

British Cabinet Discusses Situation in the Far East

Japan's Determination to Fight May Prove Embarrassing.

Admiralty Ships Enormous Stock of Coal to Stations.

The Movements of Chinese Squadron Kept Secret—Lord Roberts' American Trip Canceled.

London, July 22.—The delicate, not to say critical, situation in the Far East arising from the rivalry between Russia and Japan and involving, as indicated in Peking dispatches of July 16 and July 20, the question of peace or war between these powers, is causing no little anxiety to the British Government. The foreign office received two or three days ago from the British legation at Peking dispatches representing the position of affairs as of considerable danger. The matter was the subject of deliberation by the cabinet Tuesday, and late Tuesday night very urgent cable dispatches were sent to the British charge d'affaires at Peking.

Investigations in well-informed quarters in London confirm the statements that Japan is firmly determined to oppose to the utmost of her ability what she regards as Russia's aggression in Korea, for it is there rather than in Manchuria that Japan's sensibilities are touched. Russia's operations in the timber forests of the Yalu Valley, though they are ostensibly commercial, are viewed in a very different light in Tokyo, where they are regarded as a definite military occupation. Rather than acquiesce in such a situation Japan is prepared to go to war. She is not disposed to carry on diplomatic correspondence for an unlimited time, and feeling herself ready to put the matter to the final test of arms, she does not shrink from meeting the ordeal. The cabinet, however, is not inclined to shrink from meeting the ordeal. The cabinet, however, is not inclined to shrink from meeting the ordeal.

Certain indications that can be observed here indicate that the British Government realizes that the situation holds serious possibilities. In this connection it is remarked that the admiralty has been unusually silent regarding the movements of the British squadron on the China station, while it is known that enormous stocks of coal have been going to the far east depots for weeks past concurrently with the issuing of orders to keep the stocks renewed to the fullest capacity.

In view of these developments, it may be relevant to remark that the reasons for the alleged abandonment of Earl Roberts' visit to the United States appear to be curiously insufficient. A section of the British press lately called the attention to the fact that Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister to China, who was returning to Peking from his leave of absence, which he spent in England, was in India and made a journey to Simla to confer with the viceroy and Indian Government, and it was inferred that he went to discuss possible contingencies in the far east. Whether the incident bears such an interpretation can be for the present only conjectured, nor can any confirmation be obtained of a rumor current here to the effect that in the event of certain circumstances arising in the far east, the United States squadron, now at Lisbon, will go to Chinese waters by way of the Suez Canal.

Seized Slot Machines.—Windsor, Ont., July 22.—Customs officers Drouillard and McDonald visited the steamers Ossifrage and Pittsburg and seized two slot machines which had been on board. The machines were found in the hold of the Pittsburg, and the Canadian duty having been paid.

Ladies of Halifax Society Are Accused of Swearing

The Rev. W. J. Ancient Says They Swear Like Troopers on Golf Links and Smoke.

Halifax, July 22.—Halifax society women are in a flutter over sensational charges made by Rev. W. J. Ancient, diocesan secretary of the Anglican Synod, in a sermon preached at St. Luke's Cathedral, the fashionable Anglican church of Halifax, on Sunday night. Mr. Ancient said he was informed that women, he was going to say ladies, who came to church and approached the holy communion with all appearance of sincerity and humility, went on the golf links the next day and swore like troopers. There was a time, said the preacher, when a gentleman, forgetting himself, and using profanity in the presence of a lady, would instantly apologize in the most humble manner. "What are we to expect of the man now?" said the preacher, "when the women look upon profanity as the correct thing?" The Halifax Golf Club is one of the most exclusive institutions, and numbers among its members many prominent in the smart set of this city, as well as in army and navy circles. Several of its members belong to St. Luke's, and the preacher's charges have made a great sensation.

The lady golfers are highly indignant, and today a delegation from them waited upon Mr. Ancient and demanded a retraction. This Mr. Ancient declined to make, and reiterated what he had stated in his sermon. In an interview later he further stated that Ven. Dean Gilpin had told him that

Stampede For Gold.

Tacoma, Wash., July 22.—Two Indians made an important placer gold strike July 4 on two creeks tributary to Alsek River, beyond Lake Arrell, nearly 100 miles from White Horse, Yukon Territory. Several white men heard of the strike and rushed overland to the new diggings. They found ground along both streams yielding 25 cents a pan on the surface and getting richer with depth. A stampede from White Horse and other towns is in progress. The discovery is the most important made in the Yukon in two years.

CASTRO CAPTURES CIUDAD BOLIVAR

City Falls After Fifty-Two Hours Fighting.

FIERCE BATTLES IN STREETS

The Leader of the Rebel Forces Is Dead and Two of His Lieutenants Are Prisoners.

Soledad, Venezuela, Tuesday, July 21, 9 a.m., by boat from Ciudad Bolivar.—Ciudad Bolivar was captured at 11 o'clock last night, after 52 hours of desperate struggle. The jail and the capitol were the centers of the most severe fighting, and many men were killed or wounded there. When those places were captured only a few blocks behind the capitol remained to be taken. At midnight the fusillade ceased. No living persons were then to be seen in the streets. At 5 o'clock in the morning the correspondent of the Associated Press followed Gen. Rivas, the commander of the Government troops, who met Gen. Gomez, the Venezuelan commander-in-chief, near the capitol, and confirmed the announcement of the city's capture. Gen. Gomez informed the correspondent that each yard of rampart was covered by the dead, and that Gen. Nicholas Rolando, the last representative of the revolution, and his two lieutenants, Gen. Pablo Guzman, and Gen. Francis Covasquez had been taken prisoners.

No adequate idea can be gained of the scene which Ciudad Bolivar presents. The city appears to have been ravaged by a cyclone, accompanied by a conflagration.

MUST STAND TRIAL

Richardson to Be Tried at Sandwich for Matthews' Murder.

Windsor, July 22.—The preliminary hearing in the case of Oliver Richardson, of Colchester Township, charged with the murder of Edmund Matthews, colored, was held before Magistrate Bartlett. The court room was crowded with a curious throng, who listened to the evidence of the testimony introduced at the coroner's inquest. The only witnesses examined were Dr. McKeuzie and Joe Matthews, son of the dead man. Richardson was committed for trial at the high court in Sandwich on September.

Death of Mr. Hollis.

New York, July 22.—Frederick W. Hollis, secretary of the American Peace Conference, and more recently member of the International Red Cross, died this morning at his home in Yonkers.

Canada's Coal.

Montreal, July 22.—The steamer Oscar L., recently arrived at Copenhagen with a cargo of 5,500 tons of coal from the Dominion Coal Company to enable Danish shipbuilders to test its value. M. Phillippe Crozier, French minister at Copenhagen, reports finding it, owing to its great calorific intensity, superior to the best South Yorkshire steam coal. A correspondent is informed that the company has contracted with a Stockholm firm for 50,000 tons, 20,000 to be delivered at Stockholm, 10,000 at Lubeck, 10,000 at Gdansk, and 10,000 at different ports of Norway and Sweden.

Ladies not only swore, but smoked, on the golf links.

The affair has caused a lively sensation, and the golf club will take official action to secure the vindication of their lady members, who indignantly deny the preacher's aspersions. Mr. Ancient, however, is likely to abandon his guns. He has at all times the courage of his convictions, and has a record for heroisms of which any man might be proud.

At the memorable wreck of the White Star liner Atlantic, off Sumbro, in 1873, Mr. Ancient rendered heroic service in saving the drowning, swimming out to the wreck with a lifeline, and was thus the means of rescuing many lives. The outcome is likely to be interesting.



FASCINATING EDWARD.

PONTIFF'S BODY LIES IN STATE

Thousands Flock to St. Peter's to Take Last Look.

PRECAUTIONARY MEANS TAKEN

To Prevent Accidents to Immense Crowds—The Scene Around the Bier—Troops on Guard.

Rome, July 22.—Today, the body of Leo XIII., lay in state in the basilica of St. Peter, while thousands of persons from the ordinary walks of life paid a last tribute of love and veneration. The ceremonies of yesterday were viewed only by the nobility, aristocracy and the highest clergy, but today the doors were opened to the entire public. Many remained on the piazza throughout the hot night in order to gain a place at the head of the line. By 5 o'clock this morning there was a crowd of several hundred persons, which had increased by 6 o'clock to several thousands.

Elaborate preparations had been made to guard against accident in the crush. All converging streets were cleared of vehicles, leaving them free for foot-passengers, while six ambulance stations had been erected, including one at the entrance to the piazza and another beside the door of St. Peter's.

At 6 o'clock the cathedral bells began tolling. At the first bell two regiments of Italian Grenadiers marched across the piazza to the stone steps, and soon the portico swarmed for the first time in years with Italian troops. The grenadiers stood in double column at parade rest, the lines extending from the threshold of the church through a narrow gateway of a temporary wooden structure which was holding back the crowd.

At five minutes after 6 the gate was opened and the human tide began to flow in. The jam at the narrow entrance soon threatened serious results to the struggling mass of women and children. Many women had their veils or dresses torn off and some were lifted, exhausted, over the wooden inclosure and out of the crush. No serious accidents were reported and the ambulances were not summoned.

NEW BRUNSWICK FAVORS POLICY

Public Opinion Is Decidedly With the Government

IN THE MONCTON-WINNIPEG LINE

Every Member From the Province Will Vote for the Railway Resolution.

Moncton, N. B., July 22.—Statements sent from this Province claiming that public opinion here is a unit in favor of the railway, were before the committee of Mr. Blair's position misrepresent the actual opinion of the Province. Moncton city and Westmorland county combined represent one-eighth of the entire population of the Province. The city council of Moncton, in which the majority are Conservatives, on motion of a Conservative, unanimously adopted a resolution favorable to the new railway from Moncton to Winnipeg.

Not a solitary Liberal is known who does not uphold Sir Wilfrid Laurier's railway policy. Hundreds of Conservatives have volunteered to pledge themselves to vote for the Government candidate in this particular contest should there be one. This represents the feeling in Westmorland, which has a larger population than St. John city.

Albert County, which adjoins, and Kent County, which adjoins, and towards the Government's railway policy. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor McClellan of Albert, being now free to speak, is out strongly for the Government; so are the four Provincial members for this county, besides those of the adjoining counties of Albert and Kent. Mr. LeBlanc, M. P. for Kent, has just gone to Ottawa from here determined to support Sir Wilfrid's measure, as the wish of his constituents, and Dr. Lewis, of Albert, a doubtful exception, Col. Tucker, of St. John County, will vote for the railway resolutions. Other than Conservatives, Mr. Blair will carry outside his own party, the best information is that his constituency is almost unanimous for the proposal. As the question is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal.

AN OPEN VERDICT

Result of Inquest Into the Death of James Smith.

Stratford, July 22.—The inquest into the death of James Smith, a found dead near his home at Edgemoor Corners, July 15, was held at Stratford on Tuesday. The jury brought in the following verdict: That James Smith came to his death from the effects of a wound on the head, but we are unable to determine in what manner said wound was received.

French Senators in London

Guests of British Members

Are Studying the Question of International Arbitration.

The House of Commons Tenders Them a Banquet.

The Premier and Mr. Chamberlain on the Anglo-French Ties—Entertained by Lord Mayor.

London, July 22.—In response to an invitation from the committee of the House of Commons, 70 French senators and deputies, headed by Baron Estournelle de Constant, have arrived in London to study and discuss international arbitration. A dinner was given last night in the ministerial dining-room of the House of Commons to the French senators and deputies. The dining-room was decorated with red, white, and blue flowers.

Sir William Houldsworth, M. P., president, Baron Estournelle de Constant and Prime Minister Balfour, were on his arrival in London. He said the visit was a unique event, and might have great influence in moulding the future not only of England and France, but of all civilized communities.

Mr. Chamberlain declared that such difficulties as existed between the two countries could be settled to their mutual advantage. They would approach them in a sympathetic spirit, and this would insure agreement without arbitration. It was the duty of all of them in their respective countries to participate in the great movement to re-establish the entente which followed the alliance in the Crimea, but which certain temporary retrograde movements had checked.

The senators and deputies, accompanied by a number of British members of Parliament, were formally received today by Lord Mayor Samuel and the Lady Mayoress, at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor and Baron Estournelle de Constant, leader of the visiting delegation, made speeches during which they reiterated and emphasized the desire for continued international friendship and the conclusion of a treaty of arbitration. The Frenchmen afterwards visited the stock exchange and the financial district.

GRAND SPECTACLE IN PHOENIX PARK

His Majesty Reviews 15,000 Troops and Naval Brigade.

HE PRESENTS COLORS TO SCHOOL

The Largest Muster of Troops Ever Seen at a Review in Ireland—Connaught in Command.

Dublin, July 22.—King Edward today reviewed 15,000 troops and 5,000 men of the naval brigade in Phoenix Park. When the ground was packed by the first of thousands of spectators it made by far the most brilliant scene of the many witnessed since their majesties' arrival in Dublin. It was the largest muster of troops ever seen at a review in Ireland. The Duke of Connaught was in command.

PRINCE CHING REFUSES

Says Presence of Czar's Troops Prevents Opening of Ports.

Peking, July 22.—Prince Ching, the president of the foreign office has written to United States Minister Conger refusing to open towns in Manchuria. In his letter he dwells upon the impossibility of China opening to foreigners towns which are held by Russian troops, and points out the complication which would be likely to follow. It is believed here, however, that a compromise may be reached by including one town—Tientsin—in the new commercial treaty.

ORGAN-GRINDER EARL

Viscount Hinton's Case Before the House of Lords.

London, July 22.—The claim of William Tarnour Thomas Poulett, Viscount Hinton, the former organ-grinder in the streets of London, who is a claimant to the earldom of Poulett, was before the committee on privileges of the House of Lords today. The claimant, who is a man of striking appearance, was present with counsel, who requested an adjournment, as his evidence was not ready. Counsel for the defense was allowed to state his contention that it was impossible for the claimant to be a son of the late earl, though the earl's marriage to the claimant's mother was not denied.

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DEATH OF B. L. FARJEON

Famous English Novelist Dies Suddenly at Hamptonstead.

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The Tortured Missionary.

Boston, July 22.—Word was received by the American Board of Foreign Missions today that Prof. Tenckhoff, of the Euphrates College, immured in a Turkish prison, is not likely to survive the tortures and privations to which he has been subjected. The Turks, it is said, have been trying to starve him into confessing that American missionaries are plotting against the Sultan's life, but he had nothing to confess, and could not satisfy them. He is so stricken by the tortures that he is likely to die before he can be reached by Consul Norton at Harpoot and have a trial. The interference of the State Department has resulted in the admission of American missionaries to the prison, and they have tried to cheer him. The other members of the Euphrates faculty are alarmed for their own safety.

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