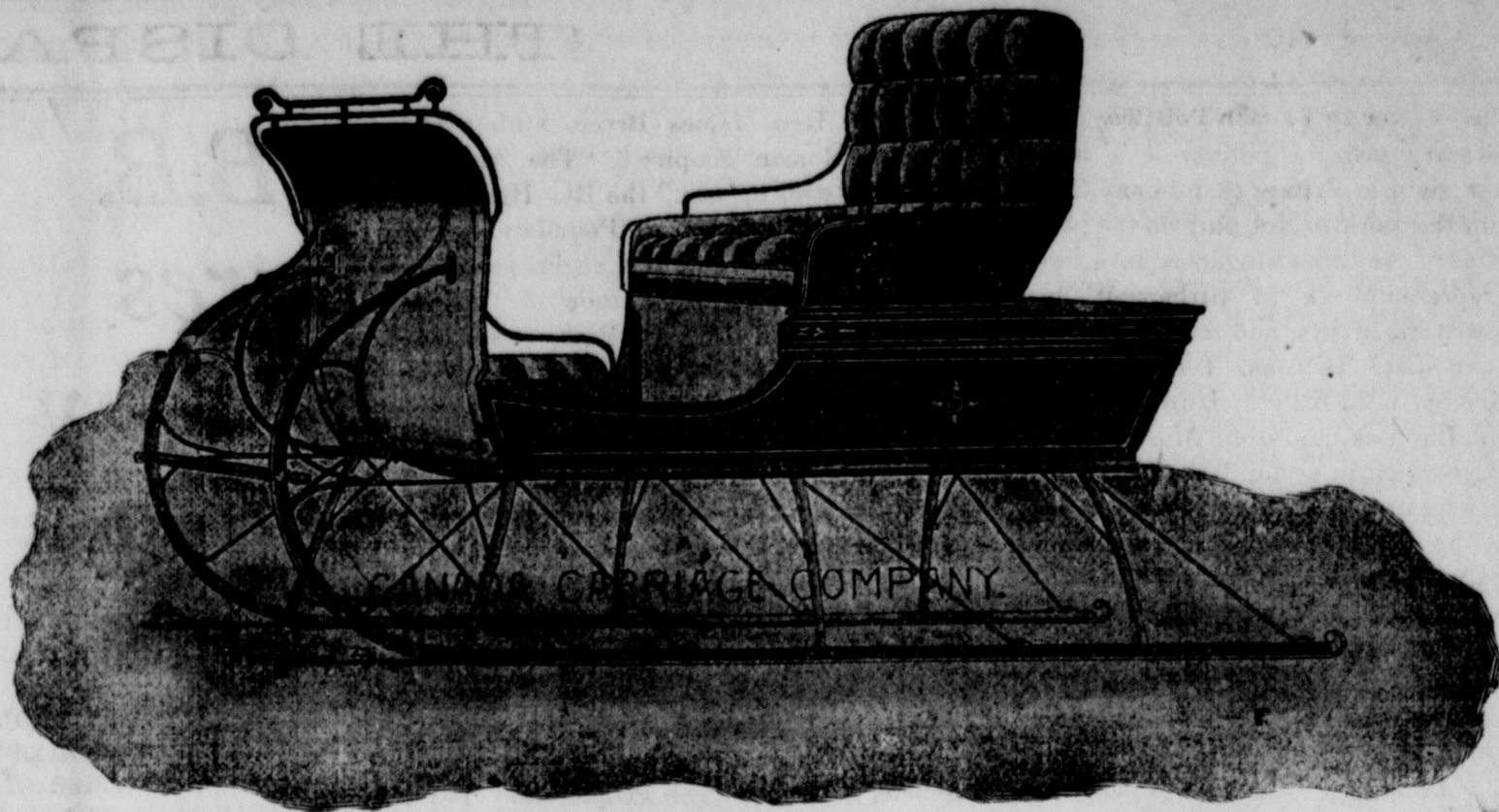
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A Veteran's Story.—George Lewis, of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh for fifty years, and in my time have used a great many catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents.—25 Sold by Garden Bros.



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Game of the Tobique.

Thomas F. Allen returned home on Saturday from the Tobique, N. B., where, as usual, he has been for the past eight months in charge of the Tobique Salmon Club's preserves. Mr. Allen, as has been his custom for several years, brought down trophies of his expertness with the rifle—a moose and a caribou, which are as large and handsome as any that have been seen here this season.

"We had a very successful fishing season," said Mr. Allen to a Commercial reporter on Monday afternoon, "the salmon never having bitten better. Yes, there's lots of game in that vicinity and the sportsmen have been thicker than ever. All the visitors speak highly of the treatment which they receive from the guides and camp owners, everything pleasant for the tourists."

Mr. Allen will remain in Bangor the greater part of the winter.

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