

Anxious For Peace

Why the French Government Issued Note on the Chinese Question.

Earl Li Will Open Negotiations With M. de Giers at Tien Tsin.

The New South Wales Contingent Is to Remain in Peking.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Oct. 2.—An official of the French foreign office today formally confirmed the accuracy of the details of France's attitude towards the powers on the Chinese question as telegraphed from Vienna.

A representative of the Associated Press questioned the official as to the reasons actuating the French minister of foreign affairs in issuing the note. The official says: "M. Delcasse has been contemplating this action for a number of days. France wants peace and desires it expeditiously. There is no foundation for the rumor that the French government is in any way inclined to the detriment of England or the United States. We are unable to understand exactly the course the United States intends to pursue. Germany's note, as understood here, presents two propositions. One, the punishment of the Chinese government for the peace proceedings. While some people interpret it as meaning that the first is an absolute condition preliminary to the second, we see no reason why the powers should not proceed with the treaty preliminaries with those appointed on the note expressed by M. Delcasse's ideas of how best that end can be secured. We feel there is nothing in it antagonistic to the interests of the United States, and trust we shall receive her acquiescence."

The French consul at Canton, under the date of Monday, October 1st, called that the gunboat *Albatros*, with the French vice-consul on board, had just returned to Canton after co-operating with the Chinese forces in repressing the troubles in the disturbed districts of West Yunnan. The material losses were very heavy, but there was no loss of life.

Remains at Tien Tsin.

Tien Tsin, Sept. 29, via Taku, Sept. 29, and Shanghai, Oct. 2.—Li Hung Chang has abandoned his decision to proceed to Peking and will, it is announced, begin operations with the Russian minister to China, M. de Giers, upon the latter's arrival at Tien Tsin.

General Chaffee has designated the Ninth Infantry, the Third Squadron of the Sixth Cavalry, and Battery F to remain at Peking. He estimates that it will take a month to get the American troops out of China.

Expedition to Pao Ting Fu.

Taku, Oct. 2.—The expedition to Pao Ting Fu has been postponed and the start will not be made until October 6th. General Gaslee and the German general will command the Peking and Tien Tsin forces respectively.

The Russian have occupied Tung Shan without opposition.

The New South Wales contingent of British troops will winter in Peking.

Britain's Reply.

New York, Oct. 2.—The Berlin correspondent of the London Standard learns that England's reply to the German circular in reference to China is shaped in a very friendly and affirmative tone.

The Tribune's London correspondent cables: "Berlin, Oct. 2.—The Berliner Tageblatt, in the course of a reference to United States Ambassador White's letter to the German-American Republic of New York city says: 'The King's will not regard President McKinley's note as a proof of friendship. We undertake to advise President McKinley that he cannot have the German-American view unless he changes his Chinese policy.'"

Deprived of Office.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The Chinese minister has delivered to the state department vital information of the degradation of Princes Tuan and many other Chinese leaders. The following official statement is made as to Minister Wu's dispatch:

A cablegram received from Director General Sheng at Shanghai, states that an imperial edict issued on September 25th, Prince Chwang, Prince Yin, secondary princes Tui and Tai and Tai Ying, are deprived of all their respective ranks and offices; that Prince Tuan is deprived of office and is handed over to the Imperial Clan court, which shall count and decide upon a severe penalty, and Duke Tsai Lan and President of Censorate Ying Nien are handed over to the said house, who shall consult and decide upon a severe penalty, and that King Yi, assistant grand secretary and president of civil board, and Chao Su, Chiao, president of the board of censors, who shall consult and decide upon a penalty."

Russians Leave Capital.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The state department is in receipt of a dispatch from Minister Conger formally announcing the withdrawal and departure of the Russian legation from Peking.

London, Oct. 2.—The Vienna correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The Austro-Hungarian foreign office has received a circular note which France has addressed to the powers in which she agrees as to the necessity of obtaining satisfaction for the anti-foreign attack, but suggests that the ministers in Peking should immediately begin negotiations of the other questions at issue."

The note also proposes the permanent prohibition of the importation of arms and ammunition into China, the raising of the fortifications between Peking and the sea and the maintenance of legation guards.

Another Denial.

Berlin, Oct. 1.—The statement published in Paris that France, Russia and Germany have arrived at a complete understanding in regard to the retention of troops at Peking, and that Germany abandons her demand for the punishment of the instigators of outrages before the peace negotiations begin, is denied here officially.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—The war office announces that dispatches from Khabarovsk and Harbin say General Tschitschagoff sent Colonel Kopetsky with a detachment of Cossacks, railroad troops and volunteers to engage a force of Chinese troops who had occupied the railroad station at Shanchakan. The Russians won two obstinate fights. Forty-three dead Chinese were left in the trenches after the second engagement.

Pekin, Sept. 26, via Taku, Sept. 29, and Shanghai, Oct. 2.—The German column, consisting of 1,700 men, under Gen. von Hoopfner, encountered a small force of Chinese south of the imperial deer park yesterday, and killed 40 of the Chinese during the fight, which followed. The Chinese were put to flight and scattered. Four Germans were wounded.

Shi Sing, member of the Tsa Li Yamen, and anti-foreign statesman and a patron of the Boxers, has been captured in the imperial city by the Japanese. His fate has not been determined upon.

The object of the expedition's movement south of the imperial hunting park was to punish the Chinese for firing on a German patrol. General von Hoopfner's forces, which included a battery, burned several villages where arms were found. The German commander then proceeded to Nan Hing and dispersed a body of Boxers outside the town. Half were armed with rifles and the others with pikes and swords. Some of them advanced to within twenty yards of the German rifles, performing Boxer exercises, and were mowed down.

Sailed For Home

Over Three Hundred Canadians Left Capetown For Montreal on Sunday.

Gen. Buller and the Occupation of Transvaal Towns by Strathcona's Horse.

A Trooper Says the General Was Displeased With Their Impetuosity.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—Lord Strathcona cables from London this morning that the papers there state that from three hundred to four hundred men, first of the contingent, sailed on Sunday from Capetown on the transport *Idaho*, direct for Montreal, calling at St. Helena.

Buller Displeased.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—Trooper Naught, of Strathcona's Horse, who is from Golden, B. C., and who writes from Teyateyer on August 15th, says that Buller was not pleased with Strathcona's Horse taking Carolina, because he did not order it.

"Buller must not," says Naught, "send Strathcona's Horse near a town of Boers if he does not want them to take it. It was the same at Ermalo. We were going into camp about six miles out of town, but the Strathcona Horse galloped in and took it."

London, Oct. 3.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, Tuesday, Oct. 2.—A convoy of 22 wagons, escorted by sixty mounted men, was attacked by 140 Boers on October 1st, near De Jagers drift, while on the way to Vryheid. Twelve of the men escaped. The fate of the others is not known.

The Boers derailed a train near Panay evening. Five Coldstream Guards were killed and nineteen were injured.

Commandant Dierkzon, who has been opposing Paquet, has surrendered after a personal visit to Komati Poort to assure himself that Kruger had gone into Portuguese territory."

Kruger Must Not Talk.

New York, Oct. 3.—The restrictions around Kruger are increasing, and he is virtually a prisoner, says a dispatch from Lorenzo Marques.

He had been allowed to use the Portuguese governor's carriage. While driving yesterday he met a party of Burgers and made them a patriotic speech. The governor has now refused the use of his carriage.

Kruger has been wanted to make no more speeches, and is forbidden to wear the green sash, that is the insignia of his office.

Kruger expects to sail on a Dutch cruiser for Holland next week.

Return of Refugees.

Johannesburg, Oct. 3.—The military governor on September 28th informed headquarters that he would be prepared for the return of three thousand to four thousand refugees weekly after October 1st.

Due on October 25th.

Halifax, Oct. 3.—The transport officer here has received a cable from the transport officer at Capetown to the effect that the transport *Idaho*, with 18 officers and 310 men of the first Canadian contingent, has sailed direct for St. Helena and Halifax, and is due at the latter place on October 25th.

Two Canadians Dead.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Sir Alfred Milner cables that Bing, of the first Canadian contingent, died of enteric fever at Johannesburg on June 7th. The report was only received at Capetown today.

Col. Biggar's cables that the following officers will accompany the troops: Messrs Pelletier and Wilson; Captains Rogers, Stairs, Barker, Fraser and Fullerton; Lieuts. Marshall, Stewart, Laurie, Leduc, Pelletier, Jones, Macdonald, Kaye, Oland and Winter. "A" and "B" Companies remain.

Biggar also states that 7655, Pte. R. Laconteur, was killed en route.

THE CHIOGAO MYSTERY.

Head Found in Cedar Lake is Supposed to Be That of Pearl Bryan.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Experts on bones will be called upon to determine the character of the skull found in Cedar Lake. A portion of the scalp and some teeth were dragged from the lake yesterday by a searching party, but no other portion of the body could be found.

Sheriff Lawrence, of Crown Point, Ind., says: "We have had several dentists examine the plate. They all say it is from the mouth of a medium sized woman, that it is too small to have been occupied by Michael Zullik, a mine worker, in the eastern part of the city, but no extensive damage was caused. Zullik has been working since the strike went into effect."

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This morning the horse races were postponed, and the tug-of-war, in which eight teams entered, is down for this afternoon.

The interior exhibits have been added to largely since yesterday.

The Vancouver lacrosse players are confident of winning from Winnipeg, after the drubbing of 11 to 11 the latter received yesterday from Westminster.

The weather is splendid and people from all over the province pronounce the show a great success.

In the tug-of-war contest this morning Ladner defeated Victoria.

AMERICAN GUNBOAT SAFE.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 3.—The navy department has just received the following cablegram from Admiral Kempff:

Carive, Oct. 3.—No truth in any unfavorable reports concerning Villabro, or her crew. Manila paper on September 28th published a false report. The Villabro is the American gunboat recently reported lost.

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Gen. Corbin Says Many of the Soldiers Will Return Home This Week.

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Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 2.—The officials of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, which posted notices last night, reported the same number of men at work to-day as worked yesterday, and similar information was received from various individual collieries where the advance had not yet been offered.

The mine workers, as a rule, do not appear to grasp the meaning of the advance as posted by the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., and declare they will not make a move towards the resumption of work until ordered to do so by a mine workers' convention.

Half a dozen houses in different parts of this city, occupied by non-striking mine workmen, were stoned during the night by unknown persons. Nobody was hurt, but several persons had narrow escapes from being hit by flying boulders and glass.

Deputies on Duty.

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Situation in Panther Valley.

Shenandoah, Pa., Oct. 2.—Supt. Zinher, of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.'s collieries at Lansford, to-day informed the Associated Press correspondent in the Panther Creek valley. "We have ten collieries there employing 5,000 men," said Mr. Zinher, "and they are working will full force. No attempt was made this morning to interfere with our workmen, and we do not think this strike will affect our collieries."

The superintendent said that he understood that a few mine workers who had joined the union at a meeting last night at Lansford were already members, having enrolled themselves the previous day at Coalvale.

Gen. Corbin said to-day that he expected to send the majority of his troops home this week. He might decide to keep the small detachment here to protect the pump runners and other men kept at work, so that the collieries might be in readiness for prompt operation when the strike was over. Gen. Corbin said he had learned that some of these men had been threatened by strikers and it might be necessary to hold a few of the soldiers here to insure order.

Shamokin, Pa., Oct. 3.—Following the example of the owners of Mid Valley collieries in shutting down the work until the strike is over, the Shamokin Coal Company's Natalie colliery, between here and Mount Carmel, was closed today this morning. Three hundred men and boys were given employment there during the past two weeks. Fifty-nine cars were loaded with coal at the North Franklin colliery at Trevorton yesterday. It was the largest one day tonnage in the history of the operation.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 3.—There was no material change in the situation here this morning. So far as could be learned about the same number of men were idle today as yesterday.

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