



WAR ON THE CHINESE

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RUMOR COMES FROM CHE FOOL

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MANY BOXERS IN PEKIN.

Prince Ching Has a Force of Chinese Troops in the Imperial City.

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Americans Return to Tien Tsin.

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The Maine at Hong Kong.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Advice from Hong Kong report that the American hospital ship Maine, which sailed from Southampton for China July 22, arrived there today.

PROBLEM OF THE CENTURY.

Present Complication Is but the Beginning, Says John Bookwalter.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—John W. Bookwalter, of Ohio, whose recent books on Siberian and Asiatic problems have been much quoted in recent English papers, is now in London. In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, Mr. Bookwalter said:

"The present situation in China, it seems to me, is not its serious phase, as it is likely to precipitate the whole Asiatic problem, with its many complications, for permanent solution. There are two other considerations in this problem. First, the probability that Russia occupies toward China, and then which of the two occupied toward England through her dependency in India, for since the completion of the great Trans-Siberian and Trans-Caspian Railroad systems Russia has been brought into direct contact with China from the Hinterland. It is obvious, therefore, that Russia is the most powerful, in a strategic sense, in China, and that which would best establish a practical dominance of Russia over Asiatic countries, and which might be regarded as a menace to those nations now holding spheres of influence there, as well as to those who see in the possible partition of China opportunities for territorial aggrandizement. As an indication of this condition, it was said that Russia was 20 years ago the furthest nation away from China, separated by impenetrable steppes and without navy, while all the other European powers could reach the Chinese littoral by water. The building of these railroad systems has rapidly changed the entire situation, bringing China politically and commercially into a position which it brings China in physical contact with the Russian Empire alone, her contact with other nations being only through the dependencies of those nations."

"In view of these important facts, it is easy to see what is to be the probable relation of Russia to China, which, it seems to me, can only be of the most friendly character, and to that end the maintenance of the integrity of the empire, especially the Middle Kingdom, is of paramount importance. I believe that when a general showing of hands is made it will be apparent that if there is not an actual alliance between Russia and China there will be sound to be an intimate cooperation for the maintenance of their political and commercial interests."

"Under these circumstances, it does not seem possible that the partition of China among the Western powers can occur, nor could a composite control be established, since Russia's imperial interests demand that she deal with a permanent situation, such as a united China would insure, rather than the ever-changing conditions existing among other nations."

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residents and the property of other nations in the country. Such a guarantee from such a powerful and responsible nation as Russia would carry with it such weight that a refusal to accede to it by the powers would certainly lead up to a most critical international situation, and very probably a clash of nations. It seems to me that a direct refusal to accede to such a proposition would throw the main weight upon Russia and China, together with a common interest and racial affinities, vast military and other resources, and embracing quite two-fifths of the human family. In view of the fact that the attacking parties against such a combination would have to transport their armies and supplies from 5000 to 15,000 miles last, Russia in the Pacific, by means of her railroads, quickly throwing the military strength of her empire into China, and at the same time organizing and equipping the vast military resources of that country. It is not obvious what issue such an attack would bring. When you consider further that under the well-established rules of modern warfare the attack would be made upon the commanders something in proportion of five to one, while the world's navies, representing millions of pounds, would stand impotent to prevent the transportation of a single Russian trooper over the Trans-Siberian or Trans-Caspian Railroads, can you wonder that European Cabinets believe that they are today face to face with the greatest problem of the century?"

NAVAL BASE IN GUAM.

System of Harbor Improvements and Fortifications Planned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The Navy Department has taken the initial steps in the preparations for the complete and comprehensive system of fortifications and harbor improvements by which it is intended to make the Island of Guam a thoroughly protected base for our naval vessels in the Western Pacific. The Navy Department has been at pains to ascertain just what harbor facilities other nations have in that part of the world, and the maps already prepared show that southward from Guam we are flanked for 2500 miles by a chain of islands containing 13 fine harbors, all of which are potential bases for hostile power. Some of them already are equipped and fortified. These harbors are included in the Marshall and Caroline groups, which stretch from the southern border of the Philippines eastward past the longitude of Guam, while on the north the Ladrones possess several harbors, some of them as close as 40 miles to our possessions in Guam. In view of all these factors it has been determined to make Guam a great naval base. A mixed commission of one Army and two naval officers already has been assigned to the work of the preliminary survey, and upon their recommendations the future work in this line will be made. The officers are Captain J. F. Merry, now on duty at the naval station in Honolulu; Major Biddle of the Army Engineers, who is on duty in the Philippines, and Lieutenant A. M. Beecher, now on duty in Washington. Lieutenant Beecher is accumulating the outfit for the commission here, and shortly will proceed to San Francisco, whence he will sail on the Solace about October 1 picking up Captain Merry at Honolulu, while Major Biddle will come East in order to meet the other two members of the commission.

Trial of the Bailey.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The trial will be given to the new torpedo-boat destroyer built for the United States Navy by the Gas Engine & Power Company, at Morris Heights, N. Y., here this afternoon. It is expected that the new boat will attain a speed of at least 25 knots an hour. The Bailey is the first vessel of her type to be built in the vicinity of New York, and is one of three torpedo-boat destroyers for which provision was made by Congress about three years ago. The sum appropriated for each boat was \$20,000.

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Secretary Gage issued a statement showing what would be the effect of Bryan's election. Page 2.

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Whitney's colt, Ballyhoo Boy, ridden by Sloan, won the Futurity at Sheepshead Bay. Page 11.

The Yacht Boat Club crew was the eighteenth crew to win the regatta. Page 2.

Domestic.

The Grand Army encampment was opened in Chicago last Friday. Page 2.

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CONCERT IN DANGER

Disagreement Between the Various Commanders.

THE FIRST NOTE OF DISCORD

Remey Reports the Czar's Officer Forbids Communication With Chinese

No Reply From Chaffee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The diplomatic feature of the Chinese situation today took precedence over both the naval and military features. The officials of the Government were, if anything, more uncommunicative than heretofore as to the relations between the powers.

head, but in the absence of any reliable information as to his whereabouts, even the first step to toward arranging a reprisal for the peace conference with China would be decidedly premature. The most that this Government hopes or expects just now is information as to the readiness of the other governments to participate in a friendly conference over the course to be pursued by them in China after order is restored.

No Reply From Chaffee.

The War Department has not yet received from General Chaffee his report requested of him a few days ago upon conditions in Pekin; in fact several recent cablegrams of inquiry addressed to General Chaffee have not been answered. In this situation it was found necessary to call upon General Chaffee again for a full report of the forces of the other members of the League of Nations.

It is supposed that the uncertainty of communication between Pekin and Tien Tsin is responsible for General Chaffee's silence. The wires have been cut between the capital and Tien Tsin and it is probable that the messages were sent by courier from Tien Tsin. It is regarded as very unfortunate that there

is no reliable communication between the two cities.

ASTORIA, OR., Aug. 25.—The last day of the regatta was by far the pleasantest. It was an ideal day for aquatic sports. Until nearly 4 o'clock this morning the rain came down in torrents. Later the clouds cleared away and the weather was bright and clear. The forenoon was given

to boat races as the afternoon to field games at the athletic grounds.

Early this morning the regatta committee decided to carry out the original programme as set for the opening day.

The Queen and maids of honor, escorted by Admiral Edwards and suite, were taken on board the Columbia, and the royal party steamed away on the day followed by nearly every craft in the river.

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The aquatic sports were then called.

The first event was the four-oared barge race between three California crews.

The Alameda, Dolphin and Ariel crews contested.

The Alameda crew was an easy winner and this is the third annual victory in this race.

The Ariel crew came in a bad second, with the Dolphin boat close behind.

The two crews raced each other at the turning buoy but the accident did not affect the result.

While this race was in progress Ben Beno, the slack-wire and trapeze performer, and Cahill, the high diver, entertained the spectators in the grandstand with numerous difficult feats.

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Pete was the first to cross the finish line.

Patton and Gloss, of Portland, Ky.,

assisted by the Gas Engine & Power Company, were the second and third place winners.

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The third event was the four-oared boat race.