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THE CHINA MARKET.

The New York Herald on Saturday printed a cablegram from Washington as follows:—
"President Taft today announced the appointment of Mr. Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, to be Minister to China. He considers that he has obtained the very best man in the United States for the post because Mr. Crane combines with a liberal education and great business ability, a high sense of patriotic duty and familiarity with affairs in China, India, Turkestan, Japan, and Russia.

"Mr. Crane has a wide diplomatic and social acquaintance in Europe. He is a great traveller, having made a tour in China, India and Java when a youth. He followed this up with many trips to China and other Oriental countries. He was with the first Russians who went into Samarkand; he is intimately informed on affairs in Manchuria, and he has made seventeen trips to Russia. He is an intimate friend of M. Delcassé and Lord Milner. An uncle of Mr. Crane is a famous professor of Oriental languages at Yale.

"In business Mr. Crane is vice-president of the great firm of Crane and Co., makers of tubing and plumbers' supplies, with branches all over the world. They were also makers of the Crane elevators, but sold the business to the Otis combination six years ago. The new Minister is a man of independent means. He has three children, the eldest son having just been graduated from Harvard. Mr. Crane is one of the leading citizens of Chicago, having been the financial backer and head of the Municipal Voters' League and president of the City Club.

"In the statement issued from the White House this afternoon appears the following: 'Mr. Crane is one of the ablest business men in the country. The President is delighted to be able to get him for the place, which he regards as most important in view of the active policy of the State Department in securing commercial opportunity in China. The President endeavoured to secure exactly the right type of man for that mission.'

The record of the new American Minister set down above by our contemporary is sufficient reason for his appointment to Pekin. President Taft, as is well known, is one of the keenest men in America with regard to the possibilities of the Chinese market for American enterprise. In making strenuous efforts to advance American interests in the Far East he is supported by every level-headed business man and politician. But before the path to China's market is open to American trade, there are a good many snags and rocky places which must be smoothed away, and to this end it is absolutely necessary that the Pekin post should be in the hands of a master diplomat versed in the peculiar methods and customs of the Oriental. That is why the selection of a man to fill the Pekin Ministry has been so carefully made; and in Mr. Crane it is believed that the right man has been found for the right place at the right moment.

Nobody possessing a sense of justice can grudge the industrial triumph of America in the Far East, for no other country has made such sacrifices of momentary advantages for greater ends or pursued a more consistent conciliatory policy in those regions. The American eagle roosting in Pekin has come to stay. May all luck attend its flights!

A NEW FLYING RECORD.

Paris, July 19.
M. Paulham made a record altitude flight with an aeroplane yesterday evening, remaining for half an hour, out of 57 minutes spent in the air, at a height of about 150 metres (500 feet).

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FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

Le Havre, July 18.
President Fallières spent the week-end here, and yesterday opened the new quay and wharfage accommodation, which will allow of the entry of big liners and their mooring at the quay when bad weather prevents access to the harbour proper. Subsequently he inspected the warships assembled here, and sent a telegram to King Edward containing his thanks for the presence of Admiral Bush as the King's representative. In the evening a banquet was held at the Prefecture, the guests including Admiral Bush. In proposing the health of King Edward, the President paid a hearty tribute to the British monarch and said that in this occasion he saw fresh proof of the entente which bound the two nations together and whose maintenance France desired with her whole heart. Amid the strains of the British National Anthem M. Fallières drank to the health of the King and his family, and to the prosperity of France's great and friendly neighbour and its mighty fleet. Admiral Bush, in response, promised to convey the President's hearty words with all despatch to his Sovereign, and drank to the health of the President, the prosperity of France and her brilliant navy. The toast was honoured by the playing of the "Marseillaise." Admiral Bush has received from the President the Commander's Cross of the Legion d'Honneur.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LORDS.

London, July 17.
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Winston Churchill, made a speech today in Edinburgh in favour of the Budget. Referring to Lord Lansdowne's speech on the previous day, Mr. Churchill said that when the Finance Bill left the Lower House it would be in its final form, as a result of the deliberations in that House. No addition or amendment that would alter or mutilate it would receive the assent of the Government; and, unless Lord Lansdowne and his agrarian friends changed their demeanour towards the Bill, Parliament would be dissolved.

NAVAL PAGEANT IN THE THAMES.

London, July 18.
Some 150 warships, belonging to the Home and Atlantic Fleets, took up their position in the Thames estuary and up the river yesterday at noon, for the Lord Mayor's pageant. The line of ships extends from Shoeburyness, where the battleships and big cruisers are anchored, to Westminster, where a flotilla of submarines is moored within sight of the Houses of Parliament. The fleet now in the Thames constitutes the most powerful assembly of warships ever witnessed.

THE KAISER'S NORTHERN CRUISE.

Kiel, July 19.
The Imperial yacht "Hohenzollern," with the Kaiser on board, left here yesterday morning for the Northern cruise. The yacht is accompanied by the cruiser "Hamburg" and the despatch-boat "Sleipner."

TARIFF REVISION IN CONGRESS.

Washington, July 18.
The Conference Committee has accepted the considerably increased duties on lithographs approved by the Senate.
In consequence of the President's declaration of yesterday that he still considered a reduction in the Customs duties necessary, the joint Committee of the two Houses of Representatives has resolved to fix the rate for women's and children's clothing and cotton fabrics 5 per cent. lower than the Dingley Tariff.
The members of the joint Conference Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives have given their assent to an ordinance authorising the issue of Panama Canal bonds to the amount of 397,000,000 dollars, to cover the whole cost of the Panama Canal.

THE STRIKERS IN PITTSBURG.

Batler (Pennsylvania), July 17.
In the works of the Standard Steel Company at Lyndora, where the foreign workers are on strike, violent disturbances took place yesterday, in the course of which several of the strikers were injured, one of them seriously. There are about 3,000 men out of work.

SOUTH AMERICAN WAR CLOUDS.

Buenos Ayres, July 18.
In consequence of the publication of statements attributed to the President of Bolivia, which cast aspersions on Argentina, the Argentine Foreign Minister has instructed Senor Fonseca, the Minister at La Paz, to leave his post if the insulting statements are confirmed as coming from the President.

KING ALFONSO ANGRY.

Madrid, July 18.
The Royal decree depriving Prince Alfonso of Orleans of the title of Infante and its concomitant rights, further states that he has forfeited all his Orders, including that of the Golden Fleece and the Grand Cross of the Charles III. Order. As the Prince also contracted his marriage without the sanction of the military authorities, it is possible that disciplinary measures will be instituted against him. He has already been relieved of his active duties as lieutenant in the King's Regiment of Guards.
Prince Alfonso is the son of the Infante Prince Antoine of Orleans and the Infanta Eulalia, aunt of King Alfonso. The Princess Beatrice is the fourth daughter of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh). The marriage took place at Coburg on the 15th inst.

THE CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, July 18.
Since noon yesterday 49 deaths from cholera and 81 new cases have been reported. The number of cholera patients under treatment is 868.
Since the beginning of June 3,409 people have been attacked by cholera in the Governments of St Petersburg, Archangel, and Volodoka, and 1,253 of the number have died. Isolated cases have occurred in the provinces of Pskov, Livonia, Courland, Vitebsk, Vilna, Finland, Novgorod, Moscow, Riazan, Olonetz, Viatka, Simbirsk, and Jaroslav.