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To Blockade Naval Ports

Russians Will Take Action Because of Hostile Attitude of Chinese Fleet.

And Is Also Massing Her Troops Around Kirin, in Manchuria.

Earl Li Ordered the Evacuation of Pei Tang and Lu Tai Ports.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—The Russian naval staff announce that it is proposed blockading all Chinese naval ports in consequence of the hostile attitude of the Chinese fleet at Shanghai, and to send fast cruisers from the allied squadrons to protect transports.

The general staff announces that Russian troops are massing around Kirin, in Manchuria, where there are 5,000 Chinese.

Notes From Consuls.

Pekin, Sept. 21, via Taku, Sept. 25.—All the foreign ministers have addressed notes to Prince Ching suggesting the return to Peking of the Empress, Emperor and court.

The notes were informal and were not written in a diplomatic capacity. The writers do not consider them binding upon their respective governments.

Prince Ching undertook to deliver the notes.

The outcome is a matter of speculation, the doubtful element being the influence of Prince Tuan and Tang Fuh San, who may restrain the court.

General Chaffee discussing the probabilities to-day said: "I do not believe that any European monarchy would enter the camp of his allied enemies, and I doubt that the Empress Dowager will do so. It is generally conceded that the restoration of the Chinese government is essential to have favored the withdrawal of the main allied force to Yang Tsun and Tien Tsin, leaving 2,000 mixed troops to guard the legations."

Chung and the Boxers.

Pekin, Sept. 22, via Taku, Sept. 25.—The American legation has in its possession a subscription list of the Boxers which shows the name of Prince Ching as having made three subscriptions. The list was discovered by Missionary Wherry. The friends of Prince Ching declare that he was coerced into giving.

It is reported by the French that a patrol has been fired on outside the east gate of the city. Otherwise everything is quiet.

Chinese Evacuated the Ports.

Tien Tsin, Sept. 25.—Vice-Admiral Seymour arrived at Taku on September 22nd, and is expected here to-morrow with Count von Waldersee. General Gaselee is expected on Thursday.

The reason assigned for the small number of casualties among the Chinese at the taking of Pei Tang and Lu Tai ports is that Li Hung Chang had ordered the evacuation of the forts.

Von Ketteler's Murderer.

Pekin, Sept. 22.—The Manchu assassin of Baron von Ketteler was tried by court martial yesterday. No new evidence was presented and the court decided that it would be unjustified in pronouncing sentence upon the prisoner. He will be held in the hope that further information may be obtained.

The Russian and German legations are still awaiting developments which are firm in the belief that war is imminent between Germany and China is reflected in the unusual number of applications which have been made to a life insurance company in this city for policies on their lives. Hundreds of applications have been received through a Berlin agency. Information which came from Berlin was of such a character that the declaration of war was believed to be close at hand. With each application there was a request that it should be issued at once and the risk be made binding.

London, Sept. 28.—The following dispatch from Dr. Morrison, dated Peking, September 21st, appears in the Times: "The recent punitive expeditions have had an excellent effect in increasing security and facilitating the entry of supplies, but nothing can be counted as effective until Pao Ting Fu has been razed and the foreigners and the refugees of the generals, are rescued."

M. De Giers has addressed a memorial to the Empress Dowager, offering her the protection of Russia; and requesting her to return to Peking. Party chief Chih-ping sent a memorial to the Emperor and Empress Dowager, beseeching her to return.

The conflicting interests of Russia and Great Britain prevent a systematic at-

May Soon Be Settled

Striking Miners Will Probably Be Offered an Increase of Pay.

An Effort Is Being Made to Bring the Strike to an End.

Representatives of Big Coal Companies Are in Session at Wilkesbarre.

Hazleton, Sept. 27.—President Mitchell stated to the Associated Press to-night that he believed the mine operators have agreed to make the striking mine workers an offer of a ten per cent. increase in wages.

Negotiations Pending.

Philadelphia, Sept. 27.—The towering feature of the coal strike situation to-day and one which attracted attention of all interested was the widely circulated report that negotiations are pending and a rapidly nearing completion for an amicable settlement of the strike.

While the identity of the person or persons who are said to be at work endeavoring to bring about the immediate adjustment of the differences between the employers and employees has not been disclosed, it was openly admitted in authoritative circles that such an endeavor was in progress. President Truesdale of the Lehigh region is quoted as making such an admission, but in what manner and by whom they were being conducted he declined to state.

President Mitchell, the head of the striking miners' organization, expressed the belief that the operators had decided to offer the miners an increase of wages, but he too declined to admit that he possessed any information on the subject.

From Scranton came the statement in a conference of the coal operators of that section the opinion was prevalent that the influence at work were of a strong political nature, and that the operators would be obliged to offer the men at least the concession of an increase of wages.

The information upon which the operators based their conclusion that the working influences were political could not be learned to-night.

Coupled with nearly all the reports of a probable early settlement of the trouble came the announcement that the men would be offered an increase of pay, but that the mine owners positively decline to arbitrate the differences through President Mitchell or in any manner to give recognition to the union miners' workers' organization. This refusal of recognition, however, will not prove a difficult obstacle to overcome, President Mitchell in his open letter to the public having expressed his willingness to accept a settlement through conferences of committees of the employees and their direct employers.

If the railroad presidents and others who control the mines would accept this proposition, he said he would waive all claim to recognition of the union. One condition he exacted, however, and that was that these various conferences should be held the same day and in the same city.

Matters were quiet throughout the

Strike Regions to-day, and the strikers' forces were increased by the closing of a few mines.

Cardinal Gibbons May Arbitrate.

Baltimore, Sept. 27.—Cardinal Gibbons has been asked to act as arbitrator between the striking miners and the operators of the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. While admitting that he has been approached on the subject, he said to-night that he had heard from only one side of the parties in the controversy, and must decline to discuss the question of arbitration until all had been heard from.

Will you consent to act if both sides do approach you? The Cardinal was asked.

"In that case I will take the matter under consideration," he replied, "but I would be glad to do anything in his power to help solve the problem, which affects so many souls. It is said on good authority that the Cardinal had practically agreed to arbitrate, and it is thought that various interests concerned will decline to have the settlement of their dispute to the head of the Catholic church in the United States. Cardinal Gibbons will go to Philadelphia to-morrow or Saturday, and it is believed this trip will be in connection with the strike situation."

(Associated Press.)

Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 28.—Contrary to expectation of the strike leaders most of the employees of North colliery, at Trevoston, operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., reported for work this morning under the protection of a big force of deputies and the coal and iron police. Everything was quiet and orderly as the colliery resumed at 7 o'clock.

Working in Markle Mines.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 28.—All is quiet and orderly in the Hazleton region this morning. General Superintendent Smith, of the Markle mines, said, in response to an enquiry, that the collieries were working today.

John Markle, managing partner of G. B. Markle & Co., left here early this morning for New York. Mr. Smith assured a reporter that Mr. Markle was merely attending to private business and that his trip had no connection whatever with the strike.

No Nearer a Settlement.

New York, Sept. 28.—Nothing could be learned at the New York office of the various anthracite coal and railroad companies this morning to indicate that the miners' strike was any nearer a settlement than it was yesterday.

President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, who said yesterday that negotiations for ending the strike were in progress, was at his office this morning. He said he had nothing whatever to give out concerning the situation.

John Markle, one of the most prominent of the independent operators, arrived here from Hazleton this morning. It was said he had come to attend a meeting of directors of the Sprague Electric Company. An afternoon newspaper said the object of his visit was to take part in a conference of independent operators to be held at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co.

At the Morgan banking house it was denied that a meeting of independent mine owners was to be held there, and it was said the firm had not heard of such a meeting.

Situation to-day.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 28.—The mine operators had the following to say in their daily statement to-day: Everything is quiet in the Wyoming colliery. The West End colliery at Monacaqua is working a good force. In the Lehigh valley region everything is working the same as

Three Towns Re-Occupied

Heilbron, Reitz and Lindley Are Again in Possession of the British.

Boers Made a Determined Attack on Paget's Force at Pienars River Station.

But Were Repulsed After Three Hours' Fighting—Buller at Macmac River.

HOME NEXT MONTH.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—Lord Roberts cabled this afternoon as follows: "Pretoria, Sept. 28.—Steamer 'Idolokoo,' with the first portion of the Canadian Regiment, should reach Halifax about October 24th."

(Signed) Roberts.

(Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 28.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office under the date of Pretoria, September 27th, as follows: "The Boers attacked a portion of Page's force at Pienars river station this morning, but were beaten off after three hours' fighting."

"Buller occupied Macmac river and the eastern side of Burgers Pass on September 26th, after slight resistance. Heilbron, Reitz and Lindley have been re-occupied."

Canadiana at Rustenberg.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 28.—In concluding a letter, after intimating that they were besieged in Rustenberg and placed on half rations for a month, Corp. Hilton, of "C" battery, says he does not think many of "our fellows will ever soldier any more. We have had nearly enough of it now."

Strength of Contingents.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—Reports have been received from Col. Otter, commanding the first Canadian contingent, Col. Drury, commanding the R. C. A., and Col. Evans, commanding the second battalion of mounted infantry. The strength of the first contingent is 685. Drury reports no serious illness among his force. Evans reports 167 men on parade, 119 sick and five missing out of a total of 370. The strength of the first battalion, C. M. R., to August 28th, was 129 of all ranks on parade, 130 sick and one missing, out of a total strength of 367.

The reports cover the unimportant periods during June, July and up to August 20th.

Col. Sam Hughes.

Quebec, Sept. 28.—Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., is returning home on the Dominion liner Cambroman, which is expected to reach this port to-morrow or Sunday.

A Patriotic Canadian.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—Application was made to the registrar-general's department to-day by a man in Lambton county for permission to have the names of three children, born many years before the present Boer war broke out, changed to Redvers, after Gen. Buller, Roberts, after Lord Roberts, and the third, after the Victoria, after Her Majesty the Queen. The application will be granted.

RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

Messrs. Penn and Smith Re-elected to the Imperial House of Commons.

(Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 28.—Mr. John Penn, Conservative, had the distinction of being the first member returned for the new parliament, having been re-elected to-day for Lewisham, which he has represented since 1891, without opposition.

Mr. Smith, son of the late W. H. Smith, who was first lord of the treasury, and a partner in the great news business, a Liberal-Unionist, was also re-elected to-day without opposition, to represent the Strand district of London. He was first elected for the Strand in 1891. A few days ago Mr. Smith was threatened with opposition on curious grounds, namely, the so-called prudish literary censorship exercised by his firm, which several times has refused to sell well-known works on its bookstalls owing to their alleged impropriety. The Independent Conservatives, however, eventually decided that sufficient enthusiasm could not be worked up on this basis and the son of a millionaire, who started as a newsboy, once more represents the Strand in the Liberal-Unionist interests.

BANK ROBBERY.

Thieves Got Away With Ten Thousand Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

Centerville, Mich., Sept. 28.—Walt Brees' bank was robbed last night of \$10,000. The thieves gained an entrance to the building by prying and springing the double door with a large file. The outer door to the vault was blown open and then the inner door to the cash drawer, where about \$10,000 was stored.

AMERICANS MISSING

Capt. Shields and Fifty Men Are Supposed to Have Been Captured by the Filipinos.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 28.—Gen. MacArthur cables the war department from Manila that on September 11th Captain D. Shields, with 51 men of C. Company, 29th volunteer infantry, left Santa Cruz for Torrijos. Nothing had been heard from him since, and it is supposed that the entire party, including Captain Shields, has been captured with many killed and wounded.

RAILWAY WRECKS.

Three Persons Killed and Sixteen Injured—Names of the Dead.

(Associated Press.)

Durand, Mich., Sept. 28.—A fast train collided with a switch engine to-day on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railway here. Two men were killed and one wounded. The dead—Engineer Rhos, Hamlin, of Detroit, and Fireman Jno. Linden, of Ionia. Twenty-four loaded cars were burned and both engines demolished.

Salt Lake, Utah, Sept. 28.—A special to the Tribune from Ogden, Utah, says: "A wreck occurred yesterday on the Utah-Nevada line train, No. 4, due to arrive at Ogden at 8 o'clock last evening, went into a ditch, and a Mrs. Towell, of Trenton, Mo., was killed, and about fifteen others more or less injured."

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