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OFFICIALS CONFER WITH MINISTER WU

The Conference is Held Behind Closed Doors.

ANOTHER MOVE COMING

Exactly What It Is No One Seems Able to Say.

THERE IS SOME TALK OF A COMPROMISE

Paris Hears It Suggested That the Allies Withdraw From Peking, Leaving There, However, the International Guard.

England Opposes.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, September 7.—Minister Wu arrived in Washington from Cape May late this afternoon and proceeded directly to the State Department. It is understood that he had received on intimation that the Department officials were desirous of conferring with him. For nearly an hour the Minister was closeted behind locked doors with Acting Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary Adee. None of the parties to the conference was communicative as to the conference, but at its conclusion Dr. Hill repaired to the White House with a portfolio well filled with papers.

For several hours preceding the Minister's visit Acting Secretary Hill and Assistant Secretary Adee had been engaged in short conferences, and it was gathered that the negotiations relative to China were approaching another phase and that another pronouncement of some kind was in preparation. When the United States made its response to the Russian note on the 20th ultimo the officials here expressed the belief that about a week's time would be required to determine upon the next step, and at the end of that time it would be definitely known whether or not the troops were to be withdrawn from Peking. That period of time has now elapsed. The reports from the European chancelleries indicate that, officially at least, this important subject is being treated with the greatest deliberation, and at least another week, and probably even more time, may be consumed in framing the last of the answers to the Russian note.

Meanwhile our Government has pretty well satisfied itself as to the attitude towards this last proposition of each and all of the powers interested in the Chinese problem. It may be that this knowledge is regarded as sufficient upon which to base another forward, and perhaps in this case independent movement by the United States toward the ultimate withdrawal of the troops and the settlement with China which the Government has had in mind since the beginning of the trouble.

The consultations with Mr. Wu are believed to have been inspired by a desire to learn something of the personality of Chinese notables whose names have been suggested as proper to constitute the Chinese side of any commission which may be named to arrange a settlement of the difficulties. Mr. Wu is an ardent adherent of Earl Li. There was much speculation here as to the personal of the American Commissioners, in case the peace negotiations should be entrusted to such a body, and the names of men prominent in international affairs in recent years all have been canvassed. Included in the list is the name of General John W. Foster, but it is regarded as much more probable that if he appears at all in these negotiations it will be in his old place as a representative of the Chinese Government.

There was a dearth of official information from China today. General Chaffee got through a dispatch dated September 1st at Peking, indicating that couriers are still employed to close the gap in the line of communication between Tien Tsin and Peking. This dispatch made no mention of the military situation and it was inferred that affairs in Peking remain quiet. A dispatch warmly commended Colonel Aaron S. Daggett for gallantry in China and urged that he made a brigadier general before his retirement nine years hence.

A COMPROMISE SUGGESTED.

Withdrawal of All Forces Save the International Guard.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, Sept. 7.—Active negotiations are in progress looking to some compromise arrangement with Russia regarding the position she has assumed towards Peking. The communications exchanged between the powers now have better promise of success. The compromise suggested, it is asserted here, is the withdrawal of the forces of all the powers in Peking leaving the international guard to protect the legations, which it is further asserted in Paris will be allowed to remain at the Chinese capital pending a peace settlement. The main body of troops, it is also said, will retire to the neighborhood of Tien Tsin, leaving sufficient forces along the road to keep clear the railroad route between Peking and Tien Tsin. Russia's attitude is inter-

preted here as meaning that she will withdraw her troops outside the walls of Peking but not necessarily a great distance from that city.

LET PEACE BE MADE AT PEKIN.

England Thinks the Allies Should Remain There Until Then.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 7.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says Li Hung Chang has made a request for an American escort to accompany him on his journey to Peking, and that United States Consul Goodnow is considering his request.

Now that a proposal more in conformity with the original American recommendation has apparently met with the approval of at least a majority of the powers, the British Foreign Office has allowed it to become definitely known that the British Government is of the opinion that it is advisable for the allied forces to remain at Peking until satisfactory arrangements for peace, etc., are concluded with the Chinese Government.

AGREES TO A COMPROMISE.

Russia to Leave a Portion of Her Troops at Peking.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 8.—(Saturday).—It is asserted by the Austrian Foreign Office, according to the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail, that Russia has agreed to a compromise, leaving a portion of the troops in Peking and sending the main body to Tien Tsin, which will be the military headquarters.

WISH TROOPS TO REMAIN.

London, Sept. 7.—The London Chamber of Commerce has received a telegram from the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, with a request that it be communicated (Continued on second page.)

THEY WON'T BUY SPOT

Manchester Spinners Bar Our Staple For a Month.

The Result Will be the Closing of Scores of Mills: Sharp Criticism of Liverpool Speculators.

(By the Associated Press.)

Manchester, Sept. 7.—At a meeting of the cotton spinners here today it was decided with practical unanimity not to purchase American cotton during the month of September. Four-fifths of the employers in the trade were represented. It is anticipated that the decision will lead to the closure of scores of mills for several weeks. Only three manufacturers opposed the resolution, and their objection was that it was not strong enough and that it should bind the trade to stop the consumption of cotton and not merely to stop purchasing it.

The meeting was private, but it was ascertained that during the discussions there was sharp criticism of the Liverpool speculators, who it was declared, made the crisis worse by gambling.

Eventually the meeting adjourned until September 21st, when the situation again will be considered. The meeting summoned for September 21st is to reconsider the situation, "and if necessary to take more drastic measures." Yesterday's meeting was open to all spinners, whether connected with the Federation or not. Members of the North and Northeast Lancashire Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations were also present. These had met earlier in the day and it was understood that they were willing to co-operate with the federation.

In the course of the meeting the accusation was made although not formally discussed, that some of the promoters of the meeting had been fortifying their own position by large purchases of cotton since the conference was summoned.

Disclaimers, however, met with cordial acceptance. Replying to complaints that the resolution was inadequate to meet the crisis, the promoters admitted that this had become more acute since a meeting was called, but they said it had been deemed expedient to secure united action throughout the whole trade before attempting to strengthen the terms of the resolution.

The chief interest in yesterday's proceedings is as to whether they will hasten the end of the corner which has been established. Mr. Wadswley, a leading official of the operatives' union is hopeful. He says that a fortnight's loss of work should not seriously affect the operatives.

The Bolton spinners use Egyptian cotton chiefly and are therefore little affected. The Barnes Company of Farnsworth, one of the largest firms dependent upon American cotton, have already placed their four mills on short time for four days a week, and it is feared that many mills will be obliged to close.

IT WILL ENTAIL SUFFERING.

London, Sept. 8.—(Saturday).—The morning papers comment upon the seriousness of the crisis which has arisen at Manchester, where suffering is likely to be caused by the enforced idleness of operatives especially if, as is not impossible, the stoppage continues into October. The prospects of a satisfactory American crop are regarded as slender.

Favorable For Crops in India.

(By the Associated Press.)

Simla, Sept. 7.—The weather is now promising for the crops. Excellent rain has fallen in the famine districts, and the winter sowings are practically assured. The number now receiving relief is something under four million, an encouraging reduction.

The earth is a turner and the sun is a tanner.

ASSAULTED BY A BLACK SATYR

A Farmer's Wife Dragged From Her Home.

HER ASSAILANT ARMED

Alone and Defenceless, She is Threatened With Death.

ARMED CITIZENS PURSUE THE BRUTE

If They Capture Him Bullets Will Probably End His Career There and Then. The Condition of His Victim is Very Critical.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Jarrett Patterson, wife of a prominent farmer residing near Price's Store, Rockingham county, was brutally and criminally assaulted at her home at 10 o'clock yesterday by an unknown negro. The brute drew a pistol on Mrs. Patterson and dragged her out in the back yard, where he committed the nameless crime.

The husband was in the field at work at the time, and their son had gone to Price's. The negro made his escape, but the news spread rapidly and soon a large crowd gathered with Winchester rifles and went in search of him.

Two negroes were arrested this morning, but both proved to be innocent and they were released. One was shot before he was captured. When called upon to surrender he ran, whereupon he was fired upon. His condition is not considered serious.

The searching party were out all night, and they caught a glimpse of the guilty party just before noon today, but he ran into the woods. He was being pursued this afternoon between Walnut Cove and Stokesdale, and there was every reason to believe that he would be captured tonight.

Mrs. Patterson said the negro was of ginger cake color; wore a white hat and carried a grip. Mrs. Patterson's condition is reported to be critical. It is thought the negro will be lynched or shot to death as soon as the men who are hunting him are convinced that they have the right man. It is understood that they will have him identified by the lady upon whom he made the assault.

IN RECEIVERS' HANDS.

The Tunis Lumber Company of Norfolk is in Deep Waters.

(By the Associated Press.)

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 7.—Theophilus Tunis, of this city, president of the company, and H. B. Nichols, of Norfolk, Va., were appointed receivers of the Tunis Lumber Company today in the United States Circuit court.

An official of the company states that the receivership was rendered necessary by the unsatisfactory condition of the lumber markets, making it impossible to dispose of the company's large stock of manufactured lumber except at great sacrifice. It is believed by the company's officials that the receivership will be of short duration.

Similar action was taken in Norfolk, Va., yesterday. A statement of assets and liabilities is being prepared at the company's offices, but until it is completed the receivers refuse to estimate the amount of either the liabilities or assets.

THE COMPANY MAY PAY OUT.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 7.—The troubles of a climax by the application filed by it to achnax by the application filed by Mrs. Georgianna Wilson late Thursday afternoon in the United States District Court, asking that a receiver be appointed for the company. Mrs. Wilson's claim is a judgment, confessed by the Tunis Company for \$53,753.83 in the United States Court on Tuesday.

Receivers Tunis and Nichols are instructed to continue in operation all the Tunis mills until further order of court. They are given full control of all the defendant company's affairs. Captain Nichols, who is now at Pen Mar, has been notified by telegraph of his appointment and will probably return immediately to Norfolk. Mr. Tunis is in Baltimore, where the lawyers in the case were in conference yesterday.

The announcement of this receivership was a great surprise. Not only the lumber trade, but all the business men of the city were ignorant of the embarrassment of this large and reputable firm. A prominent member of the lumber trade here, in speaking of the firm to a reporter stated that the indications are that the Tunis Company will pay out. But its financial status is not known here. Its headquarters are in Baltimore and few, if any, persons here would be affected by the failure.

He said that valuable standing timber, a large amount of marketable lumber, say \$150,000 worth, an up-to-date plant, worth \$150,000 or \$200,000 with a large amount of collectable open accounts should enable the receivers to pay the debts.

The Tunis Company, he said, sold lumber all over the country in carload lots. These lots were considered small in the lumber trade, \$200 and \$300 and therefore the merchants rarely gave notes for them. They were sold on 90 days' time. That plan required the company to put out a large amount of money for which

there was no immediate return. That with large purchases of timber lands, he supposed, caused the embarrassment. The failure of the Tunis Company will not affect other concerns here. It will not affect prices if the receivers continue to sell at the schedule rates. It is said there are already many orders on file, which if filled, will consume a large part of the stock on hand.

The plant has a capacity for 100,000 feet a day. The mill here is the chief mill, the one at Baltimore having been burned several years ago and not rebuilt. That mill was insured so that the company suffered no great loss.

This gentleman said also that the members of the Tunis Company had the respect of the trade and that the other members would assist them in returning to business.

CHARGES OF BRUTALITY.

Preferred Against New York's Chief of Police and His Subordinates.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 7.—Former Police Commissioner Frank Moses, on behalf of the recently organized Citizen's Protective League, late this afternoon preferred charges against Chief of Police Devery, Inspector Thompson and Acting Captain Cooney, of the West 37th Street Station. He accuses them of brutality, neglect of duty and incompetency in their method of treating the recent race riots in the West Side.

It is stated that the league has evidence against the chief and his subordinates that the police commissioners cannot ignore.

The investigation of the charge of clubbing and other forms of brutalities made by colored people, against the police of the West 37th Street Station, after the recent race troubles, which the police commissioners were asked by the mayor to hold, began today in the trial room at police headquarters.

BULLER IN ACTION

He Engages the Boers' Left Near Belfast.

Hamilton is Endeavoring to Turn Their Right. The Boers' Brush With Canadian Mounted Infantry.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 7.—Lord Roberts reports from Belfast, Transvaal, under date of Wednesday, September 5th, as follows:

"I am Hamilton traversed Duilstrum yesterday with slight opposition. 'Buller engaged the enemy's left this morning. Hamilton is endeavoring to turn the enemy's right."

"Boers, with two big guns and one pom-pom, this morning attacked 125 Canadian mounted infantry guarding the railway between Pan and Wondersfontein. Mahon proceeded to their assistance, but the little garrison had beaten off the enemy before he arrived. It was a creditable performance. The wounded were Major Handers and Lieutenant Moodie, slightly, and two men. Six men are missing."

BRYAN EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO.

At Cambridge He is Called Upon and Makes a Short Speech.

(By the Associated Press.)

Cambridge, Ohio, Sept. 7.—W. J. Bryan left Wheeling for Chicago at 7:30 this morning. He had endeavored to keep his route a secret, but at Cambridge there was assembled a crowd of several hundred people who demanded a speech of the candidate. Mr. Bryan spoke for three minutes, confining himself to the trusts, along the same lines he has used in former speeches. He said that no one could expect remedial legislation from the Republican party, which depends to a large extent upon these combinations for campaign contributions. He said that if the workman did not know how to vote in order to hurt the trusts, he should watch the way the trust magnates voted and then vote the other way. He was cheered and applauded during his remarks.

Ladians Starving Near Cape Nome.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 7.—The Secretary of the Treasury has received advices from Alaska, confirming the reports that a most deplorable condition exists among the native Indians along the coast from Cape Nome northward. The Treasury officials are powerless to render any aid to the sufferers owing to the fact that the Department has no available funds for such a purpose, but General Spaulding has written a letter to the War Department which has a fund that can be drawn upon in emergency cases like the present, recommending that food be supplied and distributed under the direction of the army officer in charge of the troops stationed there. The Treasury Department will furnish surgeons.

Loading Lumber For China.

(By the Associated Press.)

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7.—The Government transport Goodwin, now at Tacoma, is loading building lumber for the troops in China. She will come to Seattle to complete her cargo of 2,500,000 feet, taking also six hundred doors and 800 windows.

Money For Troops in China.

(By the Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—The steamer China, which sailed for Hong Kong, carried nearly \$1,500,000 in gold and silver currency for the United States troops in China.

THE TIDE IS WITH BRYAN, SAYS HILL

The Issues Too Plain to Be Misunderstood.

BRYAN IS FOR THE PEOPLE

McKinley For the Moneyed Interests, Greed and Grandeur.

INTRENCHED IN PATRONAGE AND POWER

The Struggle to Defeat Him Will Be Terrific, But With Democrats Working Together the Promise of Victory Will be Fulfilled.

(By the Associated Press.)

Herkimer, N. Y., September 7.—Ex-Senator Hill's appearance here this evening occasioned something of a sensation in political circles. He came ostensibly to visit his old friend, ex-Judge Earl of that place. In the evening the Fort Dayton band serenaded Mr. Hill and a large crowd of citizens assembled.

He was introduced by Judge Earl and made a speech, the chief feature of which was his reiterated declarations in support of Mr. Bryan. There was some talk that Judge Earl was to be advanced as a compromise candidate for Governor, but Judge Earl said emphatically that his name was not to be considered. Mr. Hill spoke as follows:

"It is needless to say that I am heartily in favor of the election of Bryan and Stevenson. They are the candidates of the Democratic party, duly and regularly nominated at the National Convention, of which I was a member and which treated me, from beginning to end, with marked and unusual courtesy, and I am honorably bound to actively support a ticket of my party nominated under such circumstances.

"Our candidates represent the interests of the average man—the plain people of the country, the farmer, the mechanic, the laborer. The issues this year are very plain and cannot be misunderstood. "One party favors large standing armies, immense public expenditures, a government of grandeur and magnificence, high protective tariffs, a British colonial policy, great combinations of corporate wealth and centralized government.

"The other party favors a continuance of the plain and simple government of our fathers, public expenditures limited to the actual necessities of the government, tariff taxation for public purposes only, an army for defence and not for conquest, competition in business free from monopolistic combinations.

"An appeal is made by our opponents to our love of country. Country? We heard the same specious appeal in 1896, and we always hear it when our opponents seek Democratic votes to aid their cause. It is a partisan and not a sincere or patriotic appeal. It is based upon false pretences. The country is not in danger except from those who are now administering its government. We will protect the flag wherever it goes, but we will see that the flag goes only where it belongs. It shall not be hauled down in disgrace, neither shall it be raised anywhere in dishonor.

"The people are opposed to this Government acquiring territory which is not to be governed by our Constitution. It has no more constitutional right to set up a colonial system than it has to create a king. The foreign policy of the present National Administration has been weak, shift, inconsistent and unpatriotic, and the best thought of the country—the best students of history—the most intelligent of Americans are against it. No right-minded man can defend a President who said in his annual message that it was our 'plain duty' to give free trade to Porto Rico with the United States, and then within a few months thereafter signed a measure which imposed a tariff duty of 15 per cent. If wise counsels shall prevail at the Saratoga convention next week and we proceed on right lines to plan for the victory instead of inviting defeat, and shall so shape our course and policies as to deserve the support of the great independent and conservative forces of the State we cannot only rescue the Empire State from further Republican control, but can give our electoral vote for our gallant national standard bearer, William J. Bryan.

"While disagreeing with Mr. Bryan in some matters, I need not reiterate that I earnestly desire his election. "Our opponents are entrenched in patronage and power, and the struggle to oust them must necessarily be terrific. "The tide, however, is with us. The skies are becoming brighter every day. Let us then all work together enthusiastically for the cause and victory is within our reach."

RECEPTION TO THE LAW CLASS.

Given Thursday Evening at the University by Judge and Mrs. MacRae.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Sept. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. James C. MacRae gave a reception Thursday night to the law class. The halls were beautifully arranged and the refreshments were all the heart could wish for. Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, made a very appropriate talk on behalf

of the class, thanking Judge MacRae for his most excellent instruction during the summer, for his kindness, for the interest he had manifested in the boys, and for the present pleasant occasion for which Mrs. MacRae was entitled to the highest compliments. Judge MacRae responded in a most happy style. He stated that he enjoyed his present work of teaching, that he had learned to love every member of his class, that a lawyer makes a strong impression for good or evil in the community in which he locates.

"Young men," said he, "you must be gentlemen in order to gain greatest success;" let that be stamped upon your minds and hearts."

There are thirty-five in the class, twenty-five will go before the Supreme court this month.

Buxton on the Race Issue.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 7.—Hon. J. C. Buxton, of this city, was nominated on the forty-ninth ballot at 12 o'clock last night by the Congressional convention, held at Lenoir. This county is certain to have the next representative in Congress, the Republican candidate, Spencer Blackburn, also being a resident of Winston. In his speech of acceptance last night, Mr. Buxton said the question has been raised whether the race issue has been settled in this State. It can never be settled, he said, as long as the Republican party puts up a man for Congress who voted for a negro, and against a colored Confederate soldier. It can't be settled when the Republican nominee of this district voted to put Eastern cities and towns of this State under negro rule. This sentiment was loudly cheered.

Rev. W. H. L. McLaurin, pastor of the Mocksville circuit (Methodist Episcopal church) has been selected as the prohibition candidate for Congress in the Seventh district.

THE PIPE OF PEACE

Empire State Democrats Are Getting Together.

Justice Earl a Gubernatorial Possibility. Cockran to Stump For Bryan. Gorman Pulls Off His Coat.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 7.—There was an important conference of the leaders of all factions of the State Democracy today at the Hoffman House. Richard Croker, ex-Senator Edward Murphy, Frank Campbell, Perry Belmont, State Senator McCarron, Corporation Counsel Whalen and ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, who looked after the interests of the National committee in his capacity as chairman of the sub-committee of that body, were present. The conferees were pledged to secrecy and about all that any of them would admit was that an earnest effort, and partially effective, had been made to secure harmony. Justice Earle, of Albany, was mentioned as a gubernatorial possibility. Senator Murphy said that he and Senator McCarron had visited Hugh McLaughlin today, but declined to say what had been discussed beyond the statement that harmony was practically assured. He said that the National committee would co-operate with the State committee in the campaign.

National Committeeman Richardson called today on former Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle and the two were together for an hour. Mr. Richardson said he got no satisfaction, and Mr. Carlisle said he knew his own mind but preferred to make no statement. Mr. Richardson announced that Bourke Cockran will take the stump for Bryan and will be under the direction of the speakers' bureau at the Chicago headquarters because it was not intended to have a speakers' bureau in the New York headquarters and he thought Mr. Cockran would be on the stump in the West a large part of the campaign. Former Senator Gorman, of Maryland, arrived here today to assist the Eastern branch of the Campaign committee.

HILL MAY PRESENT COLER.

New York, Sept. 7.—The conference of Democrats at the Hoffman House today was interesting, though without special significance. It was thought there was a possibility that the representatives of ex-Senator David B. Hill would reach an understanding with ex-Senator Murphy, Richard Croker and the representatives of Tammany Hall. Chairman Frank Campbell, however, returned to his home at Bath tonight leaving behind him the announcement that the situation was still unchanged. It was given out that the gathering today was to be a "harmony conference" held for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the different leaders and arranging for a "getting together" of the Democrats in New York for convention and campaign purposes. Whether harmony will be the watchword at the convention at Saratoga next week cannot be determined until it has been ascertained whether ex-Senator David B. Hill will consent to abandon the cause of Comptroller Coler, of Brooklyn, and unite with other State leaders in the selection of some candidate from the State to the north of High Bridge. There was a rumor tonight to the effect that ex-Senator Hill would consent to this arrangement and that in the event of Comptroller Coler's nomination seeming among the impossibilities he would favor the nomination of former Judge Earl, of Herkimer county.

Briefly stated the attitude of ex-Senator Murphy and Richard Croker today seemed to indicate a willingness to accept any candidate who might be suggested by the followers of Hill except Comptroller Coler. Perhaps the name (Continued on second page.)