

AGREEMENT TO BRIDGE

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HINT READINESS FOR WAR

Kaiser's Chief of Staff Tells Him Germany Is Ready to Fight.

While France Is at a Disadvantage.

CHICAGO, April 19.—The Chicago Daily News prints the following from its Berlin correspondent:

"Telegrams were received from the Kaiser today ordering three prominent army officers to join the German mission to Morocco. The officers are Colonel von Schenk, commander of the Alexander Grenadier Guards, the regiment of which the Kaiser is honorary Colonel; Major von Selden, German military attaché at Madrid, a member of the First Prussian Guards, of which the Kaiser is honorary Colonel; and Captain von Kleinst, a member of the general staff and of the Kaiser's body guard. The appointment of two high officers of the Kaiser and the German regiments is considered to amount to an affront to France.

All the military men are jubilant. They consider the Kaiser's selection as tantamount to an expression of his willingness to let things come to an issue with France, even at the cost of war.

SAYS FREE TRADE IS ASSURED

French Premier Accuses Germany of Taking Unfair Advantage.

PARIS, April 19.—Replying in the Chamber of Deputies today to criticisms of French policy in Morocco, Foreign Minister Delcasse said he has been ready to entertain propositions for the solution of the difficulties in connection with the international policy of France. In reference to Morocco he had informed the German Ambassador here and the French Ambassador in Berlin that France was prepared to discuss and clear up any misunderstanding that might arise. M. Delcasse added:

China Agrees to Pay Up.

Will Make Up Deficit in Indemnity Due to Silver's Fall.

NEW YORK, April 19.—After two years' discussion, the powers and China will sign an agreement today, according to a Herald dispatch from Peking, regarding the payment of the deficit in the indemnity due to the fall in the price of silver, and providing for the future payment of the indemnity in gold.

MAY ADMIT AMERICAN GOODS

Meyer Negotiates for Removal of Russian Countervailing Duty.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—The first official business taken up by the new American Ambassador, Mr. Meyer, with the Foreign Office was the reopening of the question of the removal of the countervailing duty levied in Russia against American manufactured goods in retaliation for the countervailing duty in the United States on Russian sugar. The levying of the Russian countervailing duty, which is heavy, has practically resulted in the complete suspension of the importation of all classes of American goods, which were being brought here on a large scale. Germany proved to be the chief beneficiary for the same goods, many cases being imported through Germany, and the Russian consumers being obliged to pay an increased price.

DEFENDS KAISER WILLIAM.

British Nobleman Condemns Jingoism Goes Who Attack Him.

LONDON, April 19.—Lord Londsdale, in a letter to the London News Agency for general publication, gives contradiction to what he terms ridiculous statements concerning his treatment while attending the Kiel maneuvers, and takes occasion to give a severe reproof to the Germanophile movement in the "Jingo" newspapers in England, which has been countenanced since Emperor William's visit to Morocco. He says:

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Two hundred of the leading business men of Los Angeles have clubbed together, chartered a steamship and will come to Portland in June. This announcement was made yesterday at the office of the North Pacific Steamship Company. The vessel engaged is the Roanoke. The date for the trip has not yet been fixed, but it will come off some time in June. The party will not return on the same trip, but will remain here two weeks, visiting Puget Sound and the Willamette Valley in the meantime. They will release the steamer while they are here, and she will make her regular scheduled run to the south. These centers become bloodless to this city, they will have the exclusive use of the vessel and no tickets will be sold to others. This is the largest party so far made up to come to the Exposition by steamer.

Charles P. Doe, the managing director of the steamship company, did not come up on the Roanoke, as was expected, having been detained at Seattle. Agents Harry Young looks for him in about 19 days. It is the understanding here that Mr. Doe will proceed shortly to buy necessary equipment in case the business is growing so rapidly that the Roanoke cannot handle all of it. Not only is the traffic between Portland and San Francisco freight but made up of 500 tons of wheat and a large quantity of miscellaneous cargo.

ADMIRAL KEMPF LEAVES.

Goes North to Inspect Puget Sound Steamers.

Rear Admiral Kempff took leave of Portland yesterday, going to Tacoma by the afternoon train. In the five days he was in this district he inspected about 50 boats, and it can be said to the credit of the local inspectors that he found their life-saving equipment in fine condition. In nearly every instance the crews showed the effect of excellent training in the fire drills and in the management of the boats. The admiral had but little to say of the result of his investigations, as he will report on that subject to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. But it is known that he was well pleased with the condition in which he found the Willamette and Columbia River boats.

Admiral Kempff expressed himself as a great admirer of Portland, and regretted that he was compelled to make such a short stay here. The city has made wonderful progress since he was here last, he said. He spoke of the water works, in which the streets and bridge were kept, but was not heard to compliment anyone on the condition of the steamboat docks. He was loud in his praise of the Portland Hotel. The admiral will return to San Francisco from the Sound.

LOST WATCH RECOVERED.

Second Officer of Aragonia Is Lucky. But Does Not Yet Know It.

If the China liner Aragonia does not sail from Astoria this morning, the heart of Second Officer W. H. Sandberg will be glad to be told that a valuable watch that he lost in this city has been recovered. It was returned to the office of the Second Officer at the Portland office of the steamer Aragonia. The watch was found by a man who had been on the steamer when it started down the river. Mr. W. H. Sandberg lost the watch one night while returning to the vessel. As he was about to be held up, he took it out of his pocket and hid it around his neck. He was then venturing out on the streets. When he got on shipboard he made the discovery that the timepiece was not where he had expected it to be. He advertised for its return and offered a \$25 reward for its return, and the watch was yesterday delivered to the agents of the steamship. Mr. Sandberg ordered the watch highly, as he had received it from his father, to whom it was presented by a German colonel.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Another Trial of New Ferry.

Another trial of the new Albina ferryboat Lionel R. Webster will be made today between 2 and 6 o'clock, when the boat will be operated on the lower ferry route between Portland and Albina. Various city officials will be present, and also Judge Webster and County Commissioners Barnes and Lightner. Judge Webster will probably invite some steamboat men who are totally disinterested to inspect the new ferryboat and express their views concerning her, and what improvements and changes, if any, are required.

On an Official Visit.

ASTORIA, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Federal Quarantine Officer Gable left today to make an official visit to the stations at the several ports along the Oregon coast. He will be gone about two weeks, and during his absence the local station will be under the charge of Dr. Filkins.

Tacoma's Crew Home Again.

SEATTLE, April 19.—Drifting about in Arctic ice for 41 days, short of provisions and coal and suffering hardships, the crew of the steamer Tacoma, which arrived in Seattle this morning from Victoria, Captain Connation remained at Yokohama to attend the meeting of the prize court. The Japanese seized the Tacoma because she carried a cargo of beef for the Russians at Vladivostok, and will likely hold the ship.