

CRISIS IN CHINA

UNITED STATES WILL NOT COMPLY WITH WALTERSEE'S REQUEST

General Chaffee's Troops Cannot Participate in Further Offensive Operations Against the Chinese.

GERMANS MUCH TO BLAME FOR THE UNFORTUNATE DELAY OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

And Waltersee's Proposed Punitive Expedition Will Tend to Further Embitter the Natives.

REPLY OF CHINESE REJECTED

FIRST DEMANDS OF THE POWERS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH.

Mountain Passes Leading to Si-Ngan-Fu Blocked in Anticipation of Waltersee's Attack.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The United States is facing a serious crisis in China, owing to the announcement of the purpose of Field Marshal Von Waltersee to begin another offensive campaign.

Correspondent Lynch Charges Germans with Cold-Blooded Murders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—George Lynch, an English war correspondent, who saw service in Cuba and South Africa and was then commissioned by two London papers to accompany the allied forces on the march to Peking, writes to the Herald a long description of the terrible atrocities by the allies with which the campaign was accompanied.

TWO DOUBLE TRAGEDIES BODIES OF A WIDOW AND A STUDENT FOUND NEAR ATLANTA.

Both Had Bullet Holes in the Temples and Were Charred by Fire—Murder and Suicide in St. Louis.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 18.—The dead bodies of Mrs. H. M. Wilson, a young widow, and William Hamilton, a student in pharmacy, who disappeared from Atlanta one week ago to-day, were found last night eight miles from the end of the Chattahoochee car line.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.—Charles A. Bent, a young man of twenty-five years, shot and killed his wife at 2124 Laclede avenue to-day, and then put a bullet through his own head, dying instantly.

TRIED AND STRUNG UP

NEURO LYNCHED FOR A MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON A GIRL.

Mock Trial at Which a Colored Preacher Prayed for Mercy—Two Negroes Shot to Death.

DYERSBURG, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Fred King, a negro charged with a murderous assault on Miss Elizabeth Arnold, the daughter of a prominent physician, lynched by a mob of citizens shortly after noon to-day.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 18.—At 10 o'clock to-night, on an order from Governor Dierick, Company C of the Nebraska National Guard, was marched to the Courthouse and stationed in the corridor of the jail to prevent the lynching of Hall Framp-ton.

China Must Indict the Death Penalty on Guilty Dozers.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Count Von Waltersee has prepared his plans for the new expedition to Peking, the correspondent of the Morning Post, writing yesterday, "and it will start next Saturday. All the powers except Russia and the United States have agreed to allow their forces to join."

MAISON, Miss., Feb. 18.—Isham and Henry Fed, negroes, were shot to death by a mob six miles from Macon last night. They were charged with burning the barn of L. T. Cole, who lives near Macon.

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LAW AND FACT

ONLY QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN SECRETARY GAGE'S RECENT ORDER.

He Says He Merely Performed His Duty in Imposing a Countervailing Duty on Russian Sugar.

NO DISCRIMINATION AT ALL

SUGARS FROM OTHER BOUNTY-PAYING COUNTRIES PAY EXTRA DUTY.

And if Russia Had Been Exempted France, Germany and Belgium Would Have a Right to Protest.

TREATY BROKEN BY DE WITTE

UNITED STATES ENTITLED TO "MOST FAVORED NATION" BENEFITS.

And the Russian Minister, in Imposing Discriminating Duties on American Products, Ignored Facts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—In speaking today of his recent order imposing a countervailing duty on Russian sugars, Secretary Gage said:

"It is not a question of what the manufacturer desires or thinks ought to be. It is not a question of what the sugar refiners or our best raisers desire or think ought to be. It is a question of law and fact. The secretary of the treasury is sworn to enforce the law, not to take his own view of the law, and to seek its interpretation in the law and the facts. The board of general appraisers is a body constituted by Congress especially to hear and judicially determine disputed questions of law and of fact growing out of the administration of customs laws. Our own citizens take their grievances there, the importers of Russian sugar may take their grievances there. The way is open for the prompt hearing and determination of their appeals if made. It lies with them to contest by evidence or to seek a judicial review through the avenue that our laws provide."

THE SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES IN REGARD TO HIS ACTION, AND HE HAS SENT ANSWERS SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

"In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. relative to the countervailing duty on Russian sugars, I have to inform you that, after careful consideration of the effects of the Russian law and regulations on the price of that commodity for home consumption and the price for exportation, as exemplified in reports from our consular officers in Russia, this department has arrived at the conclusion that Russia indirectly pays or bestows a bounty on the sugar in the form of a bounty on the sugar of Section 5 of the act of July 24, 1897, and consequently that it was my duty under the law to proceed to impose a countervailing duty on the sugar of that country, to which the United States is entitled under the most favored nation clause in our treaty of commerce and navigation with Russia of 1832. The question of discrimination appears to be unfounded in view of the fact that sugars coming from other bounty-paying countries are not discriminated against them in favor of Russia. It is hoped that upon a proper presentation of the matter to the Russian government by our Department of State, the reported order of the Russian minister of finance will be revoked."

HIGHEST TARIFF IN THE WORLD.

Russia Has Struck a Heavy Blow at American Manufacturers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Regarding the effects of the American discriminating tariff against sugar imported from Russia and the Russian retaliatory excess duty of 30 cents on American iron manufactures, Charles Strong Guthrie, president of the American Steel Hoop Company, a corporation with a capital of \$2,000,000, said: "The tariff Russia imposes on steel and iron wire is already the highest in the world. It is about three times as high even as that of the United States. Russian tariffs on nearly all goods are, in fact, the highest of all nations. Now if this additional duty is imposed upon our products it does not seem possible that our trade in steel and iron with the Russians can continue. Russia has in the last few years been making desperate efforts to develop the steel and iron industry of her own country. Some new iron beds have recently been discovered there and the Russian government is fostering their development in every possible way. I believe that a bounty of something like \$5 a ton is awarded in Russia to the iron producer. American engineers have been employed within the last few years to erect blast furnaces. But the ore is of an inferior quality and cannot supply the needs of the country. "Russia in imposing this extra tariff, however, is striking at the point where she is evidently most sensitive. The discrimination will operate very much to the advantage of Germany, Great Britain and Belgium. These are our main competitors in the steel and iron business, and we have been striving with them to get control of the Russian trade. We cannot compete, however, on the basis of an extra tariff of 30 per cent. Our trade with Russia has been steadily growing in recent years, as the policy of the government was apparently very friendly to our products, and it will be unfortunate if this trade is now cut off."

MANUFACTURERS PROTEST.

They Want the Ruling of the Treasury Department Reversed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association held to-day the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the board of directors of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association that the recent ruling of the Treasury Department on the matter of importation of sugar from Russia will under existing circumstances and the retaliatory attitude taken by the Russian government most seriously affect, and not destroy, the export trade of this country to Russia. That the total imports of

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THE WARRANTS FOR THE ARREST OF THE THREE ABOVE NAMED WERE SWORN OUT BY WILLIAM MOESER. HE HAS ALSO BEGUN SUITS FOR MALICIOUS TRESPASS AGAINST MRS. NATION, MRS. CRIST, MISS SOUTHWORTH, CAL McDONALD, FRANK MURPHY, DR. EVA HARDING, MRS. A. H. CHADWICK AND REV. F. W. EMERSON. SOMEWHAT OF A SENSATION WAS PRODUCED IN THE SALOON WRECKERS' CAMP WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THREE OF THEIR MEMBERS HAD BEEN PUT UNDER BOND AND THAT OTHERS WERE TO BE SUED. INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS ARE LOOKED FOR.

IN THE CITY COURT THIS MORNING ARGUMENTS WERE MADE IN THE CASE BROUGHT BY THE PROPRIETORS OF THE WRECKED SENATE SALOON. JUDGE McCABE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING. THE COURTROOM WAS CROWDED. MRS. NATION'S ATTORNEY HAD, BESIDES A GREAT NUMBER OF LEGAL BOOKS, MANY QUOTATIONS FROM THE BIBLE. MRS. NATION SAID BEHIND HER ATTORNEY, AND SPENT MOST OF HER TIME WRITING UPON A SMALL TABLE. THE ARGUMENT WAS COMMENCED BY THE DEFENSE. IN SPEAKING OF THE FIRST CASE AS A PARALLEL TO MRS. NATION'S SMASHING, ATTORNEY DUMENIL SAID THAT CHRIST, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, ENTERED A TEMPLE AND OBTAINED A NUISANCE. HE CITED THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LAW, WHICH SAYS THAT THE PRIVATE PARTY ABATING A NUISANCE DOES NOT HAVE TO DO IT IN A MANNER BEST SUITED TO THE OTHER PARTY. "THAT MEANS," HE SAID, "THAT THE LIQUOR DOES NOT HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY Poured out. The New Hampshire statute says public nuisances may be abated by the acts of individuals."

AT THIS POINT MRS. NATION LEFT HER SEAT AND OPENED A WINDOW. THE COLD WIND SWEEP IN AND BLEW THE PAPERS ABOUT THE COURTROOM.

"Close that window and open it from the top," said Judge McCabe to Marshal Ross. Mrs. Nation took her seat and Ross closed the lower sash and opened the top sash. Mrs. Nation rushed back and threw up the lower sash again.

"Take your seat," commanded the judge. "The marshal will take care of the window."

"He did not do it," snapped Mrs. Nation. "You sit down and tend to your business and I'll tend to mine," retorted the marshal, as he closed the window.

Mrs. Nation was surprised. She is in the habit of having her own way, and this was rather a shock to her. She looked at the marshal with wide-open eyes, but said not a word. She became restless as the trial progressed and paid little attention to the lawyers. She walked about the courtroom whispering with the spectators and to the members of the Home Defenders.

LAWYER DUMENIL REFERRED TO THE NEW JERSEY EQUITY REPORT, WHICH STATED THAT A MAN HAD THE RIGHT TO ABATE A COMMON NUISANCE WITHOUT PROCEEDING THROUGH THE COURT, BUT AFTERWARD, IF THE COURT FOUND THAT HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE AND THAT THE PLACE WAS NOT A COMMON NUISANCE, HE COULD BE RECOVERED AGAINST.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY JAMIESON, A COLORED LAWYER, BEGAN HIS ARGUMENT FOR THE PROSECUTION AT 11 O'CLOCK AFTER THE DEFENSE HAD HAD AN HOUR AND THIRTY MINUTES. HE SAID THE CHARGE OF DESTROYING PROPERTY BROUGHT AGAINST MRS. NATION DID NOT COME UNDER THE HEAD OF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF. HE HELD THAT IF MRS. NATION WAS NOT GUILTY THEN EVERYONE HAD A RIGHT TO DO AS SHE DID. WHEN THE ARGUMENT WAS CLOSED JUDGE McCABE SAID: "THE COURT WILL ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION NEXT THURSDAY MORNING."

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