



OUR COUNTRY, MAY SHE EVER BE RIGHT, BUT RIGHT OR WRONG, OUR COUNTRY."

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THE CHINESE SITUATION ACUTE.

Any Failure by China to Observe Great Britain's Wishes Will be

ACCEPTED AS A CASUS BELLI

Enthusiastic Lady Clerks of the Navy Department

GREET SCHLEY WITH KISSES.

Stormy Scenes Between English Minister and Russian Charge d' Affairs—Gathering of English and Russian Warship in Chinese Waters.

The Pekin correspondent of The London Daily Mail says: "The situation has suddenly become acute. The relations between the Tsung Li Yamen and Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, are strained to the point of rupture. Sir Claude MacDonald has intimated that any failure by China to observe Great Britain's wishes will be accepted as a casus belli. In support of Sir Claude MacDonald the fleet has been concentrated at Wei-Hai-Wei and Hankow, and all the warships under 1,000 tons have been mobilized in the Yang Tze river.

Begin to Look like War. A special dispatch from Shanghai says: "Violent scenes are reported to have occurred between Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, and M. Pavloff, the Russian charge d' affaires, owing to the latter's commanding the Tsung Li Yamen to break its agreement with the Hong Kong Bank, under pain of the Czar's strong displeasure. The Chinese are inclined to obey M. Pavloff, seeing that the British confine themselves to verbal protests. "The position is now worse than ever. All the Russian ships have returned to Port Arthur, while the British vessels are assembling at Wei-Hai-Wei and Chefoo. Extreme activity prevails at the ports. The action of the Russians at New Chwang indicates an intention on their part to remain there in strong force, whether they build the Tien Tsin Railroad or not."

Schley Visits Washington. Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley visited Washington recently. He was quickly recognized at most of the stations along the line, and throughout the trip was greeted by cheering crowds. When the train pulled into the depot at Washington he found a compact mass of spectators, which filled the depot and overflowed out into the train shed. The admiral and Mrs. Schley, when they appeared, were greeted with cheers and shouts of "Hurrah for Schley!" Everybody joined in the shouting, and the depot attached crowded about the admiral and insisted on a handshake. At the gates the crowd increased and amid deafening cheers the admiral and his wife, the former with his hat off, passed through two solid lines of people.

Niece of Spanish Queen Dies a Pauper. Wanda von Spenn Bodenback, an 18-year-old girl, said to be a niece of the Queen Regent of Spain, the heiress to a fortune of 20,000,000 francs, died in New York recently. She was found starving on the streets by Baron P. de Lange, of Austria, who identified her. She had been pledged in marriage to an old man and ran away from the royal home with her lover, a member of one of the royal families of Russia, who deserted her.

South Africa's Foreign Trade. The import trade of South Africa consists of: Gold, \$30,000,000 per annum, including that from the Transvaal; diamonds, \$22,500,000; wool, \$12,500,000; mohair, the hair of the Angora goat, \$3,000,000; ostrich feathers, over \$2,500,000; hides and skins, \$2,200,000; copper ore, \$1,250,000. The export of wine and fruit, for the production of which the country is so well suited, and also of grain is considerable.

Should Retain All. Henry Watterson, while in Kansas City recently, took occasion to declare himself an enthusiastic believer in the policy of expansion. "I am an expansionist," said Mr. Watterson. "I believe we should not only have Cuba and Porto Rico, but that we should keep every island in the Philippine group. In short, I think that wherever the Stars and Stripes have been raised at a cost of blood or otherwise they should float from henceforth forever."

The President's Trip. The President and Mrs. McKinley left Washington recently for Somerset, Pa., where they spent some days with Mr. Abner McKinley, the President's brother.

STRANGE CRY FROM RUSSIA.

Czar Nicholas Issues a Note Looking to International Peace.

OUR VICTORY A FACTOR.

Good Customs Receipts at Santiago—A Soldier Fares Well on a Street Car in New York City.

By order of Emperor Nicholas, Count Muravieff, the Foreign Minister, on the 24th inst., handed to the foreign diplomats at St. Petersburg, a note declaring that the maintenance of peace and the reduction of the excessive armaments now crushing all nations is the ideal for which all governments ought to strive.

The Czar considers the present moment favorable for the inauguration of a movement looking to this end, and invites the powers to take part in an international conference as a means of thus insuring real and lasting peace.

ing to customs over to Major General Lawton. There has been collected, with the exception of a small amount, \$108,093. The salaries of officers and all expenses, including city officials, police, etc., have been paid to date, leaving over \$90,000 in the treasury. The expenses of the custom house have been cut down from \$40,000 per annum to \$28,000, and that in time can be materially reduced. These collections are all made under the minimum tariff, including a large reduction in tonnage. The economy and celerity which has characterized the business of the custom house has been brought about in a great measure under the supervision and good management of Donaldson.

Special Ukase of the Czar. Upon the occasion of the unveiling at Moscow of a monument to Czar Alexander II, grandfather of the present czar, Emperor Nicholas issued a ukase referring to the event and eulogizing the deeds of the deceased, notably the liberation of the peasants from bondage, which earned him the name of "The Deliverer in the mouth of a grateful people. The ukase concludes: "Wishing to seal more firmly the memory of this historical deed, we have resolved to make hereditary the wearing and possession of the medals he conferred upon his co-operators as a sign

OUR PEACE COMMISSIONERS.

A Majority, Composed of Senators Davis and Frye and Whitelaw Reid, Are Believed to Be Annexationists—Views of Justice White Not Known.



SENATOR C. R. DAVIS.



JUSTICE H. D. WHITE.



WHITELAW REID.



SECRETARY OF STATE W. R. DAY.



SENATOR W. P. FRYE.

and terminating the progressive increase of armament.

Good Customs Business. Adjutant General Corbin has received the following cable from General Sbafter, under date of Santiago: "I have transferred all business relat-

Our Victory a Factor.

A Washington special says: The extraordinary circular directed by the Russian Foreign Minister to the members of the diplomatic body at St. Petersburg has attracted the earnest attention of the officials here. It is believed here that the victory achieved by the United States in the late war was a contributing factor in the preparation of the note. It is surmised that the victory made it clear at once to the European statesmen that to maintain the balance of power they would be obliged to redouble their expenditures on account of the army and navy, else they might be outstripped by the United States.

of his gracious acknowledgment of their labors.

Mr. Hughes, a wealthy retired broker of New York, while passing through the Arlington hotel dining hall, at Hot Springs, Ark., discovered his own daughter, who had been lost to him for twenty years.

Endowment Rank.

Treasurer Hinsey's report of the condition of the endowment funds amounting to \$23,276.02, as read to the supreme lodge, K. of P., gives a list of the mortgages held by the order and places the cash on hand at \$30,365.92. Supreme representatives say they are satisfied their mortgage holdings are good.

Merritt Appears Undecided.

Major-General Merritt, in conversation, has avoided a declaration of policy and has given the impression that he is undecided about the possibility of arranging to retain the Philippine Islands, although personally he seemed to favor that policy.

WEYLER'S FUTURE POLICY.

He Wants to Check England's Ambition.

A QUARTERMASTER MURDERED.

English Army Has a Skirmish on the Banks of the Nile—Holland's New Queen—An Anglo-American Trust.

General Weyler, according to a special dispatch from Madrid, has outlined his future policy. He proposes, it appears, to be independent both of the government and of the opposition, "always aiming to preserve the country and to reorganize the army." He expresses the belief that the Carlists have plenty of money, some of which, he alleges, comes from France. He says the United Republicans have no personal animus against the Queen, their only object being to adopt a firm, international stand, one result of which would be to check in some measure England's ambition.

A Quartermaster Murdered.

Because of the death of three hospital patients of the Twelfth New York Regiment encamped at Chattanooga, Tenn., after drinking milk sold by negroes living in the neighborhood, Quartermaster George B. Franks, of Company I, would not allow the negroes to sell anything to his company. Recently a gang of negroes caught Franks outside the camp grounds, and after beating him nearly to death, threw him under a passing railroad train. More than the guards have been ordered to shoot any negro who attempts to pass the camp lines.

English Army Has a Skirmish.

The brigade of friendly Arabs under Major Stuart Wortley, which has been pushing around Omdurman, with a view to cutting off the retreat of the forces of the Khalifa, has just had its first brush with the enemy on the banks of the Nile, capturing five men and a boat laden with grain. The Dervish scouts are now frequently sighted. The whole Anglo-Egyptian army has reached Umari, thirty miles from Omdurman.

An Anglo-American Trust.

The St. James Gazette, London, says it is reported on the stock exchange that an Anglo-American trust, to control the output and sale of sewing machine, knitting machine and all other kinds of needles is being formed. Several American and two Midland firms are reported to have sold their business to the combination. The capital, it is further announced, will be \$1,500,000 (\$7,500,000), divided into preferred and ordinary stock.

Holland's New Queen.

The Queen of Holland in a proclamation issued upon the occasion of her daughter, Wilhelmina, coming of age, expresses her pleasure at seeing the whole nation ranged joyously around the throne of the new Queen and thanks the people for their loyalty and loving support. In concluding she says, "May our country become great in everything in which a small nation can be great."

This Soldier Fared Well.

One of Uncle Sam's returned soldier's boarded a street car in New York the other day and discovered when the conductor came around for his fare that he was penniless. The conductor said it was a case of pay or walk, and this aroused the passengers, one of whom passed the hat, himself setting an example by putting in a \$5 note. The soldier, who protested, was soon rolling in wealth.

The Zionist Conference.

The Zionist conference was opened at Basle, Switzerland, August 25th. Dr. Theodore Herzl, the originator of the project to purchase Palestine and resettle the Jews there, presided and welcomed the delegates. Dr. Max Nordau made an address on the situation of the Jews during the past year.

Chinese Emperor's New Edict.

The Chinese emperor has issued an edict, providing that European and American editors and missionaries and their converts in the empire be fully protected. He says in this respect the Chinese officials heretofore have been derelict and he issues this edict as a final warning, declaring determination that there shall be no more riots against these classes of foreigners.

Clara Barton Could Not Land.

Miss Clara Barton, of the National Red Cross, arrived at Havana recently on the steamer Clinton No. 2, with supplies for the starving inhabitants of that county but the Spanish authorities at Havana would not allow the supplies to be landed and imposed a fine of \$500 on the master of the relief ship because he had no manifest.

Emperor William Willing to Attend.

The official North Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, believed to be inspired by Prince Von Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, declares the willingness of Emperor William and Germany to accept the invitation to attend the congress as proposed by the Russian Emperor.

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ARMY AND NAVY DOINGS.

The Movements of Our Army and Navy Briefly Told.

The transport steamer Scandinavia sailed for Honolulu and Manila. For Honolulu she carries Companies A, B and D, of the First New York Regiment, consisting of 295 men and ten officers, in command of Lieut.-Colonel H. P. Stackpole. For Manila the steamer takes Second Lieutenant Hayne and 35 men of the First Battalion Heavy Artillery, California Volunteers, to act as guard for \$1,000,000 in coin for the troops in General Merritt's command. Major Schofield, Quartermaster and three clerks in charge of money; Major Kubbe, Third Artillery; Lieutenant Wedgewood, Battery B, Utah Artillery, and 14 medical officers and 100 privates of the hospital corps, and four Red Cross nurses, making a total of 407.

Orders have been given for mustering out the following named volunteer organizations: First Vermont Volunteer Infantry, First Maine Volunteer Infantry, Fifty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Fifth Maryland Volunteer Infantry, battalion Ohio Light Artillery, Second New York Volunteer Infantry, First Illinois Volunteer Infantry, One Hundred and Fifty seventh Volunteer Infantry, Batteries A and B Georgia Light Artillery, Twenty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Light Battery, Troops A and B, New York Volunteer Cavalry, Governor's Troop of Philadelphia.

Mexico in the New World has the largest standing army, with a war strength of 100,000, while Brazil has second with 85,000 and 25,000 Germanians. While the standing army of the United States is but 35,000 in times of peace, it is estimated the President could call 10,000,000 men if necessary. The Argentine Republic has a peace force of 12,000. Canada is garrisoned with 2,000 British troops, with an additional 1,000 Canadian soldiers and a militia of 35,000.

Now that hostilities are over, the United States is at liberty to receive from the British builders the steam cruiser Albany, sister ship to the New Orleans, which was one of the two acquired from Brazil just prior to the outbreak of the war. Acting Secretary Allen ordered Passed Assistant Engineer Norton to proceed at once to Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, to supervise and inspect the completion of the machinery of the Albany.

An order has been issued by the Navy Department detaching Commodore J. W. Philip from command of the battleship Texas, at New York, and placing him in command of the second squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, with the cruiser New York as his flagship. He takes succeeds to the command formerly held by Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson, as commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet.

A soldier dead for three days was about to be dissected at the Algiers Military Hospital when he woke up, and, before the doctors recovered from their surprise, got off the dissecting table and walked into the next room, where he wrote down some words on a piece of paper to make sure that he was alive and awake. The doctors now say that he has completely recovered from his lethargy.

General Haines, now in Porto Rico, has been ordered North to the war and relieved in the command of the Second Brigade there by Gen. Grant. The First Kentucky Regiment will be attached to Gen. Frost's Division, relieving the Second Wisconsin. General Grant will have only the Third Illinois and Fourth Ohio Regiments under his command.

Floyd W. Gay, Company F, Sixty-fifth New York Regiment, charged with robbing the mails at Camp Alger, has been dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances, and sentenced to serve three years at hard labor in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The United States transports Rio Negro and Pennsylvania have arrived at Manila, the former bearing two battalions of South Dakota Volunteer recruits for the Utah Light Artillery, and a detachment of the signal corps, and the latter the First Montana Volunteer and 200 recruits for the First California Volunteers.

The following troops have been ordered mustered out: Ninth Massachusetts, Seventh Illinois, Fifth Kansas, Sixty-fifth New York, Fifth Ohio Infantry, First Wisconsin, Third United States Volunteer Cavalry, Fourth Texas.

The Spanish transports San Francisco, San Augustin and Colon have left Santiago, for Spain with 4,028 Spaniards, including 15 officers and their families and four priests. Four men died on the way to the ships. Their corpses were "checked off" as passengers.