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BOMBARDMENT OF TIEN TSIN IS ON

American Consulate and Foreign Concerns Being Destroyed.

RUMOR OF SEYMOUR'S DEATH

Discredited Among English Admiralty—Dispatch Received at Berlin Says the Officer is Safe at Shanghai—American Gunboat Said to Be Damaged.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The Chinese minister here continues his declaration that there is no state of war existing between the United States and China. The state department holds to the same view, basing its position on the absence of any authentic information showing that the Chinese government has directed or has been a party to any of the overt acts so far committed against foreign interests in China. The developments of today, apart from those at Tien Tsin, greatly encourage the officials here in their hope that the worst is past in China and that the difficulty can be settled without any very serious change of the political status of the country, at least in its relations with the outer world. The state department is much gratified at the attitude of the powers. So far as it is informed, there is no difference of opinion among the different powers respecting the Chinese situation. Their object is simply to restore peace, protect life and property and leave all further questions for future settlement.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Hackitt received a cable message this afternoon, from Admiral Kempf, dated Chee Foo, June 21, saying that Tien Tsin is being bombarded and that the American consulate, as well as foreign concerns, are being destroyed. A relief party is en route to Tien Tsin, including 150 American marines, under Major Walton.

BERLIN, June 21.—A semi-official dispatch from Tokio, dated June 21, says the Japanese consul at Shanghai confirms the report that Vice-Admiral Seymour has arrived at Peking and with members of the diplomatic corps are safe.

LONDON, June 22.—The Daily Mail publishes the following from Yokohama, dated yesterday: "Great secrecy is maintained regarding Japan's military preparations. Fifteen large transports have already been chartered and eighteen warships are mobilizing."

LONDON, June 22.—The United States gunboat Monocacy was two miles up the Pei Ho river when the international fleet began the bombardment of the Taku forts. According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express she was shot through the bows. The correspondent says Chinese riflemen on both banks of the river attacked her, but unsuccessfully. The scantiness of authentic news with reference to the situation continues. Admiral Kempf's dispatch to the United States navy department announcing that Tien Tsin is being bombarded was prominently used by the London papers and commented upon as indicating a change for the worse.

The British admiralty does not believe the report of the death of Admiral Seymour, commander of the international relief column, and semi-official assurances are given that there seems to be not the slightest evidence to back up such a report. It is pointed out that Admiral Seymour had sufficient supplies to enable him to get to Peking or get back.

"We are hopeful," says a semi-official announcement, "that since he has not done the latter he has done the former."

A dispatch to the Associated Press from Shanghai, dated yesterday, says: "The consuls met today to consider the situation which, in the absence of news from Peking, is looked upon as particularly threatening. Grave fears still exist as to the safety of Europeans in Peking."

SHANGHAI, June 21.—The British destroyer Whiting at Che Fu reports

that nothing has been heard from Admiral Seymour's force for six days. The French consul wires that the British mission at Tsan Chow has been looted and the missionaries conveyed to an unknown place by a Chinese general.

HONG KONG, June 21.—Reports have been received here from Canton that, owing to the representations of the foreign consuls, Li Hung Chang has consented to remain in Canton.

YOKOHAMA, June 21.—The reports of the murder of foreign ministers at Peking and of the death of Admiral Seymour, although viewed with suspicion, have created a profound sensation. The press expresses the opinion that Japan must, with or without the consent of the powers, adopt active measures. The naval and military officers are very busy. Probably the whole Hirosema division, under command of General Fukushima, will be about within a few days. The Russian cruiser, Rurik, has arrived here with the new Russian minister to Japan, and will leave for Taku today.

BERLIN, June 21.—The admiralty is still without news of the death of Captain Lans, commander of the Itis, or the wounding of Lieutenant Kuehn. There is no officer of this name, but there is a Lieutenant Kleuhn.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—In the opinion of Senator Davis, of Minnesota, chairman of the senate committee on foreign affairs, the situation in China is even more grave than published dispatches would indicate, and may develop into an international problem such as the powers have not had to deal with in many years.

"No man can tell what will come out of the present situation in China," said Senator Davis. "I shall be agreeably disappointed if the immediate consequence does not result in complications which will take years to straighten out. Moreover, generations to come may find that in awakening China the western world has brought into existence a giant which will insist upon taking part in affairs at inopportune moments."

"That the powers are in a dilemma which they would have been glad to avoid, may be taken for granted. It seems inevitable that China will be partitioned. Certainly the acting emperor would be dethroned. This cannot be done without a war which will probably repeat itself many times."

NEW YORK, June 21.—In interviews with travelers and business men who have recently come to New York from China, missionaries have often been blamed for causing, perhaps unconsciously, strife between the natives and Christian Chinese.

Ernest De Bovier, of Shanghai, has spoken on this subject in this way: "When a local Mandarin imposes taxes, even if they are excessive, the heathen Chinese pay them. The native Christians, however, whenever they imagine themselves ground down by unjust taxation, run with their troubles to the nearest missionary. These missionaries, instead of going to the local Mandarin, as they should do, talk the matter over with him and make a satisfactory arrangement in that way, almost invariably write to their National ministers at Peking and ask that redress be obtained for the members of their flock. Complaint is made by the minister at the Tsung H Yamun, which, to avoid friction, ends matters by reducing the Christians' taxes. This practice cannot fail to cause envy and jealousy against the native Christians, who are thus let off from much of the duties to the empire which the Chinese have to perform."

G. S. Garrison, of the secretary's office of the Presbyterian foreign mission board said in regard to such charges: "I do not know how it is with the Catholics or any other denomination but our own. Still I do know that the Presbyterian missionaries do not interfere between a native and his government. Here is the action of our board taken February 3, 1896, that covers the case, and I do not believe the Methodists, Congregationalists or the Baptists are a bit behind us in this policy: "Relations of missions to governments—Care in securing indemnity and interfering in local matters."

"That, while believing firmly that the missionary, in the unselfish efforts to give to the people of mission fields the gospel and its blessings, does not forfeit rights accorded to the trader, however harmful his traffic, the board would still urge upon its missionaries the wisdom of reliance rather upon the conciliatory message with which they are charged and upon Him in whose name they are sent forth than upon the

arm of government (meaning their own government.)

While having confidence in their prudence and judgment, it would emphasize its fear of the effects of demands for indemnity which, either to our own government, officials or the people, shall seem extreme. And it would express its hope that, while encouraging justice and discouraging injustice, they will carefully avoid interference with the proper legal processes of the lands in which they reside. No demand for indemnity should ever be made by an individual missionary on his own responsibility, but should be advanced only after most careful consideration by the mission or its executive committee, and when possible not until after correspondence with the board."

RECRUITS RUSHING IN.

Hundreds of Men Enlisting in the East With a Hops of Going to China.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Recruits are being rushed to Fort Slocum, in Long Island sound, which is the general rendezvous for men enlisted at stations east of the Mississippi river. In addition to the regular garrison of the fort consisting of battery L, Seventh United States artillery, there are about 300 new men now at the fort, and at least 2000 more are expected by September. In order to facilitate drilling and transportation, the recruits will be formed into one or more provisional regiments.

The men have been enlisting for service in the Philippines, and because of the report that the fighting there is at an end, there have been many desertions. The spirits of the recruits, however, have picked up since there is a prospect of their being sent to China. The desertions now are fewer than at any time within a year.

JUSTICE SHIRAS TALKS.

Transvaal and China Destined to Be Absorbed For Their Own and the World's Betterment.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Justice George Shiras, Jr., of the United States supreme court, together with Mrs. Shiras, stopped in this city on their way to Marquette, Mich.

In speaking of the Chinese situation, he said: "The present outbreak in China seems to be one of those reactions against the inroads of civilization with which the history of the world is filled. Dismemberment seems to be the fate of that empire, and I am inclined to think it is for the best. If united China, with its teeming millions of people, were to thoroughly assimilate western methods of warfare and manufacturing, it would certainly constitute a menace to the rest of the world. However, there is a want of homogeneity among the people, and this fact is now a potent factor in preparing the way for dismemberment."

"Russia will, in all probability, absorb those northern portions of the empire contiguous to its Siberian possessions, while England, France, Germany and possibly other of the European powers will absorb other parts of the empire. In this way the great empire will become divided up into practically several nations, with good results I believe, both to the people themselves and the world at large."

"This same process of absorption is now taking place in Africa, and in the future this 'dark continent' is destined, I believe, to form the theatre of great development and activities. It is wonderfully rich in natural resources, and the surplus population of overcrowded Europe will in time convert it into great and prosperous states."

"The present war in South Africa is in line with this spirit of development. England's supremacy is not going to bring with it the evil results to the Boers which they as well as some people in this country seem to believe. It will, on the other hand, prove to be a blessing to them, because of the better general condition of affairs, which is certain to come from the government which it will institute. Neither do I regard the result of the war as a blow to the independence of those people."

"I am rather inclined to believe that, even as a dependency of England, such as Canada or Australia, they would in reality enjoy a larger measure of popular government than they have under their so-called republic, which in reality has been an oligarchy. Eventually, I am of the opinion they will succeed to their independence."

GREAT AMERICAN DERBY.

Lieutenant Gibson the Favorite for Tomorrow's Races at Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 21.—The probable starters and jockeys in the great American derby to be run at Washington Park on Saturday are as follows: Lieutenant Gibson, Boland; Sam Phillips, Burns; Advance Guard, Tarr; Sidney Lucas, —; All Gold, O'Connor; Highland Lad, Vandusen; Yellow Tail, Thorpe; Barrack, P. McDermott; Pupil, Bullman; James, Mitchell.

The division of sentiment among well informed horsemen, as to the probable winner of the classic event, is quite remarkable. Although Lieutenant Gibson still has the call, there is a big following for the others, especially for Sam Phillips and Advance Guard. The supporters of the favorite bank on his phenomenal speed, as shown by the actual time recorded rather than by the quality of horses he has defeated. Others refuse to accept a time standard, and moreover there are those who think Lieutenant Gibson's work on Tuesday when he made the mile and a half in 2:35 1/2, could not have failed to injure his derby chances.

Of this feature, Trainer Charles Hughes said:

"It must be borne in mind that Gib-

son has not raced in three weeks, and that he is going to run on Saturday against horses prepared in actual contests. It has, therefore, been necessary to give him some stiff preparation. I believe Lieutenant Gibson will go to the post thoroughly fit on Saturday."

The backers of other horses are figuring on weight and distance, together with a high class of competitive speed, stopping the favorite before the mile and a half has been covered.

"There is one in there that will make him step in the first part of the race," say these. That one is Yellow Tail. All horsemen know that Yellow Tail is one of the fastest horses in the world, but he is being given little consideration in the derby because it is not thought he can go the mile and a half. Yellow Tail has been at Washington Park for several weeks and has been quietly and thoroughly prepared. The fact that Advance Guard seemed to show decided superiority over Yellow Tail at San Francisco, over a distance of ground, is mainly responsible for the price of 50 to one now offered against Yellow Tail for the Derby.

J. W. Schorr's derby candidate, Sam Phillips, was given a trial over the full distance at Washington Park yesterday, that horsemen consider almost, if not quite, as meritorious as Lieutenant Gibson's work the day before. With a stable boy named Post in the saddle, the Memphis colt covered the mile and a half in 2:37 1/2, running well within himself and finishing fresh and strong and seemingly none the worse for his trial.

W. M. Barick has arrived from the East, bringing with him his derby colt, James.

Responsible bookmakers have been taking many bets on the derby. The prevailing odds are: Lieutenant Gibson, five to one; Advance Guard, four to one; Sam Phillips, five to one; James, six to one; Morris entry, six to one; All Gold, ten to one; Sidney Lucas, fifteen to one; Highland Lad, twenty to one; Yellow Tail and Barrack, 50 to 1.

While there will be no "betting ring" with criss-crossing odds and soliciting bets from lines of booths, "hand book" men will, it is said, pass among the crowds and accept wagers on the horses at the Washington Park Club on Derby day. This is the position taken by the officials of the South Side Racing Club in acknowledging Mayor Harrison's edict to Chief Kiptzy that "all gambling at Washington Park must be suppressed."

PERSONALITY THE ISSUE.

Chicago's Mayor Thinks Bryan's Beam-ing Smiles Will Carry Him Through.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, when asked last night what he thought of the republican platform, said that he had not read it thoroughly, though he did not believe it would attract many voters to McKinley.

"Bryan is sure to win anyway," he said. "Platforms are not the issues, and the people nowadays vote for those whom they think will best represent them. The fight this year will be largely one of personalities. Colonel Bryan's personality, his individuality, is attracting votes to him, while McKinley repels them. Throughout the West, thousands of men who were against Bryan four years ago are with him now."

"Chicago particularly McKinley is losing ground rapidly. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the administration, especially because of its attitude towards trusts and its imperialistic tendencies.

"In our city there are thousands of Germans who four years ago voted almost a man for McKinley, but will oppose him next fall because of the expansion ideas set forth in the platform, and the actions of the administration in the far East. To these Germans expansion and imperialism mean a great army, and a great army includes eventually a system of conscription and militarism which are just what have driven hundreds of thousands of Germans to this country, and they won't see us make the mistake if they can help it. I am informed by some of the best posted Germans in the West that the defection from Mr. McKinley will be general throughout the country."

"Another thing that has operated to exasperate the Germans is the administration's apparent fondness for a hard and fast alliance with Great Britain and its opposition to an expression of sympathy with the Boers."

"In my opinion, however, the trust problem is the most important consideration. Although the Kansas City convention will doubtless reaffirm the platform of 1896, the campaign will be fought on the two issues of trusts and imperialism, and strong planks on these subjects will be introduced in the platform."

"Silver, if it is mentioned at all, outside of the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform will occupy a secondary place, and a supreme effort will be made in the direction of bringing together all elements of the party."

"WORSE THAN THE BRITISH."

Excluded Fenians Say Hard Things About Their Treatment.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Joseph J. Mullet, the Fenian ex-convict, who with "Skin-the-Goat" Fitzharris has been ordered excluded from the United States, and is detained at the immigration station, has written the following letter to Commissioner Fitch:

"Immigration Barge Narragansett, Ellis Island, New York.

"Mr. Fitch—Honorable Sir; I wish to protest in the strongest manner possible against the manner in which I am treated. The English government,

bad as they are supposed to be, never kept us so meanly as your government has acted toward us. The former kept us apart from all other convicts and treated us as political prisoners. The latter has forced us to mix with the scum of Europe. They kept us close in a prison house, to the detriment of our health and strength. And what crime have we committed against the United States government? Why, we and all Irish nationalists don't love and reverence Erin more than we do the land of the Stars and Stripes, and we always have considered the two nations as one. Why should we not? Have not the blood and brains of our race helped in a special manner to build up your great nation? Another thing I complain of: We have not had the chance to hear mass since we have been in prison here. This is another matter in which your nation is far behind the British."

BUSINESS WOMAN'S CLUB.

Formal Opening of Rooms in New York.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Never think of marriage until you are able to support a husband.

This was the advice of Thomas G. Shearman to the members of the New York council of the Business Woman's National Association last night. The commodious clubrooms on Fulton street held 200 guests. Mr. Shearman was one of the two men speakers. "I am glad you call yourselves women," said he. "I have the greatest respect for the saleswoman, but I do not think anything of the saleslady."

"I am the father of the feminine typewriter," he continued, and then he told how he had been the first to employ and train a woman to operate a typewriter in a business office. "As a cold business proposition," he concluded, "I prefer a woman typewriter. She never sells information on Wall street. Women have the faculty of immediately forgetting everything they do in the office, and carry no uncomfortable secrets about with them."

Miss Matie R. Cleveland, of Chicago, president of the Retail Association, said:

"Business women need middle rest and social relaxation as a relief from the intensity of life. That is what they will find in these rooms."

President McKinley sent a congratulatory telegram.

Dr. John Balcom Shaw put in a warning against the growing idleness among women. He spoke especially of college women, and attributed it to a growing tendency to idleness.

The club quarters include dining, reception and dressing-rooms, kitchen and serving-room and offices. Table d'hote and a la carte luncheons will be served daily. An employment exchange will be conducted to assist business women in getting positions. The rooms for the first month will be open to all business women; after that to club members only.

PRICE OF IRON FALLING.

Getting Very Close to the Cost of Production.

CLEVELAND, June 21.—The Iron Review says: "Prices of iron and steel are coming closer to cost and closer to the buying point with every week. Buyers see no reason for believing that the bottom has been reached, and cannot buy freely, though it is evident that much business is being held up and that many would be glad to contract in the usual way if they could do so with any assurance."

A gain of 3,000 tons in pig iron stocks in May, and a slight increase in production, was quickly responded to with lower prices, and in finished lines there has been further yielding under the recent reduction in beams and channels. Whether or not the impending shut down of mills is responsible, there has been a good aggregate of orders in finished lines this month, a considerable increase over the rate of buying in April and May. Lower prices are having their natural result, but the adjustments that yet remain to be made work against the tendency to a better movement. Tank plates at \$23 net ton and billets at \$23 gross tons are not consistent. Steel bars, also, are coming close to the billet basis. And if this summer steel should still recede, Bessemer pig iron would make a further inroad on the \$1 or \$1.50 a ton profit possible at \$19.10 Valley furnace.

"The factor in the immediate future that is difficult of computation is the net result of the curtailment movement among furnaces, rolling mills and steel works. A number of furnaces in Pennsylvania and Ohio have gone out this month; many more will be added to the list in the next thirty days. The cost price has been reached in the case of a good many smaller Pennsylvania stacks, and our advices from furnace companies that still have a fair margin indicate that some of them will stop as soon as they have made iron sufficient to cover present orders."

GRATEFUL TO CLEVELAND.

Consequently the Hawaiians Are Democratic.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—One of the members of the Hawaiian delegation to the democratic national convention is Prince David Kawakoa, a nephew of the late King Kalakaua. When asked why he was a democrat, Prince David said:

"Annexation is a settled fact. We're part of the United States now. I'm not kicking at this late day, but I want to tell you one thing. The Hawaiians will always feel grateful to a democratic president—Mr. Cleveland—

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for his stand on the question of annexation.

"It is true numbers of the natives have formed an independent organization. Such organization, in my opinion, is preliminary to most of the natives in it coming over to the democratic party. I, together with many of the natives, in fact most of them, believe that the democratic party can be relied upon to secure for us, as well as other citizens, all possible benefits and privileges from the national government. We do not want heavy taxation or the restriction of jury rights of the natives. On the other hand, we want more education, better industrial conditions and a large commerce. I think the democratic party can be trusted to aid us in these and other ways far more than the republicans."

SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

Next Annual Shoot Will Be at Walla Walla.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 21.—At the annual meeting of the Sportsman's Association of the Northwest, held here last night, it was decided to hold the next annual shoot at Walla Walla, Wash. New officers elected are: Z. K. Straight, Walla Walla, president; P. J. Holohan, Walla, 1st vice-president; R. Cox, Seattle, 2nd vice-president; Dr. Smith, Tacoma, 3rd vice-president; W. G. Campbell, Walla Walla, secretary-treasurer; T. B. Ware, Spokane; E. E. Ellis, Seattle; W. F. Sheard, Tacoma; C. H. Smith, Butte, Mont., and J. C. Maclure, Victoria, directors.

There will be about 50 competitors in the tournament which opens tomorrow.

MUSSELS KILLED THEM.

Two Alaskan Miners Meet a Peculiar Death.

SEATTLE, June 21.—James Matthews, formerly of Chelan, Wash., and Alex Reed, formerly of South Dakota, died at Juneau, Alaska, recently from eating mussels at Seaward. Two other miners were affected but escaped by drinking whiskey.

RYAN AGAINST DOUGLASS.

To Box July 4, at Kansas City.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Tommy Ryan has been matched to box Bob Douglass, of St. Louis, ten rounds at Kansas City on the night of July 4.

HARVARD-YALE BASEBALL.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 21.—Harvard defeated Yale at baseball today by the score of 5 to 4.

A NEW TRAIN.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. will place in service April 20th a New Train between St. Paul and St. Louis, called the "Flying Dutchman." The train will have through sleeping cars and be first-class throughout. Ask any ticket agent for particulars or address

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of interest heretofore paid by borrowers, even on Broadway property, has been from four to five per cent, according to the amount borrowed and the relative amount of mortgage to the value of property.

Many brokerage firms hold that this offer to loan \$10,000,000 was an exception, and that borrowers in general would have to continue to pay at least 4 per cent. Other brokers said that in future New York loans would rule at 2 1/2 per cent when the amount borrowed did not exceed 40 per cent of the value of the property.

SHIPMENTS TO CHINA.
A Temporary Lull in the Oriental Trade.

NEW YORK, June 21.—The shipments to China are not as large as they have been in other years at this time. It is stated by a prominent shipping firm that to Hong Kong alone there is probably about some \$25,000 worth of general merchandise sent from this city, which is to be distributed from there. While there has been no very general cancellation of orders to be shipped to treaty ports of China, it is believed, however, that there will be a lull in trade while the present conditions exist. The check will affect principally all kinds of manufactured products.

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