

ALL EUROPE SUSPICIOUS

The Pressure Increases as War Gives Way to Diplomacy.

Russia and Germany Regarded With Jealous Eyes—Latter Supposed to Have the Enthusiastic Support of Young King Victor—Great Britain Ties Over the Fact—England Not to Ask for More Territory From China Unless Dismemberment Is Unavoidable—Getting Ready for the Latter Contingency, and Prepared to Demand Her Full Share.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The feature of the Chinese situation which chiefly puzzles Europe is the absence of all authentic accounts of attempts to seize the legations during the two months that they were practically cut off from communication with the world.

There can be no doubt that the silence on the part of the correspondents who are now sending news of today's events in Peking is compulsory. It is not easy, however, to understand the reasons why the allied commanders have forbidden the transmission of news which, more than anything else in recent history, appeals to the world's interest.

Another element of the situation has developed which is causing uneasiness in Great Britain. It proves unfortunately that the down of King Humbert is likely to have an important effect on international policy.

It is known that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, when in Rome, delivered to the King a letter from the Emperor, in which the Kaiser was good enough to set forth what he thought should be the course of the powers in China.

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The world will have to wait for events to develop the Emperor's policy, but it may be regarded as certain that it includes the determination not to allow Japan, as a yellow power, to obtain substantial advantages from the Chinese chaos.

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BELGIUM SURPRISES EUROPE.

Arrives in Beijing Not to Send Troops to China Inexplicably.

PARIS, Aug. 25.—The news that Belgium is not going to send a contingent to China causes astonishment in France. This Government had already signified its approval of an expedition from that country, but the reason why it was abandoned is not known.

The absence of Foreign Minister Delcasse at Felix at the council general, accounts in a way for the lack of definite news from the Foreign Office.

The continued silence of M. Pichon, the French Minister at Peking, is inexplicable. A leading diplomatist speaking tonight about the Belgian affair, said: "Belgium ought to send troops to China to protect its own interests."

The news of the execution of Lieutenant Gordon at Peking has had a bad effect here. The news was generally received with exultation of the English, while thoughtful persons said it was one of the stupidest blunders committed by Great Britain in Szechuan.

FLED TOWARD PAOTING-FU.

Empress Left Peking Three Days Before the Allies Arrived.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A despatch to the Central News from Peking, which came by the cable on August 23, says it has been definitely ascertained that the Empress Dowager and the entire suite of the Imperial Government has fled in the direction of Paoting-fu.

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RUSSIA CAUSES ANXIETY

Officials Await Confirmation of Rumor Reported by Reimey.

Commander of Muscovite Troops at Peking Said to Have Declared That His Government Was at War With China—Not Credited in Washington—Situation Believed to Have Changed for the Better—Nothing Likely to Be Done by American Until an Answer Has Been Received to the Invitation Extended to the Powers to Arrange for Peace.

There has been a marked change in the Chinese situation since Friday and the officials say there is no cause for worry. They maintain that the conditions at Peking and elsewhere in the Empire are very satisfactory.

As for the diplomatic phase of Chinese affairs very little is obtainable, but it is understood by the authorities here that there is not likely to be anything new in that regard until the powers have answered the note of the United States inviting an arrangement for the recognition of some central authority in the Empire with which the powers may conduct peace negotiations.

The Government is satisfied that none of the European powers or Japan intend to declare war against China. The President will remain in Washington. He intends to stay here until some definite responses have been received from the powers to the note prepared Friday and until it is learned from the Russian Government whether the Russian commander at Peking was justified in making the assertion that his country was at war with China.

There is a general disinclination to believe that Russia has decided to abandon co-operation with the other nations and engage in war. No official confirmation of the report that the Russian general at Peking had made such a declaration as that stated has come to this Government.

The opinion here is that the Russian general did make a declaration of that character, but it is believed that the Government at St. Petersburg will repudiate it. However, the report causes concern, and the officials are anxious to get reliable advices in the matter from the United States Ambassador at the Russian capital.

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STAGE GUNS LOADED.

Italian Tenor Howls Vigorously When Shot in the Throat.

ROME, Aug. 25.—The famous Italian tenor, Signor Borgatti, had a narrow escape the other night from being killed on the stage in the presence of a big audience at Brescia. Puccini's opera, "La Tosca," was being played.

The reason for the incident was that the tenor was shot in the throat by a bullet which was fired from a trap set for him by the author of the opera.

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MANY GRAVE MISTAKES

Gross Mismanagement by British in South Africa.

Incompetency and Stupidity of Army Officers Boldly Admitted—Civilians With Criminal Records Appointed to Administrative Positions—Disgraceful Manner in Which Young Cordua Was Lured to His Death—Boers Growing Farther Every Day From Peaceful Submission—Burglars Maddened and Disheartened by the Policy of Their Conquerors.

(Special Cablegram—Copyrighted.) LONDON, Aug. 25.—It is impossible to longer ignore the grave mistakes, not to say the scandalous folly, of the British management in South Africa, since the capture of the Boer capital.

The reason for this is twofold. First, not a word bearing on the subject has been allowed to pass the censorial censorship, and the mail is the only channel of communication, and second, such a peculiar condition of public sentiment has been worked up by politicians and others that any newspaper which dared to undertake an exposure would be instantly accused of a lack of patriotism and sedition.

The only hint, indeed, in the public prints has been a brief despatch from Natal, stating that a large number of civilians had united in a protest against the character of the officials who had been delegated to perform local official functions in that colony.

A civilian was selected in Bloemfontein by the British authorities to decide what residents could be properly entrusted with military passes. This functionary was a convicted murderer, just released from jail. The complaints of the character of civilians employed in various capacities, and involving more or less authority in Johannesburg, Pretoria, and other places, have been scarcely less serious.

One charge which will outrage the public conscience of England deeper than all others when the truth is made known is connected with the methods pursued by the military secret service, which culminated yesterday in the execution of Lieutenant Cordua. British officers have been ordered for the first time, let it be hoped, to the use of the French system of agents provocateurs.

This course was proper and legitimate, but instead of merely investigating and watching these agents, many of them the vilest characters of the Transvaal, began systematically to propose to citizens Boers, and others violators of the oath.

The correspondent promptly turned the man out of the house and forthwith informed an officer of the intelligence department of the man's dangerous character.

Nothing was done, and the correspondent was an agent of the department. This policy was continued under the plea that it was necessary to test the fidelity of the resident. Cordua's letter was that he was induced to violate his oath by one of these agents, and enough evidence was permitted to reach London to indicate that this was probably true.

Lieutenant Cordua was undoubtedly technically guilty, though the so-called plot was chimerical and not serious, according to General Roberts' own statement. But what he said to those who, under the excuse of military expediency, inveigled him to his doom, there is only too much reason to believe is typical of the great series of blunders, scandals, and crimes which have made South Africa the cockpit of all human passions since gold and diamonds were discovered there, and for which England will never be able to escape the chief burden of responsibility.

Its latest development seems to be a species of exasperation over the continued resistance of the enemy, who refuses to accept defeat and whose hopeless valor is deemed to justify a departure from the strict rules of justice and sound administration. No one will accuse Roberts personally of any dereliction in this regard. The facts furnish merely another proof of the scandalous incompetency and stupidity, to use a word which even the "Times" does not hesitate to employ, of the average officer of the British army.

It is unnecessary to point out the inevitable effect of all this upon the Boers and Afrikaners, whom Great Britain expects to soon metamorphose into loyal subjects of the Queen. It is not too much to say that Lieutenant Cordua's fall justifies the rifles of yesterday's firing party, instead of provoking a salutary warning. It is expected, will postpone for many a day the inevitable effect.

A Good Table d'Hotel Dinner, 75c. Served in the Big Casino, Chesapeake Beach. Lanston Monotype Machine Company has been officially notified that its machines at the Paris Exposition have been awarded a gold medal.

Ed. A. Wickerson, General Agent, 124 E. Broadway, Chesapeake Beach, Md. Tel. 400. Sell water, gas, heating, fishing, crabbing, and plenty of amusements. Trains from B. & O. station, days, 9:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

BRYAN GREATLY PLEASED

Expresses Gratification Over His Recent Tour.

Believes That He Has Made Converts Among the Republicans—Democratic Leader Annoyed Over Reports That He Will Try for Senatorship if Defeated for President.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 25.—Mr. Bryan spent a few brief hours at home today. At 9 o'clock he came from Beatrice. After dinner he drove down to the depot again and accompanied a delegation of local Democrats to Omaha, where he was one of the speakers at a Democratic club picnic.

While he will not talk for publication he is not at all backward in private of expressing the belief that the Republicans will be forced to meet the issue of imperialism, and that they will find when they begin the discussion of campaign issues that the people will not permit their speakers to dismiss this issue as a mere phantom.

Mr. Bryan is somewhat annoyed by the persistency with which the story flows that he has his weather eye upon one of the two seats in the United States Senate to be filled by the next Legislature, and that he is shaping his plans with that object in view.

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STATISTICAL DISCOVERIES

Statisticians Discover an Error in the Republican Platform.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 25.—A statistical mistake of a billion and a half of dollars in the Republican national platform has been discovered by F. J. Van Voorhees. The platform contains the statement that during the three years of the McKinley administration the total value of exports was \$1,488,000,000, and this is shown to be several times the total excess of exports over imports for the 167 years ending 1897, which, according to the platform, was \$383,000,000.

Dr. Van Voorhees, who is a close student of politics and fond of delving in statistics, made a careful study of the figures in this remarkable Republican statement. He finds from the summary of finance and commerce, the official bulletin issued monthly by the Bureau of Statistics, that the excess of exports over imports for the 167 years ending in 1897 was \$1,897,000,000, or five times the amount given in the platform.

Dr. Van Voorhees attributes the mistake to Mark Hanna, who used the same figures in his speech before the Ohio Convention, and says the error is proof positive that Hanna is the architect of the Republican national platform. Dr. Van Voorhees says it is up to Hanna and a few others to try to make it up.

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