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CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS

The Next Step Will Come from the Government's Representatives.

ENGLAND ACTS WITH UNCLE SAM

Government of Great Britain Follows in the Footsteps of America in Making Its Negotiations with the Chinese Government.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The British government has followed in the footsteps of the United States in the Chinese negotiations. It has authorized Sir Claude Macdonald, British minister at Peking, to enter into relations with the Chinese officials, just as our government did in the case of the recent agreement. Although the German proposition has not been returned by Lord Salisbury, the United States government has been informed that, though such an answer may not be made at all, being unnecessary in the light of recent developments, yet Sir Claude Macdonald will be instructed to make the same inquiries relative to the punishment of the Chinese ringleaders that have been committed to Mr. Conger.

The first practical outcome of Special Commissioner Reckitt's investigation has been an instruction to cooperate with the State department in the inquiries with which that official is now charged, relative to the character of the Chinese envoys and punishments. The next step toward the final settlement of the Chinese troubles must come from Mr. Conger and his brother ministers at Peking, as at work under their instructions upon the subject of punishments, but even though some advance is made with the Chinese officials here, that all of the complex questions involved therein can be agreed upon by the powers at Peking and the other ministers are ready to report upon their branch of the case.

Touching the French proposals the officials here have already indicated that the Chinese government is preparing to offer strenuous objection to some of them, notably to the propositions looking to the interdiction of the importation of firearms. It is believed here, however, that the imperial government will meet the demand of the powers respecting the punishments.

FINDS AN OLD BOUNDARY MARK

Throws Some Light on Disputed Questions in Alaska.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Oct. 6.—It is reported that a new boundary marking has just been discovered in the disputed territory of the Mount Baker district by members of a railroad surveying party. They found the monument in the vicinity of Chilkwaak lake in the middle of a wide swath which was cut through the forest by the line of the boundary. The report of the Dominion surveyors will be made in a few days. If the Canadians claim the line is south of the present location, the Washington authorities will be asked to make a survey. A question has also arisen as to whether the forty-ninth parallel was correctly fixed by the boundary commission, and the settlement of this matter may become an international affair. Many mines are located in the disputed territory.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6.—On top of a Chicago & Alton passenger train, moving at the rate of forty miles an hour, William Burke of this city and an unknown man fought a battle to the death.

The British steamer was being towed by Chicago. After the train left East St. Louis the stranger drew a revolver and demanded Burke's money. The British steamer complied with the request and grappled with his antagonist. During the desperate struggle which followed the unknown shot Burke in the chest and the latter finally managed to push him from the top of the coach.

Lamp Chimney Truant

PITTSBURG, Oct. 4.—An organization to be known as the Glass Chimney Association has been formed by the largest producers and general offices established here. It is expected to induce all the chimney makers to become members, to sell only at association prices and thus stop the cutting rates, which is said to have been quite heavy and disastrous recently.

Erielle Lost at Sea

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—The British steamer Erielle, Captain Carr, from Samung, Java, via St. Michaels, arrived this afternoon, having on board the captain and thirteen of the crew of the Liverpool ship Erielle, which was abandoned at sea, dismasted and waterlogged. The British steamer rescued the men on September 29 after they had been buffeted about by fearful seas for ten days. The Erielle is Captain Lewellyn Cook. One member of the crew was lost overboard.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Oct. 4.—When the Youtay case was called today in the circuit court Attorney Nelson said that the defendant could not make any announcement till the process of the court had been returned. Nelson stated that the summons for witnesses were sent to the sheriff of Breathitt and Kane counties on September 12 and had not been returned. The court granted the Youtay motion to hear from the sheriff. Judge Cantrell decided to draw sixteen more names from the jury wheel.

TRAM ROBBER DEAD.

Express Messenger Baxter Scores a Bullet for a Single Blow.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 6.—Lying at the morgue in Council Bluffs, with a bullet through his heart, is a man, feverishly built, black hair, mustache, about six feet tall, aged apparently 45 years. He was one of two men who held up the Kansas City passenger train on the Burlington road, three miles south of Council Bluffs, at midnight. Express Messenger Charles Baxter killed him.

The two men boarded the train at the Union Pacific transfer and climbed over the under just as the train was crossing the Missouri creek bridge. Engineer Donnelly and Frank Holman, fireman, who were in charge of the engine, were ordered to slow up as soon as the train had crossed the bridge. While the robber standing by the engine on the engine crew his companion went back and cut off the baggage coach and mail car, leaving the day coaches and sleepers standing on the main line.

Acting under orders, the engineer pulled the train half a mile down the track, where a stop was made. Here the robbers approached the express car and ordered the messenger, Baxter, to open the door. He told them to go to hell. Under compulsion Engineer Donnelly attached a stick of dynamite to the side door of the car and blew it open at the meantime Messenger Baxter, seizing his gun, escaped from the door on the opposite side of the car. As soon as the door was opened one of the robbers entered the car while his companion marched the engineer and fireman back to the engine.

Baxter crept around in front of the engine and seeing the robber standing guard over the engine crew fired one shot, killing him instantly. As soon as the shot was heard the robber in the car jumped to the ground and fled through a cornfield. The second man was picked up, placed on board and the train was backed into this city. The body was searched, but nothing was found on it by which it could be identified. It was dressed in a neat suit of black clothes, over which overall and jumper had been drawn. In the pockets was found about \$15 in money and a watch. The conductor William McGrew, who was in charge of the train, thinks the dead man is one George of St. Joseph.

Harvesting Beet Crop.

FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 6.—A number of sugar beet raisers began getting out their crop and will ship as soon as possible. From many analyses so far made it is thought that the most of the beets raised in this vicinity will be up to the standard and that a good proportion of them will average 12 per cent in sugar and coefficient of purity of 75 and upward. The factory at Leavitt already has the lime house in operation and will begin work making sugar. A considerable syrup in various stages has been kept over from the last year's run it is not to be taken long after the first beets are sliced and the factory will be ready to ship sugar.

Nebraska Woman Killed.

MILFORD, Neb., Oct. 6.—News of the death of Mrs. Alice Troyer Young and her husband, who were murdered near Peking, China, by the Boxers on July 16, has been received here by the local press. Mrs. Young, who was 35 years of age, and her husband, John Troyer of this place, five years ago Miss Troyer left here and entered the missionary work in China. About a year ago she was reported to have returned to her home in this place, but it is not supposed that she had any enemies and some think it the work of some drunken person.

Boy Killed by Lightning.

SEWARD, Neb., Oct. 6.—Ernest Mitchell, a young man about 17 years old, was killed by lightning. He was in the stable carrying a horse when a bolt of lightning struck the stable, killing the horse and injuring the young man so badly that he died in a few minutes. His mother is a widow, and he was her chief support.

Robbed at Plainview.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., Oct. 6.—George Hill's drug store and the butcher shop of Howard & Hansen were robbed. The thief entered the back window of the drug store, unlocked the door, and the Beatrice bloodhounds traced him to the Elkhorn depot, where it is believed he took the early passenger train going south.

For Curing Yellow Fever.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 5.—One hundred thousand dollars is the price which a young Italian specialist may win as the discoverer of a serum which cures yellow fever. As a result of the experiments conducted at Vera Cruz for a cure of yellow fever by Dr. Angel Bellinzoni and under the supervision of the government, he has been asked to continue his work. The commission appointed to witness the experiments reported favorably and part of the \$100,000 prize offered by the Mexican government for a cure of yellow fever will be paid the young Italian specialist at once.

Galveston School Funds.

GALVESTON, Oct. 5.—The school board has secured money enough to repair four school buildings with forty-four rooms, affording accommodations to eighty-eight classes by holding two sessions daily. Appeals have been sent out to all the large cities for funds. The four schools will open Monday, October 22. One thousand men worked on the street today. Fourteen bodies were found, and hundreds more drays will be put to work on Monday.

Firemen Are in Good Luck.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 5.—The National Firemen's association met in annual convention and was called to order by President E. I. Adleman of Marion, Ia. Seventy members, representing fifteen states, were present. Mayor Stephens made a speech heartily welcoming the fire chiefs to East St. Louis, which was responded to by President Adleman. E. M. Elliott, electrician of the Chicago fire department, read a very instructive paper, in which he explained the best methods of running wires into buildings to insure safety.

CHINA MUST ANTE UP

Indications Point to Complete Concert of Action by Powers.

ALLIES GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER

United States and Germany Think They are of the Same Mind—The United States Receives French Proposal in Its Complete Form.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Proposals of a far-reaching character concerning China are being presented in rapid succession to this government. The state department had no sooner disposed of one of these propositions today by delivering a response to the French government than it was confronted by an even more important proposition submitted by the French government and within half an hour accepted by the Russian government.

The answer to Germany covered the subject of punishing Chinese offenders and made known that the United States had instructed Minister Conger along the lines suggested by Germany. These instructions look toward securing the names of the persons deserving chastisement and whether the punishments accord with the gravity of the crimes committed and finally in what manner the United States and the other powers are to be satisfied that satisfactory punishment is inflicted. Aside from these specific purposes of the note it is regarded as important chiefly as establishing the most satisfactory relations between the great governments at Washington and Berlin.

The Franco-Russian proposal takes a much broader scope and submits a four-point program for a complete settlement can be carried forward. The French charge, M. Thebaud, handed the proposition to Secretary Hay shortly after noon today and held a brief conference concerning it. Half an hour later M. de Wolant, the Russian charge, arrived at the state department and handed to Mr. Hay a note containing Russian approval of the propositions just submitted by France. Mr. Hay gave no formal answer to the two communications, as they will go first to the president at Canton.

Work of American Commission

Money Expended to Show American Government's Intention.

MANILA, Oct. 5.—The new Philippine commission today appropriated \$25,000 (Mexican) for the payment of sundry expenses incurred by the military for the benefit of the insular government during (September), and also donated \$1,500 (Mexican) to the widow of the loyal and efficient Filipino president of the town of Santa Cruz, who was revenged by the rebels by the insurgents. The purpose is to show the United States government's intention to protect its friends and faithful servants in the island of Panay during the civil government.

Monday night, October 1, the rebels killed Lieutenant Max Wager of the Thirty-sixth regiment volunteer infantry, near Pavia, island of Panay. An attachment of the Forty-fourth regiment at Bohol island, one of the Visayan group, has encountered a force of the enemy, killing thirty of them. One American was killed.

Boer Forces.

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Fighting still continues and the government troops seem to be making slow, but steady advances into the Indian country.

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SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 5.—Benjamin B. Campbell, a well known banker of Pittsburg, Pa., is dead in this city, aged 73 years. Mr. Campbell sunk the first oil well ever put down in the United States. A daughter, Mrs. J. A. DeLand, the authoress, survives him.

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Caught for Counterfeiting.

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 5.—T. M. Frantz, leader of a gang of alleged counterfeiters, was arrested here late last night. He lives at Canton, Kan., and is a man who stood high in that community. The coins are made out of Mexican silver and Galena lead. Frantz is said to have coined the money. George Ball, Isaac Ball and Frank Nolan are the federal bail for Frantz. Accused of passing the coins at Galena and Joplin. Wreck in Wyoming.

Federal Director's Meet.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 5.—The National Farmers' Directors' association began a two days' convention in this city today. After welcoming addresses and other preliminaries, the annual address of the president, J. S. Pearce of Ardmore, Pa., and reports of other officers were presented. At the afternoon session, Dr. George E. Tyler, electrician of the Colorado state board of health, delivered an address on "The Mutual Relations of the Health Authorities and the Funeral Directors."

PREPARE FOR A LONG STRIKE.

Committee Arranging to Provide for Families of Union Miners.

SHEENANDOAH, Pa., Oct. 5.—Concessions announced yesterday by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company were not deemed sufficient by the striking mine workers of the Schuylkill region to return to the collieries today. Mr. Potter, organizer and leader of the foreign mine workers, says he made a careful canvass of this town last night and found the strikers determined to remain out until ordered to work by the Mine Workers' convention or by President Mitchell.

In anticipation of a long strike the local foreign unions today appointed a committee to investigate the cases of need among strikers' families. Delegates for the benefit of the insular government during (September), and also donated \$1,500 (Mexican) to the widow of the loyal and efficient Filipino president of the town of Santa Cruz, who was revenged by the rebels by the insurgents. The purpose is to show the United States government's intention to protect its friends and faithful servants in the island of Panay during the civil government.

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WASHINGTON IS HAPPY

Belief that Reconciliation Among Powers is About to Be Formed.

THE DIFFICULTIES WITH CHINA

Settlement of the Same Seems to Be on the Verge of Consummation—Harmony Between Germany and the United States.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—A feeling of buoyant optimism prevails in the capital today. It is evident that the Chinese troubles that warrants the belief in the existence of a sound foundation based on very recent developments in pending negotiations. It is especially gratifying to the American officials that a rapprochement among the powers is near at hand.

The encouraging outlook has been brought about very largely by the harmonious sentiments which have developed between this government and Germany concerning the course of future events in China. Since the return of Secretary Hay he has had several conferences with Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German charge d'affaires, which have been of such a character as to show that the two governments are proceeding toward a entire difficulty. The Berlin government received several days ago the Sheng dispatch giving the Chinese edict, punishment of Prince Tuan and his associates. This was accepted in the highest German quarters as a sincere evidence that China was disposed to deal with the responsible parties as their offences deserved, making a peaceful solution of the problem more satisfactory than at any time heretofore, not only for concurrent action by the powers, but also a comprehensive settlement of the entire Chinese question.

It is expected, however, that the attention of this government will be directed to some extent by the French brought up by the French note to the powers. There is no doubt as to the accuracy of the foreign dispatches stating that M. Delcasse, the French minister at Peking, had addressed a note to the powers proposing a general plan of dealing with the subject. This note, undoubtedly will be in the hands of the president, and already there is considerable anxiety in foreign quarters as to the answer the United States will make.

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Officers of Union Veterans Meet.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The Union Veterans' union, in session here today, elected the following officers: Commander in chief, General D. R. Dierdorff, District of Columbia; adjutant, L. M. Langstaff, division of Iowa, first deputy commander; F. B. Hutchison, division of New York and New Jersey, second deputy commander. The annual report of General Dierdorff showed a substantial advance in the union, both in membership and in financial condition. At the afternoon session Mrs. Ada Johnson, president of the Women's Relief corps, submitted her annual report.

Villalobos is All Right.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The navy department has just received the following cablegram from Admiral Kempff: CAVITE, P. I., Oct. 4.—Secretary Villalobos: No truth in home-seekers' rates to justify Kempff's Villalobos or her crew. Manila paper, September 28, published false report. The Villalobos is the American gunboat reported lost.

Was a Lincoln Man.

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—Daniel G. Wing, former special bank examiner, has been elected vice president of the Massachusetts bank. Mr. Wing came to Boston two years ago. For eight years he was cashier of a Lincoln, Neb., bank.

Enter to Northwest Shaded.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 4.—The Great Northern railway has issued a circular announcing a big reduction in home-seekers' rates to justify Kempff's Villalobos or her crew. Manila paper, September 28, published false report. The Villalobos is the American gunboat reported lost.

Denier to Go to England.

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THE GEORGIA ELECTION.

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THREE NIGHTS OF TERROR.

Women Who Went Through the Siege of Peking Describe Experiences.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—Miss Cecil Payne, the young miniature painter, who went to Peking last spring as the guest of Minister McConaughy, told a graphic story of the siege on her arrival here. "Of the whole eight weeks of terrible anxiety and dread," she said, "three nights stand out with especial prominence. They are spoken of by the besieged as 'the three terrible nights.' The first was just before the siege—about June 17 or 18. That was while we were in the American legation. We went into the British legation compound on June 20. The night I speak of was one of the foreboding and terrible cries—howls and shouts of thousands upon thousands of Chinese, crying for the blood of the foreigners.

"The second terrible night was about the middle of the siege, when, after three or four days of misty and sultry weather, one of the most violent thunderstorms ever experienced broke over the city. Everybody had predicted that with the coming of rain the Chinese would cease firing, but the effort was just the opposite. It was a night of following thunder, roaring artillery, incessant lightning and pouring rain.

"The third and last night of horrors was that of August 13, the day before relief came. On that night the Chinese were fairly frantic and moved heaven and earth to break in and kill us. We expected that any moment might be our last, as many breaches were made by shells and a determined assault at any one place would have opened the way for the hordes outside.

COMPLETE LIST OF BOXERS.

Documents Prove Complicity of Chinese Officials in Outrage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—Rev. Frederick Brown, president of the Methodist mission in Tien Tsin, who guided the allied forces into the Chinese capital, arrived here on the Capt. He was one of the last persons to leave Peking before communication with the outside world had been cut off. He left Peking June 4 and with great difficulty reached Tien Tsin. He immediately organized an expedition for the relief of Pei Tai Ho, where a party of seventy-five foreigners, mostly women and children, were besieged by the Chinese. About thirty Americans were in the party. Dr. Brown's family was among them. He sent his wife to Japan for safety and himself succeeded in getting through to Tien Tsin on an American steamer.

As Dr. Brown was familiar with a city of Peking, his advice was asked regarding the best means of entry and it was on his suggestion that the seven under the city's wall was chosen by the Americans and British. The result of this was their arrival several hours before the Russians and Japanese.

Dr. Brown said: "The capture of Peking was far more unexpected than the various treasures, yamens and mansions did not have time to hide their treasures or destroy their documents. I was requested by the allies to search the dockets and files of the various Chinese departments, and make so many names across many accounts which clearly incriminate the highest officials. A complete register of all the Boxers in the villages around Tien Tsin was also found, giving names and descriptions so perfectly that when the suppression of their pestilential society is undertaken the list will be of great assistance."

Hopes for Better Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 3.—President Mitchell, who has been working here with national headquarters here that he is confident of securing greater concessions than those offered by the anthracite coal companies for the railroad companies for the striking miners in Pennsylvania. Mr. Mitchell says the railroads hold the key to the situation and that it is useless to deal with individual operators.

To Remove Dewey Arch.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—In the municipal council today a resolution for the removal of the Dewey arch was introduced and adopted.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, \$138,297,917; gold, \$83,311,848.

Elders Still Keep Out.

MANSFIELD, O., Oct. 3.—Dowlette Elders Barrow and Walton attempted to get on the Pennsylvania train at 11 o'clock today, but were compelled by the police to continue their journey.

Seattle's Census Returns.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The census bureau announces that the population of Seattle, Wash., is 80,671, as against 42,877 in 1890. This is an increase of 37,824, or 89.2 per cent.

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GERMANY WILL WHEEL INTO LINE

Dispatches from Berlin State That That Government Finds Nothing in American Proposal Inconsistent With Its Aspirations—The Outlook Brighter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Favorable news has reached Washington from the European chancelleries indicating that a complete agreement with respect to the officials of the opening of the port of Tientsin and the subsequent notes treating on that subject. The accord of Russia with the United States to take advantage of the opening of the port of Tientsin was expected at first and the reports show that all of the European nations probably are placing themselves in position to take advantage of the opening of the port of Tientsin and the subsequent notes treating on that subject. The accord of Russia with the United States to take advantage of the opening of the port of Tientsin was expected at first and the reports show that all of the European nations probably are placing themselves in position to take advantage of the opening of the port of Tientsin and the