

ENGLAND WILL BACK AMERICA IN CHINA

"Open Door" and No "Zone" of Influence Wanted by This Country.

MUCH CONCERN IN EUROPEAN CIRCLES

Demand Will Be Made By Continental Nations for Disclosure of the English-American Motives—They Will Be Accommodated.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—A special to the World from Washington says: There is not lacking conclusive evidence that there exists an understanding between the United States and Great Britain regarding the share each shall have in the partition of the Chinese empire. Japan is expected to side with these two countries in their demands.

Confirmation of the statement that the continental nations that are plotting for a slice of China will inquire into the motives of the United States and Great Britain came today in the shape of an admission by Count de Casini, the Russian ambassador, who came to Washington this morning. Count de Casini said tonight:

"The statements in the newspapers that I have been charged with a mission to unite with my colleagues and invite the United States to declare her policy in regard to China, either choosing a sphere of influence (a port to be under her jurisdiction) or declaring for the 'open door' policy, I must decline to affirm or deny. I have not as yet time to look around me. I must ascertain the American views and sentiment before I give out statements on such interesting and absorbing questions. Later I may have something to say."

The World correspondent learns tonight that Count Casini will not present the views of his government to the United States until the arrival of the other continental ambassadors whose governments are interested in

the proposed dismemberment of China. From a high official authority the World correspondent has obtained this outline of the situation:

1. The United States demands that the open door policy be continued.
2. That none of its treaty rights shall in any manner be disturbed by foreign powers seizing Chinese territory.
3. That American trade and commerce shall be granted the same rights as the country owning a particular port enjoys.
4. That each power seizing territory shall furnish a written agreement to continue in force all treaty rights now existing between the Chinese empire and the United States.
5. Great Britain, having always maintained open ports, will co-operate with the United States in securing its demands.
6. These demands, once having been made, must be enforced.
7. It is believed that the demands of the United States will be granted.
8. It is hoped diplomacy will secure the concessions asked, but in the event it fails, other and more rigorous methods must be used.
9. Because of possible trouble, the Asiatic squadron is being strengthened to its maximum.
10. It is not the purpose of the United States to seize a Chinese port, or a sphere of influence, it being the intention of the government to protect all United States interests in all ports and provinces of China.

the Doric, give details of a great fire in Canton at midnight on the 2d, by which over 50 persons lost their lives. It seems a matched theater had been built by the riverside and around about 100 four boats had been anchored. While the theatrical performance was going on, fire broke out on one of the boats. It spread rapidly to the inflammable material of the theater. There was a wild rush among the audience and many boats were capsized. Over 50 persons were burned or drowned.

PUT IN IRONS

Part of Crew of Transport Afraid to Face Philippines at Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Twenty-two East Indians employed as oilers, coal passers and firemen on the British ship Pathan, recently chartered by the United States to carry troops to the Philippines, have been put in irons by order of Captain Butler because they objected to going to Manila.

The East Indians shipped at Singapore in September for an 18 months' voyage. They are afraid of the hostile Filipinos, but the captain thinks he will soon force them to complete their contracts.

GERMANY BLOCKED GAME

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Morning Post throws light on the policy of the European powers. He states on authority that the governments of Russia, France and Spain discussed the question of intervention in the dispute between England and the Transvaal, and agreed on the dispatch of a joint note suggesting arbitration, but the condition of the action was the cooperation of Germany, which was refused.

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF IN OUTER DARKNESS

SITUATION IN LADYSMITH

The Garrison Holding Out With English Grit—A Question of Superior Artillery Practice.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The war in the Transvaal remains a game of "blind man's bluff," played in outer darkness. The results are known when a carrier pigeon wings a flight of 189 miles, or when a rough rider carries news hundreds of miles across swollen rivers and open country.

Press agencies which expand into victorious sorties, cavalry raids accurately described as reconnaissance in force, are convinced by cold, hard steel that the faithful messenger tells nothing but the truth, and the amateur strategist in a smoking-room of a comfortable London club is at the mercy of the ruthless frontiersman, who is liable at any moment to upset the most scientific expert opinion by riding across country and proving that what cannot possibly be true has happened, and is the most natural thing in the world.

It is a time when the official red tape system can well afford to despise the forces of public opinion, and when the London journals which have invested thousands of pounds in systematic arrangements for describing the war day by day, at 4 shillings a word, can learn Christian grace and humility and be thankful if their penny-a-liners are not turned out of the war office to stand in the rain and fog and cool their heads.

The London journals are, of course, hoping for better things when the army corps, of which fully 20,000 men will arrive at the Cape this week, once takes the field, and their own relays are on the ground to describe the triumphant march through the two Dutch republics. Apparently they do not know what manner of man Sir Redvers Buller is. He does not consider war correspondents either useful or ornamental, and the increased pressure put upon the censorship since his arrival at the Cape proves how little license will be allowed to even privileged social experts when the real business of war begins.

On the English side, meanwhile, there are rumors barely in excess of the demand for special editions. The afternoon papers' midnight editions show the ingenuity of the press news expansionist, who is paralyzed by the fear lest another bird may come home



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inopportunely and convict him of mendacity in raiding Boer camps and silencing the enemy's guns.

The Ladysmith situation is in reality unchanged, pending the arrival of the next carrier pigeon.

The garrison is holding out with English grit, and the Boer generals are forced to admit that the capture of Ladysmith is practically a question of superior artillery practice, and a direct attack upon the entrenchments rather than a matter of deer stalking and setting traps for rash birds by hunter's wiles.

There is still considerable doubt as to what has happened at Colenso, but none whatever respecting the necessity for a supreme effort on the part of the Boers if they wish to win a decisive victory before the arrival of the British reinforcements, which are due at Cape Town and which can be dispatched at once for Durban.

The retirement of the garrison from Stormberg Junction before it could be attacked by a Free State force advancing from Burgersdorp is regarded by military writers as a proof that East London will not be used as a base of supplies for the army corps, and that Be Ar and Naauwport will be the first line of the British defense of Cape Colony, with Cape Town and Port Elizabeth behind them. Stormberg was occupied by half of the Berkshire regiment without field guns or cavalry, and Sir Redvers Buller has wisely ordered the garrison to retire.

The retention of Naauwport is of much greater importance, since it commands the approaches from Port Elizabeth, the nearest base of supplies for either Kimberly or Bloemfontein. The keenest military writers who analyze the situation lay stress upon the fact that the Dutch allies are wasting their resources by attacking the British at too many points instead of concentrating their efforts upon one or two points. This is true.

Whatever advantage the Boers have won has been from the recklessness of their enemies. The Boers have made greater tactical mistakes than the English staff, although its record is not particularly brilliant in defensive work, and they have allowed three weeks to slip by without winning a decisive success by virtue of overwhelming superiority in numbers.



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MORE TROOPS NEEDED.

Beresford Says England Must Restrain the Blacks After Conquering the Boers.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—Rear-Admiral Charles Beresford, speaking at Sunderland, confessed he regarded with great apprehension what might be the attitude of the blacks toward the vanquished when the British had conquered the Boers.

"I must repeat," said Lord Charles, "that in view of such a contingency, the government is not even now sending out sufficient troops. As to the possibility of foreign intervention, I consider that the great naval, military and financial resources of the empire are calculated to ward off any undue European dictation.

"Whatever hopes may have been directly held out to the Boers before the war, it is a greater matter that we can now more than ever, count upon the affection and sympathy of the great American nation, the greatest and one of the most touching examples of which is the American ladies hospital ship."

ANOTHER RAILWAY FAKE.

Right of Way and Franchise for Proposed Transcontinental Line from San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 7.—A railway franchise, including a right-of-way 100 feet wide along the bay of San Diego, has been granted by the common council to U. S. Grant, Geo. W. Marston, George H. Ballou and M. A. Luce, four of the city's most influential residents.

The purpose of granting the franchise is to facilitate the construction of a railway from the bay of San Diego to the Colorado river and thence eastward to form a new transcontinental line.

The grantees of the franchise have until January 1, 1902, in which to carry out the undertaking. A proposed route via Salt Lake meets with favor here.

ANOTHER COMBINATION.

Bicycles and Automobiles to be Made by One Consolidated Company.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The Times says: A \$200,000,000 combination is projected. The informal meeting to perfect this great organization will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria today. It is intended to combine all the rubber, bicycle and automobile companies into one great concern, which will control the production of every article entering into the manufacture of a bicycle or an automobile.

In the proposed company, it is said, all of the companies already formed will be participants.

CHARGED THE BOERS.

British Cavalry at Ladysmith Make a Sortie on the Enemy.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 4.—Afternoon.—A dispatch from Ladysmith says that on Thursday afternoon the British cavalry charged the Boers while the latter were maneuvering south of the town, and cut their way through them.

A long "com" posted on Bains hill shelled the town, but little damage was done.

The naval gunners put the big gun situated on Hepworth's hill out of action.

BIG FIRE AT CANTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Hong Kong papers of October 5, received by