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English War Ships All Over the World Practically Stripped for Action.

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Everything in Sight Being Put in Commission with All Haste.

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British Squadron at Wei-Hai-Wei in Striking Distance of That Point Prepared to Sail on a Moment's Notice.

WEI-HAI-WEI, Nov. 2.—All the British war ships here, the first-class battleship Centurion, the first-class cruiser Narcissus, the second-class cruiser Heron, the torpedo boat destroyer Whiting, the torpedo boat destroyer Fame, the torpedo boat destroyer Handy and the first-class gunboat Peacock have loaded for action and are ready for sea at an hour's notice.

The greatest secrecy is maintained as to the meaning of these warlike preparations and there is no doubt that instructions are expected at any moment.

A large Russian fleet is assembling at Port Arthur.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—A semi-official note issued this evening relative to the reports of a settlement of the Fashoda question says:

The matter is substantially in the same position as when the blue book and yellow book were published. It is not anticipated that France will take further action until Major Marchand's arrival at Cairo on Thursday, when explanations will be forthcoming as to his reason for leaving Fashoda.

A Frenchman has been arrested at Dover for attempting to enter the big gun turret on the Admiralty pier.

HALIFAX, Nov. 2.—The British battleship Renown is in full fighting trim and tonight the vessel tested its electric searchlights. This week the Renown has taken aboard large quantities of ammunition and naval stores.

SYDNEY, Nov. 2.—The British war ships Cordelia and Pelican arrived today from Halifax. Their visit is regarded as extraordinary, as both were supposed to leave for home to go out of commission.

The ships have submarine mines and heavy guns aboard, specially shipped at Halifax, and it is reported they will mine the entrance to Sydney and St. John's (N. F.) harbors.

Fashoda Situation.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The situation regarding Fashoda is practically unchanged. Baron de Courcel, the French ambassador, who on Tuesday saw Sir Thomas Sanderson, permanent under secretary of state for foreign affairs, was absent from Lord Salisbury's reception yesterday.

The special dispatches from Paris this morning repeat the semi-official statement that the evacuation of Fashoda is accepted in principle, but that other stations in the Bahr-el-Ghazal region will be maintained.

Various rumors are afloat as to Abyssinian expeditions nearing the Nile to assist the French, but nothing positive is known on this point.

M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, is expected to announce his policy in the Chamber of Deputies Friday. It is admitted on all sides that Fashoda itself offers no difficulty, provided a way can be found to save French money by the purchase of the Nile valley.

The Daily Mail announces the appointment as governor of Khartoum of Colonel Kitchener, brother of the sirdar, General Lord Kitchener.

Russian Bear Reaches Out.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The dispatch from Wei-Hai-Wei announcing the war preparations of the British naval authorities there is regarded here as grave. Imports, coupled with the Anglo-French war preparations, it is surmised that Russia, profiting by the present strained relations between Great Britain and France, has decided to push forward its aims in the far east by forcibly seizing the valuable treaty ports of New Chang, which, it is said, Great Britain will permit.

A dispatch from London to the Associated Press on October 20 said a cable message had been received there from Shanghai as follows: "A Russian regiment occupied the town of New Chang, province of Leao-Tong and the forts at the mouth of the river Liao, on October 15, thus securing complete possession of New Chang. The native troops fled without making any opposition, under orders from the emperor dowager and Li Hung Chang. A British gunboat was in the river at the time. Its non-resistance is regarded as the virtual British abandonment of the whole of Manchuria to the Russians and gives Russia an invaluable strategic point. Great Britain is certain to lose the New Chang trade, of which it has had 80 per cent."

UPRISING IN LAND OF THE RED SEA.

More Complicate Matters Between France, Russia and Abyssinia.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"The government has received news from Massawa in the Red sea, that a thousand Danakils, members of a tribe under Italian protection, recently attacked a caravan near Jubbil, on the west coast of the gulf of Aden, belonging to the Abyssinian envoys, who were returning from Paris to the court of the emperor, Menelik, of Abyssinia, with M. Lagarde, the representative of the French government, and the late governor of Obok.

The Danakils, who occupy the territory between Obok and the mountains of Abyssinia, killed four French soldiers and seized two hundred camels, four thousand rifles, a large quantity of ammunition and valuable gifts intended for the Negus. It is feared that the result will be complications with France, Russia and Abyssinia."

FASHODA WORTHLESS TO FRANCE.

Requires Two Years to Reach It Through French Sources.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The critical condition of affairs between France and Great Britain is exciting great interest among the diplomatic corps here and on some of the phases of the controversy their information appears to be more exact than that coming from Paris and London. The dispatches today attached much significance to the absence of Baron Courcel, the French ambassador, from London, and it was stated that France would show its animosity by not continuing an ambassador at London. The Journal Official received at the French embassy, however, says that the appointment

ROUSING REPUBLICAN RALLY

Meeting at Creighton Hall Last Night a Remarkably Successful One.

POPOCRATIC TUBS THOROUGHLY SMASHED

Big Guns of the McKinley Party Do Terrific Damage to the Halls Which Fly the Flag of Fusion.

Oh, what a bombardment! The volleys fired by the big guns of the republican party at Creighton hall last night did not leave a smoking wreck. Judge Ben S. Baker sent hoes clean through the silverclads of the enemy, amidships. Ex-Congressman E. J. Hainer shook them fore and aft; a few terrific shots were sent by Dave Mercer, the mischievous fortification on shore, and, finally, Judge M. L. Hayward, by one grand coup, sent the flagship of the demopop squadron to the bottom of the sea.

It was a glorious engagement—another Manila—and shouts went up for "Old Glory" in the triumph of victory.

The hall was packed. It was under the auspices of the Swedish-American Garfield club that the meeting was held and those who could find chairs had to stand. For three solid hours the guns of the McKinley patriots belched away at the enemy.

President John Norberg of the club, who was expressing his attitude to it by bringing such a crowd, great in numbers and grand in enthusiasm. The Swedish Military band was there to play patriotic music and the Swedish singing club, "Norden," was on hand to sing the "Red, White and Blue."

The immense audience joined in the chorus of the latter with cheer.

Local Men Lead Off.

By way of finding the range of the enemy there were a few preliminary shots from the local candidates. Phil E. Winter, candidate for county attorney, called attention to the respective devices of the several parties on the ballot. That of the republicans is the American eagle, which rightfully belongs to it; the popocrats had misappropriated the one-story cottage house; the farmer and the laborer, and the silver republicans had monopolized the liberty bell. If any party ought to claim the home and the liberty bell it is the republican party. As for the rooster the democrats are entitled to that—ever scratching for something.

William I. Kierstead, candidate for reelection as county commissioner, alluded to the proportionate representation of the Swedish Americans in the county patronage made upon him.

Mr. Kierstead also alluded to the fact that the republican party had been regarded seriously. His record in the past was a good enough guaranty of what it would be in the future. The legislative candidates, J. O. Detweiler, Isaac Noyes, Joseph Crow, Frank Burman, J. C. Woodard, and J. H. Williams, called attention to the necessity for registering on the 5th. G. R. Williams, the candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings, also talked briefly.

Dave Mercer's Starter.

The first of the big guns was "Our Dave" Mercer. He had been cheered repeatedly from the time of his appearance on the stage. Said he:

"This meeting is indeed a compliment to the patriotism and republicanism of the Swedish-American Garfield club. It shows their interest in the cause of good government. Omaha has been a scene of grand events this evening, and I hope to see you all in the future. I have a great deal to say to you, but I will not say more than that I am proud to be a citizen of this city. I am proud to be a citizen of this city. I am proud to be a citizen of this city."

Mr. Mercer testified that he paid \$1,000 for Frank Harris, editor of the Saturday Review. He also testified that he had paid \$1,000 for the services of a man named Blake, who threatened to publish something antagonistic to the companies. Witness also said he did not know Blake, nor did he know what the blackmail was for.

Sir Joseph Ronalds, former lord mayor of London, was mentioned by Mr. Mercer as among those who received \$25,000 for joining the board of directors of the British Embroidery company. The bankrupt said also that Lord Ashburton paid him \$250,000 for a quarter share of his profits from September 30, 1897, to the last day of that year.

It is announced that C. D. Rose, financial editor of the Daily Mail, was named by Mr. Hooley today as one of those to whom he gave money, has resigned his position.

Mr. Bryce Says England's Friendship with America is Durable.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Rt. Hon. James Bryce, former under secretary of state for foreign affairs, subsequently president of the Board of Trade and now member of Parliament in the Liberal interest for Aberdeen, speaking this evening, endorsed Lord Salisbury's stand in the Fashoda controversy, declaring that the military control of all the navigable waters in the Bahr-el-Ghazal basin, as well as the Nile, must be secured to Egypt.

Various other remarks were made by the speaker on the increasing cordiality between the United States and Great Britain. Mr. Bryce said:

"When last in the United States I was struck with the change in public sentiment. The spontaneous outbreak of feeling in Great Britain, when the European powers wished to intervene against the United States during the recent war with Spain, and the American understanding of our close relations with the United States, they have shown that they appreciate and reciprocate our sentiment."

Lord and prolonged applause greeted his "You are sure of our votes, Dave!"

Judge Baker's Speech.

Judge Benjamin S. Baker followed Mr. Mercer. He said:

"If it had been left to the Swedish-American Garfield club to say who was to be the candidate on the 5th, I would have chosen the republican party. It would not have been Judge M. L. Hayward, but the state convention knew best what was for the best interests of the whole state."

There are many questions in this campaign, but there are a few particular ones upon which a few republicans and no populists talk. One of these is the money question. Senator Allen in his speech at Blair the other day nowhere mentioned the single gold standard of 1890. He has since admitted 16 to 1, save that they want sixteen claims to our one. The only thing they now claim is that the republicans in their administration of the affairs of this state were dishonest. Well, no party should be condemned for the acts of only one or two men any more than the religion of Jesus Christ should be condemned because of the peccadilloes of a few erring church members. Nowhere can you find two republicans talking together or one silencing and endorsing the acts of Bartley and Moore, and these two men are not before you now for your suffrages. If they were they would be on the popular ticket.

Just here Judge Baker took occasion to put in a word for Mr. Mercer and Mr. Kierstead. He said:

"God Almighty could not have done more for the happy faculty of getting everything he goes after whether it be an expedition or an election." For Mr. Kierstead he recalled his close relations with him for the last four years and did not forget that the most rigid economy was insisted upon even in the matter of court supplies.

More Shots at Silver.

Then he went right after the silver bugaboo, saying:

"The silver question to me is not an issue, yet it is for that only that the triangular arrangement in this state holds together, else it is for the leaves and fishes. Our friend, Bryan, a good man personally, wants to see us in a quarrel with the silver bugaboo, and unlimited coinage of silver ac-

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I have only to urge the republicans and all others who desire a continuance of the present prosperous conditions to go to the polls next Tuesday and insure the success of the republican ticket from top to bottom. The eyes of the nation are on Wyoming and we are to determine at this election whether we are to be classed with these Rocky Mountain states which are considered hostile to foreign investments. Let every man and woman who has suffered during the democratic times, previous to the election of President McKinley, and who have been made prosperous through republican methods, show their appreciation by supporting the republican ticket at the coming election.

THIRTY-SIX MILES AN HOUR

Torpedo Boat Destroyer, Farragut, Develops Great Speed on the Trial Trip.

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Inwards Sail Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The fifty-first Iowa regiment, Colonel Soper commanding, will embark on the Pennsylvania tomorrow and the transport will sail early tomorrow afternoon, the tide permitting. The City of Puebla, with the remaining Tennessee troops, the First troop of Nevada cavalry and eight hundred of the regular army, who sailed at Portland, will sail Saturday. The Newport will not go until next Tuesday, but it is such a fast ship it will easily overtake the others.

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