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REMARKABLE IMPERIAL EDICT.

An edict has been issued, it seems, by the Chinese emperor, directed to his numerous functionaries, within the precincts of the palace and unhesitatingly reflecting the feelings of that young monarch during the present difficulties that has befallen the country. The document is most remarkable. It is the emperor's reply to suggestions made to him to move his capital further west as the Japanese advance, and it indicates to every line the despair that has taken possession of his heart.

The emperor bitterly invectives against the Japanese for having vocally prevented him from carrying out the reforms he was contemplating for the benefit of his extensive country. With still more bitterness he reproaches his generals and soldiers for the cowardice and incompetence they have displayed when entrusted with the defense of the country. Large sums of money, he says, had been appropriated for the proper equipment and training of the army, but the money was squandered and the country rendered defenseless to its hour of peril. Then the sorely afflicted ruler humbly confesses that he himself is to blame as ownership of his storied throne, preeminently because he failed to select the right men for the important offices of the empire. He acknowledges his defeat as a retribution for his own faults and resolves to perish, if need be, fighting, as his ancestors for the defense of the sacred altars of the nation. And when he shall have been gathered to his fathers, he trusts that his mother will be tenderly cared for and a new emperor chosen, more worthy the place and able to wipe out the present disgrace.

Probably this document tells the whole story of the present war. The phenomenal success of the Japanese would not have been possible had they been opposed by capable generals commanding well equipped soldiers. On account of the rascality of men to whom high confidence had been placed the country was laid open. There is a strong suspicion that the invaders found allies in Chinese traitors to whom gold was more than honor.

But however this may be, the emperor's edict certainly has a prophetic ring to it. The present war is not likely to settle the trouble permanently. China may some time want to "wipe out the disgrace." And if the present incumbent of the throne shall prepare to live for this sole object or if his legacy of revenge shall be accepted by his successors, changes in the internal policy of the country will be introduced accordingly, and then the people may take another turn.

If Japan at this time is as wise as she has shown herself patriotic and valiant, she will during the pending negotiations for peace show moderation, calculated to allay the bitter feelings of her enemy. Empires founded on the rules of nations and upheld only by militarism, never attain permanence. They may stand as long as the germans that created them are in a position to maintain their work. But great men pass away and following generations do not always possess others capable of filling their places. The consequence is that issues raised by wars and strifes between neighboring nations always are taken in hand at once, and the disorders of the country may be reduced to servitude in the next. The only solid foundations upon which to base the greatness of a nation are the enterprises of peace. The nation that develops various lines of manufactures, commerce, agriculture and so on, and proceeds to social elevation and true culture endeavors will result in its position to the very extremes of the life, because it is a blessing to the earth and not a curse. Japan might profit just now by examining more into most of the kindly of the world and seek the opportunity offered to prove herself worthy of the place to which she aspires—that of the foremost nation in Asia.

"CANCELLED STAMP" LETTERS.

A young lady writing to the Salt Lake American Fork leaves this inquiry:

Please let me know in confidence as a subject friend, and if it is truly true that a million dollars has been offered by some the young lady mentioned.

Of what value would the cancelled stamps be?

The enclosure, from whom we have received the name of the addressee and the signer, reads as follows:

No. 31.
AMERICAN FORK, Jan. 12, 1895.

Miss ——

Dear Friend—A medical institute has offered to send a young lady of Kansas who has been long in ill health, a million dollars, if she could obtain one million cancelled stamps, so we started this circle, in which we kindly ask your aid. Please make three copies of this letter on I have sent, only change the date and put the next signed number at the top, numbering as the same.

Report this letter with the cancelled stamps to Miss Ella B. Brown, Kansas City, Kan., number 10, also the name and address of the three to whom you have written, and they in turn are sent to do the same.

Any one not wishing to do this work or cause the work to Miss Brown that she may know the chain is broken.

A thing like this may seem a worthless to you, yet any one breaking the circle will injuriously affect one in the enjoyment.

The person No 10 will come to you this time without any signs of the same, as they are in the chain.

Your loving friend,

The entertainment of new money letters and stamps would be thus brought to the "Miss Brown" scheme, provided "the chain" were unbroken up to the number 50, would be an interesting exercise in multiplying by three and to a million for a student in the public schools. Suppose three letter were sent out as No. 1, and all were responded to. This would give nine for No. 2, twenty-seven for No. 3, eighty-one for No. 4, and so on. No. 10 would call for 19,683 letters, and No. 20 for 3,486,784,401. The million mark in cancelled stamps would be passed on the eleventh number, which would call for 5,904,900. When No. 25 was reached, in a complete regular, uninterrupted circle of all those which precede it, would be 5,210,000,000 letters, with ten times that number of stamps, or over fifty-two billions. In the original mailing of these letters, at two cents each, there would be spent for postage $104,000,000.00. By remailing them to "Miss Brown," a like amount for postage stamps would be required. This makes no calculation for paper, envelopes or time in writing, and the figures are counted up to only No. 25. If they were calculated up to No. 50, the amount represented for postage alone would pay the national debt many times over, or would realize all the workingmen's families in the Union comparatively independent.

No wonder our American Fork correspondent wants to know what is contained in the letter she received, particularly if she took the matter seriously. If an effort were made to carry out the scheme, long before No. 20 was reached every man, woman and child in the country would have received a letter and sent out three, so the "chain" is sure to be broken. The trick is an old one, and it is said was originated years ago, when a request emanated from a stamp-furnishing house which had a contract with the government. At that time, however, the limit in the request was No. 13.

As to the value of cancelled stamps, practically there is none, except to some dealers who sell "collections," and possibly they may augment their supply from "Miss Brown." As to the offer to cure a cripple, that may be set down as a hoax. Recently the Chicago papers have contained requests that no more letters of the class named be sent to a young lady in Illinois; but we do not now remember the name. It was said she was being made the victim of a cruel practical joke of the "cancelled stamp" order, and that life had become burdensome because of the daily arrival of hundreds of letters. Another scheme that is worked in this way is the securing of addresses, particularly of young people, for the purpose of distributing among them literature of an infidelic character. No sensible boy or girl should have anything to do with "cancelled stamp" communications.

PROPOSED ARBITRATION TREATY.

This week Senator Sherman introduced in Congress a bill providing for carrying into effect the international arbitration resolution adopted in 1890. This action is a response to a direct request from a British member of Parliament, William Randal Cremer. This gentleman is a working people's representative, and aspires to Parliamentary from a London district. He is a well known and active English philanthropist, and has taken a prominent part in the endeavor to establish International arbitration tribunals. He was one of the committee to present to President Cleveland, seven years ago, the memorial which led to the congressional resolution of 1890.

This resolution means a declaration in favor of instituting negotiations with most nations "for the creation of a tribunal of international arbitration and that appropriate means whereby difficulties and disputes between nations may be peacefully and amicably settled." The letter of authority also asks the President to instruct such negotiations through the diplomatic agents of the government, or through a committee which the President shall appoint.

The first memorial presented by Mr. Cremer to Parliament contained was signed by 234 members of the British House of Commons. In course we imagined by several institutions which had been introduced in Congress relating the settlement of disputes by arbitration, instead of by war, and a couple of years ago it was presented before the resolution of 1890, the first one ever passed by Congress, was adopted. Shortly before the retirement of Premier Gladstone, the House of Commons adopted a similar resolution, to which was added a declaration that body "learns with interest and satisfaction that both houses of the American Congress have favored committing treaties of arbitration, and it expresses the hope that her majesty's government will open negotiations."

There the matter rested until Mr. Cremer drafted the later memorial, to which he secured the signatures of 303 members of the British lower house. While the canvass for signatures was going on, Senator Allison's resolution requesting the President to open negotiations for a treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain, for twenty-five years, was passed by Congress, and Mr. Cremer believes the time is now ripe for adopting the measure. He says the promoters of the arbitration treaty movement are satisfied that if the invitation comes from this country it will meet with an immediate and hearty response from the British government.

It would be a most interesting development if the two leading civilized nations of the eastern and western hemispheres, speaking a common language, should enter into the proposed arrangement. There is a general tendency to arbitration in principle, though its perfection in practice may not be reached until after ninety-five rounded more years and bloody conflicts that may make material changes in governmental affairs. But its progress affords an interesting parallel in harmony with prophetic declarations regarding the latter days. From ancient times it has been predicted that earth would enjoy a Millennial reign of peace, and that in latter times the Gospel should be preached as the harbinger of that blessed time. The Gospel has been restored in this dispensation, coming first to those who dwell on American soil. From here the invitation proceeded to the British Isles, where there were found many seriously waiting to receive it, and thence it proceeded to other lands. Now Britain awaits the invitation of the United States for what is regarded as a step toward that condition when men "shall study war no more," and other nations shall follow their lead. Truly the Divine purpose is working with men and nations, and will be brought about in its time.

THE SULTAN AND THE POPE.

Al Moiatham, a paper published in Cairo, Egypt, says the sultan has asked the pope to act as arbitrator in the Armenian question and also that the business has practically commenced to do so and intends to represent to the powers interested that the difficulties were due not to religious authority but to bad government. Should the view of the matter be accepted, it would of course give the Turkish government a chance to escape the trap in which it has been caught, by a solemn promise to govern the Armenians better in the future. It is positively certain that the promise would be forthcoming and equally certain that it would be broken, as such pledges always have been. It is therefore to be hoped that those whose duty it is, according to existing treaties, to watch over the Christian subjects of the porte, will be satisfied with nothing less than the placing of these unfortunates outside the reach of religious fanaticism. The Armenians are entitled to privileges similar to those given to the Greeks and the Bulgarians, by the intervention of Europe.

Geo. W. Jenkins, editor of the Santa Maria *Times*, Cal., in speaking of the various elements of children said: "When my children have croup there is only one patent medicine that I ever use, and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It possesses some medical properties that relieve the little sufferers immediately. It is, in my opinion, the best cough medicine in the market." If the remedy is freely given as soon as the croupy cough appears it will prevent the attack. It is also an ideal remedy for whooping cough. There is no danger in giving it to children, as it contains nothing injurious.

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AN OPINION GIVEN.

Beverly, Mo., J. D. Tolman, of North Dakota, visited the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, and after carefully examining the country located in Winchester, he writes to Mr. V. Hutchings, Land and Immigration Agent, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Baltimore, Maryland, as follows: "I have been in nearly every state and territory in the Union, and am back in my native land that this valley surpasses all other sections in the Union. The lands are low in price, and produce as fine crops. I think you for my part in the west, and shall some seekers to present and to direct home to live in this country."

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