



MISSIONARIES DIE AT CHINESE HANDS

Riot at Nanchang the Cause of Massacre.

BRITAIN SENDS A GUNBOAT

Six Catholics and Two Protestants Are Dead.

STORIES ARE CONFLICTING

Chinese Accuse Priest of Burning Mission—Pekin Government Denies Cause for Alarm Among Foreign Population.

PEKIN, Feb. 26.—Sir E. M. Satow, the British Minister at Peking, has telegraphed to the British Consul at Kiangsi to proceed to Nanchang, taking a gunboat as far as possible, to investigate the facts of the massacre of missionaries there and help the survivors.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26.—Somewhat confused reports have reached here of a massacre of missionaries at Nanchang, Province of Kiangsi. As nearly as can be ascertained, six missionaries were killed and one child of an English missionary was wounded.

It is alleged that after long-continued disputes between the Catholic priests and the Chinese magistrate of Nanchang, the priests invited the magistrate to a banquet where they tried to compel him to sign an agreement for the payment of a large indemnity for the destruction of Catholic mission property. According to one report, the magistrate became indignant and committed suicide; the Chinese assert that a priest attacked and killed him.

The officials, fearing to arrest the priest, called a public meeting, whereupon the Catholics, according to the Chinese version of the trouble, set fire to their own premises. The public meeting of the Chinese developed into a riot, in which, according to one story, six of the Catholics were killed, though a later account says the number of Catholics killed was four.

Englishman and Wife Killed. H. C. Kingman, a Protestant missionary, and his wife also were killed and one of their two children was wounded, the other being rescued. The only Protestant mission buildings destroyed were those of the Plymouth Brethren.

Fourteen Americans escaped in boats in safety.

The Governor's report states that six Catholic missionaries were killed besides an English family of four. An English missionary named Mary is believed to have escaped slightly injured. Bunting and Fife are also believed to have escaped.

According to the official report, the trouble arose in the course of a lawsuit in the magistrate's yamen, in which the Catholics became involved. The Kingman missionaries were in no way concerned, but Sunday morning a mob attacked the missions indiscriminately.

Strict Orders to Viceroys.

Minister Satow today interviewed the foreign office officials regarding the massacre. They expressed to him the deepest concern and regret, which undoubtedly was genuine, the government being particularly anxious to preserve good relations with foreigners at the present time. Only last week Prince Ching, on representations by the Japanese Minister and others that reports of anti-foreign movements were being circulated to repress vigorously any signs of such a movement and to punish people who were circulating the rumors. Chinese hostility to Catholics and other Christians has been prevalent in the province of Kiangsi lately, as in the Provinces of Honan and Hupoh. Native papers report that the Catholic bishop had trouble with the authorities for issuing appeals for subscriptions for the church, which were written in an official style, to which he had no right.

PANIC REIGNS IN PALACE

Dowager Empress Goes Guarded Since Finding of Dynamite.

PEKIN, Feb. 26.—According to a Chinese official occupying a high station, the finding of dynamite in the street outside the gate leading to the royal palace on Friday, February 23, followed by the receipt of a warning against revolutionist students arriving in Peking, has precipitated a panic in the palace.

The reception of many newly appointed officials scheduled for Saturday was hurriedly countermanded, lest there be revolutionists among them. Military precautions were taken, and whenever the Dowager Empress has walked in the grounds of the Forbidden City she has been escorted by a guard of eight soldiers carrying rifles. Many of the palace attendants also have been armed, and the police have been equipped with rifles.

The reports of a quarrel between the Dowager Empress and the Emperor are declared by the official quoted to be untrue. The relations between the two remain unchanged.

The Dowager Empress recently discharged the chief eunuch, 14, who was considered to wield a powerful influence

over her. He had long held the position, and had grown immensely wealthy by levying tribute on officials and merchants having business at the palace.

The government is breaking ground for a palatial and costly foreign office building in the European style, which will contain a banquet hall capable of seating 150 persons. There will be also erected a foreign palace in which to entertain distinguished visitors.

CHINA WILL SEND PROTEST

Pride Hurt by Reports of Outbreaks Against Whites.

PEKIN, Feb. 26.—At a meeting of Foreign Office officials yesterday, it was decided in effect, with the reference to the representations of the United States regarding the sending of troops to the Philippine Islands for Chinese contingents, that there are no symptoms of a movement against foreigners, that the Boxer rising will never be repeated, and that the government is able to handle all local disturbances. The government will instruct Ministers abroad to make similar representations to all governments.

Chinese officials are greatly worried and annoyed over reports circulated abroad that China is in a condition of unrest and the action of the United States has hurt their pride. The officials are particularly desirous at present to maintain order and gain the confidence of the foreigners. In order to secure the removal of the foreign troops, whose presence is considered a reflection on the good faith of the Chinese government, they say that the recent disturbances were serious blows to them, as they were an avowed cause for foreigner, although for some different reasons.

PRESIDENT IS SUSPICIOUS.

Thinks China Tries to Lull Him Into False Security.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says President Roosevelt has grown suspicious of the good faith of the Chinese Government as the result of the policy of duplicity which it pursues in its relations with the United States. The president has been given assurances through Minister Rockhill which are not in keeping with the acts of the Chinese authorities.

Apparently the president has adopted the Chinese capital tactics such as were observed in 1900, prior to the Boxer outbreak. The diplomatic corps was told in the most positive manner that the reports of a general uprising were without foundation and that the government had taken ample measures to suppress local disturbances and to prevent any representation was the failure of foreign powers to take action for the protection of their subjects and interests until it was too late.

The Administration sees in the present situation a parallel with that which existed prior to the Boxer outbreak, with the single and important difference, that the present unrest is not confined to two provinces in the North, but prevails all over the empire.

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American Missionaries Escape.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Reports of rioting at the American mission station in Nanchang, and the escape of eight American missionaries, stationed there, were received here today by cable at the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. The cablegram follows: "Mission Nanchang rioted. Methodist missionaries escaped on boat."

The names of the Methodist missionaries at Nanchang are as follows: Rev. Edward James and wife, of Wisconsin; Dr. M. Charles Conroy, of Ada, O.; and four American women, Gertrude Howe, Genevieve Hughes, Alta Newby and Kate L. Ignorn. In addition to these eight missionaries, the Mission Board has one Chinese woman, Ida Kahn, stationed at Nanchang.

Filipinos Want to Fight China.

MANILA, Feb. 26.—Major-General Leonard Wood has sailed for the island of Mindanao on two weeks' tour of inspection. The Filipinos are anxious to organize a volunteer regiment to assist America in China.

PRINCIPALS IN ROYAL WEDDING WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED TODAY



PRINCE WILLIAM EITEL FREDERICK, SECOND SON OF EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY, AND HIS BRIDE, PRINCESS CHARLOTTE, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF GRAND DUKE OF OLDENBURG.

LOVE AGAIN RULES BOTH MIZNERS

Mature Matron Takes Young Husband to Her Heart Once More.

HAS FOUND MORE WEALTH

Says Conspirator Slandered Mizner and He Never Asked for Money, but Saved Her From Serious Loss.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner has added another to her surprising series of lightning changes of heart, and at last accounts, was reunited to her young husband from the West, protesting undying faith in her lord as volubly as a few hours previously she repudiated her story of confidence misplaced and fond affections shattered.

The wife of Charles T. Yerkes, so far as it has been unfolded in detours and right-about-faces, is marked by the following: Her changes of front.

Denial of marriage to Mizner immediately after the ceremony was performed. Admission of the wedding under pressure from her spouse. Quarrel, supposedly over money matters, followed by declarations by the bride that she would never, no never, bear the name Mizner, and that her only desire was to be laid at rest in the tomb of the traction magnate, by his side.

Reconciliation and love feast at the Hotel Netherlands, in which Mr. and Mrs. Mizner are the central figures. Finds Mizner Was Slandered.

"It was a conspiracy to separate us, but it failed," said Mrs. Wilson Yerkes-Mizner at the dinner tonight, as she was looking lovingly into the big blue eyes of her athletic young husband at a little dinner she gave in that hotel.

"They told me all sorts of dreadful things about Wilson," she added, "and foolishly I credited them until I started an investigation and found they were all false. He never asked me for a cent, either before or after our marriage, and gave me only what I have found to be the best of advice in regard to financial affairs. All I have in his if he wishes, for I now know that but for him I might have been put in a position where the very roof could have been sold over my head."

Has Found Hidden Fortune.

Mrs. Mizner is reported by a friend as saying that she had found keys to safety vaults that she thought would reveal further wealth. She thinks she has found clues also to large sums in England. She says she believes the estate to be worth \$500,000, and her young husband convinced her she would lose large sums by withdrawing as trustee of the estate. She added:

"Then I consulted one of the best lawyers in New York, who used to act for Mr. Yerkes. On his advice I hastily revoked my decision to withdraw. I was only just in time. Two days more and I should have been out. I have had a terrible experience."

CASH BUYERS' UNION FAILS

Farmers Lose Million Dollars and Merchants Much More.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Judge Beetha, of the United States Court today appointed

Edwin C. Day, receiver for the Cash Buyers' Union First National Co-operative Society. The charge is made that stock in the concern aggregating \$1,200,000 has been sold to farmers throughout the country and that there is a bad balance of \$100,000 on hand.

Complaint was made some time ago to the postal authorities by persons who had been solicited through the means of a stock in the company. Postoffice inspectors Ketchum and Kimball commenced an investigation in which it was learned, they declared, that there was no credit on hand nor any coming in, and that the company owes \$250,000 on merchandise accounts.

Instead of taking the usual course, the inspectors secured information upon which the company could be thrown into bankruptcy, and the receivership proceedings were commenced with the knowledge and approval of the Postoffice Department. Julius Kahn is president and general manager of the company.

DEEP SNOW IN INTERIOR

BLANKET A FOOT THICK COVERS MIDDLE WEST.

Worst Storm of Winter Extends From Kansas Eastward Through Indiana.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—The heaviest snowfall of the winter prevailed here today and continued into the night. The storm began about 7 o'clock this morning and by night a foot of snow had fallen. The temperature registered 27 degrees above. A hard wind drove the snow until the storm became a blizzard.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 26.—Dispatches from cities in all parts of the state tell of the heaviest fall of snow this winter. The precipitation ranges from three to ten inches. The snow in most places began to fall at 2 o'clock and continued until 7 tonight.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 26.—The air was full of sharp, icy snow today, driven by an N-E gale. The temperature is falling. Buds upon the fruit trees are swelling, and a sudden cold wave would do great damage.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 26.—A bad sleet and snowstorm has been raging here since early morning, greatly impeding railway and street-car traffic.

NEW NATURALIZATION BILL

House Committee Proposes Educational Qualification for Aliens.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The House committee on immigration and naturalization submitted a favorable report today on a bill to amend the laws of immigration and naturalization under the Department of Commerce and Labor and to amend existing naturalization laws. Representative Bouyouc, of Colorado, prepared the report, which reviews naturalization frauds and says two principles controlling naturalization are incorporated in the bill.

That before an alien can be naturalized he must be able to write either in his own language or in the English language and read, speak and understand the English language.

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HADLEY'S CLAIM GOOD IN MISSOURI

Supreme Court Says Standard Officials Must Give Evidence.

ALSO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

Rogers' Contention Overruled, and New York Court May Now Order Him to Answer Questions Which Caused It.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 26.—The Supreme Court today held that witnesses were compelled to answer questions in the Standard Oil hearing in St. Louis. This decides the point on which H. H. Rogers declined to answer questions at the hearing in New York.

The St. Louis hearing was discontinued a week ago until the Supreme Court's decision upon the point involved should be handed down.

The court lays down the law that, when foreign corporations, as the oil companies are stated to be, come into Missouri to do business, they implicitly agree to obey the laws of the state and that they must obey the laws. The opinion also holds that the companies cannot refuse to produce the books and papers which authorized representatives of the state demand.

The ruling covers the same questions that were before Judge Gildersleeve of the New York Supreme Court regarding the testimony of H. H. Rogers.

WILL ASK ORDER TO ROGERS

Missouri Decision Used as Club to Make Him Answer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The Missouri state inquiry into the Standard Oil Company went on tonight for a few minutes, and then was adjourned over until tomorrow. Henry Wollman, New York counsel for the State of Missouri, announced that he had received a telegram from Attorney-General Hadley of that state saying that the Supreme Court of Missouri had decided in favor of the Attorney-General, the branch of the Standard Oil case which had been certified to it upon the refusal of Adams, a witness in the State of Missouri, to answer certain questions.

The questions which the witness Adams refused to answer were along the same line as those which Henry H. Rogers, who appeared as a witness in the same proceedings, before Commissioner Sanborn, in this city, refused to answer.

HONEYMOON IS ECLIPSED

Seattle Bridegroom Is Accused of Fraud, Bride Is Penniless.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—A man giving his name as John H. Waterhouse, of Seattle, Wash., was arrested today in the Bank of Commerce, upon the charge of attempting to cash a forged check for \$100 bearing the name of William Loeffel, a St. Louis jeweler. He arrived here from Seattle last Friday, accompanied by his bride a few weeks, who weepingly declares she is penniless.

WARNED TO AVOID COAST

Japanese Laborers Told Compatriots Starve in Pacific States.

HONOLULU, Feb. 26.—Miki Sato, the Japanese Consul-General, has issued a strong statement to the Japanese labor-

ers of the Hawaiian Islands, advising them against going to the Pacific Coast and warning them that during many months of the year they will find no work there. He said that this, together with the expense of living, more than counterbalances the offer of larger wages.

He further says that there is much destitution and even starvation among the Japanese who have already gone to the Pacific Coast States. The Consul-General declares that the climate on the Coast is more severe than in Hawaii, and that there is a lessening desire in America for Japanese labor.

Ten thousand circulars containing this statement have been distributed by the Japanese merchants here, but despite this fact there is considerable agitation among the Japanese in favor of going to the Coast, and immigration agents are busily recruiting among them.

ANTI-SCRIP LAW VIOLATED

Officials of Colorado Fuel Indicted and Charter Attacked.

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 26.—Following the action of the special grand jury last Saturday night in returning indictments against officers of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, the Colorado Smelting Company and the American Smelting Company for violation of the law in using the "scrap system" of paying their employees, complaints were issued today for President C. J. Hearne and D. C. Beaman, attorney for the Fuel Company, charging conspiracy to violate the law, and against all the directors and officers of that company for actual violations.

In its recommendations for proceeding against these companies, the grand jury demanded that the Attorney-General of the state at once institute suits against the offending corporations for the purpose of revoking their charters.

Capias were not issued against the officials of the smelting company today, for the reason that the evidence was thought to be insufficient to convict.

BRIDE ARRIVES AT BERLIN

German Capital Welcomes Eitel Frederick's Intended Wife.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Duchess Sophie Charlotte of Oldenburg arrived in Berlin with her father from Oldenburg today in a drizzling rain. After luncheon with the Emperor and Empress, Prince Eitel and other members of the imperial family at the Bellevue Palace, she drove with her grandmother, Princess Friedrich Karl of Prussia, to the imperial palace, where she was greeted by some hundreds of thousands of people. At the Brandenburger gate the Duchess shook hands with the chief burgomaster and thanked him for the address of welcome which he delivered. The procession was as brilliant as court equipage and culminated in helmeted guardsmen could make it.

Roosevelt Sends Congratulations.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Ambassador Tower today presented President Roosevelt's message congratulating the German Emperor and Empress on their silver wedding anniversary. The Emperor, in expressing his thanks, mentioned the wedding of Alice Roosevelt to Mr. Longworth and the marriage of the Duchess Sophie Charlotte of Oldenburg to Prince Eitel Frederick, which will occur tomorrow, and said he hoped these young people would be as happy as he and the Empress had been.

FRANCE SHOWS NO YIELDING

Note Reiterating Demands Increases Gloom at Conference.

ALGERIAS, Feb. 26.—M. Revoll, the principal French delegate, personally handed to Herr von Radowitz, the first German delegate, a short note from the French government relative to the proposed Moroccan bank, pointing out that it was now for the conference to discuss and decide the question, and expressing the view that the French scheme did not prejudice commercial and economic equality.

WILL MAKE CONCESSIONS.

Germany Prefers Settlement in Morocco to Status Quo.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—The German government has decided to make a further concession to the French on the Moroccan question, provided France will also yield something. The extent of Germany's proposals will become known only at Algiers, where they will be communicated to the French delegates. Emperor William and Chancellor von Bülow, it is expected, would rather make an effort to reconcile the French aims and Germany's interests than allow the serious situation to drift.

Some effort has been made here by certain small financiers to create a war scare out of the Emperor's reply to the congratulatory address of the Generals yesterday on the occasion of His Majesty's silver wedding, in which the Emperor remarked that he prayed God that war would not come, but if it came he was convinced that the army would acquit itself as efficiently as it did 35 years ago.

HAS CONFIDENCE IN HIS ARMY

Kaiser Trusts It Will Do Well if War Comes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A Berlin cable dispatch to the Herald quotes the reply made yesterday by Emperor William to the congratulatory address by Prince Albert on behalf of the army and navy, at the opening of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Emperor's marriage. His Majesty said: "My first and last care is for my fighting forces on land and sea, and that of those who are the victims of poverty or illness.

DANGER OF WAR ALARMS EUROPE

Franco-German Quarrel Is Critical.

KAISER'S BELLIGEROUS SPEECH

Diplomats Believe Conflict Inevitable.

FRANCE STANDING FIRM

Whim of Kaiser Expected to Provoke Giant Struggle—French Note at Algiers Sends Hopes of Conference Lower.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The most alarming views, with reference to relations between Germany and France prevail in certain diplomatic quarters, where the situation is considered to be extremely tense and a conflict by no means unlikely.

The Ambassador of one great European power told the Associated Press today that war, in his opinion, was inevitable and had, in fact, already been decided upon.

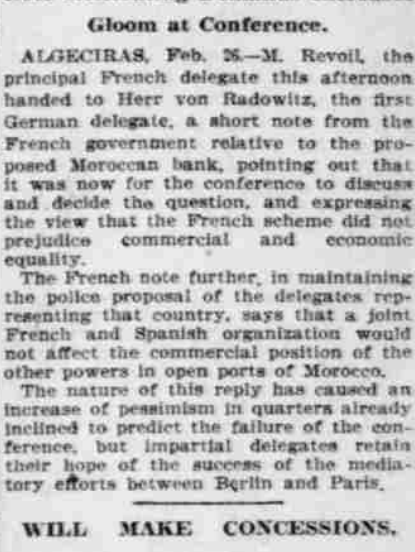
"It is said," added the diplomat, who is not ranked among the admirers of Emperor William, "that for the whims of one man Europe must be plunged into the horrors of war."

At the French Embassy opinion as to the situation is frankly pessimistic, and the outlook at present is regarded as extremely serious, the view being that there is no telling what may be in store if the conference should break off and France and Germany be left face to face in an unpropitious position. The abandonment of the French position is regarded as impossible.

Emperor William's toast at a banquet in Berlin yesterday, with its direct allusion to the possibility of war, is quoted with apprehension. The pessimism, however, is not general and German circles particularly manifest less alarm and profess to believe war is out of the question. The Emperor's words are regarded in these German circles as merely phrases applicable to his military functions.

Russian officials personally take a gloomy view of the outlook and especially of the prospects of securing a new loan abroad, but the Foreign Office is officially on record as trusting that the dispute ultimately will work out satisfactorily.

EMPEROR WILHELM AND EMPRESS VICTORIA



WHO WILL CELEBRATE THEIR SILVER WEDDING TODAY.