

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS.

No Agreement of the Powers As to the Course to Be Pursued With China.

UNITED STATES' POSITION.

Opposes Dismemberment of the Empire. Russia and France Seem to Agree. Germany, Great Britain and Japan Want Territory.

WASHINGTON, August 29.—A special meeting of the cabinet, lasting all day and broken only by a short recess for luncheon, marked the intense interest in the administration feels in the Chinese problem. The diplomatic and not the military phase of the situation in China was under consideration. Last evening Assistant Secretary Adee and the French and American copies of the credentials of Li Hung Chang. To-day he and the German charge, and the substance of these conversations he laid before the cabinet.

It is understood that the cabinet to-day completed preparation of a plan for clearing away much of the uncertainty that now exists as to the future in China and outlined its views in writing. The fact that the military situation is admitted to be secondary importance confirms the view that the cabinet officer would vouchsafe information on this point, that what is sought is an agreement among the powers, several phases of the status of affairs in China. It is believed that the point has been reached where it is proper that there should be a clear expression of purpose.

On the part of the principal powers in connection with the United States, it is possible to know how far it may go consistently in the execution of the common programme. Most of the objections to the President's course have been made answer to the Chinese government's appeal and began the campaign upon Peking, have been achieved. Two others remain to be secured, namely, the safeguarding of American interests for the future, and some proper guarantee for indemnification for the expenses of recent operations and losses of American citizens.

The policy determined upon. It was the general understanding that the outcome of today's cabinet meeting would be the adoption of a policy by the administration that would tend to simplify these issues and to bring about a focus in the aspirations of the powers. If this cannot be done, then the question to be determined is whether or not the United States should proceed on its own hand-in-hand, with allied forces. It is believed that this matter is very near a decision, our determination depending upon the response made by Europe to our proposals.

The suggestion that a conference be held of the nations represented in China is again revived as an accomplishment of this purpose, and it is believed that a conference of this kind would deal with a complex and difficult problem as is presented in the settlement of China's future.

Communication With Peking. There are hopes that communication with Peking, very much delayed, will be resumed. A dispatch from the Chinese Foreign Office, dated August 28, through to-day of current date and the Navy Department has been informed that the cable company's ship was about to sail to-day. It is believed that a direct cable connecting Shanghai with Chefoo—one of the weakest links in the chain of communication at present. These improved conditions are believed to be a factor in the negotiations between our military and naval commanders and the authorities here, have made it possible for the latter to send to the German charge Baron von Sternberg, had a long conference with Secretary Adee. It is understood that any question which may have arisen as to the future course of Germany will be referred to the official note by Count von Buelow, German minister of foreign affairs, issued on July 12th, which fully defines Germany's purposes in China. This note is somewhat analogous. In setting forth Germany's intentions Count von Buelow's note said:

"Our aim is the restoration of security for persons and property; freedom of action for Germany in China; the rescue of the foreigners beleaguered in Peking; the re-establishment of security and regular conditions under a properly organized Chinese government, and the satisfaction for our national outrages committed. We desire no partition of China, and seek no special advantages. The Imperial government acts with the conviction that the maintenance of the agreement between the powers is a primary condition for the restoration of peace and order in China."

There is reason for believing that Germany's reason for believing that the foreign declaration is as effective as what was first enunciated and that the present consideration of Germany's purpose must be viewed in the light of the foregoing specific declaration. "We desire no partition of China and seek no special advantages," is Germany's clear away the suspicion that Germany has a far-reaching purpose of territorial acquisition in China.

Italy and Austria. The attitude of Italy has been de-

lined in a statement by Marquis Visconti Venosta, Minister of Foreign Affairs, as follows:

The cabinet has no political intentions toward expansion or intrigue in China. Its programme is to maintain perfect accord between the powers and other powers. A fleet and some troops represent the participation of Italy in the common task. We cannot leave entirely to others the protection of our national rights, nor are we dissatisfied in the work of mutual interests and civilization which the powers are seeking to carry on in China.

It is said that Austria will be practically identical with that of Germany.

Situation Summed Up. One of the best posted members of the diplomatic corps, who is actively engaged in the present negotiations, to-day summed up the international complications substantially as follows:

The powers were in complete accord up to the time of the taking of Peking; but with the accomplishment of the more important question arose as to the future course of the powers in dealing with China, and on that there has as yet no complete accord. That it is the view of the United States that the Japanese should not be allowed to have a free hand in the territory of Manchuria, or any move towards territorial expansion there, and in this position the United States seems to agree. On the other hand there is nothing definite indicating territorial expansion, yet the exchanges have led to the belief that Japan stood against any division of the empire. It was supposed that Japan stood against any division of Japanese troops at Amoy cannot be accounted for on the ground that a Japanese temple has been burned. So that it is the view that Japan is at least making ready to be in position to share any division of territory which must come. The course of Russia in connection with the Chinese problem is in the same light as the handling of troops at Amoy or Shanghai, as this was for the sole purpose of protecting Chinese interests, and any ulterior territorial purposes has withdrawn from Russia. So far as Great Britain's purposes are concerned, in the absence of any express declaration, the landing of troops in the Yangtze valley, evidence that Great Britain wishes to control the Yangtze valley. On the part of Germany the doubt as to the course is due mainly to Count Waldner's interest in the taking of Peking. These have indicated that he was going on an extensive campaign and that the fall of the Chinese capital was only the initial step in a comprehensive programme requiring the presence of a large army. Just what this means is not clear, but it has at least created much confusion in Washington and some other capitals.

Li Hung Chang's Credentials. The differences over Li Hung Chang's credentials are threefold. One view, including that of the United States, is that the credentials are acceptable, another view is that they have been shown to carry authority while the third view is that the original credentials were valid at the time given, but have since become invalid through the flight of the Emperor and Empress to the interior, and the collapse of the Chinese government.

The question of credentials does not seem so difficult to deal with, and it is believed that the matter will be cleared up in the near future. The question of all concerned, but it is not clear thus far that the powers can be brought into complete accord on a general policy for the future of China.

Russia's Suggestion to Withdraw. The St. Petersburg dispatch to London containing the assertion that Russia almost immediately will withdraw the powers that she considers the relief of the Peking legations as the final accomplishment of the military task of the allied forces. It is believed that the Russian government is of opinion that the legations having been relieved this government should withdraw its military forces from Peking, and that the firm intention of the Russian government is to do so.

The attitude of Germany. The subject of much official discussion during the day and considerable new light was thrown upon it. Early in the day the German charge Baron von Sternberg, had a long conference with Secretary Adee. It is understood that any question which may have arisen as to the future course of Germany will be referred to the official note by Count von Buelow, German minister of foreign affairs, issued on July 12th, which fully defines Germany's purposes in China.

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TERRIBLE CONDITIONS REPORTED IN PEKIN.

Rumors of a Great Battle—Reform Party Preparing for Rebellion—Critical Situation in Shanghai.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, August 30, 3:15 A. M.—Amid the growing difficulties of the Chinese imbroglio, Mr. Brodrick's emphatic declaration at Thorncombe last evening proves that the British government does not see any cause to depart from the line of policy originally decided upon, namely, to take no responsibility for the administration of China.

Mr. Brodrick said he hoped it would not be supposed that the government was pusillanimous in this respect. Its policy was to maintain British interests, and it was quite ready to take its share of the white man's burden, but could not admit that the nature of that burden should be dictated to it by the "yellow man."

"Here," the Morning Post observes, "is where the difficulty of selecting a policy comes in. We cannot decamp and leave the powers to settle the matter between them."

Rumors of a Great Battle. The Chinese minister in London asserts that he is in constant communication with Li Hung Chang, who is still in Shanghai. The minister received this morning a telegram from Peking which he is said to have brought to the British legation.

The reform party, under Kang Yu Wei is said to be actively preparing for rebellion. It is reported from Hankow that twenty-five reformers have been executed in the city.

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COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE.

Special Subjects Discussed by the Representatives of the Cotton States.

REPORT ON GUANO QUESTION Commissioners Urged to Secure Legislation Concerning Manufacturers—Interesting Papers Read—Officers Elected for Ensuing Year.

RALPH, N. C., August 29.—The commissioners of agriculture of the cotton States met again at 11 o'clock this morning. The session was given up to the discussion of special subjects.

The next subject discussed was "What is the best method of conducting experiments to determine the fertility of soils in different places and soils." This subject was handled in a most interesting and instructive manner by Colonel R. J. Redding, of the Georgia experiment station, and Dr. H. C. W. of the North Carolina experiment station.

The report of the committee on the guano question was then read: It recommended that the commissioners secure such legislation as will compel the manufacturers to place on the sack the brand, trademark, the weight, the available phosphoric acid, the insoluble phosphoric acid, the nitrogen, and the potash, contained in the sack, and also the source of each of the available plant foods.

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KING HUMBERT'S MURDERER.

Assassin Bresci Tried, Convicted and Sentenced to Life Imprisonment—Extreme Penalty of the Law.

MILAN, August 29.—Bresci, the Anarchist, who on July 29th shot and killed King Humbert of Italy, at Monza, while his Majesty was returning from a gymnastic expedition, to-day was tried, convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life, the highest sentence for murder under the Italian law.

Asked as to why the government requires a registry of turpentine stills, Mr. Harrison said that this was doubtless the reason why the stills used in the turpentine business are the regulation copper stills which can be used for distilling whiskey or other alcoholic stimulants and the framers of the law doubtless considered it well to have a record of all such stills.

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TURPENTINE STILLS.

Operators Must Register Them or Incur a Penalty for Failure to Do So.

THE TIME IS VERY LIMITED.

Ruling Has Been on the Books Ever Since 1898, But in Some Way It Has Been Overlooked—Officials Will Enforce It Strictly Now.

"Owners of turpentine stills should register their stills before September 1st." This is the substance of a long article taken from the Savannah Morning News of Sunday. The News calls attention to the fact that the revenue act of 1898 requires all stills, including turpentine stills, to be registered.

Continuing, the News says: "This ruling also does not seem to have been brought to the attention of the operators, and the time in which they can register and escape the penalty is growing short. Some of the local firms engaged in manufacturing rosin, among them the Shoter Company, have learned of this ruling and have registered their stills. Altogether, however, only fifty stills have been registered in this division, whereas there must be several hundred."

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Aug. 29. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing. ROSIN—Market firm; at \$1.20 per barrel for strained and \$1.25 for good strained.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at \$1.20 per barrel for hard, \$2.20 for dip, and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm at 90¢/95¢; tar firm at \$1.60; crude turpentine firm at \$2.70/2.70.

Nothing doing. Same day last year middling steady at 5¢. Receipts—17 bales; same day last year, 8 bales.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77¢/80¢. Virginia—Prime, 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 85c; upland, 50¢/60¢. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

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STAR OFFICE, August 27. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market dull. No sales. ROSIN—Market steady at \$1.20 per barrel for strained and \$1.25 for good strained.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at \$1.20 per barrel for hard, \$2.20 for dip, and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine quiet at 44¢/44¢; rosin firm at 90¢/95¢; tar steady at \$1.60; crude turpentine firm at \$2.70/2.70.

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