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MUSCOVITE POLICY.

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LONDON, March 29.—How far the peculiar Muscovite diplomacy has soothed matters at Herat no one knows. The activity of this branch of the Russian policy of aggression is only to be guessed at through revelation. The amor of Bokhara's alliance with the czar, which has surprised and outraged the down-right British as much as though he had not centuries of experience of Russian methods with the orientals.

THE FRENCH IN CHINA.

THE CHINESE WHIP THEM AT LANGSONG.

PARIS, March 29.—The Chinese force, gained a victory over the French at Langsong on Friday. They carried the key of the position and entrenchments. The French troops retreated beyond Dong Dong. They are falling back on the Loukai. The French loss in men and guns is unknown. Chinese it is estimated are 50,000 strong. They menace the French lines communication with the south. It is reported yesterday on the vote of confidence, added to the expectation that the ministry will be defeated in the next Tonquin debate and their resign.

PARIS, March 29.—The following dispatch received from Gen. Brialmont: "I have dined at Langsong on Friday. The Chinese in their attack upon our position before Kitou. Col. Herbering, in the face of a superior number of the enemy and exhausted ammunition, was obliged to retreat to Dong Dong and Thuan. I am assembling stores on the Chee and Kep roads. If the enemy shall increase I shall retire to Sang Koi, where I expect to be able to defend the whole Delta. Please send reinforcements as soon as possible. The cabinet met at 8 o'clock this evening; another meeting in the morning." The Journal Des Etats says: France will make all necessary efforts in behalf of her sons in Tonquin. Reinforcements will be sent tomorrow, but to-day. To-morrow how, however, we shall see with whom the responsibility rests. Siecle says the French expedition to Pekin and says that Premier Ferry will make a statement in the chamber of deputies to-morrow.

THE FRENCH ON THE RETREAT AND THE CHINESE IN HOT PURSUIT.—GENERAL NEGRIER IS KILLED.

LONDON, March 29.—A dispatch from Paris says it is officially announced that the Chinese yesterday made a desperate attack upon the entrenched camp established by General Negrier between Langson and Kitou, a front of two miles. The Chinese, making a clear advance beyond the frontier separating Tonquin from China proper. The Chinese drove the French back beyond Langsong and captured a gun. During the action the Chinese Gen. Negrier was gravely wounded, and the French casualties are very heavy. The French troops in full retreat with the Chinese vigorously pursuing them. A vast quantity of commissary and other stores were lost. Gen. Negrier is still in killed and wounded. The Chinese Gen. Brialmont telegraphed to the French command in T. Negrier telegraphed in an imploring tone which leads the French command to believe that the French council of war was held to-day with Gen. Stewart, minister of war, presiding. Intense excitement prevails wherever the bad news is spread. A Paris dispatch to-night that Gen. Negrier died from his wounds.

THE PREMIERS POLICY.

A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE UNDESIRABLE SITUATION OF GREAT BRITAIN WITH HER FOREIGN WARS.

LONDON, March 28.—At Portsmouth all the ships belonging to the first-class naval reserve, including four iron clads with all the gunboats and torpedo boats have been ordered into immediate service and are being placed in commission. There is marked decrease in the war scare. In fact among the very able minded there is no war scare at all. Some of the most fiery jinnos are beginning to ask themselves what ground they have had for causing all the alarm of the past week. The first announcement of the queen's summons calling on the army reserve and militia almost created a panic. It aroused the national propensity throughout the country for lighting Englishman ready to fight right away. The possibility is still up, but there is a growing belief that it is up for nothing. The British fleet is being increased with the collection of water. After putting everybody in a line of heat of excitement by springing with notice the call for the reserve and militia are apparently being arranged to support the report of her majesty's message by delaying to state what number of militia and reserve troops are being called into service. Every effort was made to draw the government out in this plan, but so far without success, but the minutes have allowed reserve troops to be called into service. Twenty-five thousand men are just about enough to fill the vacancies in the muster rolls caused by the recent drafts for service in the Indian and Chinese expeditions. Some people think there never was any danger of an actual conflict with Russia and that the government is trying to obtain glory and credit with the nation by having intimidated Russia by an act which is admitted to be economically unjustified in the popular conception, but which was really a matter of convenience to the government. The government has replied to the most pressing requests for information as to the true position of the queen's summons by saying the government will not discuss the matter.

FOR PEACE OR WAR.

PARLIAMENT BELIEVES THE FORMER AND THE COURT IS CERTAIN OF THE LATTER.

LONDON, March 29.—It is impossible to predict either peace or war. The strained phenomenon of the whole situation is the diametrically opposite opinions held by two circles, each of almost equal influence. Well informed politicians are convinced that the whole thing is a mixture of fright and candor. This is the opinion of Lord Northbrook and Harrington, and indeed all the ministers are convinced that the other circles are convinced that war is inevitable. In German mediation lies the great hope of peace. Recent soundings at Berlin indicate that Bismarck is inclined to prevent the enemies which he hates, and fears most, from cutting each other throats. The czar is in a pitiable state of dread on one hand the militia home and the other in position by the militia leaders, who for his brother, Constantin, is the best for the most favorable opportunity and that the chance is unlikely ever to recur. If the Indians hate the English they certainly hate and dread the Russian. The Russian are rapidly getting ready to send their brothers, and Russia is using Kiewitz, who the double number. To sum up parliament believes in peace, and the court is certain of war.

DUFFERIN TO THE FRONT.

HIS LORDSHIP SEEMS WELL POSTED.

LONDON, March 29.—Lord Dufferin, viceroy of India, has shown himself a willing and able adept in Asiatic methods of intrigue, as well as warfare. It has just been learned that he has organized a corps of agitators ready to start at a moment's notice to foment a revolt against Russia in central Asia. The corps includes many Turcoman refugees driven from their country by the Indian policy of Russia. The corps is being organized in the Balkans. Many of the refugees have seen their brothers mutilated and tortured to death, their wives and daughters dishonored, and all of them have had their hands and feet cut off, and are thirsting for revenge. The Turcomans who still live in the country are reported ripe for a revolt.

THE BRITISH IN EGYPT.

GENERAL SARAHAN TO MOVE WESTWARD.

LONDON, March 29.—The latest advice from Egypt says that Gen. Wolsey after making an inspection of the military stations from Dongola to Cairo, will go to Suakin. It is now certain that the advance of Gen. Graham's army to the Tadmec will be made Wednesday and sufficient water at it at Gen. Wolsey's relief has been completed to-day. Earl Grenville has instructed the British delegates to the Sea conference to be held at

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CHICAGO, March 29.—The Inter-Ocean's Washington says the work of Jordan, the New York accountant, in the treasury under the direction of Secretary Manning is not that of investigating the accounts as has been reported in these dispatches but an examination into the system of bookkeeping which has been in vogue, with the special view to changing the make-up of the monthly statement of the condition of the treasury. It is understood that the object of this is to justify Jordan in refusing to consider as current assets heretofore so reported, thereby reducing the surplus and allowing him an excuse for not making calls for bonds. The treasury assets March 28 were set down at \$72,049,323, mainly made up of \$240,000,000 gold coin and silver bullion, \$60,000,000 United States and national bank notes, \$14,000,000 deposits held by the national depositories, \$50,000,000 fractional silver coins, \$40,000,000 gold certificates and \$30,000,000 silver certificates. It is understood that Jordan will hold that the fractional currency should not be counted as assets because it is not available for paying debts. He will also hold that the gold and silver certificates should be deducted from the current assets because of the difference in the balance as they would also be left out of the liabilities. The interest is payable on the public debt quarterly. From Jordan's declaration it is clear that the current assets of the treasury in the intervening months not to include this accruing interest in the liabilities, because not due. Jordan's declaration will have the effect of reducing the available cash in the treasury over \$8,000,000. In short his system would reduce the apparent cash balance \$38,000,000, so that according to his theory the cash balance March 1 was only \$114,000,000 instead of \$152,000,000, as stated, and subtracting the reserve of \$100,000,000 considered necessary for safety, only \$14,000,000 is left available. Jordan is not figuring so closely on the other side. For instance, he has been carrying since 1877. The liabilities column also shows \$400,000,000 for the redemption of failed and liquidated banks and \$12,000,000 for the 5 per cent bank notes. These are properly liabilities but the examination of the treasury books shows the amounts have not been fully paid. For instance, \$10,000,000 of the balance of \$18,000,000 of their circulating notes, because of the passage of the bill which President Hayes vetoed. The \$20,000,000 consisting of two hundred million of 5 per cent bank notes and the money is held in the treasury. Now, suppose the secretary were to buy \$400,000,000 of these funds which to buy 3 per cent bonds, and hold them until they are redeemed, and the balance of the treasury is \$18,000,000, and the security of the trust would not be impaired. There is no statute to warrant such a transaction, nor was there one to authorize Secretary Manning to do so. The balance of \$400,000,000 in bonds bearing 3 per cent. In short the treasury is not now weak or strong. Forty per cent of the United States treasury is outstanding which is considered ample security is \$138,774,400; the balance in the treasury is \$10,991,792, which is more than fourteen million dollars below what the treasury is said about an early call for bonds. On the contrary the secretary is trying to justify himself for not doing so. As no period during the past year when the call was made on the treasury was so strong as to-day, take the three calls made each of which was for \$10,000,000. That of June 26th issued when the balance was \$147,921,000; August 26th, when another call was made, the balance was \$147,921,000, and September 1st, when the call was made the balance was \$147,921,000. The balance of the treasury with the \$138,000,000 per cent of the banks own \$153,000,000 of the \$194,000,000 of bonds held to call has something to do with the balance of \$147,921,000. August 26th, when another call was made, the balance was \$147,921,000 by the new method of bookkeeping.

A Mysterious Murder Shot.

CLEVELAND, March 29.—For several nights past the family of W. D. Hoyt have been annoyed by a man looking in at the window. About 8 o'clock this evening Mrs. Hoyt noticed a face at the window. Mr. Hoyt went outside, revolver in hand, and seeing a man in the yard, he emanated him to throw up his hands. The stranger reached for his hip pocket and Hoyt fired, shooting him through the chest. It is impossible to ascertain who the man is, but the police are endeavoring to find out the man's name. The stranger's name is not known. The man was seen to go into the house of a neighbor. A Tugboat Race.

PITTSBURGH, March 29.—O'Neil & Co., owners of the tugboat W. W. O'Neil, have accepted a challenge from St. Louis and Mississippi transportation company for a 1,000 mile race between the W. W. O'Neil and a tugboat of the challenging company. The boats are to each have a tow of six model barges and the one first reaching Cairo 1,000 miles will be the winner. The race is to decide the superiority of the short or long tow. The long tow is in general practice while the short tow is an innovation of Capt. O'Neil. The race will take place in June.

Starvation in the South.

CHARLOTTE, March 28.—Information received from suffering districts says the people are in a bad condition and on the verge of starvation. The people are asking for bread, the animals are starving to death. At many places strong men are begging for an ear of corn to keep soul and body together. The condition is distressing in many parts of the suffering section. On the northern part of the county great suffering is experienced among the mountain farmers and lumbermen. Mothers are truly distressing children and women are parched corn when they can get it and are thankful.

Kentucky Crops.

LOUISVILLE, March 28.—Crop reports for February from sixty-nine counties of Kentucky show corn well matured and sound. The condition is reported at 90 per cent. Late planting and cold weather make the wheat crop promising. Only a crop is anticipated in the mountain regions and lumbermen. The oat crop will yield a full average. Clover and grasses are injured by a cold. Tobacco crop is reported at 88 per cent, the acreage 125 per cent, with a large prospect yet to be made. Garden and dairy products all live stock are in good condition with some improvement in the different classes of live stock.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—For the upper Mississippi: Partly cloudy weather, local rains, slightly colder in the northern portion, winds blowing from the north and north-west, southern portions, westerly winds, Missouri valley: Local snow or rains, followed by fair weather, slightly colder, westerly winds, becoming variable.

Fire This Morning.

At 3:45 this morning a fire alarm rang out upon the city followed at once by bells and hurrying wheels, men and women. A fire reporter was promptly at the scene and found the building No. 115 on Twelfth street being cracked by flames. The fire, so the pretenses testified, began down stairs, but as the four females were in bed and asleep exactly how it originated. Promptly the firemen under charge of J. H. Butler were on the ground, and while they delayed the house inside and out with water, they soon subdued the flames.

At 4:30 the fire was out, the firemen going home and the half dressed inmates, thinking how they would manage for bed, bedding and clothing. The wooden house belongs to Wm. Barstien and is not greatly damaged, considering all things.

We are not going out of business or going to move, but have as good a line of clothing as any in the city. We are selling as low as any one that handles first-class goods. N. W. Cor. 16th and California.

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