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CHINESE ARMY COMPELS FOREIGNERS TO RETREAT

(Continued from First Page.)

In regard to China. According to usually well informed correspondents at Rome, Vienna, Yokohama, Paris and Berlin, the powers are now deliberating as to the advisability of imprisoning the dowager empress of China, and are busy arranging the details of the long looked for partition of the celestial empire.

While Lord Salisbury is too cautious to commit himself to prophesy regarding the outcome of one of the most remarkable crises in the world's history, the Associated Press learns that he is not inclined to believe this Boxer outbreak will immediately bring up that most vital of all points, that is, the paramount necessity for European sovereignty over the entire Chinese empire.

"In discussing the utterances of statesmen and the writing of correspondents, one must remember they are to be gauged by standards of comparative ignorance rather than by comparative knowledge. No European really knows anything about China. Some know less than others, but that is about all it amounts to. We are not parleying with the other powers, and the other powers are not parleying with us for the simple reason that we are all ignorant of the conditions we are facing.

"The first thing is to release our respective diplomats. That, it seems, has not yet been accomplished, and while that remains the chief objective, and the naval commanders of all nations maintain the present harmony, Great Britain is not anxious, nor do the other powers seem anxious, to bring up the debatable questions of an eventual settlement; and you may be assured that all the reports of an international agreement on a line of action, subsequent to the restoration to safety of the diplomats at Peking, are premature and unfounded."

The general trend of the best informed opinion in London seems to be that the opposing interests of Japan and Russia may in themselves precipitate a crisis, even before the Boxer outbreak is stamped out, though neither of them are believed to be willing to go to the extremity of a resort to

arms at the present moment. Upon this latter phase of the situation, the all absorbing topic of the day, one can hear hundreds of opinions from men about equally well posted, yet scarcely any of them agree. A well known American diplomat, though frankly confessing he is bewildered by the countless possibilities involved, tells the Associated Press he believes it quite probable the crisis will resolve itself into a struggle between Russia and Japan.

London is teeming with Americans who find difficulty in getting accommodations at the hotels. On every steamer night cab loads are turned away from the leading metropolitan hostels. Compared with the eagerness of the hotel managers and storekeepers in awaiting the coming of the Americans, the Khedive's arrival in England was merely a trifling incident. Among the American visitors this week was former Consul-General Collins, who is making a flying trip to England and Ireland on personal business.

The few editorials and cablegrams printed here created only a mild sort of interest in the republican national convention at Philadelphia, as the result was regarded as a foregone conclusion. Though most of the correspondents of the English papers declare President McKinley's re-election is certain, the people here are more likely to take keener interest in the democratic national convention at Kansas City, for, by the proceedings there, it is generally thought the strength of the anti-English sentiment in America may be gauged.

The arrival here of the American contingent who are to compete in the Amateur Athletic Association's championship games July 7 has attracted English sportsmen to the fact that they are likely to lose many laurels. The Princeton team looks fit and well. The Syracuse, Pennsylvania, Georgetown, Michigan, Chicago and New York athletic club competitors are now awaited. Of the London Athletic Club team which went over to the United States, only one man is likely to compete—E. R. Hutchins, Secretary Herbert, of the Amateur Athletic Association, was asked by a representative of the Associated Press what he thought were the chances of the British athletes against such an aggregation. He said:

"I fear pretty poor. Up to the half mile we have no men equal to yours. We have got to make allowances for climate, and expect all the best men in England will compete. But unfortunately most of the university cracks have army commissions and are now in South Africa. No other foreigners have entered, and as usual, in sporting matters, the championship lies between England and America."

The American Bishops taking part in the missionary celebration have won golden opinions for their eloquence and force. Commenting on Bishop Doane's and Bishop Dudley's speeches, the Westminster Gazette, after referring to their wonderful flow of language, says: "One felt that our English speakers simply were not in it, and the rest of the speeches fell rather flat in consequence."

NEW SHIPPING DEAL

Santa Fe and Oceanic Steamship Companies Play Into Each Others Hands.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—It is reported in railroad circles that the Oceanic Steamship Company is to be made the exclusive ocean connection of the Santa Fe, that joint agencies will

be established at Honolulu and other ports reached by the Oceanic steamers, and that freight and passengers east bound from Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii, will, so far as possible, be billed and ticketed through to the east over the Santa Fe. While the officials of the lines mentioned do not confirm this report it is not denied that they will soon occupy the same passenger offices in this city.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A special to the Record from Sioux City, Ia., says: When the sheriff of Dakota county, Nebraska, was apprised of the work of the thirty-two South Dakota farmers in digging a channel across Ringier's Neck, to make a short cut for the tortuous Missouri river, he immediately dispatched a posse of deputies to stop the unlawful work. Among the members of the posse are bankers and prominent business men. They went fully armed, as it was expected a determined resistance would be made, but they arrived too late. The last farmer had already crossed into South Dakota before the posse came in sight. When the posse arrived they found the swift current of the river fast eating a wide and deeper channel across the Neck through which the trench was dug. It is only a question of a few hours when the channel of the big river will be unalterably changed, and the farms on the fertile peninsula will be a part of the domain of South Dakota.

SIDNEY LUCAS A STUNNER.

With Biggest Odds Against Him He Wins Derby Race at Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 23.—Sidney Lucas, almost neglected in the betting, at odds of 15 to 1, won the thirteenth American derby this afternoon, at Washington park. Six lengths behind him was the Eastern colt James, and still further back, struggling to no avail, was the vaunted public choice, the even money favorite, Lieutenant Gibson. Barracks, Advance Guard and Sam Phillips, in order brought up the procession, which carried little joy to the 30,000 spectators who saw the great classic event decided. The rush of Sidney Lucas through the stretch and the falling back of Lieutenant Gibson were so sudden, so startling, that they fairly stupefied the crowd.

Perhaps not one in a hundred had picked out Sidney Lucas to turn the trick. Lieutenant Gibson, the favorite, had no excuses. The stake was worth \$9,975 to the winner.

CHICAGO, June 23.—The American Derby will be run at Washington Park this afternoon on a heavy track, materially increasing the chances of the favorite, Lieutenant Gibson, relatively to the other starters. Turf critics agree that the son of C. W. Johnson can go in the mud, which is more than is known of his two principal rivals, Advance Guard and Sam Phillips. The threatened interruption of betting by the city authorities is now regarded as off, for the bookmakers are making preparations to cut in in the regular way. Despite the fact that Lieutenant Gibson was an eight to five favorite last night, and is likely to be at a shorter price at the track, many turfmen still think Sam Phillips has a chance to beat him despite the track conditions. It is significant, however, that the heavy betters and those generally called "wise" around a race track are betting, betting heavily, on the favorite.

Several owners will not announce their intentions of starting until the last moment, but the field is not likely to number over seven, possibly eight. The sure starters are Lieutenant Gibson, 8 to 5, in sporting circles this morning; Sam Phillips, 4 to 1; Barrack, 15 to 1; Norfolk, 20 to 1, and Sidney Lucas, 20 to 1.—In addition to the above, it is probable that James, at 8 to 1, and Advance Guard, at 5 to 1, will start. All Gold, Yellow Tail and Silver Garter are doubtful. The value of the race to the winner with seven starters, is over \$10,000. The record for the American Derby is 2:53.

NEW CANAL ROUTE.

Discovery of a Tide-Water Route Throws Nicaragua Scheme in the Shade.

NEW YORK, June 23.—In a letter to a personal friend, at Bellefonte, Pa., Dr. G. F. Wickes, formerly physician at Bellevue Hospital, New York, and at present surgeon of the Nicaragua canal commission, conveys an idea of

the results which may be expected of the work of the commission. Dr. Wickes gives the interesting information that the commission has discovered a tide-water level route for a canal across the Isthmus. The letter also shows some of the hardships and dangers which the commission encountered. It was written from Lasardi, Caledonia bay, and in part says:

"Here we have found what we all have vainly sought for weeks and weeks, a practical route for a tide-level canal. We have found low enough gaps in the dividing ridge from time to time, with a steep approach on the Atlantic slope, making a 'cut' a practical possibility, but disappointment has always awaited us on the other side. But in the last week, we have found a gap 800 feet high, a little too high perhaps, but not beyond the science of modern engineering, and when I tell you this, every fact against the route has been enumerated. From the summit of this gap in the divide both the Atlantic and Pacific slopes down precipitately, especially the latter, which has heretofore been our stumbling block. A great wide valley stretches out straight toward the Pacific ocean, which can be seen in the distance. The Atlantic is near and in plain sight.

Here a tide-water canal, the dream of all 'canalists,' can be built, with a perfect harbor on each side. At Lasardi, the many islands would protect its mouth, and on the other side San Miguel bay is a perfect site. The officers of the Scorpion say that the Lasardi harbor alone makes this route worth \$50,000,000 more than any other. The damming of rivers which would otherwise flood the canal, is a problem of every route. The only thing to be said against this route is the high cut of 800 feet.

"Of course congress may not accept the report of the commission, but it remains an indisputable fact that this is far excellence the future route for the trans-continental canal route. It really seems possible that we have refound Seifridge's Caledonian route, discovered during his three years' work here in the early seventies."

The route suggested from Caledonia bay to the Gulf of San Miguel lies about 130 miles east of the old Panama and Colonial route. The proposed line would connect the Gulf of Darien and the bay of Panama. At that place the Isthmus of Darien is about 26 miles wide.

BULLISHNESS GONE WILD.

Description of the Situation in the Chicago Wheat Pit Yesterday.

CHICAGO, June 23.—July wheat opened at 2 3/4 @ 3 1/4 higher at 86 to 87c advanced to 88c, declined to 86 1/2c, and then rallied to 88c, closing at the last given price, 4 1/2c over yesterday. This, in cold figures, is the story of a wild, panicky and decidedly bullish market. The opening was rather startling in its strength but throughout the session the market had the appearance of bullishness gone wild.

An advance of 24 at Liverpool and a mass of messages reporting an almost total failure of the spring wheat crop in the Northwest brought in buying orders by the hundreds, many sections of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Manitoba reporting total failures. Others told of thin, spare, sickly crops, good for from three to six bushels to the acre.

There was still no indication of rain in the Northwest while the temperature remained high. There was little today of improvement if good rains shall fall, even at this late date.

PORTLAND, June 23.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 60 @ 1; blue-stem, 62.

GAS TRUST.

New York Now Has the Most Powerful Gas Corporation in the World.

NEW YORK, June 23.—The Press this morning says: Behind the agreement of the gas companies to charge \$1.05 per thousand cubic feet is a combination of interests, which, if successful, will establish the most powerful gas corporation known to any city of the world. The Consolidated Company, the central concern, soon will increase its capital about \$20,000,000 or \$20,000,000, the exact figures not being announced. The forthcoming circular to stockholders will suggest a means of distributing a present surplus of one million dollars. During the past year the Consolidated Company has absorbed practically all the gas and electric light, heat and power companies in Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn boroughs.

RETURN BOUT AT 'FRISCO.

Neill Will Meet Moffatt July 13.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—Al Neill and Jack Moffatt have been matched for a return bout of 20 rounds on July 13, under the auspices of the National Athletic Club of this city. Neill conceded all the conditions named by Moffatt who is to receive 90 per cent of the fighters' share of the receipts if he wins and 20 per cent if he loses.

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Many Things Combine to Produce Depression.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Prices have moved irregularly in the stock market, but the tendency has been toward a lower level. The occasional rallies have been due to bear covering, and liquidation has been in evidence all the week. The Reading stocks and New Jersey Central have been the only no-

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table exceptions to the weakness. The further damage to the spring wheat crop, rumors of harm to the cotton crop, the growing conservatism displayed by railroad authorities in dividend questions, the urgent demand from Germany and France for gold, coming upon the low level of surplus reserves in New York banks and the dread of European complications growing out of the Chinese outbreak, have been the dominant influences of the speculation.

THREE TRANSPORTS TO SAIL.

Leelanaw, Conemaugh and Grant Leave 'Frisco Within Ten Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—Three transports will sail from this port for the Philippines before July 1. The Leelanaw and Conemaugh are being loaded as quickly as possible, and, as soon as all their cargo is aboard, they will receive a deck load of miles.

The transport Grant, which is to leave this port on July 1 for Manila, will be the first United States troopship to go to the Philippines by way of Honolulu, the usual route being via Nagasaki. She will carry the Sixth cavalry, which may be sent to China. The transport Lennox, now at Portland, Ore., will carry horses for the troopers.

PRETORIUS INTERVIEWED.

First President of the Transvaal Says He Never Favored the War.

NEW YORK, June 23.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Martinus Pretorius, the first president of the Transvaal, in an interview with the Express correspondent in Potchefstroom, said that he had never been in favor of the war and had in fact told President Kruger so. He is of the opinion that the burghers will settle under the British rule, if leniency is shown toward them.

Mr. Reitz is reported to have stated that the Boers are in a position to carry on a guerrilla warfare for three months or longer.

NEW DEFENSES.

Another Battery For San Diego Harbor.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 23.—Captain J. J. Meyer has been directed by the war department to have plans drawn for a battery of two three-inch guns to be located on North Island, at the entrance of San Diego harbor. The guns will not only command the entrance to the harbor, but will be able to destroy any small craft that might steal up under the big 10-inch guns of Fort Rosecrans, located directly across the channel. These big guns cannot be depressed sufficiently to hit a ship at close range, and the three-inch guns will be put in to solve this problem.

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CROKER WILL BE ACTIVE.

Discusses National Campaign and New York's Ice Trust Scandal.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Richard Croker, who arrived from England today, says he is ready to take a very active part in the coming national campaign.

Croker acknowledged having owned American Ice Company stock, but said it was bought before the company became a trust. He would not say if he was now a stockholder.

As to the request made to Governor Roosevelt to remove Mayor Van Wyck from his ownership of ice stock, Croker said: "Governor Roosevelt has the power to do so if the mayor is guilty, but all men must be considered innocent unless they are convicted of wrong doing."

"What would you consider as guilty?" he was asked. "Well, in case the mayor used his office to get possession of shares of stock or to increase the price of ice, that would be, if proven, cause for his removal," was the reply.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

Disastrous Washout on the Southern at McDonough, Ga.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 23.—The passenger train on the Southern railway which left Macon at 7 p. m. for Atlanta, ran into a washout near McDonough, Ga., tonight. It is reported there was a heavy loss of life. The train crew is said to be lost and only seven passengers are known not to have been injured.

A cloudburst occurred tonight and flooded the country. The train went into a washout without warning and, despite the pouring rain, the wreckage took fire.

CROKER ARRIVES.

He Will Attend the Kansas City Convention.

NEW YORK, June 23.—The steamship Lucania, with Richard Croker on board, arrived in New York harbor at an early hour this morning. Half a dozen of the Democratic leaders of this city went down the bay to meet him. After remaining in this city for a few days, it is expected that Mr. Croker will go west for the purpose of attending the Kansas City Democratic convention.

M'KINLEY IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Will Make No Speeches Except From His Canton Residence During Vacation.

CLEVELAND, O., June 23.—Senator Hanna arrived here today from Philadelphia. He said President McKinley would make no speeches during the campaign except, perhaps, a few brief talks to visiting delegations at his

home in Canton, where the chief executive will spend his vacation. Governor Roosevelt, the senator said, would probably take the stump during the campaign and deliver a number of speeches.

FOREST FIRES OUT.

Thousands of Acres Denuded With a Loss of Half a Million.

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 23.—The great forest fires in the Huachuca mountains in Cochise county have burned themselves out. Many thousand acres are denuded, and \$500,000 worth of fine lumber has been destroyed. A prospector named Noyes is believed to have lost his life.

ILLINOIS REFORM PARTY.

Convention to Be Held in Chicago on June 27.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A call has been issued for a convention to be held in this city on June 27 to organize the union reform party of Illinois, on the basis of direct legislation. R. S. Thompson, chairman of the national executive committee of the party, will be present.

ALASKAN MARSHAL EN ROUTE.

Perry Leaves Chicago For Sitka.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A special to the Record from Dubuque, Ia., says: George G. Perry, recently appointed United States marshal for Alaska, left last evening for Seattle. On arriving at Seattle he will report to the United States judge, who will give all the necessary instructions, and on July 2 he will sail for Sitka.

CONGRESSMAN DYING.

Gamble, of South Dakota, at the Point of Death.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A special to the Record from Yankton, S. D., says: Congressman Gamble is ill with meningitis, and lies at his home at the point of death. He is unconscious.

AMERICANS PROBABLY LOST.

Reinsurance Has Been Advanced to Forty Per cent.

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Doctors still prescribe mercury and potash as the only cure for Blood Poison. These poisonous minerals never yet made a complete and permanent cure of Contagious Blood Poison. They drive the disease back into the system, cover it up for a while, but it breaks out again in worse form. These powerful minerals produce mercurial rheumatism and the most offensive sores and ulcers, causing the joints to stiffen and finger nails to drop off. Mercury and potash make wrecks, not cures, and those who have been dosed with these drugs are never after free from aches and pain.

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