

PUTS UP BOLD BLUFF

Germany Disclaims All Responsibility for Trouble in China.

VON BUELOW PRESENTS CASE FOR KA

Every Move Dictated in Protection of Right and Defense of Honor.

NO WAR OF CONQUEST IS BEING WAGED

Conditions on Which Peace Will Be Granted Are Officially Stated.

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Berlin, Nov. 19.—In the Reichstag today, on the occasion of the presentation of the supplementary credit for China, Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, emphatically denied the assertion frequently made abroad that the China imbroglio was traceable to the German occupation of Kiaochow.

This statement was greeted by the social democrats with loud cries of "It is quite true."

Count von Buelow expressed regret that such a cry was heard in the German Parliament. The chancellor further declared he did not wish to present any thing which might be prejudicial to the common objects of the powers in China, but he felt the need of placing himself in touch with the nation.

Germany, he explained, had adhered to the aims and policy outlined in the circular to the allied governments. The allegation that the government had not overseen the Chinese crisis was true. But most of the other nations likewise failed to anticipate that the storm in the far east would burst so violently or so soon.

"But," added Count von Buelow, "the preliminary signs are not escape us. We directed the attention of the other cabinets repeatedly to these signs. I wish to reproach no one, least of all Baron von Ketteler, who is endeavoring most earnestly in the fulfillment of his duty to bring the chief Chinese authorities to reason, went, almost without fear, to his death, worthy of the fund he represented and the name he bore."

This statement caused loud applause. Modesty Held Them Back.

Reverting to the Kiaochow allegation Count von Buelow recapitulated the previous territorial acquisitions and expeditions of the other powers in China, adding: "We, with proverbial modesty, restrained ourselves longest of all the powers, even until the massacre of our missionaries in Shantung."

Continuing, Count von Buelow said: "We first act in China by force of circumstances, and then, in such a way that peace was affected neither directly nor indirectly. Our presence at Kiaochow is not a treaty with China in accord with international law. We have always a friendly and benevolent disposition towards China and demonstrated this specially in 1895, when China was at the mercy of the victorious Japanese. We have no desire to interfere with the interests of the other powers in China. We wish to protect our rights to the fullest degree. Our position there is one of legitimate defense. The miserable Chinese administration permitted the Boxer movement to gain ground, and the attitude of equivocation and inaction violated the rights of nations and the dignity of the German people by allowing the outrageous murder of Baron von Ketteler and did the utmost in the intercourse with the Chinese to put off matters by all kinds of subterfuge and palpable falsehoods."

PROTECTION OF RIGHT, DEFENSE OF HONOR

"In the face of such an attitude we had to take the necessary measures for the protection of our rights and the defense of our honor. The other powers were compelled to act in self-defense. A passionate observer cannot doubt that the recent movement is traced neither to Kiaochow, Hong Kong, Tonkin or Port Arthur. It is directed against civilization, with which Japan has thrown in her lot. What Germany desires is, not a political adventure, but the assertion of her rights as a great power, and our honor as a great people. We are waging no war of conquest on China. We only wish for atonement for Chinese misdeeds and a guaranty of reforms. We especially desire atonement, since otherwise such things would occur again. We desire the influence accruing to Germany in the present movement shall be preserved to her. We desire our share in what is to be won from China. We will not overreach anyone and we will let anyone overreach us. We have nothing to gain by a partition of China and we do not desire it. We shall fare best if China recovers herself, so far as possible, under the best order administration obtainable and remains solvent. We wish to confine ourselves to our present position and will not shake China unnecessarily. We have no reason for going beyond the convention of August 3, 1898, or to arrive for territorial acquisition."

Conditions Named to China.

"We assume that the other powers will not make territorial acquisitions. There is no ground for doubting their loyalty. The end set in view by the circular—the end liberation of the European in Peking—has been attained. Other highly important objects remain to be reached. Security of the lives and property of foreigners, adequate satisfaction for outrages, compensation for the disbursements made and costs incurred, and the safeguarding of our possessions. The attainment of these by unanimous agreement has been arrived at by the representatives of the powers in Peking, whose demands I now communicate."

"China shall erect a monument to Baron von Ketteler on the site where he was murdered and send an imperial prince to Germany to convey an apology. She shall inflict the death penalty upon eleven princes and officials already named and suspend provincial examinations for five years where the outrages occurred."

"In future all officials failing to prevent anti-foreign outrages within their jurisdiction shall be held responsible."

RUSSIA PLAYS FOR VANTAGE

Effort to Detach Italy from Triple Alliance—Austria to Be Isolated.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 9.—One of the most cherished ideas of the pan-Slavic publicists detached Italy from the triple alliance, and a writer in the Rossya, one of the most influential newspapers, proposes to accomplish this and to overcome the difficulties in the Balkans at one stroke.

The Rossya thinks it sees indications of a possible reconstruction of the triple alliance with England in the place of Austria. It notes evidence of coolness between the courts of Rome and Vienna, which will be of great significance to the forthcoming visit of the young king of Italy to England among other countries. The result of it all may be the transformation of the Anglo-German agreements regarding China and Africa into a formal alliance, into which Italy will be factually brought in.

The natural result would be that Russia would have much easier sailing in the Balkans. This conclusion no doubt explains the Rossya's article. It is the wish, not the policy, that is being marshaled, that fathered this thought.

The minister of finance issues figures showing that, although they have not thrived particularly, the Belgian stock market companies of Russia are making a small dividend, taken as a whole. There are 148 companies with a capital of 484,000,000 francs, or nearly \$250,000,000. Of this number sixty-four are less than eighteen months old.

The annual report on the grain crop of Russia's harvest of 1900, shows that the winter grains the crop rose a little above and the wheat crop below the average. Winter wheat suffered from excessive humidity in the southwest and "New Russia" spring grain is said to be near the average.

Two or three months will be spent in Russia next season. Warsaw newspapers report that the agents of the United States are buying sugar beet seed in Poland. This seed will be given a trial at the agricultural stations in the United States. Such seed has previously been obtained principally from France.

EMPEROR MAKES A PROMISE

China's erstwhile ruler pledges German monarch to punish Baron von Ketteler's murderers.

Berlin, Nov. 19.—The Reichs Anzeiger (official) publishes the text of a telegram of the emperor of China, dated November 14, in which the former promises to inflict severe punishment on the authorities who were accomplices of the murderers of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, and expressed the hope that friendly relations will soon be re-established. He also declares that as soon as the peace commissioners attain the desired point he will fix a time for his return to Peking.

His Chinese majesty adds that the protection of the Christian missions will be especially and strictly enjoined on all the provincial authorities.

MORE ANTI-CHRISTIAN RIOTS

Violent Attempts to Settle Troubles—Backed up by a French Gunboat.

CANTON, Nov. 19.—Refugees who have arrived here report that anti-Christian riots have broken out in the province of Kiang Si. The non-Christians are wearing badges and all persons not so decorated are in danger of being arrested. The government has ordered that once peace is restored the province has appointed a deputy to settle the disturbances and French gunboats will accompany the latter with a view of enforcing his orders.

ORDERED TO JOIN THE COURT

Indication that Chinese Royalty is to Move to the Province of See Chuen.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 19.—The governor general of the province of See Chuen has been ordered to join the court. This causes excitement in provincial officialdom, as it is regarded as a further indication that the imperial family is going to See Chuen.

CHINESE DESTROY RAILROAD

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 19.—Dispatches from Vladivostok say the Chinese have destroyed 200 versts of the southern section of the Manchurian railway. All the stations and rolling stock in the section were destroyed. The damage is estimated at 10,000,000 roubles.

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED

Colombian Rebels Credited with Daring Act that is Hardly Less Than Piracy.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 19.—Passengers who arrived here on Sunday on the British steamer Atrato from Colon say there were rumors at Colon when they sailed that the British steamer Taboga had been seized by the Colombian government at Panama and sent, under an armed escort to Buena Ventura (a port in the department of Cauca on the bay of Choco). It was added that the British consul at Panama had asked his government for a war vessel. Confirmation of the report, however, was lacking and it was asserted that the British consul at Panama cannot dispatch cipher messages from that city.

Liberals Appeal to Country.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Many of the provincial governments of Canada, which are liberal in politics, have decided, according to a Montreal dispatch to the Tribune, to take advantage of the flowing tide of liberalism and have appealed to the electors for support. The election in Quebec will take place on December 7. The liberal government had a majority of about thirty in the last house (out of seventy-four members) and this is likely to be increased. The other election will be held in Prince Edward Island, where for a year past there has been a virtual deadlock. The liberal government being sustained in power on several occasions by the casting vote of the speaker. This election will be close, with good chances for the conservatives.

Steamer Friesland Disabled.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The steamer Friesland, Captain Nickels, from New York November 7, for Southampton and Antwerp, passed Selly today disabled, in tow of the British steamer Clouden, from Newport News for Rotterdam. The Friesland's rudder was damaged.

ALL SAVE ONE PERISH

Storm Overtakes Party of Thirty-Eight Turks on Black Sea at Night.

COWARD MEN THINK ONLY OF THEMSELVES

First the Children Are Thrown Overboard to Lighten the Boat, Then the Women, but it Does No Good and All But One Die.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The Daily Express publishes the following from Odessa: "A party of thirty-eight Turks wishing to leave Russia secretly sailed at dead of night from Tachurukus to cross the Black Sea. A storm arose and the boat filled. First the baggage was thrown overboard. Then the children and finally the women were committed to the sea, but this did not prevent the vessel from foundering, and all perished save one lad, who clung to the mast and was washed ashore."

BARTERING CROSS OF HONOR

Hints of Exposure Precipitate Lively Debate in French Chamber over Legion of Honor Scandals.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—The Chamber of Deputies today discussed the Legion of Honor scandals, the reactionary press having blazoned for several days past at an unrelaxing exposure regarding trafficking in decorations. Finally it was said that M. Jean Decraux, son of the minister of the colonies, had been paid 20,000 francs for his introduction to M. Edouard Drumont, proprietor of the Libre Parole. Minister Decraux spoke feelingly on the subject and said the charge was false. M. Decraux described the details of the decorations given by M. Miller and the minister of commerce, the method followed, pointing to the reasons for which the decorations were bestowed. A lively debate followed, many deputies participating in it. The government was asked to refer the subject to a magistrate, and others suggested a law to restrain the "salmonberry press."

M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the premier, ironically replied, scoring the anti-republican press for descending to such methods in its efforts to injure the ministry. He claimed the stories were nothing more than political fabrications. The government explanations were approved by a vote of 379 to 21.

DEPUTIES DISCUSS BUDGET

Chamber Devotes Session to Chinese Affairs—Radical Socialist Charges Widespread with Incompetence.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—During the morning session of the Chamber of Deputies today the budget for the ministry of foreign affairs was discussed and M. de Estournelles de Constant, republican, representing the La Fliche district of the Sarthe, asked how long the Chinese campaign would last. He said he feared it would cost a large amount. They could not depend on an indemnity to cover the expense, for it would not be necessary to continue the expedition to enforce the payment. The speaker also expressed fear that the exaction of an indemnity would result in the dismemberment of China, resulting in a universal war. Thus, he pointed out, "China lays a trap for Europe to fall into."

ONE MORE FIZZLE FOR SPAIN

Late Hispano-American Congress at Madrid Accomplished Nothing Tangible.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—Even those who sympathize with the movement that led to the Hispano-American congress, says a special dispatch from Madrid, "will not be satisfied with the results of the congress. They are obliged regretfully to acknowledge that the congress did not excite lively interest in the peninsula; that the spirit that once prompted Spain to cherish her old time influences in the western hemisphere does not now exist and that the present is unfavorable to any attempt to develop it."

DAWN OF NEW ERA FOR LABOR

Machinists and Their Employers Will Hereafter Submit All Differences to Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—By agreement between representatives of the National Metal Trades Association and of the International Association of Machinists, the hours of labor of the machinists throughout the United States, beginning today, were reduced to nine hours and a half per day. Beginning May 18, 1901, nine hours will constitute a day's work among the machinists. In accordance with the agreement, strikes and lockouts will not be resorted to in the machinist trade. All further disputes are to be settled by arbitration.

MAY AMEND WAR REVENUE TAX

Republican Members of Ways and Means Committee Meet in Washington Today.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Many members of the house ways and means committee arrived in Washington today. The republican members will meet tomorrow to consider a bill to modify the war revenue act, passed in 1898. Several plans have been outlined for the proposed reduction in taxation.

Launch Torpedo Bots Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The Navy department today was advised that the torpedo boats De Long and Blakely, built by the George Lawley & Sons' corporation, will be launched at South Boston, Mass., next Thursday morning. A large party of prominent officials of the Navy department will attend the launching.

To Study the Hobo.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The industrial commission has appointed Prof. John R. Commons of the Bureau of Economic Research, New York City, as an expert to investigate the effect of immigration on the problem of the unemployed, especially with a view to the study of the tramp question.

Minnesota Gains 34.5 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The population of the state of Minnesota as announced by the census bureau is 1,751,394 against 1,302,326 in 1890. This is an increase of 448,587, or 34.5 per cent.

WHY HARRISON IS RELIEVED

His Services No Longer Needed by the War Department—Owing to Contractions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—There is illustrated text in quarters unfriendly to the administration to the effect that the honor discharged by Harrison, inspector general of United States volunteers, was an act of resentment against his father, ex-President Harrison, for his nonparticipation in the late presidential election. The War department explains it, however, as an act in the ordinary course; that the discontinuance of the military department of Porto Rico removed the necessity for an inspector general in that department; that all the military departments in the United States are provided with officers of that grade, and that it was inadvisable to send Lieutenant Colonel Harrison to the Philippines at this late day, for the reason that under the law all the volunteer officers may have to be discharged from the service by June 30 next. This explanation satisfied all save those who are determined not to be satisfied by anything the administration does.

Senator Thurston left tonight for Omaha, accompanied by his brother and sister-in-law, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Poland, minister of former Senator Thurston. Senator Thurston, before leaving, said that while Mrs. Poland was seemingly in good health, she had been afflicted with dropsy for several years, and he believed that this was the primary cause of disease. He was greatly shocked, however, by the report of her death, as he had no previous information of her illness. It is understood that his daughters, Grace and Jenn, will return with Senator Thurston to Washington.

W. H. Michael, chief clerk of the State department, resumed his official duties today, having returned yesterday from Nebraska. Rural free delivery service will be established at the following points in Iowa on December 1: Parnett, Fremont county, area covered, forty square miles; population, 400; carrier, J. W. Hill. Imogene, Fremont county, area covered, thirty-five square miles; population served, 221; carrier, J. A. Carr. Leon, Decatur county, area covered, forty-one square miles; population served, 314; carrier, F. H. Allen. Leota, Leota county (additional service); area covered, thirty square miles; population served, 562; carrier, C. B. Coder.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Elaborate Preparations Are Being Made for Centennial Set for December 12.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Today was the 100th anniversary of the meeting of the congress which assembled in Washington on the 24th of September, 1789. The occasion was commemorated by a military parade, which will continue through the centennial anniversary of the removal of the seat of government to this city by a parade to be elaborately celebrated on December 12. Exercises will be held at the Capitol and the White House. In many respects the celebration will be the most important of the century. The governors of all the states, as well as many other distinguished guests, have been invited to be here. All the departments will be closed. One of the features of the celebration will be a military parade, which will continue through the centennial anniversary of the removal of the seat of government to this city by a parade to be elaborately celebrated on December 12. Exercises will be held at the Capitol and the White House. 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