

UNCLE SAM THE FIRST TO HELP JAPAN.

Important Treaties Now Under Negotiation Result from Lewis Cass' Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18.—The new treaties Japan is negotiating are regarded in diplomatic circles as quite as important as the Chinese-Japanese war, as they will give for the first time official recognition to Japan as one of the sisterhood of civilized nations, capable of meting out justice and attending to the other functions of an enlightened government. A treaty similar to that with Great Britain is now being negotiated with this country and it is expected to be the second of new agreements to be signed. Then will come a like treaty with Germany and other powers. The significant feature of this new series of treaties is that they entitle Japan to the same treaty rights as the countries of Europe or the Western Hemisphere. All of the Japanese treaties now existing treat it as a half barbarous country and are relics of the days prior to Japan's advance towards civilization in methods. The records of the State Department show that the United States was the first country to make a treaty of any kind with Japan and the first to send a Minister there, Secretary of State Lewis Cass having sent Townsend Harris of New York as Consul-General and afterwards Minister to Japan in 1848. He made a treaty at Yeddo, which served as the basis for subsequent treaties with Great Britain, Prussia, France, Switzerland, and other countries. These old treaties are still in force, and are the ones about to be superseded by the new series of treaties. Japan now proposes to throw open its entire country to foreigners, asking only one reservation, against the alien ownership of land, similar to the laws in some American States.

Cardinal Parrocchio Denies It.

ROME, Sept. 18.—Contrary to statements published in the American Catholic press and contrary to circulars distributed among all the Catholic dioceses in the United States, Cardinal Parrocchio, Vicar-General of his Holiness, denies he has accepted the Presidency of the Univorsal Association for the dissemination of the unencyclical *ratum novarum* or that he has charged the Rev. Dr. L. Burtzell with the direction of the association in the United States. He also denies having authorized the Rev. Dr. Burtzell to place the association in relation with the workingmen's societies.

To Increase Tinplate Output.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The *Daily News* says one of the wealthiest American iron and steel makers now in England says he and several of his friends are so satisfied with the prospects of tinplate making in the United States that they are forming a private company to commence the manufacture of tinplate on a scale that will immensely increase the American output.

Passengers Off for America.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 18.—Among the passengers who will sail for New York tomorrow on the White Star steamship *Majestic* are Prince and Princess Poggio Ruspoli, the Marquis de Talleyrand Perigord, Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, J. C. Bancroft Davis, W. Butler Duncan, and the Rt. Hon. A. B. Forwood.

Motives of Crispi's Speech.

ROME, Sept. 18.—The *Moniteur de Rome* semi-officially says the motives of Prime Minister Crispi's recent speech at Naples were the rapprochement between France and Germany, the question of Italy's internal policy, and the prospect of the coming conclave.

Cable Brevities.

QUEEN OPENS THE STATES GENERAL.

The States General were opened yesterday at the Hague by the Queen in person.

GOUGH SECRETARY TO WASHINGTON.

The Hon. Hugh Gough, eldest son of Viscount Gough, has been appointed Secretary to the British Embassy at Washington.

SWISS WANT ANARCHISTS REPRESSED.

A petition bearing the names of 27,577 Swiss citizens has been presented to the Federal Council, demanding the adoption of vigorous repressive measures against Anarchists.

Odd-Fellows Elect Officers.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 18.—At the business session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows Atlantic City was chosen as the next place of meeting. Officers were chosen as follows: Grand Sire, John W. Stebbins, Maryland; Deputy Grand Sire, Fred Carlton, Texas; Grand Secretary, Theodore Ross, New Jersey; Treasurer, Isaac Shephard.