

THE CHINESE SITUATION ABOVE.

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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 5,000 tons have been mobilized in the Yang Tse river.

Begins 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 ashore at Port Arthur. 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 attaches 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 Speno Bodenback, an 18-year-old girl, said to be a niece of the Queen Regent of Spain, the heiress to a fortune of 30,000,000 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, \$90,000,000 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, \$2,300,000; 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.

Railroad up the Jungfrau.

The boldest enterprise yet actually undertaken is the railway up the Jungfrau. This peak, in the range which lies between the cantons of Valais and Bern, is surrounded by precipitous cliffs and is covered with eternal snow. It is particularly difficult of ascent. Herr Guyer Zeller, who is president of the Northeastern railroad system of Switzerland, is behind the project. The Jungfrau is 13,670 feet above the sea, and lacks only 2,100 feet of Mount Blanc's elevation.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The South.

The Republicans of Missouri recently held their convention in St. Louis. Gaston A. Robbins has been nominated for Congress in the Fourth Alabama district.

Mayor Collier, of Atlanta, Ga., has accepted the appointment as a member of the Lafayette Monument Commission.

Rev. J. B. Fleisher, a Congregational minister and one of the Missionaries, was shot while attempting to organize a church at Smiley, Ga.

The South End Hotel at Tybee Island, Ga., with four adjoining cottages belonging to the hotel, was burned to the ground.

Conductor Cason, of the Plant System, was shot and killed at Dupont, Va., by a rowdy negro. The conductor was on his way to South Carolina to be married.

A Winchester, Va., special says that Mrs. A. E. Tyssowski, a leader in Washington society, committed suicide at Jordan Springs, by swallowing a large dose of carbolic acid.

A special from Pinkard, Ky., says Gen. Cassius Marcus Clay has bought a farm near there for his child wife, Doris Richardson, who still refuses to live with him. He declares he will provide for her as long as she lives.

In a duel with pistols, near the head of Poplar Creek, Pineville, Ky., Isaac Luford, Bratcher Williams and John Head were killed and Marshall Malone dangerously wounded. The trouble occurred over two despicable women.

The North.

Spanish will be added to the list of studies in the Chicago, Ill., public schools.

Two hundred negro miners have been imported to the coal mines at Evans, Ill.

A cheap-rate long-distance telephone company has been organized at Cleveland, O., with \$1,000,000.

The Minneapolis mills now make 14,000,000 barrels of flour a year and consume 60,000,000 bushels of wheat.

The Knights of Pythias recently met in Indianapolis, Ind. The encampment was large and enthusiastic.

Lightning struck an electric car in Pittsburg, Mo., recently, killing one passenger and injuring several others.

A dispatch from Ware, Mass., says that a train ran into a pleasure party at a crossing, killing five and seriously injuring three.

The most decisive feature of the Ohio Democratic State convention was its preference for Bryan in 1900 on the same platform as in 1896.

In a letter to his private secretary, United States Senator John I. Mitchell, of Wisconsin, announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

The Rev. Dr. A. E. Simpson, of New York, raised for foreign missions at the Christian Alliance Camp Meeting recently held at Old Orchard, Me., \$90,000.

George C. Taylor, a messenger in the Pension Office, committed suicide by swallowing laudanum and inhaling illuminating gas, at his boarding house in Washington.

In the match race, best two in three, one mile paced heats, between "Jimmy" Michael and "The Boy" colored, at Manhattan Beach, Michael won the first heat, and Taylor won the second and third heats, the time in the third heat being 1:41 2-5, beating all competition records.

The Republicans of California in their recent State convention at Sacramento, endorsed the policy of the President to accord to the people of Cuba an opportunity to form a stable government, thus redeeming the promise made to the world, but the platform demands the annexation of the island of Porto Rico and other West Indian islands and of the Philippines. The acquisition of Hawaii is rejoiced in.

Miscellaneous.

In the public and private high schools and academies of the United States in 1895-96 there were studying French 49,327, German 64,298, Spanish 0.

The acme of precision has apparently been reached by a Berlin clock-maker named Lobner, who has just perfected mechanism for measuring and recording the thousandth part of a second.

In 1890 the imports of manufactures of iron and steel in the United States were valued at \$71,396,699 and the exports at \$14,716,524. In 1898 the imports had fallen to \$12,615,918 and the exports had risen to \$70,367,527.

FIRST SHIP REACHES SPAIN.

Queen Regent Congratulated the Troops

RUSSIA COLONIZING IN CHINA.

Literary Treasure Found in Bristol, Eng. Hayti Was Suspicious—The Havana Mines to be Removed—Fighting in the Vizcayas.

The Spanish steamer Alicante, with the first of Spain's repatriated soldiers from Santiago de Cuba, arrived at Corunna, Spain, on the 24th. Enormous crowds gathered on the quays, but were not allowed to get near the vessel for fear of the yellow fever contagion. All the military and civil authorities were present. The Queen Regent sent a message to the troops on board the Alicante congratulating them upon their conduct in the field, and saying that she proposed to be the first to welcome them home.

Literary Treasures Found.

C. Norris Matthews, the librarian of Bristol, Eng., has made a most interesting discovery. Among a great number of brown paper parcels in the lumber room of the library he has found a grand folio of St. Augustine's "De Civitate Dei," printed in Basle in 1479; Peter Martyr's "De Orbe Novo Decades," containing the earliest printed data of Cabot's voyages, and another work with notes, supposedly made by the hand of Chatterton. Besides these Mr. Matthews discovered some interesting manuscripts on the subject of mediæval surgery and numerous other valuable works.

Inciting Opposition.

The natives assert that the religious orders in Manila are inciting opposition to American supremacy. Many Spaniards assert that they are eager to invest their fortunes in new enterprises, but that they fear ruin at the American's hand. A few monopolists, fearing competition, are secretly intriguing against the new régime. Newspapers published in both the English and Spanish languages have already appeared.

Russia Colonizing in China.

The Odessa correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: "The government is providing thousands of Moutjiks, who have completed their three years' military service, with inducements of free passage, an outfit, such as horses, cows, oxen and implements, and a loan repayable on easy instalments, to emigrate to China and form colonies, thus forming a splendid available fighting contingent if necessary."

South Dakota Republicans.

The Republican State convention which recently met in Mitchell nominated the following ticket: Governor, Kirk Phillips, of Deadwood; Lieutenant-Governor, J. T. Keane, of Sanborn; Secretary of State, W. H. Bidie. Resolutions were adopted opposing free silver and endorsing the gold standard; approving President McKinley's conduct of the war, and commending the administration's course on the annexation question.

The Havana Mines.

Negotiations have been opened through diplomatic channels by which it is expected that the Spanish government will co-operate with the authorities at Washington in the removal of the mines and torpedoes in Havana harbor before the military commission assembles there. Those who are believing this to be a proper precaution before any of our naval ships enter the harbor with the commissioners.

Hayti Was Suspicious.

It has just developed that the Haytian government, in its recent refusal to permit the establishment of a United States Weather Bureau there, based its action on a suspicion that the United States intended it as an initiative in territorial acquisition on that island.

The Ohio Democrats.

The Democratic State convention which recently met in Dayton nominated the following ticket: Secretary of State, Upton K. Guthery, of Maron; judge of Supreme Court, Hugh G. Nichols, of Clermont; Clerk of Supreme Court, David S. Fisher, of Delaware county. Red and Dairy Commissioner, John Baker, of Hancock; member of the Board of Public Works, T. Dwight Paul, of Summit county.

Fighting in the Vizcayas.

The Madrid government has received a dispatch from General Rios, Governor of the Vizcayas Islands, saying that there had been bloody fighting between the Spaniards and the insurgents, with an estimated loss to the latter of 500 men. The Spanish losses were "unimportant."

Santiago's Public Schools.

The conference between General Wood, military governor of Santiago, and the local authorities with reference to opening the public schools, has resulted satisfactorily, and places will be ready for 4,000 children on September 15th.

Did Not Come From Madrid.

Government authorities at Madrid deny knowledge of any orders given to Admiral Cervera to leave Santiago harbor with his squadron. It is stated that the order was given out by the governor general of Cuba and not by the Madrid government.

Gov. Merritt in Charge.

A special from Manila says: General Merritt has assumed the Governor's duty and transferred the command of the Eighth Corps to Major-General Otis.

TO PURCHASE NEW MACHINERY.

Stockholders of the Statesville Cotton Mills Voted to Increase the Capacity.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Statesville Cotton Mills was held recently to consider the question of the purchase of additional machinery by the directors. It was shown that by putting in new machinery at a cost of \$14,500 the output of the mill could be increased 38 per cent; without additional expense for management. After the matter was explained and the present satisfactory condition of the mill noted, the directors were authorized to purchase the additional machinery.

Raleigh Is to Have a Brewery.

Raleigh is to have a brewery. The Pennsylvanians who will establish it insisted on that place as the location. The Liquor Dealers' Association of the State officially endorsed the brewery plan and will purchase its product. It is learned that the consumption of beer annually in this State is slightly over 30,000 barrels. This is of course in addition to beer in bottles. The brewery will create the local market and make the price to dealers less than at present.

Mill News.

N. I. Hodges will erect a new mill at Pine Ridge.

The Guilford Roller mills of Greensboro are adding some new machinery to their plant.

W. L. Bebow, of Greensboro, is in the market for an outfit for a 25-barrel mill, second-hand preferred.

The Crown Milling company has begun operations. This new mill starts off well. The plant is first-class. The mill will be under the management of Elijah Moffit.

A Bold Burglar.

At Pleasant Ridge, six miles from Gastonia, on the Carolina and North-western Railroad, the house of Mr. John Crawford was entered and ransacked by burglars one night recently. Mr. Crawford's pants and \$20 were stolen from his sleeping room. A gentleman guest of the house lost every article of clothing that he had with him except his hat. There is no clue to the guilty party.

Cranberry Iron Ore to be Got Out.

Two hundred men will shortly begin the work of getting out ore from the noted Cranberry iron mine, which has been idle more than five years. Many men are now at work making preparations for the resumption of operations. The ore will be smelted at Johnson City, Tenn., by the Embrieville Iron Company, the mine furnishing the ore under contract.

Received a \$1125 Check.

Maj. Robert Bingham, the head of the celebrated Bingham School, located in the suburbs of Asheville, recently received a letter from a gentleman in New York City, enclosing a check on the Chase National Bank of that city for \$1,125. This money was to cover the expenses of this gentleman's five nephews at Bingham School for the half term, beginning August 25th.

Two Pipe Factories.

There are now two pipe factories in the State, making black or slates for what are known as the trade as briarwood pipes. It is really the root of the laurel or rhododendron. One of the factories is at Montezuma, Mitchell county, and has a considerable plant. The other is at Boone, Watauga county.

Sam Lucas Found Guilty.

Sam Lucas, the negro who shot Henry Woods at Greensboro recently, was put on trial for his life and within six hours of the time a jury was secured he had been convicted of murder in the first degree. The defense offered no testimony in the trial, and all Lucas' attorneys hoped for was a verdict in the second degree.

A Three Legged Kitten.

Fleming Drummond, of Beaverdam, is in possession of a curious freak of nature. It is a three weeks' old gray kitten, one of a family of five. The three legged freak is as healthy as the other kittens, and the absence of a leg does not interfere with its movements to any extent. It is always in some sort of mischief and in spite of its infirmity is lively and playful.

North Carolina Notes.

Two fine Jersey heifers were killed by lightning by recent storms at Concord.

The State has chartered the White Creek Gold Mining Company of Burke county, capital \$10,000.

The sixth annual session of the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Chautauqua met in the large auditorium at Shelby recently.

The New York Plate Glass Insurance Company has applied for license to do business in North Carolina.

The new roller mill at Mt. Pleasant is a three weeks' old mill, owned by Mr. W. R. Kindley, of the Kindley Cotton Mills.

The Seaboard Air Line and the Southern Railway have paid their State taxes for this year, aggregating \$42,000.

The chapter of orphans from the asylum at Oxford played in Durham recently to a packed house. The receipts were \$200.

The late firm of Barnes, Stainback & Co., of Henderson, files a petition in bankruptcy, giving its liabilities as \$14,000, assets nothing. It failed and assigned in 1892.

Amzi Davidson, colored, was arrested at Charlotte on a warrant sworn out by his 16-year-old daughter, Alice Davidson, charging him with criminal assault.

A tall, dark complexioned man of good address, giving the name of Dr. J. F. Killbrew, from South Carolina, has been passing off bogus checks in Henderson and Franklinton.

Mr. John M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, was elected a vice-president of the National Bankers' Association, which met in Denver, Colorado, recently.

HIGH-HANDED GEN. GARCIA.

Assaulted Custom House Inspector. Tribute from Merchants.

THE ANGLORUSSIAN DISPUTE.

Compromised—International Arbitrators Meet in Quebec, Canada—Dewey Given Permission to Dock His Ships at Hong Kong—An Alliance Between France, Germany and Russia.

It is reported that General Calixto Garcia after entering Gibra, assaulted the customs house administrator, slapping his face and afterwards ordered a negro to beat him with a mallet. It is also said that General Garcia demanded money from the Gibra merchants. The merchants refused to comply with his demand whereupon he ordered that they should pay double the amount of his first exaction. General Garcia also ordered the arrest of over 1,400 Spanish residents.

International Arbitrators.

QUEBEC, Can. (Special.)—The ice is broken; the somewhat rigid British formalities of preliminary organization are past, the commissions have become acquainted, and the body of international arbitrators are now ready for the hard work before them. The ceremonies of organization took place in the Parliament buildings, and while they were characterized by a considerable degree of dignity, the utmost degree of friendliness was manifested in every word and movement, and an amicable adjustment of all questions is predicted by both the American and British commissioners.

Cotton Exports.

The official returns of the exports of cotton goods from the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, show a falling off compared with the previous year, the quantities being 270,667,818 yards against 318,583,044 yards, and values \$13,290,823 against \$17,281,620. The decrease in value is greater relatively than the decrease in quantity, the average price per yard of the cotton exported last year being but 4.19 cents, against 5.51 cents for the year 1896-7.

Order Issued by the Adams Express Co.

The following order has been issued to the managers of the Adams Express Company: "In compliance with an opinion of the United States Attorney General, agents are instructed that hereafter receipts issued for money, bonds, securities and other commercial papers must have a one-cent stamp affixed and cancelled, the same as for shipment of goods, and rates therefore must be quoted plus the government tax."

Spain, France and Russia.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Times says: One paper here declares boldly, on the authority of an anonymous French diplomatist, that owing to M. Hanotax's exertions, a treaty of alliance has been signed between Spain, France and Russia, with the object of counteracting the Anglo-German influence in Morocco.

A Compromise Arrived At.

The London Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent reports that a compromise has been arrived at between England and Russia, the latter getting her way in the Ironing query in China, and England securing concession in other directions. "In any case," says the correspondent, "China must pay for it all."

Lamar & Sons Burned Out.

The wholesale drug store and proprietary medicine manufactory of H. J. Lamar & Sons, at Macon, Ga., was totally destroyed by fire. The establishment is said to be the largest of its kind in the South. The fire started in the basement, caused by a negro employee holding a lantern too near a varnish barrel.

Asks for a Higher Assessment.

Col. John Jacob Astor is credited with having asked that his taxes, which are now \$300,000, be raised by a higher assessment on his immense property. He also has philanthropic schemes, and intends to rank with Cooper and Peabody. He will build a college and endow it, and proposes to establish cheap restaurants throughout the city of New York on the plan of those of the Princess of Wales in London.

Reconquest of the Soudan.

The Anglo-Egyptian reconquest of the Soudan is steadily approaching its culmination. Khartoum will be captured and Mahdism smashed within a month, but Englishmen have not yet reached the stage of excitement over what is one of the most remarkable and uninterruptedly successful military enterprises in British history.

Prospects Growing Better.

The Associated Press learns that the Philippine junta in London received a dispatch from Manila recently announcing that matters there are rapidly quieting down, and that the friction between General Arguinaldo and the Americans is disappearing.

Dewey Can Dock His Ships at Hong Kong.

Ambassador Hay, in a cablegram to the State Department, says the British government has directed the governor at Hong Kong to accept Admiral Dewey's application for permission to dock and clean his ships at Hong Kong.

Re-Assembling of the Cortes.

All the Madrid papers announce the re-assembling of the Cortes between the 6th and 10th of September.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN.

Shedding and Rusting of Cotton—Fall Plowing Progressing Slowly.

Cotton is deteriorating. Shedding and rusting is increasing; in many places even half grown bolls are dropping, while, owing to the large weed, excessive moisture and absence of sunshine, lower bolls are rotting. The prospects are now not so good as they were ten days ago. Cotton is opening rapidly in the south and a little has been picked. There is still time for improvement in the crop under proper conditions. Corn is still very fine, but the weather is too wet for this crop also. A good deal of corn has been in water on low lands, and is turning yellow. The work is quite unfavorable for saving fodder, much of which has been spoiled. Cutting and curing tobacco has fairly begun in northern and northwestern counties. Poor cures are reported from Person county. Wet weather is preventing proper ripening and in some instances is causing second growth. Though looking thrifty, it is thought that field peas, peanuts and sweet potatoes are making too much vine. Grass and weeds have increased in crops very rapidly. Making hay has been stopped by the wet weather. Fall plowing is progressing slowly and some winter oats have been sown. Fruit, especially grapes, continue to decay and fall. More than the usual amount of fruit will be canned.

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