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Report That the Russian Troops Will Be Recalled From Manchuria.

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London, Oct. 9.—The Times publishes a report that Emperor Nicholas recently decided to recall the Russian troops from Manchuria after Mukden had been occupied.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, writing October 7, says: "It is reported that French troops hold Lu Ko Shio, on the Lu Haia railroad. The Russians and Germans hold the Pui Shan forts, and have also taken Tong Shang and the Kai Ping mines, thus monopolizing the coal supply in Northern China."

"It was expected that Count von Walderssee would maintain an even balance between the powers, whereas the actual result of the operations places all the strategic positions in the hands of other nations. A strong feeling prevails that the situation is daily becoming more gloomy."

"Five thousand Triads," says a despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Canton, "have defeated the imperial troops and occupied several places between Mine Bay and Deep Bay. They are moving southward, and the victor-to-day despatched Admiral Ho and General Tong to oppose them."

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—The Russian general staff has received official despatches confirming the occupation of Mukden. Lieut.-Gen. Sabbotich entered the city on October 1. He advanced from old Nin Chwang on September 24 with 11 battalions of infantry, Cossack cavalry and 40 guns, and after fighting two engagements routed the Chinese army on September 27. Before withdrawing, the Chinese looted and fired the city. The Russians captured many modern guns and immense stocks of war material.

Pekin, Oct. 8.—Gen. Yamaguchi will retain 10,000 Japanese troops—2,000 of them along the line of communications. Eight thousand Germans will winter in Pekin, and 1,500 Russians. The number of British troops who will be retained has not been received. Sir Alfred Gessell will probably keep a brigade. The allies are starting supplies for the month. Count von Walderssee's headquarters will be in the buildings in the imperial pleasure grounds, occupied by the Chinese.

Berlin, Oct. 8.—The somewhat optimistic view of the Chinese situation which prevailed in Germany last week has been unfavorably affected by the report that the Chinese court resolved to settle permanently at Nien Tung. This the Berliner Tageblatt regards as "indubitable evidence that the Chinese court is anti-foreign in its attitude."

"The failure of the court to return to Peking," it says, "makes a farce of the proposed peace conference. The Chinese government could annul the whole procedure at any moment by revoking the credentials of Prince Tuan and Li Hsiang Chang."

Without claiming any official authority for its attitude, the Tageblatt comments favorably upon a proposal to declare Emperor Kwang Hsu deposed.

The Berliner Post considers that the latest news shows that the Chinese court neither intends to return to Peking nor to punish the guilty adequately.

The German Zeitung says that the Delcasse note is a "wedge driven into the recently re-established harmony of the powers."

From its Shanghai correspondent the Frankfurter Zeitung has received the following: "The Chinese government, many, which is immensely rich, wishes to transfer its interests to the foreigners, fearing that the property will be seized as indemnity by the powers."

HUMBERT'S MURDER. Trying to Find Out If It Was Planned in the United States.

New York, Oct. 8.—The investigation to determine whether the murder of King Humbert of Italy was planned by anarchists in Paterson, N. J., was resumed to-day in that place by Special Commissioner Tremble and Count Fratt, the Italian vice-consul in New York. The session was behind closed doors. The forenoon was taken up with the information of D. Mazzotta, who it is alleged wrote handbills for the anarchists and acted as secretary for the Paterson group. When he left the court room he refused to talk, having been warned by the officials conducting the inquiry.

AT THE CAPITAL. Sitting of Supreme Court—Mr. Robidoux Made a Judge.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—The Supreme court to-day dismissed with costs the appeal of the Trust Guarantee Co. vs. City of Rossland. The city borrowed \$10,000 on promissory notes and issued debentures to meet the liability. The money failed to deliver the debentures to the trust company, according to agreement, and the company sued for \$8,000 damages. To-day's judgment confirms that of the court below.

Mr. J. E. Robidoux, late provincial secretary of Quebec, who was disappointed in not being made premier, has been appointed superior court judge. James Clarke, Past Grand Master of the Orange Order in Eastern Ontario, died to-day. He had been an Orange man 57 years.

"SKIN THE GOAT." Re-arrested For Failing to Report on Ticket of Leave.

Liverpool, Oct. 9.—James FitzHarris, the Phoenix Park murderer, known as "Skin the Goat," was re-arrested here last evening for failing to report himself under the terms of his prisoner release license. It is probable that he will be only temporarily detained.

CONVENTION CALLED.

President Mitchell Summons the Miners to Meet on Friday.

Shenandoah, Pa., Oct. 8.—President Mitchell this morning issued a call for the convention of mine workers of the three districts comprising the anthracite field, to meet in Scranton on Friday next. The text of the convention call is as follows:

"Temporary Headquarters, United Mine Workers, Hazelton, Pa., Oct. 8. To All Mine Workers and Mine Employes of the Anthracite Region: Brothers,—In view of the fact that the mine owners have posted notices offering an advance on the wages formerly paid and believing it to be our place and duty to consult your wishes as to our future action, we deem it advisable to ask you to select delegates to represent you in convention. You are therefore notified that a convention will be held at Scranton, Penn., beginning Friday, October 12, at 10 a. m. The basis of representation will be one vote for each 100 persons on strike, or if desired, one delegate may represent as many as 500 mine workers, but no delegate will be allowed to cast more than five votes. The call should have credentials signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting at which he is elected, and the necessary credentials should bear the seal of the local union.

(Signed) John Mitchell, President Mine Workers America; T. D. Nicholas, President District No. 1; Thomas Duffy, President District No. 7; John Fahay, President District No. 9.

"N. B.—Delegates will be notified of the hall in which the convention will be held upon their arrival in Scranton."

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Empress Not Well

Reports That Chinese Dowager Is Lying Ill at Tai Yuan Fu.

German Reinforcements From Tien Tsin Have Now Reached Peking.

Two High Officials Will Be Beheaded and Others Severely Punished.

London, Oct. 10.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard understands that the Chinese imperial edicts are regarded there with skepticism, and that Count von Walderssee has been instructed to resume operations.

The Times has the following from Tien Tsin, dated October 7: "Three French battalions started yesterday for Pao Ting Fu. The British are waiting for the Germans, but may start without them."

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent, writing Sunday, says: "I hear the Chinese are concentrating at Hwang Lu pass, leading into the province of Shan Ti, with the intention of opposing any attempt of the allies to pursue the imperial court."

Shanghai, Oct. 8.—The Chinese assert that the governor of Shan Tung and the Yang Tse viceroy sent a joint memorial to the Emperor declaring it to be impossible to guarantee the despatch of money and provisions to Si Ngan Fu, and threatening to resign unless the court returns to Peking. It is believed that Emperor Kwang Hsu is anxious to return and that the Empress Dowager favored an attempt to reach the province of Shan Si.

Peking, Sunday, Oct. 7, via Tien Tsin, Oct. 8, and Shanghai, Oct. 9.—A response to the German demands has been transmitted by Li Hung Chang. This says that Ying Nien, president of the council, Kang Li, assistant grand secretary, and other officials have agreed to the terms of the civil board, and Chao Shu Chiao, president of the board of punishment, will be despatched to the Prince of Wales, Duke Tsai Lan and Prince Yi will be sentenced to life imprisonment, and that Prince Tsai will be banished to the imperial military posts on the Siberian frontier as a further punishment for aiding the Boxers.

Trustworthy Chinese reports say the Dowager Empress is ill at Tai Yuan Fu (province of Shan Si), and the free hand of the Emperor in affairs of state is regarded as confirmatory of these reports.

Berlin, Oct. 9.—No news from Field Marshal Count von Walderssee has been received from the foreign office since the announcement that he had taken charge. It is taken for granted that the details of organization are absorbing his attention. Nor has information been received regarding Baroness von Kettler since she left China for Japan, but no fears are entertained as to her safety. Privately, it is said that the Emperor has deposed the Empress in Peking, and that German reinforcements, consisting of two battalions, two guns and cavalry, under Lieut.-Col. Pavel, have arrived at Peking from Tien Tsin.

It was stated by the German foreign office to-day by the correspondent of the Associated Press that all the powers have agreed to the proposal of the German note, with the exception of Great Britain, from whom no answer has yet been received. Its purpose is the first or second note of Germany.

With reference to the statement published from the United States that Great Britain had acted as a mediator in effecting an understanding between Germany and the United States, a high foreign official said that nothing was officially known regarding such a service if it had been rendered, and that as a matter of fact there was no necessity whatever for a mediator. The latter statement was corroborated by the British ambassador, Mr. Frank Lascelles, and by the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. John B. Jackson.

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Among the other noteworthy elections was that of Mr. William St. John Brodick, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, in the Gullatford division of Surrey, with a majority of 2,207 over his Liberal opponent, Mr. Chapman, and that of Mr. John Ellis, Liberal