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PEACE PACTS ARE BLOCKED

Some European Powers Unwilling to Treat With Li Hung Chang.

Willing Chaotic Condition in China Shall Continue.

Admirals Hold Earl Li Pending Negotiations.

This Country Recognizes His Authority to Speak for China.

AGED VICEROY WILL BE KEPT ABOARD SHIP—CHAFFEE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM WASHINGTON SINCE PEKIN WAS ENTERED.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The United States is trying to bring the Chinese peace negotiations to a head and some of the European powers are trying to cause delay. They are quibbling over Li Hung Chang's authority to negotiate, while this government recognized his credentials on August 13 in its reply to his proposal. Apparently diplomatic negotiations for peace are at a standstill. It is the opinion of the officials at the war department that the state department should now take steps to bring about conditions where the American troops can be withdrawn with safety from China, but the United States cannot act alone. This government signified its willingness to treat with Li Hung Chang when the government he represented showed its willingness and ability to restore and maintain order. Japan followed the United States in the matter and Russia has also now signified its willingness to treat with Li. Germany and Italy also declined and Austria is expected to do likewise. Neither England nor France have been heard from. The cabinet considered this situation today. While this government wishes to progress toward settlement some European powers, though not declaring war, appear to wish the chaotic state in China to continue. It is pointed out that Germany has just cause for war, but it is hoped that none of the nations will come to the point of declaring war.

CABINET IN CONFERENCE. Washington, Aug. 28.—A cabinet conference was held tonight in which Root and Adee talked over the diplomatic aspect of the Chinese situation for nearly three hours, the meeting lasting until half past twelve. None of the officials would make a statement with regard to the conference further than that it referred to replies of the American ambassadors regarding the attitude of the powers toward China.

TO HOLD LI HUNG CHANG. Paris, Aug. 28.—Admiral Corbellier, the French commander in Chinese waters, has cabled to the navy department here that a council of the admirals has notified the foreign legations at Paris that it has been voted to hold Li Hung Chang on board ship until the opening of negotiations between the powers and China.

LI'S PROPER STATUS. New York, Aug. 28.—Sharp differences of opinion among the foreign admirals at Taku as to Li Hung Chang's proper status were apparently the moving cause of the note of inquiry recently addressed by the United States government to foreign powers as to accepting the aged viceroy as peace envoy of the Chinese government, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald.

It is learned that on Thursday Admiral Remy sent word that a conference of the admirals at Taku had been held at which the arrangements for the arrival of Li Hung Chang and the privileges he should be allowed were discussed. A proposition was made that Li Hung Chang should not be allowed, on reaching Taku, to communicate with Chinese officials in Pekin. The proposition was acceptable to

most of the admirals but the American officer declined to sign the agreement. Whether the Russian admiral signed it is not known, but in any event the Russian government promptly protested to the other powers.

Admiral Remy's refusal to party to any such agreement is approved by the administration. The effect of the protests of the United States and Russia has been to secure practically the unanimous disapproval of the agreement of the foreign admirals. Why the admirals should wish to prevent Li from communicating with Chinese officials in Pekin is not understood here. Seemingly it would be in the interest of peace for the viceroy to be put in prompt relations with the imperial authorities. From Minister Conger's despatch, it is apparent that the allies in communication themselves with Chinese. His message shows conclusively that there is no authority in the capital at this moment with whom the powers can negotiate.

GENERAL CORBIN'S DESPATCHES GO ASTRAY. Washington, Aug. 28.—Adjutant General Corbin has received a despatch from General Chaffee saying that he (Chaffee) had received no despatches from General Corbin since August 14. This was the date on which the allied army attacked and entered Pekin. Many despatches have been sent by General Corbin since that date and the delay in their delivery is astonishing, even with the strange conditions which have existed in China.

Like the Conger despatches, the one from General Chaffee is undated. The only explanation that can be made as to this lack of dates is that the despatches have been butchered en route on their way through China.

ASSISTANCE TO GERMAN BARONESS. Washington, Aug. 28.—The war department has just received the following: "Taku, China (no date).—Adjutant General, Washington: Have offered assistance to Baroness Von Ketteler; will furnish transportation and escort to Tien Tsin in a few days; have offered transportation accommodations to Nagasaki also. CHAFFEE." Baroness Von Ketteler, the widow of the murdered German minister to China is an American, being the daughter of President Ledyard, of the Michigan Central railroad, whose home is in Detroit, Mich.

SCENES OF DESOLATION IN CITY OF PEKIN

Many Buildings in Ruins—Attempt Was Made to Undermine American Legations.

London, Aug. 28.—An account of the conditions prevailing in Pekin, dated August 15, received by mail at Shanghai and cabled here, says that the capital presents the appearance of absolute desolation. The destruction is simply appalling. Legation street is unrecognizable. All the houses of the foreigners have either been burned, riddled by shell or blown up. Hundreds of acres covered by the natives' houses have been burned over. There has been most wanton destruction of property. Buildings, not burned, were pulled down for mere pleasure. The top of the city wall is strewn with barricades, while underground shelters are littered with discarded arms and uniforms of fleeing Chinese.

Evidence was discovered that an attempt to undermine the American legation was made by sinking a shaft from the top of the wall. Fires are burning everywhere. Several buildings within the imperial city were set on fire by the allies' shells. The city was shelled all day August 15.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 28.—At the meeting of the supreme lodge Knights of Pythias today, the reports of Supreme Chancellor Sample, of Pittsburg, Pa., and of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal R. L. C. White, of Nashville, Tenn., were made. Supreme Chancellor Sample in his annual report said: "On December 31, 1898, the reports as made to the supreme lodge from the different grand domains, showed a membership of 470,798. The returns received to December 31, 1899, show a total membership of 491,672, a net increase for the year 1899 of 21,874. From the figures of the losses and gains during the term ending June 30, 1900, it appears that we have today a membership of 508,500, with fifteen grand domains yet to hear from, a net gain for the two years of 37,809."

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MOB VENGEANCE.

Miles H. Flack Killed by His Negro Tenant.

The Murderer Taken From the Officers and Shot to Death.

His Wife, Who Inspired the Murder of Flack, Placed in Jail

Special to the Gazette.

Rutherfordton, N. C., Aug. 28.—Mills H. Flack, former state representative, was shot and instantly killed at his plantation at 9 o'clock this morning near Forest City, seven miles from here, by his negro tenant, Avery Mills, and Mills was taken from the officers while on their way to jail, carried one hundred yards from the main road and riddled with bullets by a mob of twelve, though there were fifty or more followers.

Mr. Flack and his son, Otho, went to the farm this morning to pull fodder. They were halted by Mills. He said they had threatened to shoot his wife about some fruit being taken from the orchard. Mills' wife brought him a pistol and he deliberately shot Flack, the ball entering just below the heart. Flack then shot the negro with his shotgun and broke it to pieces over his head. Young Flack then took the pistol and shot the negro in the hip, but did not seriously injure him.

Mr. Flack died in one hour after the shooting. The negro and his wife, in charge of officers, were started to jail here, when the mob overtook them half way, and overpowered the officers with the above result. The woman is in jail.

FASTEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT.

Such the Trial Trip Indicates the Alabama to Be.

Boston, Aug. 28.—The battleship Alabama steamed into the harbor this evening from her official trial trip. She maintained a speed of seventeen knots per hour for four consecutive hours. She attained a maximum speed of 18.03 knots. When tidal allowances are prepared they will doubtless show the Alabama the fastest battleship afloat. Naval officials on board the Alabama during her trial compute her average speed at 17 knots. The contract required the ship should steam 16 knots for four consecutive hours.

FATAL FIGHTS AT THE POLLS.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 28.—Two fights occurred at the polls in this state today. At Midway one man was killed and three wounded. In West Dunkin precinct, Gunville county, in a fight one man was killed and a number wounded. The fight at Midway was the result of a dispute about Tillman's course in the campaign and the one at West Dunkin the result of a dispute in regard to the governorship.

SIMMONS' ANNOUNCEMENT.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 28.—Chairman Simmons, of the democratic state executive committee, in a letter today announces his candidacy for the senate to succeed Marion Butler.

BATHS AND MASSAGE.

Plain tub, Russian, Turkish, sitz, trunk, fountain air sun and sand baths at the Quisisana Nature Cure sanitarium, 187 South French Broad avenue. Lady and gentleman physician in charge.

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BOER LINES BROKEN.

Roberts Still Engaged With Botha's Commandos—Reinforcements for South Africa.

New York, Aug. 28.—A special despatch from Pretoria, dated August 27, says: "It is stated that fighting with Botha's commandos was resumed this morning. The Boers' lines were broken and the enemy falling back. The British casualties are reported to be considerable."

New York, Aug. 28.—Lord Roberts' despatch announces what many people here take to be the beginning of the final stage of the South African campaign, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

The commander in chief held a council of war with his lieutenants on Saturday, and on Sunday began a general attack on General Botha's entrenched position on which not much impression had been made. Lord Roberts reports that the Boers are making a most determined resistance. Some think this is really General Botha's last stand and that if defeated here he will be completely crushed. Lord Roberts' superiority in numbers is so great that he may probably attempt to work right around the Boers and to drive them from their position by menacing their line of retreat. To judge from previous experience it is unlikely that the Boers would stay long enough to permit the maneuver to be accomplished. Meanwhile the Boers are themselves busy in endeavoring to raid Lord Roberts' line of communications both in the Orange River Colony and in Natal.

To judge by the fact that heavy reinforcements have been ordered to prepare to embark for South Africa in the next few days, the British war office does not believe that warlike operations are drawing to a close.

CAPTURE OF BERGENDAL.

London, Aug. 28.—Lord Roberts reports as follows to the war office under date of Belfast, August 27:

"Our movements are necessarily slow owing to the nature of the country. Today we made a satisfactory advance and met with a decided success. The work fell entirely to Buller's troops and resulted in the capture of Bergendal, a strong position two miles north of Dalmanutha. I met Buller at Bergendal shortly after it was reached by our troops. I am glad to find the occupation cost less than we feared, on account of the approach being across an open glacial for two or three thousand yards and the determined stand of the enemy. The Inniskillings and Second Rifle brigade formed the attacking party. The latter suffered most. I hope the casualties do not exceed 50 or 60. One officer was killed and two were wounded. A good many Boers were killed and a good many (quick firing guns) were captured. French advanced on the left to Swartzkopjes on the Leydenburg road and prepared the way for the movement of Pole-Carew's division tomorrow. Baden-Powell's reports that he occupied Rystom without opposition. As the country where he and Paget are operating is dense bush and veiled it is not desirable at the present to proceed further north and their troops are returned to Pretoria."

There has been a lively demand for lemon and vanilla lately; the preference, of course, is for Blue Ribbon, as the ladies have found out it is the best and goes farthest.

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MAJ. MOODY'S CAMPAIGN

He Addresses the William McKinley Club of This City.

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Hon. Thomas Settle Makes a Brief Talk to the Club.

THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION'S SPLENDID RECORD IN PROSECUTING THE WAR WITH SPAIN—SETTLE SAYS MOODY DESERVES TO BE ELECTED.

Hon. James M. Moody, the republican congressional standard bearer, addressed an adjourned meeting of the republican club last evening. Major Rollins first spoke briefly and introduced the speaker, referring to him as the next congressman from the ninth district.

After expressing his pleasure of having the opportunity to meet the republicans of Asheville, and after thanking Major Rollins for his complimentary references, Major Moody said in part:

"On the 15th day of the present month there met at my home town a convention, one of the largest, most loyal and most representative bodies that ever assembled in the ninth congressional district. That convention entrusted me with the party's banner and my heart is filled with gratitude that I should be so honored, and that I am permitted to take up this banner that has been so successfully, loyally and ably carried aloft by my honored predecessor, the Hon. Richmond Pearson (applause)."

"I am here to say that I shall carry that banner to victory, and I base this opinion on the fact that the people of this mountain land of the free are in favor of liberty and right, which is the bedrock principle of republicanism. We have passed through a campaign distinguished for rancor, prejudice and every form of political corruption. During this campaign the democrats promised that if the people adopted the amendment we would have, in the language of the governor-elect, 'an era of intellectual freedom.' Yet, before the result of the balloting had been announced, some of the chief organs of the ring democracy attempted once more to thrust the race issue to the front. They repeated the promise from early morn to noon and from noon to dewey eve. Then can you trust their promises? I am glad that a part of the Democratic and religious press of the state have raised a voice against the violation of this pledge. The Biblical Recorder, like the liberty loving denomination which it represents, has taken such a stand."

"Twelve negro counties of the east gave the bulk of the counted majority for the democratic ticket, but when you come to the ninth district the great white belt, there you will find the people on record as favoring political liberty. In the town of Halifax, in the county of that name, where our fathers met in the days gone by and framed the first constitution of the state, we find that 460 more votes were counted for the amendment than were registered. Even this causes us to pause and ask what has become of our republican form of government, but what shall we say when we find that right here in Buncombe republican votes were placed in the wrong boxes, though no democratic ballot met such a fate, and when this form of rascality will cost the republican party one and perhaps two state senators. I say to you now that if I am defeated fairly here and on this he not I shall be the beneficiary of such a mistake or fraud. This is only simple justice, and Mr. Crawford cannot decline such a proposition if he favors a perfectly fair election."

Mr. Moody said that when William McKinley was nominated four years ago it was on a platform promising to give a protective tariff and sound money and on this he was elected. He called an extra session of congress and the Dingley tariff bill was passed. Every factory in the union opened its doors, men went to work at good wages. In 1892, at the close of Harrison's administration, the people were prosperous and everything went to ruin. That is the trouble today. The republicans are over-confident. Bryan and his party are active and busy trying to get into office, while everybody takes it for granted that Mr. McKinley will be elected and the present policies be continued.

"During the democratic administration Mr. Moody said, 'cotton brought three and four cents, now it brings eight and nine and will bring ten before winter. Everything brings good prices. The hide of cattle is worth more now than the cattle and hide were worth then. The tan bark is worth more now than the lumber and bark were worth then. If Bryan is elected it will produce shrinkage in the

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