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RUSSIA TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CHINESE SITUATION

Pressing Li Hung Chang to Rush Through Manchurian Convention.

London, March 1.—Sir Ernest Satow and Mr. Conger, after consulting with the missionaries, have decided, according to the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, to reject the Chinese proposition, made on the suggestion of M. Fichon, that they should act as representatives of the Ministers of the powers to discuss with the Chinese plenipotentiaries the missionary question and the claims of native converts.

"They are convinced, however," says the correspondent, "that the Chinese are ready to agree to some arrangement for settling this matter.

"The Russians are taking advantage of the existing situation and are pushing Li Hung Chang hard to rush through the Manchurian convention," says the Pekin correspondent of the Times, wiring Wednesday, "more than one power besides Japan and England has remonstrated with China against the negotiations that are proceeding at St. Petersburg.

"The time has come when the powers would be justified in interfering in order to prevent China negotiating with a single power, while the peace negotiations remain uncompleted."

Commenting editorially upon its Pekin advices, the Times says:

"The United States and Germany might perhaps be supposed to recognize the mischief China's policy entails, but President McKinley, at all events, seems bent on peace at any price."

The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring Wednesday, says:

"Great Britain, Japan and Germany have unitedly advised China, through Li Hung Chang, I understand, against granting special concessions to the subjects of any nationality. These representations refer to the Russo-Chinese convention regarding Manchuria, which has not yet been ratified by China."

Shanghai, February 28.—The native newspapers publish a second list of officials whose punishment is demanded by the powers. It includes Lu Chuan Lin, grand councillor and president of the Board of Rites. Duke Lan has been arrested and awaits punishment. Prince Tuan has not yet been taken.

Washington, February 28.—In view of an apparent misunderstanding in European capitals as to Mr. Rockhill replacing Minister Conger in charge of the negotiations at Pekin for the United States, it is said at the State Department that Mr. Conger was relieved at his own request. He strongly urged that he be allowed to come home for sixty days and recommended that Mr. Rockhill be charged with the conduct of the negotiations. In addition he is allowed thirty-five days for the journey each way. As it is not expected that he will be able to get away from Pekin, owing to the ice, much before the middle of March, he could not be expected to return to his post, even if he desired to retain his ministry, until the latter part of next summer.

Special Commissioner Rockhill has been instructed to make it known to the foreign Ministers that the President strongly deprecates any action that will tend to delay or check the present negotiations there and especially is he desirous that there shall be no further unnecessary bloodshed. It is probable that this instruction is framed to stop, if possible, the era of wholesale slaughter, which is said to be in contemplation in some quarters at Pekin, beginning with the execution of prominent Chinese in all of the towns and communities in China, which were the scene of trouble during the boxer uprising.

Pekin, February 28.—General Gaselee's orders to have 4000 men ready should the Chinese prove recalcitrant, created unnecessary alarm among the Ministers of the powers. He was only obeying a former instruction from Count Von Waldersee. No one now believes that the expedition to the interior will be made.

The first troops to leave China are the Australians, the Victorian and New South Wales naval contingents leading off.

General Chaffee's orders to send the United States troops to the Philippines include all except two companies of infantry, which Major Edgar B. Robertson will probably command.

Nothing has been done in the way of preparing quarters for the United States legation guard, although the arrangements for the other powers are well toward completion. The temple of agriculture, two miles away, would not be suitable for guard purposes. Should it be returned to the Chinese, the troops would have to pitch their tents in the centre of the legation quarter. No suitable arrangements have been made, and the authorities are still awaiting instructions from Washington. No one, either military or civilian, understands the delay in making a decision which is considered of great importance.

At today's meeting of the Ministers of the powers, the question of indemnities, how Coolies Get Free Burial.

You see, no Chinaman would set foot on a vessel unless he had every assurance that in case he died he would be put away in a first class coffin and brought into port. If we didn't all contract to do that none of us would carry a coolie, not if we offered them five passages, so we promise to supply a "teahop dollar" coffin in case of death and to carry the coolie back to the port from which he sailed, and that costs money.

This business hadn't gone on a month before the coolie saw his chance to beat the company and began to die. You see, a coolie who is about to die, or want to pass in his checks, and they can do it just whenever and wherever say for Hongkong, steps on a steamer, say for a duck passage, and he only pays about \$2 for a duck passage. Then when he gets good and ready he just stops breathing, and the company has to provide a coffin and pay the freight back home.—Scrivler's.

Reading.

I have known some people in great sorrow to fly to a novel or the last light book of fashion. One might as well take a rose draft for the plague. Light reading does not do when the heart is really heavy. I am told that Goethe, when he lost his son took to studying a science that was new to him. Ah, Goethe was a physician who knew what he was about. In a great grief like that you cannot stifle and divert the mind. You must wrench it away, abstract, absorb, bury it in an abyss, hurry it into a labyrinth. Bulwer.

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