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BURST ITS BOUNDS

Chinese Army Invades Asiatic Russia.

ATTACKED THE CAPITAL OF AMUR

Practically a Declaration of War Against the Czar's Government—Li Hung Chang's Mission.

LONDON, July 18.—The Daily Mail publishes a sensational dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated Monday, which asserts that there is no doubt that China has declared war against Russia.

The Russian press, says the correspondent, is restricted to the publication of official details, and the publication of any dispatches from the front has been prohibited. I hear, however, from a reliable source, that the Chinese troops and the Boxers seized a Russian transport vessel laden with munitions at Arigon (on the Amur River, about 18 miles from the Russian frontier), killing almost the entire Russian crew, and then suddenly attacked and bombarded the town of Blagovestchensk, capital of the Amur Government, on the Amur River. The garrison held out bravely, but was finally overwhelmed. Nearly all perished and the town was burned.

PLENTY OF RUSSIANS THERE.

Chinese Likely to Receive a Severe Check.

LONDON, July 18, 4 A. M.—The news of the Manchuria disturbances is not regarded as justifying the serious view attributed by the Daily Mail's advisers, Amur is a boundary territory between Eastern Siberia and Manchuria. The district has been the scene of local disturbances for a long time, owing to provocative conduct of the Chinese toward the 35,000 Chinese employed in the construction of the Russo-Manchurian Railway.

CALM AT HANKOW.

No Trouble Thus Far Along the Railroad.

PARIS, July 17.—The French Consul at Hankow telegraphs, under date of July 17, that all is calm at Hankow, and that the population is not agitated. He adds that the Viceroy was taking measures to avert disturbances and that no trouble had thus far occurred along the Hankow-Pekin Railway.

ANOTHER MASSACRE.

Forty Foreigners Killed at Tai Yuen Fu.

LONDON, July 18.—According to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail, dated yesterday, a massacre occurred on July 9 at Tai Yuen Fu, capital of the province of Shan Si, 40 foreigners and 100 native converts being killed.

RECALL OF MISSIONARIES.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The Board of Management of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, at its monthly meeting, today passed a resolution asking the authorities to recall all missionaries of the society now in China, if he should at any time deem it wise to do so. The resolution authorizes the executive committee to take any steps necessary to effect the purpose.

WAREHOUSES AT KALGAI LOOTED.

LONDON, July 18.—The Moscow correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Information has been received from Peking that the warehouses at Kalgai, in the province of Chi Li, near the great wall, have been plundered and burned by Chinese rioters and troops, goods worth 200,000 taels having been destroyed."

UNDER RUSH ORDERS.

Great Activity at the Presidio—Charting of Transports.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—This was a busy day at the Presidio, today, as the transport branch was particularly affected, as orders were received early in the day to "make ready for foreign service as soon as possible." The troops now at the Presidio will probably leave for the coast about August 1, and the transports Meade and Hancock will be used for their transportation. Batteries L, O and A, of the Third Artillery, stationed at Alcatraz and the Presidio, Battery D, at San Diego, are the evaded ones.

EARL LI'S TWO-FOLD MISSION.

To Save Ministers' Lives and Arrange Terms of Peace.

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

Opening of the National Convention at St. Paul.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT WAS THERE

Addresses by Senator Nelson and President Stone—Speeches at the Auditorium.

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PITH OF THE CHINESE NEWS FOR BUSY READERS

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CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

The convention was called to order by Colonel George S. Stebbins, president of the league in the Auditorium. Secretary D. P. Stone read the call assembling the league in its 11th session, which was followed by the roll-call of states. About 100 delegates and 100 members of the league were present.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President Stone, of the league, followed Senator Nelson with an address. He said: "The members of the National Republican League: During the brief period of two years, your happy existence and hearty cooperation has been a source of pride and honor to the American Republic, which so long as that Republic shall exist will be a source of pride and honor to the American Republic."

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When the party entered the hall, the Governor was given a great ovation. Colonel Stone formally called the meeting to order, and introduced Senator Davis as chairman of the evening.

ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS.

When Roosevelt finally was able to make himself heard, he returned thanks for the reception that had been tendered him here today. The Governor spoke for decency and efficiency in public life, for courage in carrying out what one believes. He had no use, he said, for timid persons. Public officials should be honest, brave and have the saving grace of common sense. They were needed in public life just as much as in private.

A SENSIBLE CRY.

TO PROVIDE TROOPS

Only Reason for Calling Congress Together.

WAR WILL NOT BE DECLARED

Fall of Tien Tsin Will Have Little Effect on the Chinese-General Miles' Ambition.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The opinion has grown very strong in military circles lately that sooner or later Congress will have to be called together in order to provide a sufficient number of troops to take care of our interests in China. If Congress is thus called together, it does not necessarily mean that war will be declared. In fact, such a course is altogether improbable, but the small force that can be spared from the Philippines is inadequate to meet the emergency, and the President is without authority to enlist a larger force. To withdraw our forces from the Philippines at this time would be to give way to anarchy and rebellion, and such a course is not considered.

COLLAPSE OF A TRUST.

Continuation of National Wall Paper Company Out of Business.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The National Wall Paper Company, which has been known for more than six years as the National Wall Paper Company, having failed to control independent manufacturers, has practically been driven out of business by outside competition, and in the near future will be dissolved. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the majority of the stockholders held today in this city. The collapse of the National Wall Paper Company will result in the winding up of the affairs of the Continental Wall Paper Company, which has for some time been an ally of the National. The latter controlled the output of 15 factories in the combination, and the Continental operated 12 similar factories. At the annual meeting today the old board of directors was re-elected and empowered to act as trustees in the dissolution proceedings. Some of the factories will be bought back by their original owners, and the others will be sold to the highest bidder.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

No Appeal Will Be Taken in the Eight-Hour Case.

DENVER, July 17.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today took up the consideration of the Colorado eight-hour case. It had been proposed to appeal from the decision of the State Supreme Court, which was against the constitutionality of the law, to the United States Supreme Court. The council finally decided against taking action.

NEW YORK SWELTERED.

Business Houses Compelled to Close—Many Prostrations.

NEW YORK, July 17.—There was no relief for suffering New Yorkers today. In fact, it was hotter this afternoon than yesterday, and the wind was scarcely a breeze. As was the case yesterday, many business houses were compelled to close early in the afternoon, and it was impossible for laboring men to work in the streets after 2 o'clock. In Greater New York there were about 35 cases of heat prostrations. Five persons died from the effects of the heat, and one person, who had been overcome and taken to a hospital, committed suicide. Officially, the mercury ranged from 95 to 100 degrees between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M., but many other points through the city registered as high as 105.

IN JAPANESE WATERS.

Battleship Oregon on Her Way to Kure Drydock.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The following dispatch was received at the Navy Department this morning: "The battleship Oregon, under command of Rear Admiral Dewey, passed through Shimoda Straits on way to Kure. All well."

RETURN OF GENERAL WOOD.

NEW YORK, July 17.—General Leonard Wood and his family arrived here today from Havana. General Wood will proceed at once to Washington. When seen at quarantine, he said: "I have not been called home to consult about the removal of troops from Cuba to China, but to talk over general matters in relation to my post in Cuba. I would like, however, to go to China. I do not know that I will be selected for a command, but I want to go."

WORRIED TO DEATH OVER THE MASSACRE.

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 17.—John B. Phelps, a prominent lumberman, died today of apoplexy, attributed to worry over the fate of relatives in Peking who are guests of Minister Conger's family at the American legation.

CAPTAIN BORDEN KILLED.

HALLFAX, N. S., July 17.—A cablegram from South Africa reports that Captain Harold Borden, of the Canadian contingent, has been killed in action. He was the only son of F. W. Borden, Canadian Minister of Militia.

REMARKS BY SENATOR NELSON.

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