

NOT TO PARTICIPATE

General Chaffee Must Decline Invitation to Join Expedition

Would Be Contrary to

United States is Pledged as Opposing Further Aggression at Present

DIPLOMATIC SITUATION IS DELICATE

China's Obstinacy and Germany's Forwardness Embarrass the Other Forces

CONGRESS CONFIRMS THE DECLINATION

Minister Cables the Department that Press Reports of Court's Refusal to Pardon Certain Offenders Are True

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The United States government is facing a serious situation in China, owing to the announcement of the action of Field Marshal von Waldersee to make an offensive campaign. General Chaffee has been invited to join in the expedition, which is to be mounted in the larger scale than any has been attempted in China since the war began. The general informed the War department officials that the State department had been advised of the decision.

This German movement has caused considerable amazement. General Chaffee will be told that he is not to participate in this campaign. He has been keeping the American forces in Peking, ever since the city was pacified, simply as a guarantee against the Germans, and it is fully warranted that the United States government purposely deprived the American contingent in China of its offensive military character and withdrew it from the control of Count von Waldersee in order to prevent so far as it could, the continuance of military movements against the Chinese, which were at once unnecessary and harmful in their effect upon the peace movement.

But another very serious point under consideration is whether Chaffee shall join the German movement, but whether it is or not the duty of our government to exercise all proper efforts to dissuade the German government from undertaking this campaign.

The Chinese government is unfortunately declaring the peace negotiations in an exasperating fashion and is not responding to proper spirit to the efforts of the United States government to bring about a settlement. Minister Conger which confirms the press advice relative to the Chinese declaration to accede to the demands of the minister in the matter of capital punishment of the leaders implicated in the Boxer movement.

Conger Tells the President that the subject of punishments gave it to be understood that the Chinese government has agreed to exile Prince Tuan and Lan without capital sentences, to recommend suicide to Prince Chang, death for Yu Hsien and Chou Chi Chou, imprisonment and degradation of Yung Nien, and some punishment not yet determined for Chi Hui and Hsu Chang Yu. It is said that an edict already has been issued to execute these sentences.

A visit from the Japanese minister to the State department served to give color to the story that our government is waiting about to ascertain how far the other powers, particularly the Chinese question, will endorse the German proposal. It was possible to secure exact information on this subject. The whole subject, it is said, is to come before the cabinet meeting tomorrow, when the course to be pursued by the United States government will be determined.

It is realized to be extremely desirable to avoid offending in this matter, but it is hoped that by an appeal to the conservative forces of the empire, made not by the United States government alone, but with powerful second in the shape of Russia and perhaps Japan, the German government will be brought to see the good policy and good faith both will be best served by avoiding interference with the peace negotiations at this stage. The United States government stands steadfastly by the principles laid down in Secretary Hay's letter of last year, and it secured the adhesion of all the interested powers to that statement of principle. It is hoped that, by calling attention to proposed interferences, these may be prevented.

TERRORIZING THE CHINESE

Contemplated Expedition Intended to Drive Native Army Out of Child Province

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Peking which explains that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee's new expedition is intended to finally clear the province of Chi Li of Chinese soldiers and produce a wholesale dread among the Chinese. The German commissariat department has ordered 1,000 transport wagons to be ready within eight days.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18.—The Shanghai Mercury asserts that "The allies are preparing a move that will astonish China and bring her to terms quickly."

According to the North China Daily news the Germans are planning an expedition on the Yangtze River. The War office has received the following from Count von Waldersee:

FEKIN, Feb. 18.—Major General von Knieper has dispatched an expedition under the command of Colonel Hoffmeister, from Pao Ting Fu to Ito Ma Kwan, eighty-five kilometers north of Pao Ting Fu.

STUDENTS ARE OBSTINATE

Continue to Protest Against Application of Military Law to Universities

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—On Saturday the minister of the interior, M. Spilkin, ordered the suppression of the three months of the Novosti Dnia, a Moscow paper, which had violated the prohibition against the publication of university bulletins. A secret circular has been issued ordering all newspapers that the prohibition is effective.

News has been received here that 220 students have been arrested in Moscow, presumably the whole assembly which obstructed the lectures among the students. Eighteen were arrested here, but were subsequently released. Pending a decision in their case, however, they were forbidden to re-enter the university. Sixteen additional arrests were subsequently made.

The forestry institute, nearby, held a meeting and declared the institute closed until the sentences against the students should be revoked and military law repealed. The Institute of Railway Engineers, by a vote of 120 against 100, declared for obstruction. The Military and Medical academy students met with the permission of General Kropotkin, the minister of war, the latter warning them that he would prevent the operation of military law if obstructive tactics were adopted. Of the 800 who were present at the meeting only 150 favored obstruction. Resolutions were adopted expressing great discontent with the sentences imposed at Kiev and with military law generally, but it was admitted that obstruction cannot lead to any desirable result. Furthermore, the meeting declared its conviction that the military law would reach equally sensible conclusions if they were granted similar liberties.

It is learned that Prof. Melukoff, the celebrated historian, who was taken into custody last Monday, has been freed, but he attended a conference at a private house between liberals and private citizens.

RESTORE QUIET IN MADRID

Cabinet Expected to Meet Wednesday and Abolish Martial Law in Capital

MADRID, Feb. 18.—The carnival fetes in the provinces have passed off without disorder, expressing great discontent with the imperialist policy of the government. The imperialist policy of the government, says that Wednesday's cabinet council will abolish martial law in Madrid and re-establish constitutional guarantees. The council will meet on Thursday and debate current affairs. Finally, Friday, General Azañaga, the premier, will submit to the queen request the resignation of the cabinet and inform her that it will be advisable to convene the Cortes at an early date. It is expected that the cabinet procedure will facilitate the formation of a Silveira ministry, which will then be constituted.

PARISIANS FREEZE TO DEATH

Fifteen Deaths Reported, Though Weather Moderated Somewhat

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The weather is less cold here and in this vicinity today, though several deaths were reported during the night. The weather has moderated somewhat, but the rivers in the extreme south being frozen, while several feet of snow have fallen in the department of the Vosges and in the Dauphine. Fifteen degrees below zero has been recorded at Grenoble, capital of the Department of Isere. Switzerland is also suffering from the severe weather and snow covers the northern part of Italy. A dispatch from Rome reports an unprecedented snowfall there today.

KRUGER WRITES KING EDWARD

Drafts Personal Letter to England's Ruler Asking for His Consideration

LONDON, Feb. 18.—There is an unconfirmed rumor here today that President Kruger has drafted a personal letter to King Edward setting forth the Boer case and asking for his Majesty's consideration. Concerning Russia's proposal to withdraw from Peking, Lord Salisbury, September 30 telegraphed an answer to Sir Claude M. MacDonald, then British minister to China. "No government so far as I am aware has agreed to the Russian proposal conditionally."

TO PRESIDENT AND EMPEROR

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The directors also presented to Emperor William through the German ambassador an album of rare beauty, said to have cost \$1,200. This is an acknowledgment of the emperor's courtesy in offering a prize at the last Sausagefest.

The ambassador yesterday received a telegram from Emperor William, authorizing him to receive in his name the souvenir of the Sausageband. After the presentation, the ambassador and the delegation drank the health of Emperor William.

The album is of American manufacture and a masterpiece of art. It consists of two silver plates, weighing forty pounds, bound in leather, richly embellished with scrolls and silver mountings. On the face of the first plate is engraved the American and German flags and coats of arms, while on the back is a resolution of thanks for the emperor's prize.

KNOWS OF NO EXPEDITION

British Secretary of Foreign Affairs Has No Information of Waldersee's Plan

QUESTION OF SECRECY DISCUSSED

John Dillon Brings Up Old Matter of Secretary's Privileges When House Demands Information of Delicate Negotiations

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Lord Cranborne, the under secretary of state for foreign affairs, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, said that so far as the government was aware, the British commander would require fresh instructions.

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CONTAINS CHINESE HISTORY

Blue Book Records the Negotiations Between Great Britain and China Regarding Russia

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A blue book has been issued containing 494 dispatches dealing with the disturbances in China and covering the period from June 25 to September 30, 1900. The essential features of most of the dispatches have already been given at the various capitals.

Lord Salisbury on July 10 called Mr. J. B. Whitehead, secretary of the Chinese legation at Tokio, that the Japanese charge d'affaires had informed him that Japan in consequence of Great Britain's friendly assurances, would send to China one or two more army divisions. As a result of this, the Russian foreign minister, pointed out through the Russian charge d'affaires in London that the liberation of the former in Peking by Japan would not constitute upon Japan the right to independent solution or to other privileges except perhaps a large money indemnity.

This way of putting the matter by the Tokyo cabinet to Russia indicated that Japan's action might approach an independent principle by a majority of the powers. Count Lamondoff significantly added: "The imperial government considers, in view of the threatened events in China which concern the interests of the powers, that it is urgently necessary to avoid any misunderstanding or omission which might lead to still more dangerous consequences."

On the same day Lord Salisbury wired to Mr. Whitehead to promise to assist Japan to the extent of £1,000,000 if 20,000 men were sent immediately to China, and Mr. Whitehead replied that Japan did not consider further reinforcements appropriate.

MEMPHIS WOMAN A WINNER

Miss Stewart of Tennessee Gets Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Berlin

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HIGHER RANK FOR ARMY MEN

President McKinley Sends Another Batch of Nominations to the United States Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The president today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Army of the United States Engineer Corps—First Lieutenants to be captains—John S. Sewell, James P. Melrose, Jay J. Morrow.

Signal Corps—Captains to be majors—George W. Strickland, William A. Glassford, Joseph E. Mansfield.

Cavalry—Captains to be majors—Daniel C. Pearson, Second, Herbert E. Tuberville, First; Luther E. Hays, Second; First Lieutenants to be captains—Eugene M. Carter, First; George W. S. Stevens, Richmond P. Davis, Ernest Hinds, Walter Robinson, George F. Landers.

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The question of naval stations is still under the subject of discussion. The committee is to make a report, leaving out any reference to this matter and also leaving out the right of the United States to intervene in the preservation of order. This is covered by the treaty of 1823, which would not be a slur on the efficiency of the future government to admit the possibility of a necessity for naval stations is not looked upon in this light, but the delegates do not wish to give adherence to an arrangement involving a specific speculation as to naval stations. Many say that if the United States government wishes naval stations in Cuba it can take them and there will be no slur on the efficiency of the future government to admit the possibility of a necessity for naval stations is not looked upon in this light, but the delegates do not wish to give adherence to an arrangement involving a specific speculation as to naval stations. 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