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CHING AIDS FOREIGNERS

Imperial Army Defends Pekin Against the Boxers.

A BATTLE AT TIEN TSIN

Ninth U. S. Infantry Reaches Taku—Minister Still Safe—Great Unrest in the South, But Chinese Officials Are Neutral.

LONDON, July 10.—With the foreigners in Pekin probably safe amid civil war, with Prince Ching on their side, with the powers united and their forces constantly increasing, the outlook in China is now rather more hopeful than it has been for the month past.

It appears from the cautious statement given out by Tao Tai Shan in Shanghai that the reason that the guns bearing on the legations at Pekin were not used is that Prince Ching, who is served by 10,000 troops, secured all the artillery ammunition. Shan likewise intimates that Yung Lu, commander-in-chief of the Northern army, is associated with Prince Ching and is opposed to Prince Tuan's ferocious designs and dictatorial ambition. Shan, who appears to be the sole Shanghai conduit of Pekin news, cheers the foreign consuls by those confidential communications, but takes excessive precautions to prevent Chinese from thinking him friendly to the foreigners.

The feeling of unrest in the southern and central provinces continues. The members of official classes in these provinces strive to re-foreigners, until they shall see whether the moderate or extreme factions will win in Pekin.

Prince Ching seems to be standing for the dynasty and the old order against Prince Tuan's inordinate ambition.

From the foreign view point, the capture of Pekin is the key to the situation. According to the Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent, delay now means one hundred recruits for the Boxers for every soldier killed on land. Two couriers arrived at Tien Tsin July 1 from Pekin. One brought a letter from Sir Claude MacDonald, brother of the minister, to the same effect as that previously received from Sir Robert Hart.

LONDON, July 10.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Che Foo announces under date of July 7 that the Ninth United States infantry has arrived at Taku.

LONDON, July 10.—The allies at Tien Tsin are having an exceedingly unpleasant time. The last engagement of which news has come through, occurred July 6. The Chinese artillery opened fire at dawn. Their fire was more accurate and their ammunition better, shells exploding with precision and setting fire to several buildings.

H. M. S. Terrible's guns again quieted the Chinese who, shifting their artillery, reopened the attack, but a thunderstorm breaking, the Chinese suddenly became quiet. The allies immediately attacked and drove the Chinese from their works, but lost thirty killed or wounded.

BERLIN, July 10.—The emperor is ordering more and vessels vessels to get ready for China. The latest ordered to prepare are the cruisers Niobe, Superba, Schwalbe, Bussard and Zeanier.

A division of new thirty-ton torpedo boats is also prepared. They will make 26 knots an hour and are expected to arrive by the middle of August before the troops, and will be used for river service and communications between large vessels.

BRUSSELS, July 9.—A dispatch from Shanghai received here says a Chinese newspaper asserts that Prince Ching's troops have arrived at Pekin to revictual the Europeans and defend them against the rebels.

BERLIN, July 9.—The German consul at Che Foo cables under today's date that the American mission at Tung Lu and the Catholic mission at Ching Chu Fu have been looted. He adds that the Boxers continue their endeavors to incite the population of Che Foo to revolt. Li Ping Hong, the former governor of Shan Tung, with 8,000 men, has gone northward from Nankin, as the governor of that place requested him to withdraw.

YOKOHAMA, July 9.—The government has decided to immediately dispatch 23,000 men and 5,000 horses to China.

The newspapers, in endorsing this action, point out that should the foreigners at Pekin perish, Japan could not be absolved from blame.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The following dispatch was received last night by Minister Wu from Sheng, director-general of the Imperial telegraphs at Shanghai, dated yesterday:

"July 3.—Two legations in Pekin still preserved. All ministers safe. Rebellious troops and rioters make attacks but suffer many losses. Imperial troops are protecting, but meet with difficulty in doing so. It is feared that food and ammunition are exhausted."

KIEL, Germany, July 9.—Addressing the First naval division prior to its departure for China today, Emperor William said:

"I shall not rest until China is subdued and all her bloody deeds are avenged."

LONDON, July 9.—In the house of commons today, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, after confirming Japan's agreement to increase its force in China 20,000 men without delay, and her gallant defense of the legations up to July 3, added:

"There are grounds for hoping that Prince Ching, late head of the Tsung Li Yamen, is using his influence to protect the legations against Prince Tuan and the Boxers.

"Reports from Tien Tsin show that further fighting may be expected at that place, but no doubt is expressed that the allied forces will be able to maintain their position. Japanese reinforcements are due at Taku immediately and Indian troops will begin to arrive by the end of the week.

"Matters are quiet in the Yang Tse valley, but additional troops are going there so that we may be prepared to take any necessary course to maintain order."

NEW YORK, July 9.—Rev. Joshua Kimber, associate secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, today received a cablegram from Bishop Graves, in answer to one sent Saturday. Bishop Graves is bishop to Shanghai and the Yang Tse valley.

His cablegram read:

"All safe. Ladies in Japan. Notify friends."

The Protestant Episcopal church has no missions in North China, but the cablegram shows Bishop Graves is not taking any chances. Kimber understands the bishop's message to mean that all white women in the Protestant Episcopal missions in China, wherever situated, have already gone to Japan. A reassuring message was also received today by Rev. H. N. Cobb, of the Reformed Church board. It was from Amoy, and read as follows:

"Everything and everybody all well. Will act under instructions given."

Word "everything" is supposed to refer to mission property. The instructions referred to were that no risks were to be run, and that nothing should be omitted to insure the safety of all the missionaries.

NEW YORK, July 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Shanghai says:

A message sent from Wei Hai Wei last Sunday and received here today states that Her Majesty's ship Alacrity has returned direct to Wei Hai Wei with 29 wounded men.

The situation is still grave, for the Boxers, although they have been mowed down by the hundred, still believe themselves invulnerable. Every moment is now precious. Boxer emissaries are gaining strength.

Hsu Tung, the most determined hater of foreigners in Pekin and tutor of the heir apparent, has been murdered with his whole household of 300 persons, while resisting Boxer pillagers.

Liping Hen, the admiral on the Yangtse, has returned to Yan Chow Huan. The troops of Ting Kiang Pu refused to accompany him northward.

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CONFERENCE OF SILVER MEN

Chicago Will Be Democratic Headquarters—Towne Still Unsettled—All the Silver Men Will Work Together Till Middle-of-the-Road Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 9.—Plans for the Democratic national campaign of 1900 were outlined and practically agreed upon between representatives of the Democratic, Silver Republican and Populist parties at Kansas City. This committee will include members of all three parties, and perhaps also Democrats and members of the national committee, but who are prominent in the councils of the party. This committee will, it is said, have charge in a measure of the practical working of the campaign and will work for fusion on the state and congressional tickets wherever possible. The press and executive committee, it is expected, will with one or two exceptions, be the same as last year.

The personnel of all the committees was left in the hands of Chairman Jones. The question of the national headquarters was also left in his hands. It was stated that Chicago would probably be selected.

Committeeman Johnson, of Kansas, stated after the meeting that the understanding exists that Bryan will not tour the country, as he did in 1896, but will make trips from time to time to the larger centers of population, remaining in Lincoln a great deal of the time.

Towne may not announce his decision in regard to the vice-presidential nomination for several days. The Democratic leaders state that the whole question has been postponed until after the Middle-of-the-road state convention, to be held at Grand Island, Neb., July 20. The attitude that will be taken by that wing of the Populists, and the strength developed by them, it is said, will be closely observed as a criterion in the Populist states, and should no serious deflection from the regular Populists, on account of Towne's defeat in the Democratic convention be noticed, a conference with the Populist leaders will then be held, at which time it is expected that Towne's withdrawal will be announced.

LORD ROBERTS CRITICISED.

Too Slow—Charges Against Hospital Service Well Founded.

NEW YORK, July 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says:

The war office closed without reporting the occupation of either Vryde or Bethlehem. The failure of the attack upon the Vrycksburg garrison is confirmed by press dispatches, and General Brabant is reported to have occupied Doornberg, between Senekal and Winburg.

Reports of recent operations have been so confused that it is not possible to define with precision the British positions and approaches to Bethlehem. De Wet may no longer have any motive for taking prisoners, since he will not know what to do with them. Probably the commandoes will divide and subdivide for guerrilla warfare, and slowly break up when driven back to the mountains. London is becoming unmistakably restless for news of decisive action in South Africa. Lord Roberts' delay in cornering the elusive De Wet has begun to call forth criticism, although it is by no means forgotten that a lull has preceded the accompaniment of every field marshal's vital operations. It is believed that Gen. Buller's arrival at Pretoria, completing the barrier between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, is all that Lord Roberts has been waiting for before striking his long planned blow.

Sister Isabel Wilson, a volunteer nurse, who has just returned from South Africa, in an interview relative to the Royal Army Medical Service, said:

"There is unquestionably foundation for the charge that the British hospital service thoughout the entire South African campaign has been and is now miserably deficient. The insufficient number of nurses has been the chief cause of complaint. At the Pietermaritzburg hospital, following the battle of Spionkop, five doctors and five nurses were compelled to care for 140 wounded men, in addition to being beset by the most distracting system of red tape.

"Lack of foresight was wholly responsible for this under staffing. Hundreds of volunteers for the number seeing service were relieved on the ground that the regular supply was more than ample. Now many nurses have succumbed to enteric fever and dysentery, and the capacity of those who have not been taken sick is sorely tried by overwork.

"The volunteer nurses object to the niggardly treatment they have received at the hands of the government. Our pay is six shillings ($1.50) a day, out of which we are obliged to provide our mess, laundry and clothes. As a result, I have earned less than a charwoman's wages."

FIGHTING IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Boers Still Active, but Getting No Victories.

LONDON, July 10.—As Lord Roberts' dispatches reveal, the Boers are unusually active both in Orange Colony and in the so-called pacified Western Transvaal, but without producing any serious impression upon the British arms. Passengers who arrived at Lourenco Marques, July 9, from Middleburg, say there has been hard fighting between the latter place and Machadodorp in which the Boers were defeated and demoralized.

FATAL RUNAWAY.

Indiana Capitalist Killed.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9.—A special to the Sentinel from Columbus, Ind., says:

Edward Mooney, senior member of the firm of W. W. Mooney & Sons, was thrown from a carriage during a runaway last evening, and was so badly injured that his death occurred at midnight.

Miss Sallie Talbot, Mr. Mooney's housekeeper, is in a fatal condition. She was unconscious at midnight, and the extent of her injuries could not be determined.

Mr. Mooney's two children and Miss Gray, a stenographer, were in the carriage at the time of the accident, and were thrown out, but escaped serious injury.

Mr. Mooney was interested in the largest tannery in the world, located in this city. Three months ago his father died, at the advanced age of 80 years.

Mrs. Mooney, the mother, died only two years ago. Mr. Mooney was a brother of Thomas Mooney, of Louisville, Ky., and a nephew of E. T. Mooney, the Cincinnati millionaire.

SIX MORE TRANSPORTS.

Four Thousand More Horses and Mules to Be Sent to the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Recent orders of the war department involve the sending of about 4,000 horses and mules from this country to the Philippines. Most of these are cavalry horses, forming an important part of the equipment of the squadrons of the First, Third and Ninth regiments of cavalry ordered to the Philippines. The transportation of animals across the Pacific is a difficult problem. The transports available are not nearly sufficient for the extensive movement in prospect and it will be necessary to procure at least six additional animal transports.

FIFTY-THREE DEATHS A DAY.

Heat Causes Many Deaths Among Small Children in New York.

NEW YORK, July 9.—To the continuation of the hot weather is attributed the high death rate among children. For the first six days of July the deaths reported of children of five years old or under averaged 53 in Manhattan and the Bronx, and 41 in Brooklyn. Saturday's report showed 51 deaths of children under five years in Manhattan and the Bronx, and 58 in Brooklyn. Sunday's list includes 45 such deaths in Manhattan and the Bronx.

TWO BATTALIONS FOR MANILA.

Eleven Hundred Men Will Start Soon.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Major-General John R. Brooke says that the two battalions of the Fifteenth infantry ordered to the Philippines are the first and third. The first is now at Platsburg and the third is on Governor's Island. They will number, the general says, about 1100 men. It is expected that these forces will start as soon as arrangements for transportation can be made.

THREE MORE BODIES.

Now a Total of 149 Corpses Recovered From the Hoboken Fire.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Three bodies were recovered today from the wreck of the steamer Saale. This makes 149 corpses thus far recovered of victims of the fire which destroyed the North German Lloyd pier at Hoboken and burned the steamers Saale, Bremen and Main on June 30.

HOBART'S ESTATE.

Ex-Vice-President Worth Thirteen Millions.

NEW YORK, July 9.—An inventory of the personal estate of the late Garret A. Hobart was filed with the supreme court at Paterson, N. J., today. It places the late vice-president's wealth at $12,800,441. Hobart held bonds in twenty-six corporations and stock in over one hundred.

ST. LOUIS STRIKE RESUMED TODAY

Car Men Claim That Transit Company Violated Agreement.

NEW GRIEVANCES, ALSO

President and Vice-President of the Company Attempt to Reassure the Men, But to No Avail—Will Not Run Cars From Today.

ST. LOUIS, July 9.—Two thousand five hundred members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes of America met in the West End Coliseum today to discuss the advisability of resuming the strike on the lines of the St. Louis Transit Company, recently declared off after two months' duration.

Chairman Edwards, of the grievance committee, presented a list of specific cases in which the association alleged that the company had violated the agreement of July 2 by employing new men since that time.

Harry A. Bryan, national organizer of the order, said:

"By the manner in which the street railway officials have broken their agreement, it is patent that their words are unworthy of belief. You men here hold the key to the situation. It is for you to say if you want to keep the strike off, or it is for you to say if you want to declare it on again."

A motion was made to declare the strike on again. Before the motion could be put, however, Chairman Edwards was called out of the meeting, and J. P. Wilson forced his way to the platform and spoke. He said that after reading the company's statement Monday morning he went to some of the heavy Transit stockholders and asked them what the company intended to do. He declared that some of these stockholders asked President Whitaker over the telephone what the company's intentions were and was told that he (Mr. Whitaker) was preparing a letter to the men at the time. The stockholders asked Wilson, he said, to advise the men not to be rash, but to await the letter from Mr. Whitaker. At 1 o'clock a recess was taken to await the arrival of the letter.

Shortly after 1 o'clock a letter from President Whitaker was sent to the members of the Street Railway Union, setting forth how the company proposed to carry out its agreement entered into July 2. The letter stated the position of the company in regard to the agreement and the method the company is using in reinstating the men.

It further says that a number of the men have already been reinstated, and that others will be as rapidly as possible. The letter denies that the company has broken its agreement with the men, and says that the company proposes to keep absolute faith.

At the conclusion of the reading of Mr. Whitaker's letter, Chairman Edwards said it was satisfactory to him, and he was willing to take a vote on the question of a renewal of the strike at once.

At this point it was announced that Vice-President Frederick W. Lehmann, of the Transit Company, desired the privilege of addressing the meeting. Mr. Lehmann, who was invited to the platform, said in part:

"The agreement of July 2 was entered into in good faith by those whom I represent, and with the purpose of carrying it out to the letter. I propose to use every influence that I possess to see that it is carried out."

A vote was then taken, and it was unanimously decided at 2:30 this afternoon to resume the strike and boycott against the St. Louis Transit Company. It was ordered by the union that the strike go into effect immediately, and that the boycott be renewed at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PHENOMENAL CYCLING.

Eleven World's Records Broken at Boston.

BOSTON, July 9.—Eleven world's records were broken by John Nelson, of Chicago, at Charles River Park tonight. Nelson covered 66 miles and 30 feet during two hours riding.

THROUGH NIAGARA RAPIDS.

Thousands Witness the Feat of a Daring Navigator.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 9.—Peter Niesson, of Chicago, or Bowser, as he styles himself, went through whirlpool rapids of Niagara today in his craft in the presence of 10,000 persons.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, July 9.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 57 @ 57½; bluestem, 60c.