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Are Still Guessing

No News From China But Correspondents Indulge in Many Conjectures.

British Government Determined to Have Sufficient Troops on the Spot.

General Gaselee States That Allies Marched Through the Forbidden City.

London, Sept. 6.—(4 a.m.)—Sir Alfred Gaselee's despatch, which shows that the situation in Peking was unchanged on August 29, is the only Chinese news this morning. The cancellation of the order holding back the 4th Indian brigade is regarded as important. It shows that whatever the outcome of the Russian policy, the British government is determined to have sufficient troops on the spot adequate to protect British interests.

Considerable significance is attached to the statement by the Journal de St. Petersburg as possibly indicating a modification of Russian policy. This paper is the organ of the Russian foreign office, its editor being a councillor of state. It is noted while the Journal de St. Petersburg announces Russia's determination to maintain the solidarity of the powers, it only mentions the withdrawal of the Russian troops and not of the troops to Tien Tsin. It is believed that the powers might agree to such a modification of the original Russian proposal.

The Vienna correspondent of the Times, discussing the situation, declares that Japan has a strong disposition to act in harmony with the United States in the Chinese question. A Shanghai despatch announces that German troops will land there to-day (Thursday). Curiously enough, they will be located in the barracks adjoining the residence of Li Hung Chang, secretary of the United States Consul Goodnow, according to the Daily News, says there never was any prospect for landing troops at Shanghai.

According to a Hongkong despatch, dated yesterday, Canton is more disturbed. Native shops dealing in foreign goods have been looted and sinister rumors prevail. The German cruiser Schwalbe has gone to Canton.

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NOMINATIONS.

Conservatives Choose Mr. Lefurgy in Prince, P. E. I.

Cayuga, Sept. 5.—The Liberals of Halifax and Monck have nominated Maj. A. T. Thompson, son of the late David Thompson, as a candidate for the Conservatives.

A. Lefurgy, Conservative, was nominated in East Prince, P. E. I., to oppose P. H. Bell.

COLUMBIA AND VENEZUELA.

Boundary Question Between the Two Little Countries Settled.

New York, Sept. 5.—Francis B. Loomis, United States minister to Venezuela, who has just arrived from Caracas, said yesterday: "Just before I sailed I learned that the late Governor of Venezuela, Don Juan Manuel de los Rios, had decided to declare the boundary line between Colombia and Venezuela, as completed in the Negro river. This gives to Colombia a slice of Venezuela, which reduces the size of the latter country to a very small area in question is barren country. The decision of the commission was it is said, received acceptably by the Venezuelan government."

Mr. Loomis says the talk of war between Colombia and Venezuela is groundless.

"Bobs" Joins The Militia

Has Consented to Become Honorary Colonel of Queen's Own.

Sir Charles Warren Succeeds General Seymour in North America Command.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—A unique distinction has been conferred upon the Queen's Own Rifles of this city. Lord Roberts has consented to become the honorary colonel of the regiment. This honor was appreciated not only by the Queen's Own but by militia throughout Canada, seeing that it is a delicate way of conveying the famous soldier's recognition of the gallant services rendered by Canadian soldiers in South Africa. Information of his acceptance as honorary colonel was received in the following telegram, received by Lieut.-Col. DeLamare (Governor-General) dated September 5. His Excellency the Governor-General has received the following telegram from Lord Roberts:

"Please convey to Lieut.-Col. DeLamare and the Queen's Own Rifles my hearty thanks for the honor they have done me in asking me to become their honorary colonel, a distinction which, with Her Majesty's gracious approval, I gladly accept." (Signed) Gen. Graham, A.D.C., to Governor-General.

Halifax, Sept. 5.—The military authorities have received from the British High Commissioner in North America, Sir Charles Warren, a letter of congratulatory approval, in which he expresses his pleasure in the appointment of Sir Charles Warren as commander of the Queen's Own Rifles in this city. Sir Charles Warren was with Gen. Buller in the campaign in Natal during the siege of Ladysmith.

TALES OF HORROR.

Shanghai, Sept. 4.—The European community continues to demand the destruction of Peking and the exemplary punishment of officials, deeming indemnity and foreign consuls appear their degradation inadequate.

Undoubted information in detail of the massacre of foreigners daily inflames the public mind.

The Dowager Empress is living in the Yamen at Tai Yuan Fu, in Shan Si province. Pity missionaries have been slaughtered in the Yamen, under orders, in the presence of the vicroy. Three missionaries were killed, and their bodies were killed barbarously in the outer courtyard. Their bodies were thrown to the dogs.

Mr. W. W. Rockhill, the United States special commissioner, starts for Peking on Thursday.

Li Hung Chang, Yung Lu, Hsu Tung and Prince Chang, whom an imperial edict has appointed peace commissioners, constitute the plenipotentiary mission to the United States.

Hsu Tung, guardian of the heir apparent, is especially obnoxious. Three of the commissioners are Manchus. The American Association, whose membership includes all the United States business men at Shanghai, met to-day and entered a protest against the evacuation of Peking until a final settlement has been reached. The meeting resolved to urge President McKinley to insist upon the appointment of satisfactory commissioners, and the recognition of the Emperor as sovereign.

Washington, Sept. 4.—A very interesting despatch was received to-day at the war department from Gen. Chaffee. It described the military situation as eminently satisfactory, and would have been of great value but for the omission common to the many recent despatches from China, namely, the date line.

However, the conclusion was reached that Gen. Chaffee's despatch to-day was sent from Peking about August 29 or 30.

Gen. Chaffee asks a very important question as to the withdrawal of the Russian evacuation proposition. The answer is not to be given until the 30th ult., and it is assumed that, although the same time in transmission was consumed by Gen. Chaffee's despatch received to-day, the apophysis has just reached him. When the United States answer to the Russian proposal has been made public, it was stated here that Gen. Chaffee had been instructed, some time before by telegraph, just what course to pursue as to refusing from Peking in the event of any emergency that may arise, and that the United States answer to the Russian proposal might be regarded as an indication that

KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Lieut. Lawlor of Toronto Has Met His Death.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—A cablegram has been received announcing that Lieut. J. Lawlor has been killed in South Africa. No details of how the young officer met his death were given. Lieut. Lawlor was a son of the late Dr. Michael Lawlor.

Storm of Protests

Russo-United States Idea of Evacuating Peking Meets With Disfavor.

Great Britain's Former Action Is What Powers Will Likely Follow.

London, Sept. 5.—(4:15 a.m.)—To-day's despatches from Shanghai and Tien Tsin refer to the hopeless confusion and mismanagement of the Chinese telegraph system, which may probably account in part for the delay in getting news from Peking. Another reason for the delay, doubtless, is the anxiety of the Chinese authorities to procure the evacuation of the capital. No effort is being spared by them to bring this about. Their idea is that should the foreign ministers in Peking be allowed to free communication with their governments, the full extent of the complicity of the Chinese government in the anti-foreign outrages would be revealed and would lead the allies to decide to remain until retribution has been exacted.

All telegraph messages have to be conveyed by courier from Tsi Nan Fu to Peking and probably all cipher despatches have been stopped. According to Shanghai news, Li Hung Chang wired the Chinese minister in London, Sir Shih Chen Le Feng Lu, as follows: "Our anti-foreign minister has returned from Russia to have Peking. You are useless if you cannot persuade England."

One European observer, according to special despatches from Shanghai, was due to the presentation to her by Prince Tuan of an ultimatum, which is now known to have been forged, in which the powers demanded her abdication in favor of the Emperor. K'ang Su, the removal of the seat of government from Peking, and the placing of Chinese finances under European control, and other sweeping concessions.

"Six months' rations for the British force," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, writing August 27, "are being forwarded to Peking."

"Newspaper correspondents are seriously handicapped by the bad arrangement of the Chinese telegraphs. Messages have been delayed and tampered with and nothing has been safe unless mailed to Shanghai. A good deal of curiosity is being expressed regarding the despatches containing official and press despatches describing the entry into Peking, which have been forwarded to Chee Foo, in a Russian gunboat, and is reported not to have been received. The proceedings of the Russians in and about Peking are watched with anxiety. The situation threatens to develop many complications. It is said the Russians intend to take Shanghai. How they have assumed complete possession of the Hsi Ku arsenal at Tien Tsin and allow admission to the city, but Russian officials still contain thousands of pounds worth of guns and ammunition.

"The Russians are charged with cutting the telegraph lines between Peking and with committing various other petty annoyances."

Shanghai, Sept. 4.—Reports received here from the treaty ports show that the opposition to the evacuation of Peking by the allied forces before a final settlement with the Chinese is still very strong and intense among the foreigners. The commercial and missionary bodies are all opposed to the evacuation of Peking. The diplomatic and military officers, except the Russians, share this feeling. Li Hung Chang, however, has a standing invitation to Russia, has changed front towards the representatives of other powers, and has been insolent and almost defiant in his interviews with the British High Commissioner in North America, Sir Charles Warren, who is in Peking.

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A BIG DEAL.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Sept. 5.—Lord and Lady Minto arrived in Vancouver by the government steamer Quadra at 3:30 to-day, and were taken through the hospitals and public buildings by Mayor Gordon. Flags are flying throughout the city, and to-night a citizens' ball was given in the visitors' honor, and was very largely attended.

Tamper With Lists

Serious Charge Made By a Winnipeg Paper Against the Liberals.

Hugh John Macdonald May Resign to Enter the Dominion Contest.

Premier Marchand of Quebec Improving—Lieut. Governor of Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—The Telegram makes charges that the voters' lists for Dominion constituencies prepared at Ottawa have been tampered with, large portions of the Manitoba division being placed in the wrong Dominion constituencies by changing the boundaries. The Liberals say in reply to this that the deputy returning officers have power to adjust the boundary lines of their divisions, and that the boundaries of the constituencies will be precisely the same as at the last Dominion elections.

Conservative gossip has it to-night that Hugh John Macdonald is to retire from the Manitoba premiership at once to enter the Dominion politics, and that he will be nominated at the Conservative convention for Brandon to-morrow to oppose Mr. Sifton. R. P. Bohlin, the report says, is slated to succeed Mr. Macdonald as premier, and William Garland will be taken into the cabinet as an additional member.

At McLeod to-day the Alberta Conservatives adopted a resolution asking Mr. Macdonald to re-enter Dominion politics, with a view to assuming the leadership on the retirement of Sir Charles Dupper.

Quebec, Sept. 5.—Premier Marchand still improving. His recovery now seems certain. He is resting at home.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—A short meeting of the council was held to-day, at which Hing appointment of Col. McMillin, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba in succession to Patterson was made.

REPELLED THE BOER ATTACK

Little Garrison of Ladybrand Withstand Successfully Attempt at Capture.

Twice Burghers Tried to Rush the Position But Failed Entirely.

Maseru, Beaufort, Sept. 5.—The Boers left Ladybrand last evening. They looted the stores and took all the horses, including the cavalry mounts. The British casualties were five wounded.

Capetown, Sept. 5.—The siege of Ladybrand has been raised after several desperate attempts to capture the town and the garrison of 150 British troops. The Boers who attacked Ladybrand are estimated to have numbered over 2,000 men. The British were summoned to surrender on September 2, but refused, and from that time on were subject to continual cannon and rifle fire. The burghers twice tried to rush the British position. Probably the approach of a relief force saved the little garrison.

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