

The Russo-Chinese Situation Strained -- Three Situations

China's Distrust of Russia Responsible For Failure of Amicable Negotiations—Discards in Government Over Measures Against China.

Russian Soldiers on Chinese Frontier Protest at Poor Quality of Food Furnished Them—An Outbreak is Narrowly Prevented.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The Chinese embargo has developed three distinct situations, each of considerable concern to this government.

Russia has awakened to the fact that the Chinese deep seated distrust and resentment is responsible more than anything else for the failure of amicable negotiations.

Next the Novoe Vremya makes the general intimation that there is discord in the government over the measures to be undertaken against China.

The third situation is revealed today in disquieting dispatches from the army of occupation on the Chinese frontier. These advices describe a disturbance among the soldiers over the poor quality of the food provided for them.

An outbreak was prevented only by the fact that the commanding general ordered the governor general to Russian Kurkstan to take prompt measures to remove the cause of dissatisfaction and to organize expeditions for the expedition.

The test of the commissary department has been complicated by the intimate character of the country, the bad roads, muddy at the present season and a dependence for supplies on a long line of communication.

The news of the movement of the Novoe Vremya as the non-official publication of such news is a criminal offense in Russia. Other papers are silent on the matter. It is stated here today that the situation created by China's quibbling has caused a reaction that the Russo-Chinese relations are less satisfactory than had been thought. China's suspicion of Russia's good faith and the resentment of supposed aggression is blamed.

The sole course left open to St. Petersburg was a serious military action which would not shrink from permanent measure in the province.

Military circles, the opinion of which had great weight with Emperor Nicholas in reaching a decision, consider the occupation of northern Manchuria along a line of demarcation from Kwan Cheng Tse to Kirin a possibility. A correction of the frontier of Tarbatai in Mongolia also is held to be a possibility.

The military party frankly favors making the crisis to strengthen the Russian position in the far East and to prevent the frontiers strategically in China's expense. This argues that Russo-Chinese relations are so strained that the situation can be secured from China probably for many years to come.

The cabinet, however, is firmly decided to restrict the military action to the far east necessity. This attitude was maintained upon at a conference between Premier Stolypin and Finance Minister Kokovtsov, who has been chosen of the affair during the absence of Foreign Minister Sazonoff.

More "Peonage" Cases. By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., March 14.—The United States grand jury returned its indictments into court this morning charging the number of peonage offenders in the Southern States. Georgia, who have been charged with peonage. The grand jury in session. The names of the indicted were not given out.

Buildings Burned. By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., March 14.—Fire today destroyed the business portion of the city, including two hotels. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Thousand Animals Perish As Flames Eat up Four Acres of Stock Sheds in Forth Worth. By Associated Press. Forth Worth, Texas, March 14.—Four acres of stock sheds were destroyed, resulting in the death of 1,000 head of horses, mules and dogs and seriously burned 2,000 head of cattle. The value of the burned property is estimated at \$250,000. The property is owned by a large number of blooded animals which were here for exhibition to the fat stock show, the big exhibition of its kind in the world, are believed to have been saved. The caretakers first efforts

SECURING JURY TO TRY MEMBERS OF CAMORRA

Viterbo, Italy, March 14.—Cavaliere Bianchi, president of the court, today set about the task of getting a jury to try the 36 members of the Neapolitan Camorra. He invoked methods that promised results despite the terror that has filled the hearts of citizens at the possibility of being obliged to condemn those whose deaths would be pretty sure to be avenged unless the entire dangerous element of the society was wiped out.

When the court opened today the president at once imposed heavy fines upon those known to have left town to escape jury duty and threatened that he would have others who had made excuses for not appearing when summoned brought to the bar by carabinieri.

The forenoon was taken up in an attempt to fill the jury benches. It was a nervous day in Viterbo. The residents who had hailed the approaching trial as a boon because it would bring to town thousands of strangers, who must be sheltered and fed, have found themselves confronted with an alarming situation. No one familiar with the workings of the "Beautiful Reformed Society" has anything but sympathy for those who shrink from the civic duty imposed.

Nevertheless progress was made and early in the afternoon all but four of the necessary jurors had been secured. At this point the resources of the court failed and an adjournment until tomorrow was taken.

The scene in the court room today was much like that when the trial opened on Saturday, though there was a larger proportion among the spectators of women and of men who for one reason or another were not eligible for jury duty.

Thirty-four of the alleged instigators of the murder of Genaro Cuocolo and his wife occupied the great steel cage for prisoners and glared their hatred at the informer, Genaro Abbatene, who plainly enjoyed the isolation of the smaller cage reserved for his exclusive occupancy.

The priest, Ciovofozzi, "the guardian angel of the Camorra," in his priestly garb, was again permitted to sit outside the cage.

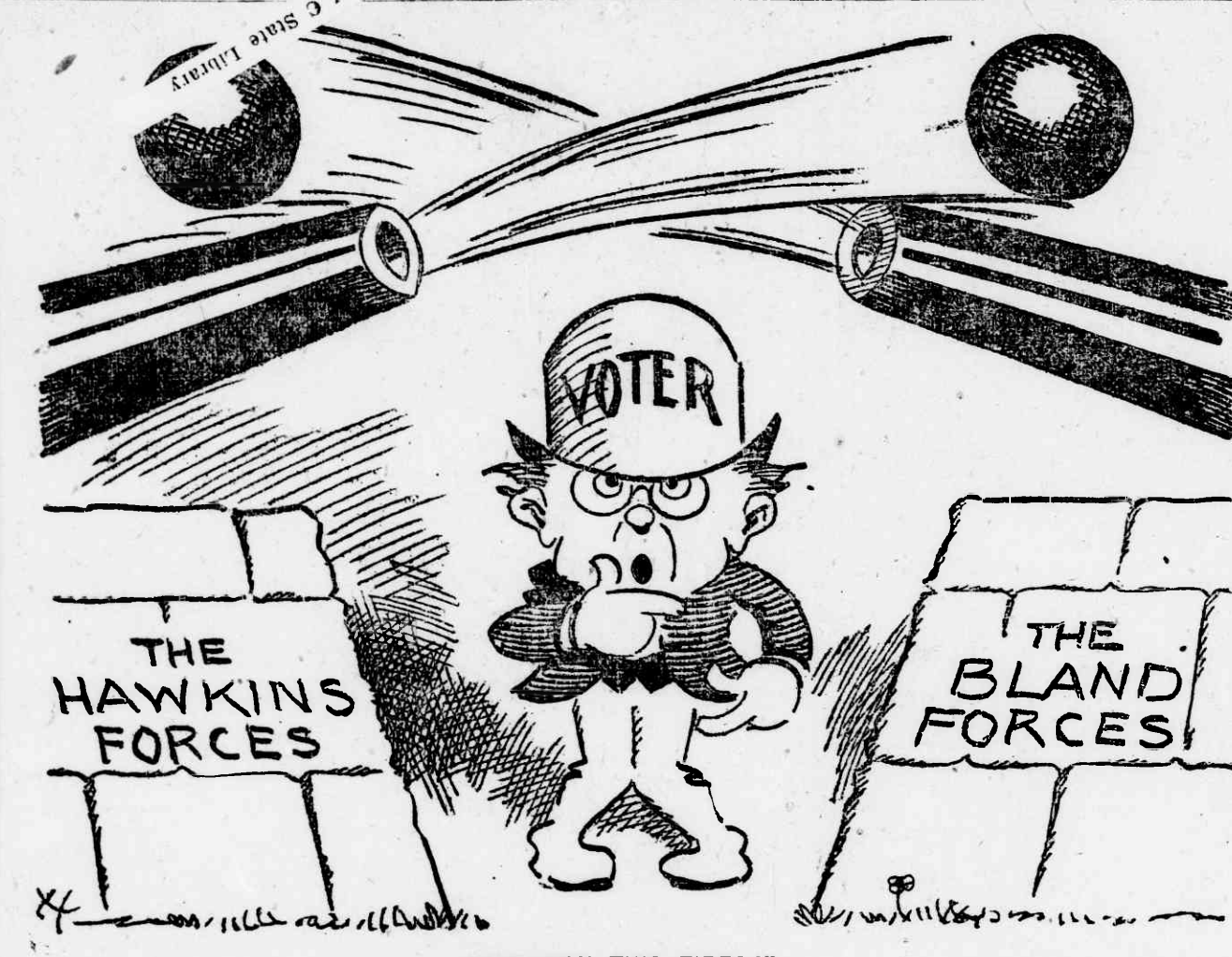
The prisoners followed the proceeding with real or well feigned indifference. Police and carabinieri were scattered through the room and surrounded the building. The accused were escorted to court and returned to the prison under heavy guard.

It is hoped that the jury can be completed and the introduction of evidence begun some time tomorrow. Meanwhile police officers will be busy trying to find many talemens for whom summonses have been issued.

Trial Of Mrs. Edith Melber

Albany, N. Y., March 14.—A long list of witnesses, many of them women, have been summoned to testify today to the mental unsoundness of Mrs. Edith Melber, on trial charged with the murder of her little son. Mystery continues to attach to the case because the defense insists upon attendance in court of Howard Kirk, who figured as Mrs. Melber's closest friend. Imposing exhibits of art embroidery by Kirk, piled on the desk of the defendants' counsel are highly stimulative of curiosity.

Crop Report April 10th. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 14.—The first crop report of the 1911 growing season to be issued by the department of agriculture will be ready Monday, April 10, at noon, and will report the condition on April 11 of winter wheat and rye.



Whitson Brought Back To North Carolina Prison

Lexington, Ky., March 14.—Warden G. P. Sale, of the North Carolina state penitentiary, left here today for Raleigh, where T. B. Whitson, who was arrested here last week accused as a fugitive from prison. Whitson admitted that he escaped from the penitentiary 16 years ago while serving a thirty year's term for murder.

Since his escape Whitson has lived an upright life in Kentucky and has amassed a comfortable fortune.

Full Draft Of Peace Agreement

New Orleans, March 14.—The full draft of the peace agreement signed by the representatives of the Hondu ran government and the revolutionists at Puerto Cortez a week ago reached New Orleans today. Francisco Beltrán, the provisional president, it is agreed, shall have the support of all the political factions of the country which are alleged with the government and the revolution.

The agreement is signed by Alberto Membrero, Maximino B. Rosales and Fausto Davila.

An important provision is the recommendation that the provisional government take steps to settle the public debt. This probably means that an American bond issue will be negotiated.

The congress now in session is bound to call an election for national officers in October and it is agreed that the provisional government as well as that organized as a result of the election of October next will respect the promises of the government and of the revolutionists.

Article I of the agreement obligates the provisional government to "introduce in the national congress a bill of amnesty covering military and political crimes and offenses related to politics, which bill is to be practical and effective.

"(B) to guarantee absolute liberty to all political parties and the Hondu rans in general in the approaching elections for supreme and local authorities; and to guarantee to an equal degree other public liberties in conformity with our laws; the use of the national mails and telegraph lines, in conformity with the law shall not be limited to any political group which takes part in the elections for national officers."

PRESIDENT PLAYS GOLF ON WET AND DAMP LINKS.

Augusta, Ga., March 14.—It was cold and damp on the links of the Country Club today, but President Taft was out bright and early with his golf clubs for a round of the 18 holes through a drizzling rain.

No comment was obtainable here today on the Mexican situation in general or the assurance by the state department to Ambassador de La Barra regarding the movements of American warships along the Mexican coast. It was stated that the President is leaving the handling of the situation to the officials of the state department.

Wants to Go to Texas.

Columbus, Ohio, March 14.—Carmi Thompson, assistant secretary of the Interior at Washington, has applied to the adjutant general's office here to place him on the active list so he can go to Texas. He was captain of the seventh regiment during the Spanish-American war.

ENGLISH PAPER MADE STRIKING DECLARATION

London, March 14.—A striking sentence is contained in an article in the Evening Standard, which praises the cordial support given in the house of commons last night to President Taft's known wish for a general Anglo-American arbitration treaty. This is the Standard's declaration:

"A real and natural dual alliance would be not that between England and France, or England and Japan, but between England and the United States."

"It," explains the Standard, "these two governments could agree that the armaments of one should be available to resist an attack upon the other, there could be no more danger from aggression, either in the Atlantic or Pacific regions."

Other evening journals praise the common support of the Taft wish for a general treaty.

GOVERNOR GRANTS FOUR PARDONS

Rutherfordton, N. C., March 14.—Pardons are granted by Governor Withlin to Walter Hobbs for retailing in Durham county and sentenced to three years on the roads; Charley Lindsay, for stealing a mule in Anson county, five years on the roads; Calvin Moore, for burglary in Mecklenburg county, seven years in the penitentiary, and Henry Low for retailing in Pitt county, six months on roads.

Mrs. Harris Dies In Rutherfordton

Rutherfordton, N. C., March 14.—Mrs. John W. Harris, an estimable Christian woman, widow of the late Dr. John W. Harris, died this morning at her home on South Main street after a brief illness. She was 73 years of age and survived by one son, Dr. Edgar B. Harris, of Rutherfordton.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Presbyterian church, where she was a devoted member and will be conducted by her former pastor, Rev. S. L. Cathey, of Mt. Holly.

Taft eMeets Rockefeller. Augusta, Ga., March 14.—President Taft and John D. Rockefeller met today for the first time since the president's arrival, despite the fact that they have been fellow guests at the same hotel since Saturday morning last. The meeting occurred on the golf links near the eighth hole. Mr. Rockefeller and his party passed the president, who was playing with Ansley Wilcox, of Buffalo, N. Y., about 200 feet away. Mr. Rockefeller quickly recognized Mr. Taft and extended a greeting to him.

"Good morning, Mr. President," he called. The president was about to drive and looked up surprised. "Why, good morning, Mr. Rockefeller," he answered. The president and the oil magnate waved their hands at each other and passed on.

Reorganization Of The Missouri Pacific

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—Reorganization of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company began here today with the meeting of the stock holders to elect directors. The meeting means the retirement of George J. Gould from active management. Charles S. Clarke, first vice president and chief resident executive president.

Mr. Clarke cast the votes of the Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Rockefeller interests for the proposed directors named in the statement issued by George Gould February 15, when he announced he would retire. The independent votes were cast for R. Lancaster Williams, of a Baltimore banking house.

George J. Gould's statement called for the election of all but one director. This vacancy was to be filled by the new president. It is considered probable that one of the directors elected today will resign when a new president is chosen because of the election today of a directors by the independent votes.

MR. ROOSEVELT IN FORT WORTH

Fort Worth, Texas, March 14.—Although he arrived in the midst of a disastrous fire in the stockyards and during an intermittent rainstorm, Col. Roosevelt was accorded a hearty welcome when he reached here today.

The city was decorated in his honor and a parade of automobiles escorted the visitor to the hotel. Capt. S. B. Burnett, first received Col. Roosevelt, taking the party to breakfast. It is not the first time he has played host to Col. Roosevelt, as it was the captain who arranged the famous Oklahoma wolf hunt five years ago.

Col. Roosevelt paid but a flying visit to the city, his train pulling out for El Paso shortly after 9 o'clock. During his stay he was also the guest of the National Feeders and Breeders show, which opened here yesterday, and of which Capt. Burnett is president. Immediately after breakfast the colonel was taken to the stockyards where the show is located and where he delivered an address.

Seven Bodies Recovered From The Drift. By Associated Press. Virginia, Minn., March 14.—The three big crews of solid foreigners who, without abatement, have gnawed in to the "Great Norman slide" will pause today while the first funeral of perhaps 17 to come, passes out to the cemetery nearby. Today's funeral is that of Jalamar Renne, father of seven children.

Seven bodies have been recovered from the drift. The diggers, assisted by a powerful wrecking outfit are making good progress and it is now believed that by tomorrow the last of the bodies will be uncovered.

So far the ore above the slide has held firm and no further slides there are expected.

To Study Conditions in Mexico. By Associated Press. Tucson, Ariz., March 14.—F. A. Vandellip, president of the National City Bank of New York, accompanied Col. Epes Randolph, vice-president of the Southern Pacific lines in Mexico, left yesterday for Mexico to study conditions as they relate to the insurance. On his return Mr. Vandellip will go to the Pacific coast to inspect all the Hariman lines.

Authorities Stop Bout. Victor, Col., March 14.—The scheduled twenty round bout between Kid Ross, of New York, and Peter Jensen, "The Battling Dane," of Denver, was stopped by the authorities at the end of the first round last night.

Two Girls and a Man Killed In Downward Plunge Of Elevator

Charged With Using Big Machine With its Passengers Dropped Four Floors in St. Paul Wholesale House

By Associated Press. Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 14.—Seven men indicted two years ago for fraudulent use of the United States mails and known as the associates of John C. Mabray, now serving a term in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., for a similar crime, were brought to trial today in the United States district court. Mabray was convicted of using the mails to defraud by means of fake sporting events, horse racing, prize fights, wrestling bouts and foot racing being his specialties.

The men brought to trial today, all of whom are known by various aliases, are charged with being "steerers" for Mabray. Their names are given as T. Ryan, a Hot Springs, Ark., saloon keeper; — Wright, caught in New York; E. Smith, Streator, Ill.; R. E. Thielman, once a member of the Cleveland baseball team, captured in Seattle; Benjamin Marks, Council Bluffs.

Four other men altogether under indictment, are not expected to appear for trial. Two of them are believed to be dead.

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Discuss Senatorial Deadlock Today

Albany, N. Y., March 14.—Seated around the breakfast table at the executive mansion this morning, Governor Dix, Mayor Gaynor, of New York, and Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, discussed the senatorial deadlock from their various viewpoints. The conference, arranged by Governor Dix in the hope of bringing about a solution of the question that has been worrying the democratic legislators since early in January, was to have been held last night but the failure of Mr. Murphy to reach Albany in time caused a postponement until today.

Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee, was unable to attend on account of illness.

May Settle Deadlock. Albany, N. Y., March 14.—Following a conference at the executive mansion today with Mayor Gaynor and Charles F. Murphy, Governor Dix stated that progress toward settling the senatorial deadlock was being made and that he hoped to have some interesting information to announce later in the week.

WAS ARSENIC PUT IN HIS WHISKEY?

Denver, Col., March 14.—Declaring that Philip Schuch, of this city, whose body was found in his room at a local hotel last Friday, came to his death from arsenic, administered to him in whiskey by Dr. C. W. Wright, of this city, at Gresham, Neb., on February 26, a coroner's jury here held Wright on a charge of murder. He will be turned over to the Nebraska authorities for trial in that state.

Arsenic was found in a bottle of whiskey in Schuch's room. On the label of the bottle, in Schuch's handwriting was a note that he had taken some of the whiskey in Gresham on February 26, had become "deathly sick" and believed that Dr. Wright, with whom he was traveling, had "fixed" the liquor.

CAN KID MCCOY COME BACK?

Philadelphia, March 14.—Kid McCoy will have his chance next Monday night to show if he can "come back." Jack O'Brien, of the American Athletic Club, announced last night McCoy had been matched with Jack Fitzgerald, of Philadelphia.

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The Clutch Failed to Work and Car Gathered Speed—Bodies Taken From Wreckage—Counterbalance Crashed Down on Injured Passengers.

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MUCH RIOTING FOLLOWS STRIKE --THREE KILLED

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—Charles Swartz, a St. Louis detective guarding non union firemen on No. 3 passenger train of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railroad, was brought here today suffering from a bad gunshot wound received near St. Louis, Ky., thirty miles south of here in a riot early this morning. Swartz attempted to hold back a crowd which attacked the locomotive and tried to reach a negro fireman. An exchange of shots followed and a detective was shot in the mouth. It is reported that the fireman was killed and that several other negro firemen were lynch near the Tennessee line. This, however, could not be verified.

Reports Confirmed. Lexington, Ky., March 14.—Partial confirmation of reports of rioting at Stearns, Ky., and south of there was received here today when the engineer of a passenger train declared three men were killed last night between Kings Mountain, Ky., and Glen Mary.

One of the belated passenger trains arriving from the south today came in with broken windows as the result of an attack by strike sympathizers.

Reports from Danville, stated that 100 St. Louis men armed as guards for trains arrived there and will be sent for duty this afternoon.

Alleged Night Rider on Trial. By Associated Press. Hopkinsville, Ky., March 14.—During the cross-examination of witnesses in the trial of Dr. Davis Amos, alleged night rider leader, the prosecution today laid a foundation for testimony tending to show that the defendant led a whitecap raid in 1888 when one man was killed and another wounded; that he fled the state but afterwards was pardoned, then returned and gave testimony upon which other members of the band were indicted.

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sage requesting definite information as to the fate of the Americans was presented to the junta with the request that it be sent to Madero. The junta does not make known the provisions of its courier and no assurance was given that the message would be delivered. If the courier did take the message it is not certain he will ever return. Casas Grandes is 150 miles southwest of El Paso and the only means of travel is by foot over rough country. The trip, however, has been made by the insurgent couriers.

Gonzales Garza, the insurgent secretary of state in charge of the junta, here, insists the Americans have been summarily dealt with. The friends of Colonel Cuellar, the Federal officer who took the prisoners says he probably would grant the Americans the usual rights of prisoners of war.