

Treaty With Russia Not Yet Signed. American Japanese and British Government Protested.

Pekin, March 27—The Chinese had not signed the Manchurian agreement last night when the time expired.

London, March 27—The officials of the Japanese embassy confirm the report that an imperial decree has been issued by the court at Sian Fu, through Liu Kun Yi, the viceroy of Nankin, ordering that the Manchurian convention should not be signed.

Washington, March 27—The British government has protested against China's making a convention with any power touching territorial or financial affairs until the present troubles in that country are concluded.

The fact of the British protest was made known here for the first time today by a dispatch from one of the foreign offices of Europe.

It states that the protest was made through Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister at Peking. It does not state when the representations were made, but from the fact that the dispatch was received in Washington today it is taken that the protest has been made within the last day or two.

Although the Russian agreement is not specifically referred to, it is said to be clear that the British action is directed against the Russian agreement.

The language appears to be similar to that used by Secretary Hay in the American protest. The effect of the British action is to place the United States, Japan and Great Britain in formal opposition to the signing of a convention with any power pending the settlement of the Chinese troubles.

The concurrence of these protests probably explain why the Manchurian agreement has not been signed. There was no definite information received here today at the state department or at any of the foreign embassies as to whether the agreement had been signed or rejected.

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Ruling United States Out. European Nations Have Matter Under Consideration.

Washington, March 26—While attention has been centered upon the crisis connected with the Manchurian agreement, an entirely new and important phase of the Chinese question has been presented by the action of the ministers at Peking, in agreeing yesterday to submit to their various governments whether articles 8 and 9, of the Chinese protocol shall be carried out by the military authorities of all the powers interested in China, or only by those powers who are continuing to take part in the application of these articles.

The action of the ministers has been communicated to several of the foreign embassies and legations here, and doubtless Mr. Rockhill has made or will make known the same facts. The articles in question are as follows:

Article 8. The destruction of the ports which might obstruct free communication between Peking and the sea.

Article 9. The right to maintain occupation of certain points, to be determined by an understanding among the powers, in order to obtain open communication between the capital and the sea.

As these two questions appear to involve territorial affairs, it may be come of considerable moment whether the determination of such affairs is left with the military officials of all the powers or of only such powers as continue their military force in China.

In the latter case the United States government will be quietly but effectually deprived of all voice in the settlement of so much of the Chinese question as relates to the determination of the strength of the military forces to be continued therein by the powers. It is also possible that an affirmative decision by the powers which would exclude the United States from participating in the discussion on the important point, might be extended to put us out of China altogether.

The Law of Associations. Paris, March 26—The Chamber of Deputies today entered upon the discussion of Article 15 of the laws of associations bill, which deals with the property of illegal associations.

An amendment of small importance was adopted and the Chamber adjourned. During the afternoon the premier, M. Waldeck Rousseaux, was in conference with the special committee having the bill in charge, and an important modification was made in Article 17, which provides for the disposal of the property of congregations confiscated under the bill.

Instead of being devoted to old age pensions, this property will be utilized for the assistance of children, old people and persons sick and incurable, for whom no special foundation exists, as well as the necessitous members of the dissolved congregations.

The Government hopes by thus modifying the original proposal in a broader and more humanitarian sense, to soften the widespread feeling against what had appeared to be a pure spoliation of the religious orders for the benefit of the socialistic scheme of old age pensions.

Mexico City, March 26—The air is full of rumors of great and sweeping changes in the railroad situation and a division of railroads of this country in two groups, one controlling the Mexican National, which will be made a standard gauge, and the other taking over the Mexican Central. It is said that the Southern Pacific is absorbing the Mexican National and will control the Monterey and Gulf road and possibly the old Vera Cruz Line.

Prominent capitalists have their agents here, who are in daily consultation with the highest government people. One report has it that the Mexican Central and the Santa Fe will consolidate and another that the Rock Island will absorb the Central.

His Life Was Saved. Mr. J. B. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected soon to die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise."

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The Supreme Court has rendered a decision in the case of Houser vs Oaageburg County which will be of general interest, especially to the County Superintendents of Education. The Court decides that County Superintendents are entitled to their \$100 pay for traveling expenses except where specifically repealed. A similar opinion was rendered some time ago by the Attorney General.

Mrs. Carrie Nation is lecturing in Kentucky.

GAINING ON ENGLAND.

The wonderful development of cotton manufacturing in this section has very properly caused the south to be regarded as a dangerous industrial rival not only of New England, but of old England as well.

With all his faults John Bull is candid. He has the sense to see when he is losing ground, and is frank enough to admit it.

In a recent interview Mr. S. Andrew, secretary of the Oldham Master Spinners' association, gave his version of the reasons why English cotton manufacturing is not more prosperous:

"Time was when Great Britain was the chief cotton spinner in the world," said Mr. Andrew, "but though it is true that Great Britain contains more cotton spinning spindles than any other country, yet such an increase has been taking place in the rest of the world during the past few years that this country is losing ground in the universal competition. Since 1885 the spindling spindles of Great Britain have only increased about 5,000,000, while in the rest of the world they have increased 22,000,000. In other words, while we have increased by one spindle the rest of the world has increased by over four.

"Then, again, the time was when our spindles in Great Britain formed more than one half of the total number in the world, and the hours of labor, though limited to 56 1/2, were able to maintain their position in the universal race. But today the hours of labor stand as follows: Great Britain has 45,000,000 spindles, and the hours of labor are limited to 56 1/2 (and even that number has recently been reduced by the introduction of the cleaning question), while the rest of the world owns 60,000,000 spindles and runs an average of 70 1/2 hours, making 14 hours per week of difference in the nominal time run. This must again be a serious indication of the trend of the cotton trade."

The clearest seers and the most practical observers agree that the south is destined to become the great cotton manufacturing center of the world and it will not be very long either before that event occurs.

Atlanta Journal.

Denmark Makes an Offer. London, March 28—The Daily News publishes the following dispatch from its Copenhagen correspondent:

"I am enabled to state, on the very best authority, that Denmark has communicated to the United States the following condition for the sale of the Danish West Indies:

"First, \$4,000,000, to be paid to Denmark.

"Second, the population to decide by vote whether to remain Danish or to be transferred to America.

"Third, if the vote is favorable to the United States then the inhabitants to become immediately not only American subjects, but American citizens.

"Fourth, products of the island to be admitted to the United States free of duty."

It is supposed here that Washington will not readily accept the third and fourth conditions.

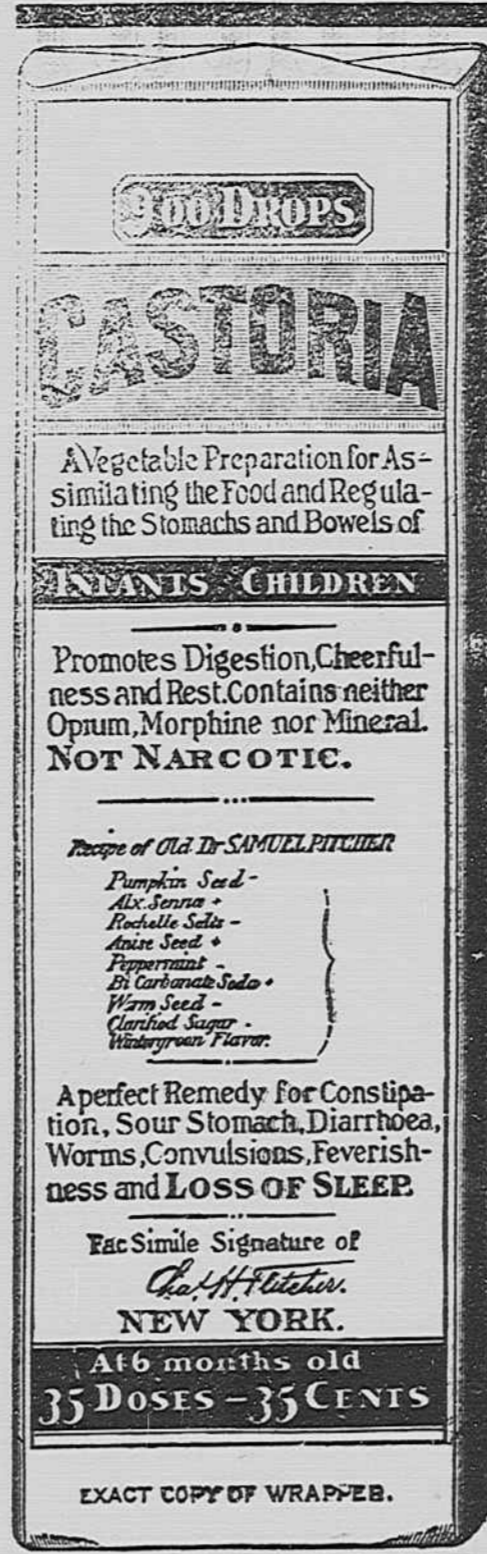
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The Uprising in Turkey. London, March 27—Advices received here from Constantinople are to the effect that affairs are rapidly reaching a dangerous pass there.

Turkish finances are in inextricable confusion. All government salaries are from six to eight months in arrears. Upwards of a million Turkish pounds are due for war material, while the military expenditure is daily increasing, in order to cope with the rebellion in the province of Yemen, in southern Arabia, and the possible rising in Macedonia.

There is no doubt that the Ottoman troops received a severe check at the hands of the Arab insurgents who, in a manifesto denouncing the sultan, proclaimed his brother, Mohammed Rehad Effendi, to be sultan, with the title of Mohammed V. The young Turk party have adhered to the Arabian proclamation, and the open enemy to Abdul Hamid, the sultan, has spread to the palace and the sultan's advisers. Izzet Bey is said to be preparing for flight. The patrols of Constantinople have been doubled. Mohammedans and Christians are arrested hourly, and large numbers are daily shipped to Asia Minor.

The tension between Bulgarians and Mussulmans in Macedonia is extreme. It is reported that another band of marauders has crossed Bulgaria into Macedonia.



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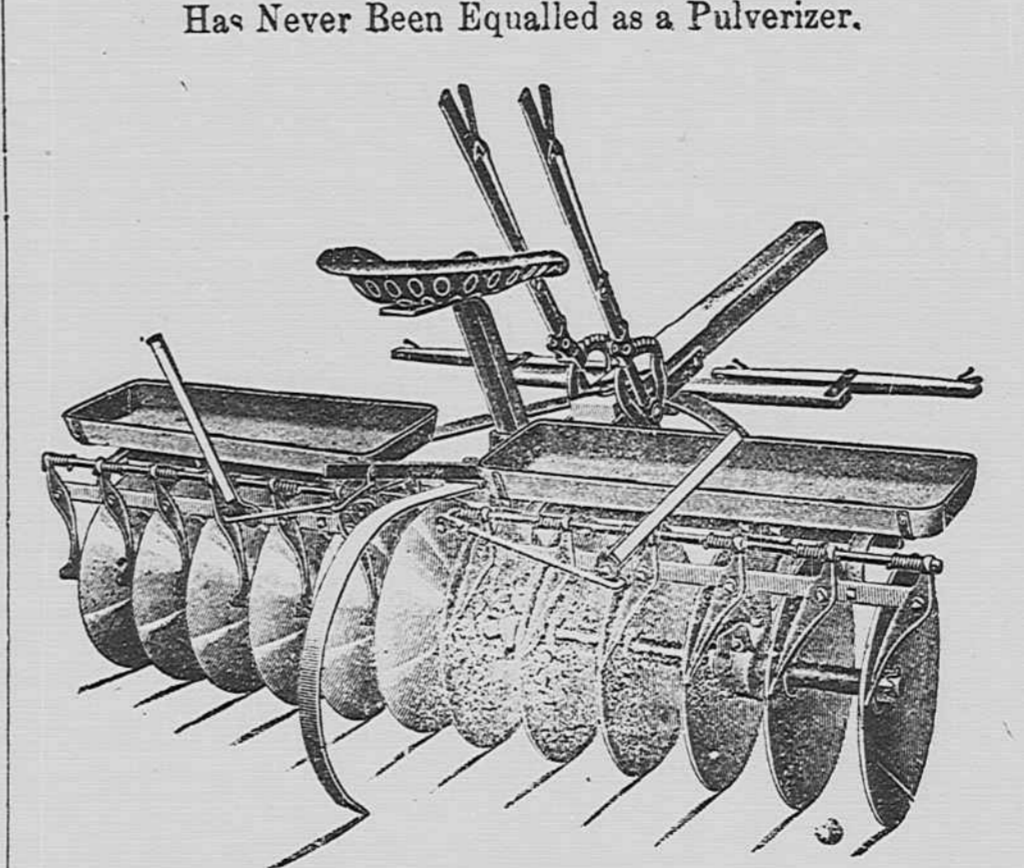
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