

DANGER NOT YET AVERTED

Anglo-Russian Relations at Tientsin Continue Strained.

Opposing Troops Face Each Other and Bloodshed is Looked for at Any Time—The British Press Campaignous for a Firmer Policy in China

PARIS, March 16.—A despatch from Tientsin bearing the date of Saturday says the situation between Russia and England could not possibly be more serious.

The Chinese are enjoying the spectacle of the Russian and English troops drawn up in battle array.

There is a possibility of bloodshed at any minute.

The English railway authorities on Friday put men to work building a siding near the station. The Russians drove them off for trespassing, and the laborers were roughly handled.

They returned, supported by several hundred British troops. Thereupon the Russians called out their whole force and prepared for battle.

Seeing this the British decided. Generals Campbell and Cook conferred and agreed not to break the peace for twenty-four hours.

Information of this difficulty has been called to St. Petersburg and to London.

The Russians are entreaching themselves in the concession.

LONDON, March 16.—The "Weekly Dispatch," which foretold the negotiations for surrender between Commander-in-Chief Botha, of the Boer army, and Lord Kitchener, professes this morning to give the real cause of the dispute between the British and Russians over the railway siding at Tientsin.

The paper says the quarrel is one of old standing, and originated, according to an official despatch, in an order given by a Russian officer when he told his men to sack a station where a British Indian regiment was quartered.

A young English lieutenant, who was the only officer with the Indian troops, declared that if the Russians advanced ten yards farther he would order his men to shoot. Shots were actually exchanged, but when the matter was reported to Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, he ordered the Russians to retire. They obeyed the order, but sacked every village on the way.

The incident greatly excited and keenly incensed the Indian troops, according to the official records, says the "Dispatch," and they are now beyond control. They are chanting their war songs and are eager to fight the Russian army.

The exasperation and apprehension of the European Governments over the Chinese situation are now considerably intensified, especially in England, where the newspapers generally today do not attempt to disguise their anxiety and demand that the Government shall uphold British interests, as it has done heretofore.

Speculation, rather than knowledge, is the basis of this distrust. But one or two points have come out in the last week which gave China once more the most prominent position in public interest.

In the first place, one cabinet meeting this week was entirely devoted to China, and the attitude of Japan rather than that of Russia is the immediate cause of the diplomatic activity. There is no doubt that Japan has been freely expressing her views on the aggressive policy of Russia and pressing for the application of some restraint.

The "News" interview with a Japanese diplomat well describes public opinion in Japan. Korea compels Marquis Ito to take serious action, it would not likely result in a declaration of war, but a demand that the Korean army should be entrusted to Japanese officers. In other words, that Japan would assume a protective attitude, and that Marquis Ito has a choice of assenting to this or going to war.

Two other points that are most discussed here are Chancellor Von Bulow's carefully worded speech in the Reichstag at Berlin yesterday and the quarrel between the Russian and the British over the railway siding at Tientsin. The latter is a local misunderstanding between the British and the Russian, and the quarrel on the spot, but the English papers, with their traditional distrust of everything Russian, say it is another example, on a smaller scale, of Russia's policy in Manchuria, namely, her claim to coerce China privately, and to insist on the rights while the Chinese peace envoys are dealing direct with the Council of the Powers, the members of which are pledged to abstain from indirect negotiations.

The English people are already raising an outcry that the British Government has "kissed down" at Tientsin, arguing that this is proved by the fact that the Russians now hold the siding, though the British maintain a definite position on the spot, but the English papers, with their traditional distrust of everything Russian, say it is another example, on a smaller scale, of Russia's policy in Manchuria, namely, her claim to coerce China privately, and to insist on the rights while the Chinese peace envoys are dealing direct with the Council of the Powers, the members of which are pledged to abstain from indirect negotiations.

MANY WITNESSED THE DUEL

Friends Gathered to See Count Boni Meet de Rodays.

The Editor of the "Figaro" Painfully Wounded in the Hip—Only Two Shots Fired in the Encounter in the Parc des Princes at Neuilly.

PARIS, March 16.—The duel between M. de Rodays and Count Boni de Castellane took place in the Velodrome in the Parc des Princes at Neuilly. The most careful precautions had been taken to avoid the intrusion of any outsiders.

At 5:30 o'clock this afternoon a band, composed by Count de Castellane and Count de Dion, entered the Velodrome, the doors of which were immediately closed. M. Jollivet, Count de Castellane's second, had already arrived.

Coches and auto cars containing the friends of the principals took up a position around the velodrome. The occupants who watched the duel from a distance view the "affaire" included the Marquis de Castellane, the count's father, and his brothers, Count Jean and Stanislas Castellane. All preserved deep silence.

Count Boni de Castellane found that M. de Rodays and his party had already arrived at the Velodrome. The newspaper reporters who climbed the railing and hid behind the stand of the Velodrome saw Count de Dion entering the velodrome, and Count de Castellane and M. de Rodays to take their places. As the principals raised their coats across the slim frame of Count de Castellane, he was distinguished. Both men were dark coats.

Count de Dion, who managed the proceedings, then broke the seal of the box containing the pistols and handed the weapons to the principals. He explained the conditions of the duel in a loud voice and after inviting the men to get ready withdrew.

The principals cocked their pistols with the greatest care and stood motionless with their rights arms straight down in a line with their bodies. To the question of Count de Dion: "Are you ready?" both replied "Yes," whereupon the command "Fire" was given.

Then Count de Dion counted "one, two, three." Between "one" and "two" M. de Rodays fired.

Count de Castellane followed between "two" and "three" and M. de Rodays brought his hands to his thigh and tottered. The fourth seconds and a surgeon immediately rushed to his assistance. The doctor examined and dressed the wound.

Count de Castellane proceeded at once to the entrance to the Velodrome, where he was embraced by his father and his brothers. After conferring for a few moments with his seconds Count de Castellane entered a landau and was driven home.

M. de Rodays was conveyed to his domicile some time later. M. de Rodays' wound, while painful, is not very dangerous. The surgeon in attendance on M. de Rodays says he will be well again after ten days' rest. Owing to the inflammation of the work of extracting the bullet will be delayed for two or three days.

The duel between Count de Castellane and M. de Rodays, which took place this morning at daybreak, but it is understood that the participants were unable to find a secluded place where the public and the authorities would not interfere.

This afternoon, however, Count de Dion and M. Jollivet, acting for Count Boni, and the seconds of M. de Rodays managed to find a spot secluded from the public and here the shots were exchanged.

The duel was a private affair, and the principals were not permitted to appear in public, which appeared in the "Figaro" three days ago, stating that the Count de Castellane was responsible for the betrayal of the Deroudele royalist plot for an uprising which had been planned and precipitated during the funeral of President Faure, in 1898.

After reading the accusation, Count Boni and a friend went to the apartments of M. de Rodays, who was asked to apologize and make a retraction. This M. de Rodays refused to do and Count Boni then chastised him severely, according to his own statement, administering thirty-five slaps in the face.

For two days the affair has been the topic in Paris and the arrangements for the duel have caused considerable excitement in the fashionable circles of the city.

The "Figaro," in telling the story of the duel, says that as soon as M. de Rodays felt the bullet strike he placed his hand on his hip and said, calmly: "I have got it."

He rose up very courageously, although the wound caused the most severe pain. Everyone ran toward him and he was carried to a bench in the Velodrome, where he was assisted by Drs. Vioud and Emere.

Count Boni de Castellane then approached M. de Rodays and enquired: "Are you suffering?"

M. de Rodays replied: "Not too much." Castellane then held out his hand, which his adversary took.

MARRIOTT BROSIUS' DEATH.

Fatal Paralysis Follows a Blow on the Head.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—Representative Marriott Brosius died at his home at Lancaster, Pa., this morning. Mr. Brosius was stricken with paralysis last evening. While carrying a trunk from the first floor of his home, Mr. Brosius struck his head against a door in the garret. He was downstairs when he was stricken.

At 10 o'clock the attending physician said that Mr. Brosius would not live through the night. He was being kept alive by stimulants.

When the news of his illness became public, the Brosius residence was visited by the most prominent men of the city. The children were summoned to his bedside. They are Mrs. H. L. Cobo, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Mrs. Clement M. Hiddle, of Pittsburg.

Mr. Brosius had recently enjoyed good health. Two years ago his nervous system was seriously shattered by an illness that threatened pneumonia and during the recent session of Congress he was incapacitated for a short time by the grip.

Mr. Brosius was fully recovered from that attack.

Mariott Brosius was in the fifty-eighth year of his age, having been born in Coleman township, Lancaster county, Pa. He was educated in the common schools of the county, after which he received an academic education at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1883. He served in the 10th Pennsylvania Cavalry during the war of 1861-62, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant for bravery on the battlefield.

After the war Mr. Brosius returned to his studies, first taking a course at the University of Pennsylvania, and then at the law school at the Annapolis University.

Mr. Brosius was admitted to the bar and continued practice actively until elected a member of Congress. In the year 1882 he was elected to the Pennsylvania legislature, and in 1883 he was elected to the Fifty-first Congress in 1888, and returned at the subsequent election to the Fifty-second Congress in 1891. 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