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Rumors of Court's Unwillingness to Return to Peking are Spread to Influence Deliberations of Powers.

PEKIN, March 10.—Li Hung Chang is again seriously ill, and his physicians say his life hangs by a thread.

Prince Ching and Earl Li seem to think that by spreading rumors of the court's unwillingness to return to Peking, unless this or that thing is done, they can influence the deliberations of the Ministers of the Powers. As a matter of fact, according to reliable reports from Peking, the imperial government are extremely uncomfortable at Peking, where they live in the house of the Governor, which is only a small structure.

French missionaries who have just returned from Peking believe that the Emperor Dowager would bring the court back to Peking on the first offer of the allies, having as a basis the removal of the troops, except the legation guards.

The foreign envoys will not hold a general meeting until Tuesday, owing to the absence of the French Minister, M. Pichon, at Pao Ting Fu.

PROHIBITED BY CHAFFEE.

Execution of a Number of Chiefs Condemned by Chinese.

LONDON, March 10.—It is not likely that the powers will oppose the schemes of the Morning Post, writing Saturday. "The situation is regarded as very gloomy. Even the Chinese plenipotentiaries declare openly that intervention by the powers is not desirable unless they are prepared to back up the demands."

"There are reports from the Province of Shan Si that the Chinese are constructing extensive fortifications and mobilizing large bodies of troops to resist an advance of the allies."

"General Chaffee refuses to allow the decapitation of several notorious Boxer chiefs, guilty of murder, whom a Chinese judge has fixed in official circles as the only foreigners who have carried out no execution in Peking."

British Influence Waning in Yangtze

LONDON, March 10.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, who sends a long account of the waning of British influence in the Yangtze Valley, says: "Five years ago British interests and influence were predominant and unchallenged, but today not only is the Yangtze not a British sphere in the sense in which Manchuria is Russian and Shan Tung German, but it is steadily growing less English and more Chinese."

Chinese Prepared to Resist Arrest.

SIANGHAI, March 10.—Dispatches from an Anglo agent that General Tung Fu Hsiang, with 20,000 men and Prince Tuan, with 15,000 men, are at Ning Hsu, prepared to resist arrest. The China Gazette announces that Chang, the Emperor's favorite, has thrown in favor of the abolition of the klan duties and that all the viceroys and Governors support him.

Germany Stormed Gate of Great Wall

BERLIN, March 10.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Count von Waldsee: "Peking, March 10.—Colonel Ledebur's column stormed a gate of the great wall 30 miles west of Peking on Friday, March 8, and captured three guns."

MESSAGE FROM KAISER.

Felicitates Prince Luitpold on His Eightieth Birthday. BERLIN, March 10.—To Prince Luitpold, Regent of Bavaria, who will complete his 80th year March 12, Emperor William has sent the following dispatch: "It is with the most painful regret that I am compelled to be absent from you upon the day when you complete your 80th year; but I shall feel near you in spirit, with feelings of deepest gratitude. My eldest son, Prince Rupprecht, I beg him tell you with what heartfelt pleasure I picture to myself this day your mighty figure, and how, with the loyal Bavarians, and indeed with the whole of Germany, I salute the princely hero in whom the goodness of God preserved to us a distinguished comrade in arms of William the Great, and of whom we hope he will long preserve to us in his present wonderful vigor."

Progress of Bubonic Plague.

CAPE TOWN, March 10.—The official reports regarding the progress of the bubonic plague in the district of the outbreak show a total of 22 deaths and 105 cases.

The Malays gathered today to oppose the removal of a Malay who had been attacked by the disease, and several persons who had come in contact with the victim. The police were overpowered and the persons who had come into contact with the Malay made their escape. In the event of a repetition of this experience it will be necessary to employ an armed force, so that trouble is anticipated.

Jamaica Protests to Ecuador.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 10.—The Government of Jamaica, acting on behalf of the British Government, has sent a strong protest to the President of Ecuador against the employment of soldiers to compel thousands of laborers from Jamaica to work under the McDonald syndicate in the construction of the railroad from Guayaquil to Quito. The protest is almost an ultimatum, as it calls for an immediate discontinuance of the coercive measures.

Russia Seeking Support of Powers.

LONDON, March 11.—It is reported that Russia is seeking the support of the powers in a scheme to prevent a sudden outbreak in the Balkans, says the Vienna correspondent of the Morning Post. "She proposes that Serbia, Bulgaria and Greece should jointly reduce their armies to a condition that the powers give a pledge to protect their independence. It is asserted that the assent of Great Britain and Austria has already been obtained."

Blood Rain in Sicily.

PALERMO, Sicily, March 10.—Ever since last night a heavy red cloud has hung over this city, the sky being a deep red. The rain, now falling, resembles drops of blood.

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"Four other Boer leaders are still in the southwestern part of Orange River Colony."

"Now that General Dewet is back in his own country, it will be almost impossible to operate against him. Just as soon as he is pressed, his commands dissolve to meet a few days later. Only a few bands of Boers are now left in Cape Colony."

NO NEWS FROM KITCHENER.

Concerning His Peace Negotiations With Botha. LONDON, March 10.—No further news has been received concerning the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha.

Lord Kitchener declared the surrender must be unconditional, while the question of the future treatment of the Boers was referred to London.

It is asserted that Kruger, through Dr. Leyds, has sent a long telegram to Mr. Schalkburg, acting President of the South African Republic, asking for details regarding the negotiations.

American-Born Soldier Deported.

LONDON, March 10.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenco Marques says that a Mr. Martin, who resigned a post in the United States Army to join the Boer forces, was shipped for Lisbon Saturday on the Portuguese transport Slare, which carried 103 Boer families. After he had made an ineffectual attempt to obtain consular protection.

HELD FOR LYING.

Three Prominent Men Arrested in North Carolina. CHICAGO, March 10.—A dispatch to the Record from Raleigh, N. C., says that L. J. Jones, Dr. E. E. David and William Harding, among the most prominent citizens of Eastern North Carolina, were arrested last night on charges of lying in connection with the horrible death of Silas Martindale. The jail of Moore County, at Carthage, was broken into yesterday by a mob of 50 men, who secured Martindale, confined on a charge of assault, and hanged him to a tree. The jailer was forced to give up the keys to the cell.

Martindale was said to have attacked Miss Brewer, a school teacher living near Carthage. Mrs. Brewer informed her husband of the attack, and a mob of 50 men, who had been waiting for the jailer to be released, entered the jail and hanged him to a tree. The jailer was forced to give up the keys to the cell.

VICTIMS OF CONFIDENCE MAN.

College Presidents Appear in Court as Prosecutors. NEW YORK, March 10.—President Seth Low, of Columbia University; General T. L. James, president of the Lincoln National Bank; President Daniel G. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University; of Baltimore; and Secretary William Beebe, of Columbia University, were in the Police Court this morning before Magistrate Pool to prosecute Ross Raymond for swindling.

President Low and James and Secretary Beebe told how Raymond, under the name of Professor Sandys, played a confidence game on them by which he obtained \$300 from the bank. President Gilman testified that Raymond immediately preceding is accounted for by the fact that in the first three-quarters of that period the imports were much greater than the exports, while in the last three-quarters the exports were much greater than the imports.

FAMILY FEUD ENDS IN MURDER.

One Man Shot and Another Probably Fatally Injured. HALIFAX, N. S., March 10.—A family feud at Shubenacadie, 40 miles from here, culminated today in a bloody shooting. The participants were David, Emach and Messie Stinger on one side and three Lantz brothers on the other. The trouble started some time ago over a disputed piece of land. The Lantz brothers attended service this morning, and as they were leaving the Stingers, who had been in waiting, opened fire with revolvers. One of the Lantz brothers fell at the first volley. His brothers returned the fire and two of the assailants were shot and killed. The third Lantz brother was wounded. Other relatives have taken up the dispute, and the local Constables refuse to interfere. Further bloodshed is expected.

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