

# GOVERNMENT TELLS CHAFFEE TO RETIRE.

## American Troops Now in China Go to Taku First, Then to the Philippines.

### Washington Takes First Step in Its Announced Policy to Withdraw if All the Powers Can- not Agree to Hold Peking.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Washington, Sept. 8.—It is stated on excellent authority that this Government has decided to withdraw the American troops from Peking, and that after a short rest at Tien-Tsin these troops will be transferred to the Philippines. This action, it is said, is to be taken in pursuance of the terms of the American note to the Powers and the agreement with Russia, whose troops will also be withdrawn.

### NEED TROOPS IN PEKIN, SAYS DELCASSE.

BY M. THEOPHILE DELCASSE,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of France.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.  
Paris, Sept. 8.—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—I have asked our Minister in Peking for his opinion on the evacuation of the city. Lord Salisbury has similarly inquired of Sir Claude MacDonald. When we hear from our Ministers we shall decide. All the Powers are in accord on a general line of policy. There is to be no territorial agreement for any one; but there are different opinions as to the expediency of keeping troops in Peking.

The case is parallel to that of Crete, when the Powers agreed in policy, but differed in the matter of execution. The belief is growing that the quickest and best way of making a treaty of peace with China is to keep troops in Peking. Judging from this distance, it seems more reasonable to keep troops there till the question is settled. Russia is likely to withdraw, even if she goes alone. We are in perfect accord with Russia on general policy, and our relations with Russia were never more cordial.

The partition of China looks very remote. The value of different parts of China varies much, and the country getting the richest province would naturally be the object of jealousy of other Powers, hence partition is a delicate question, but highly improvable.

Commercial communities want the open door, not partition, and the Powers are likely to reach an agreement within a week, even on the question of expediency of withdrawal.

### CHAFFEE HAS HIS ORDERS.

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Sept. 8.—Orders have been called to General Chaffee to prepare his forces for withdrawal from Peking. Further than that the War Department has taken steps to have at Taku a sufficient number of States transports to remove these troops to the Philippines as soon as they reach the port.

These orders are preparatory and do not necessarily indicate that our Government has decided finally upon a withdrawal from China. It is simply placing itself in a position to carry out the message of the reply to the Russian note in the language:

"The result of these considerations is that unless there is such a general expression by the Powers in favor of continued occupation as to modify the views expressed by the Government of Russia and lead to a definite agreement for continued occupation we shall give instructions to the American forces in China to withdraw our troops from Peking after due conference with the other commanders as to the time and manner of withdrawal."

Up to the present moment our Government has not changed its policy in this mat-

ter of withdrawing troops. It has given the subject much consideration since the original note was written, but at all times there has been kept steadily in the propriety of removing the American troops from China as soon as this could be done consistently. It is estimated that the prospect for securing these objects through completely harmonious action by the Powers is brightening every day.

It is felt that this is a time for compromise positions, as between the Russian and German designs in China, and such proposals as have been advanced in the nearly all the diplomatic exchanges which are in daily progress. The continuance of quiet in Peking, tending to reassure the Chinese officials, is believed to be rapidly hastening negotiations for a final settlement.

Special Commissioner Rockhill has left Shanghai for Peking. A report by cable from him, dated yesterday, indicated that he had begun the discharge of his duties as a special observer of the present Chinese disturbances. Reports also were received from General Johnston at Shanghai and Consul Fowler at Che-Foo, both dealing with the condition of the missionaries.

There yet remains the assurance that the Empire will not be partitioned. In view of the fact that all of the Powers subscribed to the note of Secretary Hay, dated July 3, it would seem possible to obtain a reiteration of the declaration therein made that China shall not be dismembered. Harmony among the Powers, upon which so much rests, and so much actually depends to reach a mutually satisfactory solution, is more easily obtainable at this moment than would be possible after the arrival of Von Waldersee or even after the withdrawal of Russian and French troops to Tien-Tsin, and the division of the allies into two camps. Such division would mean that the two groups of nations would proceed to obtain their own particular policies and by such methods as each might deem expedient.

The President is, therefore, striving to harmonize the conflicting views of the Powers, and the plan which appeals to the common sense of diplomats here contemplates the withdrawal of a majority of the allies to a point outside the walls of Peking, the remainder of the international force to remain as a guard to the legations, which are to be charged with the work of conducting the peace negotiations.

It is pointed out that the evacuation of Peking would be a practical adoption of the Russian proposition, and yet the German Government could feel that its position had been maintained. Furthermore, the Imperial Government of China would regain possession of its capital, and the Emperor and Empress Dowager would be relieved of the odium of being dependent upon foreign troops for protection.

The withdrawal of the allied army to Tien-Tsin, leaving the legations and a small guard in Peking, is not to be thought of, as it might easily be that the task of occupying the city would have to be undertaken by the allies, and the settlement of the trouble as events will permit.

Such promptness will probably not accord with Germany's policy, but Russia's evident fear of German territorial aggrandizement in Northern China has placed the St. Petersburg Government on the side of those nations desirous of preserving the territorial integrity of the Empire. With the United States, Great Britain, Russia, France and Japan a unit for an early termination of the difficulty and supporting a plan which will not injuriously affect German interests, the belief prevails here that within a comparatively short time a satisfactory conclusion can be reached.

Allies Need the Royal Family.  
There is hardly an official or diplomat in Washington who does not believe that the trouble can be ended much more quickly with the royal family in Peking. The information, therefore, that the Emperor and Empress are willing to return is extremely gratifying. It was to have been expected that they would exact a guarantee that their persons should be respected and that the Government is willing to use its influence

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## A. N. MILNER MISSING SINCE AUGUST 31.

### Ex-Street Commissioner De- parted from Webb City on a Hunting Trip.

FRIENDS FEAR FOUL PLAY.  
Attention Which Wife of For-  
mer Employe Showed Him  
Recalled by Absence.

Abram N. Milner, who was Street Commissioner in Mayor Walbridge's administration and served two years under Mayor Ziegenhain, is reported by his wife, missing since Friday, August 31, on which date he left her at the Terminal Hotel, telling her vaguely that he was going on a hunting expedition.

Mrs. Milner and her husband's friends are greatly worried over his continued absence and believe that some evil has befallen him, as in the whole course of their married life, Mrs. Milner says, her husband was never absent from her at night except on urgent business. On such occasions, she says, he always explained his absence, and she always knew where he was.

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Friday, August 31, Milner, it is said, shipped his trunk away from the hotel, and that night, after telling his wife simply that he was going away on a protracted hunting trip, as his health was in need of recuperation, he departed without saying anything definite as to his ultimate destination.

The following day his wife received a letter from him, dated Kansas City, and written on a letterhead of the Blossom Hotel. There was nothing alarming or out of the ordinary in the contents of the letter. It was such a letter as a husband away from home would write to his wife, and contained an intimation that the writer would go to Fort Scott, Kas., as he said that his gun was at that place. Since that time nothing has been heard from him by his wife or his friends.

Mr. Milner's friends in this city are at a loss to account for his long silence satisfactorily to themselves or his wife, although a number of theories have been advanced. One theory is that he has gone West on the hunting expedition of which he spoke, and is cut off from communication with the outside world. Another is that he has been assaulted and probably murdered for the money he is said to have had with him.

While Milner was Street Commissioner there was in the employ of the city as one of the superintendents of the Street Department a man whose wife was apparently devoted to Milner and whose attentions to him were noticed by his subordinates. There is nothing to show that Milner reciprocated these attentions, but the woman's evident infatuation for him caused much comment about the City Hall. The woman is old enough to be Milner's mother. She is, in fact, a grandmother herself. Some time ago she separated from her husband and went to the home of her parents in Louisiana. She remained there until about four weeks ago, when, it is said, she went to Fort Scott, Kas., to visit a friend who lives there.

Mr. Milner is about 45 years old. He is a West Point graduate and previous to his appointment as Street Commissioner he had been connected for a number of years with the St. Louis Transfer Company. He was regarded as a very domestic man. No children have blessed his household. He was

not a speculative man, and, according to his wife and friends, there was nothing in the outside world to lure him away from his home.

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# GULF COAST SWEEP BY A GREAT STORM.

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### FEAR FELT OF AN APPALLING DISASTER.

### Wharves Gone, People Frenzied and Government Troops Trying to Maintain Order —Lives Lost.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Dallas, Tex., Sept. 8.—A bulletin from Vera Cruz, Mexico, states that the Mexican cable reports immense damage in Galveston. Several lives were lost before 8 p. m., when the cable report left. Nothing has been received since that hour.

The Gulf front was strewn with wrecks and the Government barracks and earthworks at San Jacinto were demolished.

The Huntington wharf is destroyed and railroad property badly wrecked. The city is in a frenzy and the United States troops from Fort San Jacinto were trying to preserve order near the Government reservation.

The lower portion of Galveston was then flooded and the people were huddling on the higher ground for safety.

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Dallas, Tex., Sept. 8.—All Texas is in the keenest state of doubt and uncertainty tonight concerning the fate of Galveston Island and city. In everybody's mind is the fear that an awful calamity rests behind the lack of information from the Gulf coast. It is rumored here that immense destruction has befallen Galveston and other places.

It is stated that the bridges leading from the mainland to the island have been swept away by the terrible force of the wind and the rolling up of the waters of the bay. These bridges are four in number—three for railroad use and the other for the Galveston County public wagon and pedestrian bridge.

It seems hardly credible that all these bridges could be swept away without the city suffering tremendously in the loss of

buildings, general property and human lives. Considering that all that has been learned so far of the storm is that it is from the mainland and the bay, a dread is felt that the wind may veer around Galveston, in which event Galveston would be in direct peril.

A bulletin from Houston at 8:15 p. m. says:

"Telephone company confirms reports bridges at Galveston washed away. All their wires, as well as Postal and Western Union, gone."

A bulletin just received at 9:20 p. m. from Houston says:

"The storm here to-night is the worst ever known in Houston. The city is almost panic-stricken. Roofs are blowing off of buildings, bricks are falling in the streets, wires are rolling and slashing around, and signs, boxes and other articles tumbling. The wind is blowing a terrible gale and rain falling in torrents. The storm is traveling inland and threatens widespread damage. Not a word yet from Galveston and no immediate prospect of hearing from there."

A violent rain set in here at 7:50 p. m. The downpour came suddenly and in sheets. The streets were flooded in five minutes' time.

Two wrecks are reported—the I. I. Clarke and Gus Hunter. It is known that the crews escaped. All the railroad crews out of New Orleans suffered and were several hours late. The Louisville and Nashville is the heaviest sufferer. Its tracks in many places being under water. No damage below New Orleans the left and east bank of the Mississippi is several feet under water blown up from the Gulf by the

storm. All the streets of Ponce a la Hache, the seat of justice of Plaquemine Parish, are from three to four feet deep, and the communication is by boat.

The crops, principally rice, are 50 per cent damaged in the Bayou Canal and a portion of the levee washed away. The west bank of the river escaped all injury.

The worst damage, however, has been done in Southwest Louisiana in the rice country, including Calcasieu, Vermilion and Acadia parishes, where the rice crop is reported damaged 25 per cent, which means a loss of \$2,500,000, and the damage of rice doubled if the wind keeps up two days longer. Fortunately the rice was two weeks backward and somewhat green and did not suffer as it would have done if it had been ripe. The irrigating canal companies, which supply the farms with water, have been damaged 20 per cent. No damage of moment occurred on the Mississippi Gulf beyond the reported destruction of the United States quarantine station at Ship Island.

From the mainland. Telephone and telegraph wires went down this afternoon and the tracks of all railroads entering Galveston are said to be from five to ten feet under the high waves that are rolling in from the Gulf. No damage of moment from the high surf at Galveston are current, but, owing to the city's entire isolation from the mainland, the rumors cannot be confirmed. The last report received here stated that the surf was running higher than it had been for years and that one of the railroad bridges was ready to give way and the bridge has no doubt gone, since the telephone wires strung along the bridge refuse to work.

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## LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

- For Missouri—Fair Sunday, except probably thunderstorms and cooler in northwest portion; Monday, fair, not so warm in east and southern portions; easterly winds, becoming variable.
- For Illinois—Fair, continued warm Sunday; Monday, fair, not so warm; light fresh to northeast winds.
- For Arkansas—Fair Sunday, except showers at night or Monday; winds mostly easterly.

## PART I.

- 1. A. N. Milner Is Missing.
- 2. Still in Hopes of Avoiding Strike.
- 3. Invokes Aid of State Committee.
- 4. Married on His Death Bed.
- 5. Grapes Plentiful This Year.
- 6. Breast Must Stand Up for Ten Years.
- 7. Von der Ahe Loses Medal Suit.
- 8. Baseball Games.
- 9. Race Track Results.
- 10. Bryan Replies to the Flag Argument.
- 11. Men Fight Over Another's Wife.
- 12. Story of Accident to the Oregon.

## PART II.

- 1. What Is Needed to Purify Water for a Great City.
- 2. Mechanical Giant in Human Form.
- 3. Marvelous Boy Fiddlemaker.
- 4. Gridiron Warriors Preparing for Battle.
- 5. Pugnacious to Become Theatrical Stars.
- 6. McGill Carried Two Revolvers.
- 7. Death Notices.
- 8. Fraternal Order News.

## PART III.

- 1. News of Religious World.
- 2. The Week in Society.
- 3. Name Bubble Burst.
- 4. Help and Situations Wanted.
- 5. Dwellings, Flats, Rooms to Let.
- 6. Miscellaneous Wanted and For Sale.
- 7. Lodge Directory.
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- 10. Real Estate News.

## PART IV.

Magazine Section.



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