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POWERS STILL DISCUSSING THE ATTITUDE OF RUSSIA.

Willingness to Withdraw from the Chinese Capital still a matter of Speculation—More Theories—Washington Hears from Conger—Prince Ching Wants to Negotiate.

London, Sept. 4, 4.10 a. m.—The latest reliable Pekin date is now nearly a fortnight old. An undated despatch has been received at Vienna reporting that the allied troops marched through the imperial palace August 28; but it was known that this date had been fixed by the allied commanders for a formal promenade.

essentially as to the views of the German government. Certainly we do not object to the removal of the legations temporarily to Tien Tsin and this would enable the members to recuperate from their recent hardships. So far as the answer of the United States to Russia is concerned, we now see it to be in substantial agreement with Germany's position.

partment, relieving Mr. Ade, who has performed these duties during the perplexing diplomatic exchanges of recent date. Dr. Hill has been absent in New England with his family on a vacation, but in view of the important diplomatic phases of the Chinese question which have arisen, decided to curtail his stay and take up the work here.

The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the Carlton officials have been ordered to transmit all possible revenue to the north for war expenses. That all pay of officials from the victory down has been stopped during hostilities. The Vienna correspondent of the Standard telegraphs that he learns from a good source that the Germans, Austrians and Italians will remain in Pekin after the Russians withdraw. Shanghai and Hong Kong despatches express the utmost astonishment at the idea of evacuating Pekin.

When asked whether, if the troops were withdrawn, the Empress Dowager and Emperor would return to Pekin, the foreign office official in question replied that he could form no opinion worth stating on that subject.

The despatch from Perley, the chief surgeon at Taku, makes it appear that whatever the conditions may be on the land route between Taku and Pekin, the Pei Ho river route at least is open and safe for the transportation of passengers.

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Most of the German papers are of opinion that it is very doubtful if Germany can adopt Russia's suggestions, and they deplore the evidence of a threatened split in the European concert. One leading Berlin journal asserts that Emperor William, while conversing with a group of officers last Saturday evening said: "Under no conditions shall we give up Pekin, not even if every army corps has to be mobilized."

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LADYBRAND BESIEGED.

British Garrison There Reported in Grave Danger.

GEN. ROBERTS REPORTS

The Annexation of the Transvaal—How the News Was Heard in the Cape Parliament—Baden Powell on the Way to Cape Town.

PRETORIA, Sept. 3.—Gen. Baden-Powell started for Cape Town Saturday.

Relief Needed. Maseru, Basutoland, Sept. 3.—Commanders under Fourli, Grobler, Benmer and Hasselbrock, together with 200 of their own men, are investing the British garrison at Ladybrand.

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Robert's Proclamation. London, Sept. 3.—Under date of Belfast, Sept. 1, Lord Roberts reports: "I have today issued, under her majesty's warrant of July 4, proclamations announcing that the Transvaal will henceforth form a part of her majesty's dominions."

Cape Town, Sept. 3.—The communication today to the assembly of Lord Roberts' proclamation announcing the annexation of the South African republic, which will henceforth be known as the Transvaal, was greeted by the opposition with silence and by the ministerialists with prolonged cheers.

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THE BATTLE CRY SOUNDED BY SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.

In Accepting the Nomination for South Oxford He Indicates the Lines Upon Which the Campaign Will be Fought—What the Conservatives Have Said.

A splendid speech was made at Norwich, Ont., on August 30, by Sir Richard Cartwright in accepting the nomination tendered him by the Liberals of South Oxford. The following report is taken from the Toronto Globe:

Sir Richard's Speech. On Sir Richard coming forward three cheers were called for and given with tremendous vigor. The cheers were renewed before the minister of trade and commerce had time to commence his speech.

friend, Mr. Marchand, was returned by a considerably larger majority than heretofore. I remember also how there was going to be an end not merely to Mr. Pastello, Dr. McKay and Mr. Hardy, but of the whole Liberal administration of the province of Ontario, and I believe that these gentlemen are today stronger than when the ballots were cast in 1898.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,—You have done me a very great honor, and I hope and trust that many months have elapsed I shall be able to prove to you that you have also done some slight service to the Liberal cause throughout the province of Ontario, and possibly throughout this Dominion.

Nov. I just want to call your attention to one fact: In days gone by the Conservative party were in the habit of holding the Liberal party strictly responsible for every misfortune, for every calamity, regardless of whether or not it was one that could be foreseen or by any possibility be averted—which overlooks the people of Canada. We were held responsible, as you all know, for every disaster that occurred from 1875 to 1878, no matter how clearly we might prove and show that it did not occur through any act of the Liberal government, but was due to the acts of our predecessors rather than to our own.

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