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**GERMANY POLITELY REFUSES TO LEAVE**

France and Japan are Willing to Withdraw Troops.

**THE OREGON IS AT SHANGHAI**

Distrust of Li Hung Chang Deepens—First Battalion of German Troops Has Landed at Shanghai—England Undecided.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Germany's polite refusal to withdraw from Peking is commented upon with keen satisfaction in London, and the hope is expressed that Lord Salisbury will show similar firmness.

The British reply has not yet been formulated. Lord Salisbury desires to consult with his colleagues and has notified the foreign office of his intention to return to London from the continent early next week. There is little doubt, however, that Germany's reply is the outcome of discussion carried on during the last few days between European cabinets and that a compromise policy of maintaining the occupation of the capital but withdrawing the greater part of the troops to Tien Tsin will be found to have met with general concurrence.

From Shanghai it is rumored that Japan has notified the powers of her willingness to withdraw her troops provided adequate guard is left for the legations and on condition that China formally requests evacuation and opens genuine negotiations for peace.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The latest expression as to the attitude of the powers on the evacuation of Peking is from the United States ambassador at Paris, General Porter, who has advised the authorities here that the attitude of the French government is favorable to the position taken by Russia.

Almost simultaneously with this dispatch from General Porter came another from the American charge d'affaires at Berlin, giving the attitude of Germany on Russia's proposal. This in substance states that Germany, while anxious to avoid any friction between the powers, regards the condition in Peking such as to require the continued presence of German forces there.

These two highly important communications bring the Chinese negotiations to a very advanced state. It is generally accepted that Germany's attitude in favor of remaining at Peking will be concurred in by Italy and Austria, as these two countries act with Germany in political questions of a general nature.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 6.—The first battalion of German troops landed here today from the steamer Batavia. The foreign consuls and detachments of French and Russian troops received them and escorted them to camp.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The arrival of the Oregon off Shanghai brings the famous battleship again into position to take part in operations for the solution of the Chinese problem and for effective protection of American interests for the first time since she ran on the rocks near Che Foo more than two months ago.

From Captain Wilde's dispatch, it is said by the officials of the navy department, that he seized the opportunity to telegraph his safe passage across the Yellow Sea from Kure to the Yangtze while waiting for a favorable tide which would permit a ship of the Oregon's deep draught to cross the bar and reach the neighborhood of the Woo Sung ports, where the New Orleans and the Princeton have been representing the United States for several weeks.

The advent of the Oregon with her powerful battery and formidable armor protection will remove much of the danger to foreign interests which has been due to continued Chinese occupation of those dreaded fortifications, which could close the river to retreating vessels hurrying to rescue foreigners in Shanghai in case rioting should begin in that city.

No orders were issued by the navy department for the dispatch of the Oregon to Shanghai and her sudden appearance on the scene is attributed to the wishes of Admiral Ramey, who has full authority for the disposition of the vessels of his fleet to meet all possible emergencies.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Opinion gains ground that no more powers, not even France, will return an affirmative reply to the Russian proposition. On the other hand it is also thought that none of them will care to send a decided negative, and efforts are now being made either to find a middle course or induce Russia to withdraw her suggestion. Prevalent opinion here certainly is that Great Britain ought to retain her troops in Peking if any two powers will support her in doing so.

Distrust of Li Hung Chang deepens, and it is now accepted that the Russian scheme was arranged after consultation with him. On this point an interesting statement was made yesterday by the Chinese minister, who is a strong adherent of Earl Li and was once his personal secretary. Asked whether he had received a telegram from Li Hung Chang urging him to persuade England to accede to the Russian proposal, the minister replied in the affirmative.

"Russia," he continued, "has offered at the instigation of Li Hung Chang to remove her forces from the capital and has thereby taken the first step toward a general peace. I do not believe Russia's move has a double meaning, as persistently suggested, and I certainly am unable to confirm in any degree the report that the czar has been propitiated by a promise of Manchuria. You may discredit it entirely."

Asked if he had succeeded in persuading England, the minister replied: "I am doing all I possibly can. I have sent a powerful memorial to Lord Salisbury and am anxiously awaiting his reply. So much depends upon it that America and Germany are hanging on the decision."

"Speaking unofficially for a moment, I cannot but think that Great Britain's withdrawal or promise of withdrawal would pave the way to a speedy settlement. The Chinese people generally are most anxious for peace. They are sick of war and would welcome any negotiations which would have as a conclusion a mutual commercial basis on more permanent lines than have heretofore been established between the two countries."

"Earl Li, whatever you may assert to the contrary, is pro-European and not pro-Russian. Moreover, he is not philanthropically inclined and does not seek for peace and reorganization of the western commercial dealings because it would benefit China. He is progressive and in this is diametrically opposed to Prince Tuan."

"To the further question whether the Chinese government still existed as an agent of authority, the minister answered: "Yes, in its entirety. It has only changed its seat as it did in 1860 and taken up a temporary residence in Shan Si. Earl Li is working in full sympathy with the emperor and privy council who with the empress and viceroys constitute the government. All are bent on peace."

**ROOSEVELT GIVES AN OBJECT LESSON**

Shows Five of Our Tyrants to a Detroit Audience.

**TEDDY CHEERED TO THE ECHO**

Crowd Arose En Masse When He Got Up to Speak and Raped With Laughter at His Happy Hit at Bryanism.

DETROIT, Sept. 6.—The first meeting of Governor Roosevelt's western tour, which was held in the big assembly room of the Detroit Light Guard armory tonight, was all that the governor's most ardent partisans could have desired in point of attendance and enthusiasm.

When Governor Roosevelt arose to speak, the great crowd arose almost en masse and remained standing and shouting for some time. The governor's speech occupied about an hour in delivery and was listened to throughout with thoughtful attention. Governor Roosevelt gave the audience an object lesson when he asserted that our soldiers in the Philippines had less to fear from any body of armed bandits in that country than they had to fear from the principles of the Kansas City platform and the success of the Democratic ticket.

He said that five members of the regular army were present and asked them to stand up that the audience might see their tyrants. Five soldiers from the Fourteenth Infantry at Fort Wayne, who occupied front seats, when thus invited, arose and were applauded.

"Now," exclaimed Governor Roosevelt, "behold the tyrants." The audience shouted with laughter.

"They are here," continued the governor. "Five soldiers to four thousand people in this audience, which is a larger percentage of tyranny in this house than the percentage the regular army bears to the whole number of people in this country."

**LOWER HOUSE A FAILURE**

Major Sharpe Recommends for Porto Rico a Government of a Governor and His Cabinet.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The transport McClellan which arrived last night from Porto Rico, brought 175,000 pesos in Porto Rican silver. The coin was in charge of Captain William Weigel, Eleventh United States Infantry, and a detail of six men. It was turned over to the express company to take to the Philadelphia mint, where it will be re-coined.

A conservative estimate places the amount of unredeemed Porto Rico silver in circulation on the island at about \$500,000. This coin is steadily coming in through the various bank agencies and it is safe to say that in about six weeks or two months at most but little of the old circulating medium will remain on the island. In the larger coast towns such as San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez, where the government has established direct exchange, the provincial coin is exceedingly scarce being entirely replaced by American gold, bills or silver, but in the small isolated interior towns the new medium is almost unknown.

The Spanish bank at San Juan up to date has put about \$500,000 in paper which, although more or less "wild cat," is readily accepted and fast getting into circulation.

When the first time limit expired on August 1, it was found that but little over half of the Porto Rican coin had been redeemed. The smaller merchants refused to accept the debased currency and prices doubled and business remained at a standstill for several weeks. Competition and the law of supply and demand have steadily brought about a readjustment and prices have now, it is said, reached the normal conditions.

Besides a full list of passengers from Porto Rico and Cuba, the McClellan brought company I, First Infantry, Captain Carrington, which is en route to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

George M. Davis and the Misses Davila, family of the commanding general of the department of Porto Rico, were also among the passengers.

Major Sharpe, who has been judge advocate of the department of Porto Rico since the occupation of the island, also came on the transport. He is on a four months' leave. It is probable that Major Sharpe will be sent to Hawaii when his leave expires. In conversation with an Associated Press representative, he spoke in the highest terms of Porto Rico and predicted a brilliant future for the island.

"I have been in nearly every port and city in the United States," he said, "but I had much rather live in Porto Rico than any other place I have had the pleasure of visiting. The climate is all one could wish for."

Major Sharpe says that the reorganization of the judicial system will bring

**FUSION IN MINNESOTA.**

Same State and Electoral Tickets Endorsed by Populists and Democrats.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 6.—Fusion was effected between the Minnesota Democrats and Populists today, and a full ticket was named, headed by Governor John Lind.

An electoral ticket was also endorsed by the two conventions.

**LETTER FINISHED.**

McKinley Has Completed His Letter of Acceptance of the Republican Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The president put the finishing touches on his letter of acceptance of the Republican nomination today.

**FAVOR M'KINLEY.**

Gold Democrats Decide to Conduct a Campaign for Republicanism.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6.—At a conference of gold Democrats today it was decided to establish national headquarters in this city and conduct a campaign in the interest of McKinley.

about a startling change.

"There is a good deal of work to be done there along that line, and the commission to revise the laws will have no time to spare to turn in their report by April 1," said he.

"The civil code now in force is admirably adapted for existing conditions and should, in my opinion, be allowed to stand to a considerable extent, but the system of procedure is entirely impracticable and should be abolished as soon as legislation can do it. The whole system is crude and generations behind the times."

When asked concerning the future government of the island under the Foraker law, the major said he could not make predictions in that direction.

"That is a question which can only be answered as it works itself out," he said.

"I will say, though, that I do not believe the upper and lower house system will be a success. The lower house, which will be composed of thirty-five members elected directly by the people, will probably prove a failure. That depends, though, on which political party carries the elections. There are about 50,000 eligible voters on the island. At the elections last spring the Federals carried the island by a majority of about 600. If that party controls the lower house and occupies the speaker's chair it will be in a position to dictate to the upper house and to the governor himself. The other party, the Republicans, are pro-administration in every way, or at least purport to be, and are in favor of the introduction of American institutions. The Federals are anti-American in their sentiments and seem opposed to things American on general principles. They want to see all the offices filled by men from their own party and it is a glaring sight to them to see so many lucrative positions held by the continentals or Americans."

"I am very anxious to see how the legislature works out. I will not be surprised if it deadlocks at its first session and accomplishes nothing. If this should be the case congress would have to pass a new bill and it is probable that the lower house would be abolished. A government by the governor and his cabinet of the six heads of departments would be an admirable institution."

**ENGINE RAN WILD.**

Narrow Escape From Serious Accident in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—A special to the Chronicle, from Quincy, Ill., says: A wild engine this morning endangered scores of lives on two passenger trains and A. J. Arnold, an old engineer on the C. B. & Q. railroad, had a thrilling experience.

Shortly after midnight Arnold, who has been pulling one of the fast trains on the road, backed down to the station to meet her on her arrival. The engine was running slow and on reaching the station Fireman Smith jumped off and entered the depot, supposing the locomotive would come to a standstill and wait for the train.

When Smith came out of the station he was horrified to see the engine tearing over the viaduct towards Missouri. The terrified fireman knew that something was wrong and hastened to the train dispatcher's office and gave the alarm. A message was sent to the operator at Moody, seven miles from Quincy, notifying him that there was an engine "running wild" and requesting him to turn it on the siding at Moody and to hold the St. Louis passenger train north bound, which was then due there.

The Moody operator obeyed instructions, barely having time to catch the St. Louis train, which was switched out of harm's way. In a few minutes the runaway engine could be seen coming slowly up the grade and it "died" of its own efforts in sight of Moody station. Conductor Oglesby of the St. Louis train climbed into the cab and found Arnold sitting on his seat in the cab fast asleep, with his head out of the window. Arnold was both surprised and terrified when he realized what had happened.

The Chicago train from Kansas City is also due at Moody right after the St. Louis train, and but for the lack of steam and the prompt word sent to Moody station one or both trains might have been wrecked and many lives lost.

**NEW MEXICAN VOLCANO.**

Made Its Appearance Suddenly and Without Warning.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—A special to the Record, from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: A new volcano has broken forth about 30 miles southeast of the old Colima volcano. The new volcano made its appearance suddenly and without warning.

The natives living near the base of the mountain, as it is called, were much alarmed at first and fled from their homes, but as prospects of danger passed they returned to their homes. The volcano is small and local scientists predict that it will soon disappear.

**UTAH DEMOCRATS.**

SALT LAKE, Sept. 6.—The Democratic state convention today nominated W. H. King for congress, James H. Moyle for governor and T. S. Harris for secretary of state.

**DROVE SHEEP OVER PRECIPICE**

Cattlemen Rose in Revolt Against Sheepmen.

**FEUD OVER USE OF RANGE**

Cattle Refused to Eat Where Sheep Were Pastured and Became Very Poor—Three Thousand Sheep Were Killed.

WALSLENBURG, Colo., Sept. 6.—Reports received from Sharpshooter, a small town near Mount Blanco in Southern Colorado, say that a feud over the use of the range, which has long existed between cattlemen and sheepmen, reached a climax this week when the cattlemen drove 3,000 sheep over a high precipice.

The trouble has grown out of scarcity of water along the water courses. Where grass still remains the sheep were pastured, and after they had once passed the cattle refused to eat and either died or became very poor.

The cattlemen rose in revolt and, taking their horses, corralled about 2,000 sheep. They were driven down a narrow gulch and over a precipice.

**MONTANA REPUBLICANS.**

Named Ticket and Adopted Platform Scoring Republicans Who Voted for Clark.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 6.—The Republicans of Montana today completed the following ticket: Congressman, S. G. Murrick, of Missoula; Governor, David E. Folsom, of Meagher; Lieutenant-governor, A. J. Bennett, of Madison; Attorney-general, T. J. Porter, of Custer; Secretary of state, A. N. Yooder, of Silver Bow; Treasurer, Frank J. Edwards, of Lewis and Clarke; Auditor, C. C. Proctor, of Cascade; Assistant justice, E. Rudolph Von Tobel, of Fergus; State superintendent of public instruction, W. F. Harmon; General Harry C. Kessler, of Silver Bow; L. S. Wilson, of Gallatin; and Paul McCormick, of Yellowstone, were named as electors.

The convention adopted a platform in which the Republicans in the Sixth legislative assembly who voted for W. A. Clark for senator were scored.

The convention endorsed the eight-hour day for labor in this state.

Four Republican senators who voted for Clark for the United States senate in the last legislature were requested to resign their offices.

**BERYAN MADE THREE SPEECHES.**

Tour of West Virginia Was Completed Yesterday.

WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 6.—The tour of West Virginia, which was begun last Wednesday by William J. Bryan, was concluded today by a speech at this place.

He traveled from Deer Park by way of Clarksburg and Parkersburg today, making three speeches of length and two or three informal talks at such places as St. Marys and Saterfville.

The day's run covered about 350 miles through mountain railroads which was in itself no small undertaking in hot weather. Bryan, however, held up well and he appeared quite fresh when he ascended the platform at tonight's meeting.

**ROBBERY AND MURDER.**

Country Merchant in Montana Killed in His Store.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 6.—Bullus Parrott, an old time resident of Deer lodge county, was murdered at his home on his ranch about fourteen miles from here, some time during last night. When discovered this morning, Parrott lay on the floor of his store, with his hands and feet bound and a towel bound tightly around his face. The money drawer was open and the cash gone.

**STILL NO FUSION.**

Idaho Democrats and Populists Cannot Get Together.

BOISE, Ida., Sept. 6.—The Democrats and Populists have not yet gotten together and the outlook tonight is that anything like complete fusion will not be effected.

**METAL MARKET.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Silver, 65 1/2; lead, brokers, 4; exchange, 63 1/2.

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