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POSITION OF THE POWERS

Alignment of the Different Governments on the German Proposition.

JAPAN OCCUPIES A PLACE ON THE FENCE

Return of Secretary Hay to the Capital Will Not Change in Any Way the Policy of the State Department.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The alignment of the powers on the German proposition to make the punishment of the Chinese ringleaders a condition precedent to negotiations may now be stated as follows: Great Britain, Russia and France stand with the United States in regarding this proposition as an independent matter. Japan occupies a middle attitude; it is willing to follow the German lead if all the other powers are agreeable, but only for the sake of preserving harmony among the powers, and not from a belief in the wisdom of the German proposition.

Austria and Italy stand shoulder to shoulder with Germany, making the dreadnought a solid front. The first named two powers do not attempt to argue the German proposition. Nothing is known here officially of the alternative proposition, which is reported as being prepared in Europe. If it contains the same feature as to prior punishment as the original proposition it is not likely to receive approval here.

The fact that Secretary Hay is expected to return to Washington next week will not change in any way the policy of the State department. The secretary has been in the closest sympathetic touch with all that has been done respecting China, and the stories printed in Germany to the effect that he is coming back to grips with those policies is pronounced at the State department to be absurd. The official is impressed, and has been from the beginning, with the conviction that any attempt made to punish Prince Tuan before negotiations had been completed would be a defeat all efforts to obtain a peaceable and satisfactory settlement. Indeed, it is believed that the attempt of Germany to apprehend such Chinese officials at a stage has actually been the cause of Prince Tuan's promotion, rather than anything from the mere refusal of the German proposition. It is pointed out that an inevitable result of such a effort would be to charge the Chinese officials against whom it was directed to strive by every means in their power to secure the support of the throne, just as Tuan has in this case. Mr. Conger was heard from in a brief telegram today. This was not published, but it is understood to indicate no important developments.

SOLDIER LIFE IN TIEN TSIN

Cossacks Shot and Hung Without Ceremony for Their Part in Looting Rained City.

TIEN TSIN, Aug. 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Military law still prevails in Tien Tsin and the city has as yet made no effort to recover from the terrible shock which it has experienced. Everywhere is ruin. The land is devastated, villages, cities and towns completely destroyed or destroyed and the survivors either hiding or killed. It would take a wise crow to fly down the valley of the Pei Ho without carrying its rations. Nothing is left of this once populous and flourishing region save roofless huts, fabled and devastated gardens. No sign of life is to be seen outside the city except the scattered outposts and within the walls there is only soldierly.

CAUSE OF MILLS CLOSING

Customers Will Not Place Orders Until Results of Election Are Known.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Regarding the report that several mills of the Illinois Steel company would be closed for a month or more, President E. J. Hoffington of that company today gave out the following statement: "We have shut down our Joliet plant for lack of orders. We shall be compelled to shut other mills within the next ten days for the same reason, although we hope to continue most of our mills in operation. The American and British forces are quiescent in camp and do not seem inclined to press matters now that the legations are safe. The American forces are camped in the extreme eastern portion of the city, on a flat lying along the south side of the river and are, with the exception of some Russian troops, the only force living under tents. Colonel Mohl of the Fifteenth Infantry is the ranking American officer in the absence of General Chaffee, and his headquarters are in the building of a wealthy Chinaman who was also an undertaker. The low, one-story structure, full of quaint corners and passages, was full of coffins when the Americans took possession and in one court yard were a number of bodies of wealthy Chinese enclosed in handsome lacquered caskets.

NO FRAUD IS FOUND

Special Agent of Census Bureau Finds St. Joseph's Population Correctly Reported.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 29.—Victor H. Olmstead, the special agent of the census department at Washington, is unable to find any evidence of fraud in the census enumeration of this city and today when he finished his examination he wired his superior at Washington that the returns of 102,979 were absolutely correct, as far as he was able to learn, and recommended that the figures be accepted. According to the bureau, once approved the population of this city and today when he finished his examination he wired his superior at Washington that the returns of 102,979 were absolutely correct, as far as he was able to learn, and recommended that the figures be accepted.

STEEL WORKS TO SHUT DOWN

More Than 3,000 Men Will Be Thrown Out of Work by Indefinite Suspension at Joliet.

JOLIET, Ill., Sept. 29.—Officials of the Illinois Steel company this afternoon admitted that the entire plant, with the exception of its blast furnace, will be idle on Monday morning. About 3,000 men will be affected. No cause is given for the suspension, nor is it known how long it will last.

UNITED STATES AS MEDIATOR

Minister Wu Expresses His Approval of the Settlement of Li Hung Chang.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The Chinese minister, Wu Tingfang, today expressed his strong approval of the settlement of Li Hung Chang that the United States act as mediator for the settlement of the entire Chinese question. The minister was much gratified at the favorable character of the advice from China, particularly the return of Earl Li to his constant communication with Minister Wu and specific reference of the Chinese envoy in favor of the United States as mediator.

TO HANG FROM GALLOW TREE

Convicted Murderer of Goebel Fails to Get New Trial and is Sentenced to Die in December.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 29.—The motion for a new trial in the case of James Howard, charged with Goebel's murder, was overruled this afternoon. Howard was sentenced to hang in December. Additional affidavits were filed this morning by the defense and counter-affidavits by the prosecution in the motion for a new trial. All of the affidavits filed by the defense except one attack jurors who sat in the case. One of the affidavits of the defendant and alleges that the jury was not kept together on one occasion, as the law requires.

HAS NO CONFESSION TO MAKE

Attorney of Henry H. Youtsey, Who is to Be Tried This Week for Goebel's Killing, Denies Rumors.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 29.—The case of Henry H. Youtsey, also charged with being a principal in the Goebel murder, will be taken up at Georgetown on Monday. The prosecution claims that Youtsey was in the secretary of state's office with Howard when the shooting occurred. Youtsey is represented by L. J. Crawford and R. W. Nelson, two of the ablest criminal lawyers in the state. Colonel Nelson sent the following telegram today: "I have advised that Youtsey would make sensational disclosures, and as to agreements with the Commonwealth, are false."

NEW POOL SEEMS CERTAIN

Transcontinental Railroad Agree on Basis for Transcontinental Association.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—A definite plan of organization for the proposed Transcontinental association has been arranged, according to an article, and will be submitted to a vote of the lines interested at a meeting to be held Monday. The outline of the plan is practically the same as that of the Western Passenger association. The articles provide for a chairman and for the maintenance of rates in all the territory west of the river. It is provided that whenever any line, a member of the association, has grounds for desiring to grant a special rate it shall not be done until the proposition is presented to the association and voted upon. In the case of its being negative, the line making the proposition then has the right to give notice of independent action and the other lines interested may give notice of meeting the competition caused by the action of the line making the proposition. The agreement provides for the distribution of the proceeds of military traffic among the lines shall be left to Chairman MacLeod of the Western Passenger association, westbound, and to the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific, eastbound.

WILL MEET AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Bohemian Catholics in Convention at St. Paul Elect Nebraska Man to Office.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 29.—During the last session of the Western Bohemian Catholic union convention, held at St. Stanislaus church today, the following changes were adopted: The date for holding the biennial convention was changed from the month of June to the month of January. The next convention will be held at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

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Mr. Torayo Katow—the Japanese artist will give free lessons in art needle work, one week, beginning Monday October 1st.

Corset Specials—A few well known standard makes of corsets, sharply marked down for no purpose but to readjust the stock.

Washable Kid Gloves—Washable kid gloves, we mean gloves that can be washed with soap and water, and still retain their softness and elasticity.

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here's a point. We have handsome venetians for \$1, but if you are going to have fine tailoring done it isn't worth while to buy a venetian for less than \$1.50.

French Flannel Waists—The balance of our new flannel waists came in by express yesterday. The styles and colors are particularly pretty.

French Lingerie—Our new fall importation is now in. We solicit your inspection of these fine works of art.

Children's Bonnets—A pretty showing of the new fall and winter headwear for little folks.

Children's Heavy Cotton Hose, fall and winter weight, a special value at 25c per pair.

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