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ATTITUDE OF CHINA

Russian Foreign Minister Discusses Subject With Ambassadors of Powers.

Activity of Chinese Bandits Considered Tantamount to State of War.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—It is learned that Foreign Minister Lamdorff in interviews with representatives of the great powers, laid particular emphasis on the attitude of the Chinese. He referred to the necessity for all the governments continuing the policy of constantly impressing upon the Chinese the advisability of preserving strict neutrality. The foreign minister desires that China not only be officially neutral, but that there shall be no interference on the part of her people, and he believes the latter point can be assured if violations of the imperial proclamations are swiftly punished. The minister has not forgotten the supineness of the imperial government in 1900, which permitted the Boxer movement to spread until it implicated the court and required international intervention.

The views of the Russian foreign minister are regarded as significant, especially as they follow the renewed assurances of the Chinese minister. The military expert of the Novoe Vremya expressed an opinion, which is slowly crystallizing here, that the attitude of the Chinese authorities and the activity of the Chinese bandits are tantamount to a state of war. "It is the worst kind of war," says the expert, "since it is cloaked by hypocritical neutrality. Russia is now warring in a hostile country."

MAKE A SMALL, CLEAR WOUND.

Russian Surgeons Praise the Japanese Bullets. Liaoyang, May 20.—The Russian army surgeons are praising the Japanese bullets. They inflict a small, clear wound, though they possess good stopping effect. Captain Vorobief was struck by twenty bullets during the fighting at the Yalu river, but he survived and is expected to recover. Several gunners of the heroic Third battery are convalescent, though their intestines were pierced. The last trainload of men wounded at the Yalu has gone North, after the soldiers receiving decorations personally from General Kurapatkin.

FIGHTING SOUTH OF KINCHOU.

Japanese Less Than Forty-five Miles From Port Arthur.

Tokio, May 20.—It is unofficially reported that small skirmishes are taking place south of Kinchou. On the Liaoting peninsula the Japanese line extends from Chinchaton to Chulashan, across a ridge of hills a mile and a half north of Kinchou. Kinchou is 7,000 or 8,000 metres north of the narrowest part of the peninsula and forty miles north of Port Arthur. The Japanese line, therefore, is less than forty-five miles from Port Arthur.

Russian Admiralty Denies.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—The admiralty denies that it has been officially advised of the Japanese occupation of Newchwang.

WILL BE HELD FOR RANSOM.

American and British Citizens Carried Off by Bandits.

Tangier, Morocco, May 20.—An American citizen named Perdicaris and his stepson, a British subject, were carried off by the well known bandit, Raisuli, and his followers and will doubtless be held for a heavy ransom. The captives were staying at Perdicaris' summer residence, only three miles from Tangier, when the bandit attacked and captured them.

Perdicaris is of Greek origin, but is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is very wealthy and has lived in Tangier for years. He married an English woman, whose son is his companion in captivity.

Foreigners are much excited by this bold raid, so near Tangier, and attribute it to the supineness of the government in failing to punish the bandits who last year captured Walter B. Harris, the correspondent in Morocco of the London Times, and their failure to deal with general lawlessness.

JAPANESE LEAVE KAICHOU.

Repulse Russians There and Afterwards Re-Embark.

Newchwang, May 20.—A courier of the Associated Press who arrived here shortly before midnight reports that the Japanese fleet was sighted from Tower hill, ten miles north of Kaichou, on Monday. The bombardment of the coast was extensive, covering a distance of twenty-five miles. Only the Japanese marines, it is reported, were landed. This, however, is not confirmed. The Japanese force marched several miles inland, destroyed four miles of railroad and other property, captured a Russian commissary train and returned with a number of carts, animals and native drivers. The Japanese then re-embarked and left the vicinity of their landing place. The transports shortly afterwards could not be seen from Tower hill, but their course was southward. It is believed now that the landing was a feint to cover movements elsewhere. A regiment of Russian infantry returned here Wednesday afternoon. The Russians seem to be bewildered and disheartened and unable to form lasting

LAFOLLETTE IS NAMED

Republican State Convention in Wisconsin Results in Split--Stalwarts Name Candidate.

Madison, Wis., May 20.—Lafollette and anti-Lafollette factions of the Republican party in this state met in separate conventions during the day with the avowed purpose of placing state tickets in the field.

The Lafollette delegates were called to order in the university gymnasium at 9:40 a. m. Some delay was occasioned owing to the fact that the committee on resolutions was not ready to report. Finally chairman Chynoweth was recognized and reported that three members of the resolutions committee, Messrs. Reynolds, Bennett and Riordan, failed to meet with the committee, but that as prepared the report was signed by eight members of the committee. The platform strongly endorses the national administration and the state administration of Governor Lafollette.

The platform, as read, was adopted unanimously. The roll call showed that 58 1/2 delegates were present.

State Senator John M. Frear of the Eleventh district placed in nomination for governor Robert M. Lafollette. His speech was highly laudatory of the governor and an endorsement of his official acts throughout two administrations. Several seconding speeches were made. The roll call showed 58 1/2 votes, the complete strength of the convention, and Governor Lafollette was declared the unanimous nominee.

Present Officials Renominated.

On motion of Senator Miller of Dane county the rest of the state officers now holding office were renominated and voted upon collectively. They received the 58 1/2 votes in the convention and were declared unanimously renominated. The list follows: Lieutenant governor, James O. Davidson, Soldiers Grove; secretary of state, Walter L. Houser, Mondak; attorney general, L. M. Sholevart, Neillsville; treasurer, John J. Kempf, Milwaukee; insurance commissioner, Zeno M. Hoyt, Milwaukee; railroad commissioner, John W. Thomas, Chipewa Falls.

Governor Lafollette was escorted to the convention hall by a committee appointed to inform him of his nomination. He was introduced by Chairman Lenroot as "the present governor and the next governor of Wisconsin."

The reception accorded him was enthusiastic in the extreme. A delegation of university students joined in the greeting and gave him the university yell.

Governor Lafollette made a ringing speech of acceptance and was enthusiastically received with applause. The speech in the main, was confined to state issues.

Antis Hold Separate Convention.

M. G. Jeffries of Rock county called the temporary anti-third term organization to order in the Fuller Opera House. The report of the credentials committee was adopted, the members finding that the delegates from the contested counties were entitled to seats.

The participation of Senators Spooner and Quarles in the convention was solicited by a committee appointed by the chair as follows: Ex-governor Edward Scofield, ex-governor Upham and C. C. Rogers. They left the hall amid cheers to invite the senators to be present.

J. R. Bennett of Ozaukee county moved that the temporary organization be made permanent. The motion carried and the chair announced that Senator John C. Spooner and Senator Joseph V. Quarles had consented to appear and speak before the anti-third term convention at the time the report of the committee on resolutions was received. This committee was not ready to report and the convention adjourned to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the afternoon session of the anti-third termers Judge Baensch released all delegates instructed for him and expressed his desire to support ex-Congressman Cook for governor. This insures the latter's renomination.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST

Heavy Loss of Life as Result of Sinking of Two Japanese Warships.

Tokio, May 20.—Vice Admiral Togo has reported as follows: "A report from Rear Admiral Dewa says that the cruisers Kasuga and Yoshino collided during a fog off Port Arthur on May 15. The Yoshino sank, only ninety of her crew being saved. "On the same day the battleship Hatsuse struck a Russian mine and sank."

Giving details of the disaster Vice Admiral Togo says: "At 1:14 in the afternoon of May 15, in a deep fog off Port Arthur, the Kasuga rammed the Yoshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of her crew were saved. "The same morning the Hatsuse, while cruising off Port Arthur, covering the landing of the soldiers, struck a mine ten knots southeast of the harbor entrance. She signalled for help and instantly struck another mine. She sank in half an hour. Three hundred of her crew were saved by torpedo boats."

The Yoshino was a cruiser of 4,180 tons displacement and 15,000 indicated horsepower. She was built in England, was launched in 1892, was 355 feet long, had 4 1/2 feet beam and her draft was 17 feet. The cruiser's speed was estimated to be 23 knots, her coal capacity was 1,900 tons and her crew numbered 390 men.

The Hatsuse was a battleship of 15,000 tons displacement and of the latest model. She was only completed in 1900, was built in England, was 400 feet long, had 75 1/2 feet beam, drew 27 feet of water, had 16,200 indicated horsepower and was fitted with water tube boilers. She was completely armored with steel. Her estimated speed was 15.11 knots. Her crew numbered 741 men.

CHLOROFORMED JAILER'S WIFE.

Release of Prisoner in Wisconsin Jail Secured.

Monroe, Wis., May 20.—W. F. Cleveland, a sneak thief, after serving a short term in jail, was released a few days since, returning to the jail and demanded the keys of Mrs. John Gardner, wife of the sheriff. Upon her refusal to give them up he placed a handkerchief saturated with chloroform, to her face and threatened to kill her if she did not give him the keys. He then took the keys and released Henry Jacobson, held for robbery, both getting away clear. Mrs. Gardner was discovered about an hour later and although not seriously hurt is suffering from a nervous shock. Both men are still at large and it is thought they made their escape in an auto car.

FIFTY BALLOTS TAKEN.

Illinois Republican Convention Still Deadlocked.

Springfield, Ill., May 20.—The Republican state convention met during the morning and 190K three more ballots in the contest for the nomination for governor. On the fifth ballot the official ballot stood:

Yates 456, Lowden 2975, Deneen 4214, Hamlin 113, Warner 40, Pierce 18.

BOMB FOR THE CZAR.

Woman Intended to Kill the Emperor of Russia.

Breslau, Prussia, May 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Breslau Zeitung reports that the authorities detected and thwarted a plot to attack the emperor with a bomb during the spring parade in St. Petersburg May 19. The emperor always reviews the parade on horseback, taking a position before and slightly to one side of the pavilion from which the empress and the grand duchess view the pageant.

In the grand stand a Miss Merozhovsky was seen to be excited at the approach of the emperor. She was quietly arrested and a search disclosed a skilfully constructed bomb concealed in her clothing. The girl did not deny her intention of hurling the missile at the emperor, but refused to give any other information.

Miss Merozhovsky has been an attendant at the courses in the women's university. It is rumored that she has been hanged and her aged father is completely prostrated.

GREAT DEMAND FOR LAND.

South Dakota Railroads Preparing to Handle Big Crowd.

Chamberlain, S. D., May 20.—Although the Rosebud Indian reservation in the southeastern part of South Dakota will not be open to settlers until July 5 preparations are already making to provide transportation for the large crowds expected to take up the 28,000 acres. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Chicago and Northwestern, the two railroads which run nearest the reservation are arranging to take care of 25,000 people. Railway officials are already receiving several hundred letters a day making inquiries about lands. The Rosebud lands will be opened for inspection between July 5 and 23, but before one can go on the land it will be necessary to register at Chamberlain, Yankton, Bonesteel or Fairfax. Most of the inquiries so far received by the railroad officials come from the Central Western states, but quite a number are from the East and South.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS.

Platform Declares for Roosevelt and Praises Administration.

Lincoln, Neb., May 20.—The Republican state convention ticket is as follows: Governor, John T. Miller; lieutenant governor, Edmund G. McCard; secretary of state, E. T. Galusha; treasurer, E. P. Mortensen; attorney general, E. P. Brown; auditor, N. E. Sealie.

The platform declares for the nomination of President Roosevelt and praises his administration.

Indian Sent Up for Life.

Allen, Minn., May 20.—Sandy Boy,

a Sandy Lake Indian, was brought into court during the morning and, pleading guilty to murder in the second degree, was sentenced to Stillwater for life by Judge McClelland of the district court. The crime for which the Indian was sentenced was the murder of another Indian named Joe Agonah Nov. 3 last north of McGregor.

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Good Muslin Horse Covers, worth \$1.00, for 50c each.

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