

A GLOOMY VIEW

LONDON OFFICE SEES NOTHING BRIGHT IN FAR EAST.

Russia a Menace to Peace—Japan Ready to Take Up Gauntlet Thrown Down—Wants Only a Free Hand—Willing to go Where England Feared to Tread.

LONDON, March 23.—The foreign office takes a gloomy view of the situation in the east, in spite of the settlement of the Tien Tsin question, and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the danger point.

"All Japan wants is a free hand against Russia. This she has got so far as England and Germany are concerned, and I presume, so far as the United States government is concerned, although I do not imagine for one moment that any of the powers mentioned would be drawn into a war between Japan and Russia.

CONFIRMS WORST BELIEFS. Confirmation of the foregoing definition of the situation was afforded by the secretary of the Japanese legation, who said in the course of an interview:

"While rejoicing at the fact that England and Russia have reached a pacific settlement over the minor issue, the main question—the integrity of the Chinese empire—remains unsettled. In response to pressure brought upon Russia it was announced that Russia's secret treaties with China had been modified, but the terms have been withheld.

Land Office Inspector Pleased. O'NEIL, Neb., March 23.—Hon. Edgar L. Hills of Jefferson, O., who is now inspector of United States surveyor's general and United States land offices was in O'Neil and made a very careful and thorough examination of the United States land office location here.

Kills Off Cigarettes. ST. PAUL, March 23.—The house passes the senate bill prohibiting the manufacture of cigarettes.

Massachusetts Again Afloat. WASHINGTON, March 23.—Navy department officials were relieved of all apprehension concerning the big battleship Massachusetts which ran aground in Pensacola harbor while on its way to the sea Thursday morning.

Catching Seals by Scores. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 23.—The sealing steamers Aurora and Diana, the former with 32,000 and the latter with 28,000 seals, entered the harbor of Greenspond 100 miles northwest of St. John, tonight.

Race For Fifty Thousand. BOSTON, March 23.—A race for a \$50,000 purse made up of \$10,000 a corner and \$20,000 added by Thomas W. Lawson between Charlie Herr, Crescenzo and Boraima, is announced by Mr. Lawson.

Haguewood Murder Trial. CHADRON, Neb., March 23.—The court has taken up the time trying to empanel a jury in the Haguewood murder trial. At 4:30 this afternoon court adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow, having exhausted the men they could subpoena.

DANGER IS OVER.

Collision of English and Russians is Averted.

PEKIN, March 23.—Count von Waldersee, General Barrow and General Wogack, have been in consultation, and General Wogack has agreed to withdraw the Russian troops from the disputed ground at Tien Tsin provided the British also withdraw.

FRANCE TAKES HOPEFUL VIEW. PARIS, March 21.—The French foreign office has as yet received no dispatches regarding the Anglo-French or Anglo-Russian trouble at Tien Tsin.

Dinner For Fitzhugh Lee. OMAHA, Neb., March 22.—Dr. Geo. L. Miller will give a dinner at the Omaha club in honor of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.

State Convention Will Yield. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—Representative Mercer of Nebraska, who accompanied the river and harbor committee to Cuba, was at the white house today.

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Irregularities in Census. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—Regarding irregularities in the census enumeration in Maryland, Director of the Census Merriam said today:

Deserting the Navy Yard. NORFOLK, Va., March 21.—Wholesale desertions from the navy yards are reported. Some men who deserted from the Topoka have been apprehended and will be tried by court-martial.

WILL NOT YIELD

RUSSIAN ATTITUDE AT TIEN TSIN DEFIANT AS EVER

Will Have no Arbitrators—Able to Settle Trouble With England Alone—General Demands Apology—Says British Troops Likewise Must Withdraw.

LONDON, March 21.—"General Wogack has refused to accept Count Von Waldersee's arbitration at Tien Tsin," says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday, "and demands that the British not only withdraw, but apologize for removing the Russian flag."

"General Barrow refuses to do either and in so refusing has the support of the British government. British reinforcements are being sent."

"Russia's proceedings in Korea," says the Kobe correspondent of the Daily Mail, "are now openly aggressive, and it is believed that she is about to make further demands in connection with Ma-San-Ho."

RUSSIA SURE OF HER GROUND. ST. PETERSBURG, March 20.—The Russian press is not alarmed about the Tien Tsin affair.

The Novosti advocates a Russo-Japanese alliance, which will assure Japan her present possessions and a large market for her industrial products in Russian territory, where they will be protected against Anglo-German competition.

TIEN TSIN, March 20.—A special train carrying reinforcements of Australian troops left Pekin for Tien Tsin at 10 o'clock this morning.

General Lorne Campbell, the English commander, and General Wogack, commanding the Russians, met Count von Waldersee upon his arrival here.

It is the general opinion Tien Tsin that the feeling is not likely to reach a point where blood would be shed. Both detachments on guard have orders to do nothing aggressive unless forced to do so.

General Lorne Campbell, upon hearing of the death of ex-President Harrison, ordered all the British flags to be flown at half mast.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 21.—The new election bill having for its object the practical disfranchisement of most of the 50,000 illiterate voters of the state, passed the senate today.

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HONORS PAID CAPTAIN HOBSON

People of His Home Present Him With a Most Magnificent Silver Service.

GREENSBORO, Ala., March 20.—Captain Richmond P. Hobson, who sunk the Merrimac in an effort to bottle up Admiral Cervera's fleet in Santiago harbor during the Spanish-American war, was honored yesterday by the citizens of Greensboro, the city of his birth.

Captain Hobson was escorted to the opera house and was welcomed by a throng that taxed the capacity of the auditorium, the assembly including the foremost citizens of Greensboro and a number of distinguished visitors from other parts of the state.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 20.—The will of the late General Harrison will be read before a gathering of the relatives before they leave the city. It will then be filed in the courts for probate.

LONDON, March 20.—William Redmond, Irish nationalist, yesterday gave notice in the house of commons that he would shortly take an opportunity of informing King Edward, whose title it is proposed to place on the new coins issued by the government, that he had no right to use the title of defender of the faith.

MEMPHIS, Ind., March 20.—Fire broke out in Haus' stove factory here Tuesday afternoon and within an hour the entire town was destroyed. Five hundred people are homeless and without shelter.

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ENGLAND AND RUSSIA CANNOT AFFORD TO INDULGE.

Relations Much Strained—Incident at Tien Tsin, However, to Quiet—Troops of Both Nations May Withdraw From Disputed Territory.

LONDON, March 19.—On the highest official authority the Associated press is authorized to announce that the difficulty at Tien Tsin between the Russians and British over the construction of a railroad siding in territory claimed by both, will probably be solved by the withdrawal of both the British and Russian troops from the ground in dispute.

There is a disposition here to think too much has been made of the Anglo-Russian incident at Tien Tsin and a more hopeful view of the affair is taken today. This is aided by the statement contained in Dr. Morrison's dispatch from Pekin yesterday that the London Times, which is taken to mean that the combined efforts of the interested powers are having the effect of causing St. Petersburg to check any tendency to undue aggressiveness on the part of the Russian representatives in China.

NO BACKDOWN THUS FAR. The officials of the British foreign office have not yet received official confirmation of Russia's alleged backdown in regard to the Manchuria, Turkestan and Mongolia, and inquiries on the subject are now being made at St. Petersburg and Pekin.

While hostilities are out of the question, however it is not unlikely that the diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Russia will become strained almost to the breaking point.

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NEBRASKA NOTES.

Sneak thieves stole a set of harness from the stable of the editor of the Springfield Monitor.

Peru will have a new laundry and normalties may now get their washing done on short notice.

Fremont's new hospital is finely equipped and has accommodations for seventy-five patients.

Nail-pulling contests are features of well social affairs at Pawnee City. A hammer and box are furnished each contestant.

Miss Minnie E. Thorp of the Wesleyan university, won the first prize at the state oratorical contest, which was held at Crete.

With corn at 30 cents per bushel Nebraska has more gold lying around in open cribs than some states have got in their banks.

C. H. Woolworth, of Omaha, furnished the government twenty service ponies for the West Point military academy polo players.

Some person to the authorities unknown one night recently smashed a large plate glass window in the store of William Zulauf of Pierce.

Joseph Blahac was arrested at Columbus on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He borrowed money on property that never existed.

The jury in the case of the state against Charles Parks, known as the Norfolk stock yards case, returned a verdict of guilty. The trial was held at Madison.

Weeping Water thinks it has a case of smallpox, which was imported from Omaha. The greatest precaution has been taken, so there is no liability of its spreading.

The managers of the Sarpy County Fair association have commenced making preparations for the fair to be held at Springfield this fall. Sarpy is nothing if not energetic.

Local parties are making arrangements to construct a telephone line from Arapahoe to Gosper. It is intended to connect with the long distance system at Arapahoe.

Neligh contemplates the erection of a city hall, combining quarters for the fire company. The new building which it has practically decided to erect, will be a substantial brick structure.

Fred Gorder & Son have opened up a large implement establishment at Louisville. This firm also has implement stores in Plattsburgh and Weeping Water, all in Cass county.

Bruning is to have a fifty-barrel flour mill. Wesley Moss, of Edgar, agreed to construct and operate such a mill for a bonus of \$1,500, and the citizens of the town promptly raised the bonus.

Beatrice expects that an appropriation of \$15,000 will be made for the purpose of purchasing additional land for making new improvements at the Feeble-Minded institute at that place.

Active preparations are now in progress to make the ninth annual convention of the State Volunteer Firemen's association, which is to be held in Fremont next July, a grand success.

Nebraska can boast of having the best public roads of any state in the union. Naturally the roads are good, and this advantage coupled with the fact that the state has a splendid system of working its roads makes them very superior.

The Westbrook elevator collapsed, completely wrecking the building and spilling 20,000 bushels of wheat, corn and oats into a pile of grain can be saved with comparatively small loss, but there is no kindling wood left of the elevator.

A cave has been discovered in Little Blue river, a few miles from Hebron. It has been explored but nothing of interest was found.

The citizens of Creston, who recently visited by a party of business men, which consumed a large portion of the town's business, are burning structures will be replaced by brick ones, the brick already on the ground for some of the buildings.

John Griffith, of Red Cloud, recently lost a valuable short-horn bull in a peculiar manner. The animal reared backward and fell into a creek.

CANTON, O., March 19.—President and Mrs. McKinley left at 10:30 last night for Washington. They occupied a private car attached to the regular Pennsylvania train.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Mayor Van Wyck, Controller Coler, Corporation Counsel Whalen, Deputy Controller Levy and George L. Rives held an extended conference yesterday regarding the gift of libraries in this city.

Mr. River, Mr. Levy and Mr. Whalen have been appointed a committee to draft an enabling act to be presented to the legislature at once.

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