

Cabled Comment

On Old World Topics—The Chinese Question Up permost—Mutual Suspicions May Cause Complication—Touch of Humor in the Russo-American Entente—Germany Surprised—Sanguinary Orders Credited to the Kaiser.

London, Sept. 1.—As soon as British public opinion is able to shake off the Russian nightmare which generally obtrudes upon the nation's rest whenever any far eastern question occupies international attention, it will, in all probability, acknowledge the wisdom of America's initiative towards a solution of a situation which threatened to reach an impasse. At present the country finds

A TOUCH OF HUMOR.

In the idea of an entente between the great republic of the new world and the powerful autocracy of the old, and the Saturday Review wonders which will ultimately "give away" the other. Still it is believed in authoritative quarters that the reasons actuating the United States will ultimately recommend themselves to governmental circles. Great Britain would doubtless have preferred to assist in carrying out the original American proposals, but, as the Washington government is prepared to modify these inferences to Russian views there is every indication that the British cabinet will complacently accept whatever promises the quickest end to the controversy.

EUROPE MUTUALLY SUSPICIOUS.

The main trouble is that the whole of Europe is in a mood of mutual suspicion only too well calculated to promote international complications so heartily deprecated by the whole world. But diplomatic circles in London are of the opinion that signs are discernible that the tension will soon be relaxed and that the jealousies will be so allayed that the powers will be enabled, in conjunction with the reformers and viceroys of the southern provinces to devise a scheme for re-constructing the government of China in conformity with the will of the people and authorities of China. They emphasize the necessity of taking the advice of the great Yangtze viceroy, whose attitude during the present crisis has shown that there are men in China who can govern when free from the influence of the Manchuk clique and who, it is thought, would gladly aid the powers in the re-establishment of the government, perhaps by depositing the dowager empress and reinstating the emperor. Of course it is realized that many ugly snags are liable to still disturb the smoothness of the current, but the opinion in the best informed circles appears to be that the latest developments have materially helped clear the course. This opinion is shared by John P. Bookwalter, of Ohio, who is the author of recent books on Siberian and Asiatic problems.

AN AMERICAN WRITER'S VIEWS.
"The Washington government," said Mr. Bookwalter, "is taking exactly the right stand, though certain circles in England will exert every effort to discountenance the Russo-American rapprochement. Fifty dollars of Chinese trade is worth more to the United States than 50 square miles of territory, and if the United States continues friendly with Russia she can obtain a share of commerce which otherwise might easily be thrown to Germany. I believe that when England comes to understand that the czar means to protect the autonomy of the central Chinese kingdom she will also see her way to heartily join with Russia, for England must remember that the trans-Caspian railroad puts a vast sack army at the doors of India as well as at Vladivostok."

"ARM-CHAIR" GUIDES.

In the midst of all the turmoil, not heeding the hysterics afflicting most of the arm-chair guides of Great Britain, the responsible head of affairs, Lord Salisbury, rests calm, confident and wary in the German motorist village, Echluet (a health resort in the Vosges), ten miles from the nearest railway station, but at the end of a wire to Downing street (British foreign office). It is explained that one of Lord Salisbury's reasons for going into perfect solitude was to be able to work without fretting interruption during this trying period, from cabinet ministers and others whose rank made it simply impossible for the prime minister to always readily attend to them. Lord Salisbury's long interview with the French minister of the colonies, M. Decrais, and the announcement that the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, will shortly visit the British premier in London to menage the latter is improving the relations between France and Great Britain which, judging from the newspapers, certainly needs improving, for dark rumors of possible war between France and Great Britain are curiously persistent.

SURPRISED AT RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE.

A Berlin correspondent cables as follows: "The German press is full of articles commenting on the latest turn of the Chinese question, which is generally construed as marking the beginning of serious lack of harmony between the powers, whose Chinese interests are colliding at too many points to enable them to maintain a united front lengthily. Russia's sudden change of attitude came here as a complete surprise, since the latest previous utterances of Russia seemed to denote a continuance of the closest German-Russo relations on the subject of China, although it was known here that the unmeasured Von Waldersee idolatry and the putting by Emperor William of the onus for Von

Waldersee's appointment upon the czar, as well as the continued increase of the German forces in China and Emperor William's impulsive farewell speech had greatly displeased Russian government circles, including the czar. Von Waldersee has been sent as the emperor's personal man to China, rather against the wishes of Count Von Buelow, the minister of foreign affairs, who disapproved of the "politic-diplomatic-generalissimo" whose hand in China may upset all Count Von Buelow has been able to do.

NOT WITH THE EMPEROR.

The nation is embittered at its majesty's continued ignoring of the reichstag. An overwhelming press daily deplores his personal China policy, even including the Conservative and Nationalistic papers. The Kreuzzeitung consistently demands that the China policy be of narrower limits, and the Deutsche Tageszeitung says conditions which allow the "sole constitutionally responsible person," viz., the imperial chancellor, "to absolve himself during the most critical times" and ignore the foreign office's aims and declarations and also ignore the reichstag, are "hardly bearable." Many papers of all shades talk similarly.

CITY FOR EVERY LIFE.

The Nueste Nachrichten, Leipzig, says that after the arrival of the first reports from China, Emperor William wrote the following foot note to a certain document:

"Telegraph Bendemann (Rear Admiral Bendemann, commanding the German squadron in the far east), he must bombard a Chinese city for every German murdered."

The paper adds that the foreign office prevented the cabling of this message. The German newspapers are widely reprinting this statement.

The following dispatch has been received from Amoy, Aug. 31. The Japanese landing parties have been withdrawn from here and at Kulang only 80 marines remain ashore. These and 60 British marines landed Aug. 30 will presumably be withdrawn shortly. The Japanese troops on their way here from Formosa have been ordered to return.

BRIGHTER ASPECT IN PARIS.

The Chinese situation, as viewed in Paris, has assumed a brighter aspect. The practical unanimity of the United States, Russia, France and Japan in the desire to maintain the integrity of the empire is regarded as disposing of any question of partition. England's position is undoubtedly as strongly favorable to the foregoing policy as is that of any power mentioned, but it is more pleasing to France that bonds of accord should be shown between the United States, France and Russia, and that these nations should appear to be the controlling influence toward peace. America's proposition to accept Li Hung Chang as go-between in the negotiations is well received here, although it is still desired that he produce tangible evidence that he is acting for the central power. In fact, France is ready to treat with any plenipotentiary able to furnish proper credentials.

ADVERSE TO THE SCHEME.

Isaac N. Ford cables the New York Tribune as follows: "The feeling in this country continues adverse to the Russian scheme. The Observer says of troops from the Chinese capital he carried out, it does not envy the fate of the unfortunate Europeans who are compelled to remain there. The interest of Russia is doubted, and it is argued that the Chinese would clearly interpret a 'scuttling policy' as a confession of utter weakness, and the story would be circulated throughout the whole Chinese Empire that the hated foreigner had been driven in the dread of the emperor's wrath."

LI'S LAST MESSAGE.

Li Hung Chang's cable message to the New York Tribune was reproduced by all of yesterday's evening papers, and attracted general attention. It has certainly confirmed the growing impression that Earl Li is a person to be trusted and that he has both the intention and ability to act fairly by foreigners as well as by his own government. Li has been regarded with suspicion here from a belief that he has long been hostile to British interests, but no one can give any intelligent reason why the old viceroy, who is unquestionably a good Chinese patriot, should not do his best to restore peace to his government. Wu Tingfang's statement that Li will act up to his professions is borne out by the viceroy's previous record and the success with which he stamped out the Tai Ping and Tien Tsin insurrections. China needs a vigorous administrator to restore order, and, if not ensnared by age, Li's vigor of character is as undoubted as his intellectual capacity.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

While the powers are debating the best steps to discover whether the government of China is in existence, that government gives startling proof of its unabated vitality by suddenly endeavoring to assert its authority in the Yangtze Valley. The Kuomintang from Hong Kong that an imperial commissioner has been appointed to proceed to Nanking and investigate the charges brought against Viceroy Liu Kun Yi is very significant. Liu is one of the most moderate and progressive of the Chinese governors and has done much to promote education in his province.

besides providing it with an excellent foreign drilled army. He has long been disliked by the Manchuk faction for his reforming tendencies, and several of his projects were defeated by the Tang Li Tansen. He is noted and denounced by his censors for being too favorable to foreigners, and an imperial commissioner has been ordered to consider whether he should be dismissed and punished.

The fact that the court should not hesitate to attack so influential a personage at the present crisis shows that it does not regard itself as powerless, nor does it seem that Liu Kun Yi is able to resist the edict, and, until protected by the foreign consuls, he might be sacrificed by the reactionaries. It is, however, believed that the British consul at Shanghai has given Liu Kun Yi STRONG ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT.

Meanwhile, Chang Chin Tung, the other principal reforming Yang Tee viceroy, is being patronized by the Germans, who have offered to guarantee him a loan. It is remarked in Shanghai that the German legation will be established at that port if it is removed from Peking, where another indication that Germany as well as France declines to consider central China an exclusive British sphere of influence.

Concerning the Russian proposal, I can only repeat that the more it is looked at the least it is admired. The comments that continue to be made on it continue to be

EXTREMELY UNCOMPLIMENTARY.

Some few critics admit that it may be simply due to that almost fanatical love of peace which animates the czar and which induced him to assemble the peace conference at the Hague last year. Others say bluntly that it is an example of what is here called the confidence trick.

FOR THE NEXT ADVANCE.

Russia will induce the allies to retire from Northern China to demonstrate their good faith, knowing perfectly well all the while that she can herself come in again when a convenient opportunity arises. That as soon as the present difficulty is patched up her influence with the Chinese government, of which she will become the patron and protector, will be predominant. She will have retired, as Gortchakoff advised after the Crimean war, to collect herself.

THE PROBABILITY IS THAT THE BRITISH REPLY.

while intimating a willingness to retire from Peking at an early date, will point out that it is undesirable for the allies to withdraw their troops unless some guarantees can be given for the conclusion of satisfactory arrangements with the Chinese Imperial authorities.

LAMBETH

Sale of the Old Methodist Church—Successful Social.

Lambeth, Sept. 1.—The social held under the auspices of the Epworth League last Monday evening was a decided success both socially and financially. In the absence of the pastor the chair was occupied by the Rev. W. Quance, a former pastor, who introduced an excellent programme, consisting of choruses by the choir of the church, solos by Mr. Quance, an address by Rev. J. E. Hunter, junior pastor on the Westminster circuit, readings and recitations by Miss Margaret A. Baker, Miss Baker is an eloquent of rare talent, and her readings were most thoroughly enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience. Proceeds of the evening, \$50.

Rev. R. Steele, of Dorchester Station, was the guest of Rev. J. E. Hunter on Thursday.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher is visiting friends in Toronto.

Miss Edith Vandermade is the guest of Mrs. Platon (Miss L. Poole), of Moosejaw, Manitoba.

Rev. J. S. Fisher preached anniversary sermons in Atwood last Sunday.

Miss Alice Calcott, of South London, was the guest of Miss Leta Britton this week.

Miss Hattie Bryant, of South London, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Tye.

The old Methodist Church was sold by public auction on Friday afternoon. It was purchased by the people of the Glendale appointment for \$250, and will be moved to Glendale and remodeled to serve as a place of worship for the people of that community.

HUBREY.

Hubrey, Sept. 1.—Charles Jenkins (thresher, 250 bushels of wheat from eleven acres; oats, 950 bushels from eighteen acres; barley, 130 bushels from four acres.

David Stevenson is improving his dwelling in the anticipation of a happy event.

Walter Maidmint is visiting the Paris Exposition and points of interest.

Patterson Taylor, who was injured in a collision with an electric car in London recently, has returned from the hospital after two weeks' treatment.

Miss Mabel Moore, of London, is visiting at the residence of Mr. Wm. Weatherstone.

Miss Annie Cousins, of Brantford, who has been recuperating during the past three weeks, returned thither yesterday.

Mrs. Cameron, relict of the late Hector Cameron, is critically ill.

Andrew Elliott left on Tuesday for the Toronto fair, with a consignment of sheep and turkeys.

BURWELL ROAD.

Burwell Road, Sept. 3.—Coon hunters are spending their evenings in the moon patches on the orchard.

Mr. S. E. Rely, of Grand Rapids, is visiting at his old home here. Mrs. Rely, of Grand Rapids, has spent several weeks in the neighborhood.

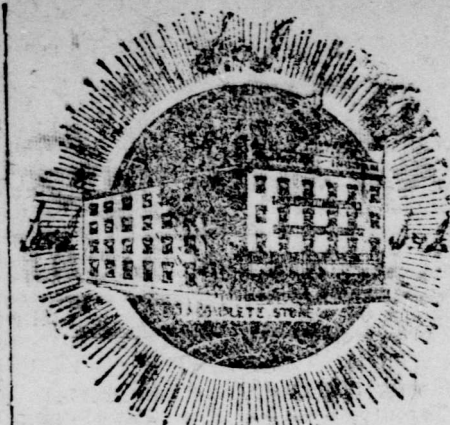
Mr. and Mrs. McKellar and Mrs. Henry Robinson, of Detroit, are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. H. Brodie and Mrs. Pauls intend to take in the Toronto fair.

Miss Burnie Sutherland, of Toronto, was the guest of her sister on Sunday.

Miss Jennie Price is quite ill with typhoid fever.

The Presbyterians are preparing for a grand garden party at the Muncy Road school on Sept. 5. Harry Pay, the burlesque entertainer from Toronto; Wm. Hollingshead, of Dutton; W. W. Gordon, of Glencoe; Miss Templeton, of London, are among the artists expected from a distance. Several good speakers will deliver addresses. A good brass band and the Pierce String Band will furnish lots of music.



THE WEATHER TODAY—Fare; cooler.

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Stylish Fall Wraps.

The time is right here when you feel the need of a light wrap on cool evenings. Soon the days will also be cool.

We are fully prepared for this particular season—have been preparing for it all summer. It may be a plain cloth cape, a golf cape, a fancy cape, a light-weight jacket, a heavy jacket, or a tailor-made suit that you are thinking about. If so, we have it for you, and we want you to have it. Here are some jackets and capes worthy of special attention:

Ladies' Jackets of black or fawn broadcloth, twilled silk lining, inlaid velvet collar, fly front, three-quarter inch strapping with six rows of stitching around collar, front, cuffs and skirt of coat. Price.....\$5 00
Of fawn or blue gray coating, unlined, fly front, coat collar, 20½ inches long. Price.....\$2 95
Of fawn or black broadcloth, 21 inches long; black lined with twilled silk, fawn with striped satin. Collar, cuffs, and front of coat finished with strapping of goods and silk stitching. Price.....\$5 00
Ladies' Jackets of black or fawn broadcloth, some with plain coat collars, others with velvet collars, all lined and all neatly finished. Price.....\$3 95
Ladies' Capes of fine German Beaver, unlined, flare collar, full sweep, 31 inches long; colors—fawn, blue, black, and red; finished with six rows of stitches on collar, front and skirt of cape. Price.....\$5 00

Pattern Department.

The highest perfection in patterns has been reached by the Standard Fashion Co., whose patterns we handle. And while of the highest perfection they are the lowest in price—from 5c to 25c. We have just received a full assortment of patterns of the latest fall styles. Ask for free Fashion Sheet. A great help is the Designer—10c.

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We have just received a large shipment of Velvet Ribbons for Dress accessories in all widths, with linen and Satin back.

Baby Ribbon, Velvet, Linen back; prices ranging from, per yard.....30c to 70c
Pieces of 18 yards at from.....50c to \$1
Black Velvet Ribbon. Prices ranging from, per yard.....8½c to 45c
We urge you to see these special lines.

Black Dress Goods Novelties.

EMPRESS CORDS.
42-inch at.....50c and 65c
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48-inch at.....\$1 00
WOOL TAFFETA.
42-inch at.....50c
46-inch at.....75c
48-inch at.....\$1 00
FRENCH WHIPCORD.
47-inch at.....\$1 00
WORSTED SUITINGS.
48-inch at.....\$1 25
HOMESPUN SUITINGS.
52-inch at.....\$1 00
56-inch at.....\$1 00
60-inch at.....\$1 25
WATERPROOF SERGE.
Fine, 48-inch, at.....85c

New Fall Suitings in Camel Hair.

56-inch Camel Hair Homespun, in grey and brown, correct style for fall goods, special weight. Per yard...\$1 25
56-inch stripe Camel Hair Homespun, very fashionable goods for autumn, especially made for our trade, in grey, blue, brown, fawn, green and black mixtures. You should see this line. Per yard.....\$1 50
56-inch Camel Hair Homespun, five shades of grey to pick from; made specially for our autumn trade. Excellent quality. Per yard.....\$1 50
56-inch grey and black checks, excellent goods for skirts and make up very stylishly; heavy weight. Per yard \$1 25

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

Refreshments served. Everybody welcome.

A delegation from Middlesex county council visited South Caradoc the other day, to locate a site for bridge over the Thames between Middlesex and Elgin.

Miss Nora Coveny leaves for Windsor soon to take a course in shorthand and typewriting.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.]

Strathroy, Sept. 2.—The death occurred in Strathroy on Thursday of Mrs. McTaggart, at the ripe old age of 90 years. Deceased was one of the oldest residents in Strathroy. Interment took place from her late residence, Metcalfe street, on Saturday afternoon to the Strathroy cemetery.

Two baseball games will be played here on the fair grounds today (Monday), between London and Strathroy teams. The morning game will commence at 10 o'clock, and the afternoon game at 2. During the progress of the games the Strathroy Orchestra will render a number of selections. There will also be bicycle races and other attractions.

St. John's Sunday school and the Baptist Sunday school held their annual picnics Friday afternoon.

Mr. Harry Klossen, of Cleveland, O., was the guest of his cousin, Miss Helen Haggarty, recently.

Fred Kearns, of London, is visiting relatives in Strathroy.

Frank Radcliffe, of Adelaide, has accepted a position with the Vokes Hardware Company, of Toronto.

Mr. Richard Gough and family, of Corunna, have returned to Strathroy and again taken up residence here.

Mr. Allan S. Ashwell, who has been visiting at his home here for some time, returned to Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday.

Dr. Susie Rijnhart will give an address in the Front Street Methodist Church tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. A silver collection will be taken in aid of foreign missions.

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The record of Hood's Sarsaparilla is literally written in the blood of millions of people to whom it has given good health. It is all the time curing diseases of the stomach, nerves, kidneys and blood, and it is doing good every day to thousands who are taking it for poor appetite, tired feeling and general debility. It is the best medicine money can buy.

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