

THE SITUATION IN CHINA

PORTLAND MAN WHO LIVED AT PEKIN STATES THE CASE.

Secret Review of the Religious Phase and Outline of the Future Military Operations.

E. C. Dalton, who furnished the Oregonian with the appended article on the Chinese situation, is a recent comer to Portland. He was for four years a resident of Peking and Tien Tsin, and has made extensive tours through the interior of China, and has had unusual facilities for informing himself as to the actual condition. He was a member of the Tien Tsin volunteers, which were frequently called out to defend the city from Chinese mobs. He is a son-in-law of L. Gerlinger, of Portland.

A great many conflicting reports have come during the past two weeks, from China, regarding the situation there. Three different relieving columns are reported as being on the march to Peking, and one is having accomplished its relief. These reports emanate from Shanghai and Che Foo, where, in the absence of any official news, all rumors current amongst the Chinese are given credence. The situation, as officially given to date, is as follows: For six weeks a society called Boxers, having for its avowed object the extermination of all foreigners in China, particularly missionaries, have been murdering Christians, foreigners and native, burning property and have had their numbers fearfully augmented by the entire Chinese Army in Northern China, including about 100,000 foreign-drilled troops, well equipped with Mauser rifles and Krupp guns.

All foreigners in Peking have taken refuge in the British Legation, where, with the foreign Legation Guards, sent at the commencement of the trouble for their protection, they are making (June 30) a fight against fatal odds, short of provisions and ammunition.

Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister, has been murdered, and all legations, including the American, destroyed. The wall of Peking has been destroyed. The relief force of 200 men, under Admiral Seymour, were beaten back with great loss to Tien Tsin, and had, in its turn, to be relieved by the force which relieved Tien Tsin.

Prince Tuan is reported to have murdered the Emperor, proclaimed his son Emperor of China, and issued an edict ordering the extermination of all foreigners. The combined fleet at Taku have received Tien Tsin, take the city, and have about 20,000 available men for shore duty, which force is considered inadequate by the Admirals to warrant their again attempting the relief of Peking.

This decision of the Admirals has left over 1000 foreigners, men, women and children, to perish in the ruthless hands of the Chinese. God grant that the men had the courage to kill the women and children rather than they should fall into the hands of a Chinese mob. The prayer of every foreigner who has lived in China, that they would be subjected to the most horrible tortures and nameless barbarities is beyond question.

The missionaries, however, are not entirely to blame. The powers of Europe, too, often use the missionary as a chestnut out of the fire for themselves, as witness the acquisition of territory concessions, etc. in China by the powers as a redress for the murder of missionaries. A great deal of sympathy must naturally be shown to China. Since the Japanese War she has been considered a nation striving to force all it can out of China, and at the same time trying to prevent China from letting any other nation get anything from her.

Whenever an minister makes a request to the Tung Hsi Yamun on behalf of a business firm to construct even an electric tramway in a Chinese city, the other ministers would oppose the Tung Hsi Yamun granting the permit. The jealousy of the nations has retarded the development of China a great deal more than the officials of Peking. The powers had better be careful lest in their insatiable greed, China, in defying all of them, should escape in their contention over her.

Since the Chinese-Japanese War China has organized an imperial army of 100,000 men, armed with Mauser rifles and Krupp guns. This has been done under the supervision of the best military officers, principally Germans. What China could obtain. She has also built arsenals and fortifications under the direction of military experts.

Generals Nih and Lung command to day a splendidly equipped and drilled army of 100,000 men, physically superior to any army of its size in the world and capable of enduring greater hardships and privations.

While the Imperial Government at Peking was organizing this army the Viceroys of the various provinces, to a more or less extent, engaged foreign officers to reorganize and drill their provincial troops, so that a modest estimate would place the army of China which has directly felt the effect of European organization at 350,000 men.

In May, 1899, the Chinese Government prevented the shipment of mules, and horses from Tien Tsin to Manila for the United States Army. The exceptions of Minister Conger. Previous to these several shipments were made to Java for the Dutch Army.

During last year enormous quantities of arms and ammuniton were purchased by the Government through three or four Tien Tsin firms, all German. All the above, combined with the firm attitude shown by China to Italy when the latter demanded the concession of Samsum Bay, China not only refusing, but demanding that Italy should recall its Minister from China, which was done, tends to show that China made preparations to resist by force of arms any further demands made upon her by the rapacious powers, and realized that their insatiable greed would only end with her extinction.

The present rising of the Boxers has carried with it the officials and the army. With the officials it was a case of self-preservation.

The Viceroys of the Southern and Central Provinces have agreed to protect the lives of foreigners in their provinces, provided no foreign troops are landed in their territory, and their position is to remain neutral as long as the Chinese

SOLDIERS AGAIN IN CAMP

NATIONAL GUARD BEGINS THE ENCAMPMENT AT SALEM.

Larger Attendance Than Was Expected, but Accommodations Are Ample for All Guardsmen.

SALEM, Or., July 7.—Over 150 members of the Oregon National Guard are encamped tonight at Camp Geer, near Salem. This is 200 men more than was expected, and battery A, of Portland, is yet to arrive. The reports of regimental headquarters show that 80 to 85 per cent of the enrolled members of the companies are in attendance. The encampment comprises the Third and Fourth Regiments of Infantry, a separate battalion from Eastern Oregon, a troop of cavalry from Lebanon and a troop from Sumpter. While the encampment has started un-

expressing their appreciation of the chance to lie in the shade.

Arrangements had not been sufficiently completed at noon to admit of the men receiving their food at their tents, and a cook's ration was issued. While the meal was not eaten under the most favorable circumstances, the boys were ravenously hungry, and devoured their meat, bread and coffee with a relish. This evening full rations were issued to each company, and the company cooks prepared a meal to which none could take exception.

Each day a man delegated to that duty from each company will make a requisition upon a battalion officer for the rations required for his company for the following day. The battalion officers make a consolidated requisition upon the Commissary Department, and the supplies are issued accordingly. Throughout the encampment, meat, bread and coffee will constitute the greater part of the rations. These will be served three times a day, and vegetables will be issued as may be ordered. The ration issued, at noon today was necessarily small, and

caused some murmuring on that account. Some of the soldiers did not get their noon rations until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and were therefore prepared to eat a double ration, instead of a half ration. The quantity of food supplied this evening and that will be hereafter supplied is sufficient to prevent any complaint on that score.

Each company has a cook to prepare the food for the privates. The commissioned officers mess together, and have their food prepared by their own cooks. The brigade officers have still another mess tent, and eat by themselves. The sergeants are all professionals, except, perhaps, some of those who work for the companies. The companies are not required to select their cooks from the ranks.

The manner of preparing the food is simple, but very satisfactory. Each company mess is provided with a piece of heavy sheet-iron about three by four feet in area, and with four heavy iron bars, to support the sheet iron. A trench about 18 inches deep, two feet wide and five feet long is dug in front of each mess tent, and the sheet iron is laid over the trench, resting on the iron bars. There is an inclined opening at one end of the trench to put in wood, and at the other end three or four joints of stove pipe are erected for the purpose of conveying smoke. The direction of the wind, however, determines whether the smoke will come out of the stove pipe or the front end of the trench.

Each company is also supplied with coffee boilers, mess kettles, stew pans, baking pans, frying pans, etc. The fire in the trench heats the sheet iron very hot, and the food cooks quickly in the utensils placed on the improvised stove. The brigade and commissioned officers' messes are prepared on modern cook stoves.

The first special order issued by General Beese was one directing that 25 men from the Fourth Regiment, and 24 men from the Third Regiment, be detailed as a camp guard to serve under Captain Metzger, of Company A, Third Regiment, as officer of the day, and Lieutenant Bowman, of Company C, Third Regiment, as officer of the guard.

The troop of cavalry from Lebanon arrived late this afternoon after a hot, dusty tramp of 45 miles. The troopers started at 5 o'clock this morning, and walked their horses all the way to Salem. While the men and horses were thoroughly fatigued, they will be ready for duty Monday morning.

The Southern Oregon companies arrived at 4 o'clock this afternoon. They found their tents in ruins and scattered over the ground, but it did not take them long to get the tents in place.

The Sumpter troop, with their horses, came up from Portland this evening. The separate battalion from Baker City was the last contingent to arrive, and the boys from east of the mountains found it necessary to march to their quarters by moonlight.

Tomorrow the boys will spend most of their time getting comfortably established in their quarters. There will be religious services, probably conducted by Chaplain H. L. Pratt, of the Fourth Regiment. Late in the afternoon there will be a dress parade. It is not customary to have a dress parade on Sunday, but the officers desire to make the most possible of the brief stay of the National Guard in camp, and will have dress parades every evening.

A band of 1800 Angora goats is enroute from Modoc County, California, to Douglas County, Oregon.

IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

PRIORITY OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE LOEWENBERG ESTATE.

Judge Cleland Decides in Favor of J. Frank Watson and H. C. Leonard—Litigation Notes.

Judge Cleland yesterday decided in favor of the priority of the claims of J. Frank Watson for \$15,000 and H. C. Leonard for \$800 in the suit of the Security Savings & Trust Company against the estate of Julius Loewenberg, deceased, et al. The Security Savings & Trust Company seeks to recover \$225, and \$53,000 due to the First National Bank, and \$2000 due to the London & San Francisco Bank. The Security Savings & Trust Company holds a trust deed, or mortgage, to secure

at Astoria. The engine arrived in due time by the O. R. & N. Co.'s line, and both defendants demanded payment of the \$400, as calendar states. As he required the engine at once, he secured its delivery, he asserts, by protecting the O. R. & N. Co. with a bond. He now asks that the defendants inter-plead and fight it out in court.

Probate Matters. The inventory and appraisal of the estate of G. P. Rumold, deceased, was filed. The total valuation of all property is \$73,347. There is \$2415 cash, certificates of deposit amounting to \$2621, and shares of stock in the firm of G. P. Rumold & Son are appraised at \$24,200. The undivided profits in the firm for the past year amounts to \$620. The real estate is valued at \$22,000. Shares of stock in the Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Loan & Trust Company, Columbia Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Portland Smelting Works, and North Pacific Industrial Association are put down as worthless.

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John Pryor ..... 25  
Claude Jones ..... 24  
Pete Williams ..... 24  
Earl Curtis ..... 26  
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H. Rathjen ..... 19  
Will Madeline ..... 21  
Oscar W. Johnson ..... 21  
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Albert Budwell ..... 9  
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AT THE GOLF LINKS.

Caddies Take a Hand in the Sport—Baseball Contest.

On the Fourth of July at the Waverly Golf Club, a very enjoyable day was spent notwithstanding the weather. Miss Laurie King won the P. B. Gilford prize with a gross score of 62 on the upper nine.

In the men's open handicap, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Lawrence tied for first place, with a net score of 101. Scores were as follows:

Gross Hand' Net  
Huggins ..... 115 14 101  
Lawrence ..... 115 10 105  
H. R. Jones ..... 112 10 102  
MacMaster ..... 114 12 102  
Young ..... 107 4 103  
Gilford ..... 108 5 103  
Ayer ..... 8 11 1

In the afternoon a remarkable game of baseball between the married and single men was played, without an error being committed on either side. The score was 7 to 20 in favor of the following: The features of the game were the wonderful fine battery work of "Billy" Alwood and N. E. Ayer, and the remarkable base running and heavy hitting of S. R. Linticum.

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