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TIEN TSIN BOMBARDED

Russians Lose 115 Men, and the British 30.

JAPAN WILL SEND 63,000

Legations Reported Still Holding Out—More Americans Will Go From Manila—Russia, France and Germany Distrust Japan.

LONDON, No authentic news from Peking is still the burden of the dispatches from the East and although the disposition is to believe the optimistic reports from Chinese sources, no real confidence is possible until the legations are permitted to communicate with their governments.

According to a Che Foo dispatch, the fighting around Tien Tsun on the third and fourth was the severest yet experienced. The Chinese had 35,000 men attacking simultaneously from the north, east and west, and made excellent practice with over 100 guns. The defenders numbered 14,000 with scant supplies, and it was only the presence of newly arrived Japanese and Russian guns that prevented disaster. One Russian company of infantry, numbering 520 men, had 115 killed or wounded. The German contingent also suffered heavily and the British casualties were thirty.

On July 6th, the Chinese renewed the attack upon Tien Tsun with two batteries of four-inch guns, but the allies, aided by two of H. M. S. Terrible's guns, succeeded in silencing the Chinese artillery, after eight hours of fighting.

SHANGHAI, July 10.—News from official sources was received at 10 o'clock last night to the effect that the empress had June 30 resumed the reins of government, and appointed Yung Lu Prime minister. It is said that she sent a dispatch to Nankin by courier at the rate of 100 miles per day, thanking the viceroys of the Yangtze Kiang provinces for their loyalty, and recommending that they protect foreigners at any cost.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—General MacArthur cables the war department that the Fourteenth infantry and the Fifth artillery will leave on Friday for Taku. Other troops are being sent to replace them.

TIEN TSIN, July 10.—It is reported from Chinese sources that foreigners at Peking have taken possession of the prince's palace opposite and commanding the British legation, and that the native Christians have been installed therein.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The following dispatch was received here tonight from China:

"Che Foo, July 10.—Secretary of State, Washington.—The Shan Tung governor wires his reports that on the fourth of July all the legations in Peking were safe except the German.

"FOWLER, Consul."
ST. PAUL, July 10.—The Great Northern railroad has given notice to all its agents not to contract any freight for China destined to interior points beyond Shanghai, Hong Kong and Canton, until conditions in that empire have become more settled.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific will feel, to some extent, the immediate effects of the Chinese anti-foreign uprising.

The trouble has already had a tendency to disturb both east and west-bound trans-Pacific business.

A railroad official said today that the Great Northern might temporarily lose its trans-Pacific connections in case the Chinese war reached an acute stage.

LONDON, July 11.—The Che Foo cor-

respondent of the Express, telegraphing yesterday, Tuesday, says:

"The Japanese force is equipped with 56 heavy mortars and 120 field guns, and has poison and balloon sections. It is expected either Marshal Nodzu or Marshal Oyama will take command. The plan of campaign contemplates operations extending two or three years. A further force of 15,000 men will be landed at Taku a week hence, and 10,000 additional troops soon after that. "Before the rainy season is well advanced, Japan expects to have 63,000 troops in China.

"These formidable preparations are viewed with great distrust by Germany, Russia and France.

NEW YORK, July 10.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

While there is no light there is a sense of departing darkness in China. The southern viceroys, who have taken a line of action of their own, understand what is going on both in Peking and in Europe, and are not in sympathy with Prince Tuan and the Boxers. They have been waiting for a counter movement against the military usurpation, and now that a reaction has set in against massacres and revolution, they are asserting their authority and sending to the palace information respecting the armaments of the foreign consulates and provincial centres. For this reason some of the best informed men in and out of parliament are now convinced that the legations will be spared, and that a truce will be ordered from the palace and the China question adjusted by diplomatic means. Neither official nor press dispatches warrant this conclusion, but there are hopeful signs in several quarters of the clouded sky.

The empress dowager is evidently playing off Prince Ching against Prince Tuan, and throwing out an anchor to the windward. This is a fact which impresses the diplomatists here. They read with composure the details of desperate fighting at Tien Tsun and the reports of the Chinese attacks upon the allied troops. They assert that skirmishes in which casualties to Europeans and Americans are trivial are of no account when there is practical evidence that the Chinese forces are divided and that the legations are allowed to hold their ground.

Belated details of the fighting at Tien Tsun are conflicting and untrustworthy, but there are many signs that the anti-foreign movement is weakening, that the allied forces are preparing to make a successful advance upon the capital and that the diplomatists in European capitals are not wasting their time, but are doing useful work in a most practical way.

NEW YORK, July 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Che Foo, dated Sunday, says:

Refugees who have arrived from Tien Tsun bring the following information:

The Chinese resumed bombardment of the foreign quarters last Tuesday, and non-combatants were ordered that day to leave. The bombardment is described as the worst yet experienced, but there were no civilian casualties, though many marvelous escapes are reported. A force of British and Russian troops tried to silence the Chinese guns, but retired without effecting their object. Two guns from the Terrible silenced the Chinese guns of Thursday, but the artillery duel recommenced on Friday.

Two hundred refugees, mostly women and children, left Thursday and Friday in lighters towed by launches, and reached Taku safely. Small bodies of Russians and Japanese were met at short intervals all the way down. Several burning bridges were passed. They are supposed to have been set on fire by Russians, who occupy a fort midway between Tien Tsun and Taku, where they have a torpedo boat. Seven hundred Russians are occupying the railway and station at Tong Ku. Japanese troops were landing at Taku. The Yorktown took 25 American refugees on board. The Germans went aboard a German warship, while the British were transferred to the Hanchi and Hai Loong. The former has reached Che Foo with 50 refugees on the way to Shanghai. The latter, with one hundred and fifty, is proceeding to Nagasaki.

The British cruiser Alacrity sailed at

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PLOT TO KILL M'KINLEY

Spaniards and Cubans Plan His Assassination.

ONE OF THE GANG WEAKENS

Member of the Republican National Committee Gets a Letter of Warning—Detectives Guard the President and the Plot is Frustrated.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The New York World reports the discovery of a plot to assassinate President McKinley, which was made known sufficiently early to enable him to be warned and the plot frustrated. The heinous crime was planned by a group of Spaniards and Cuban conspirators, who had their headquarters in New York City.

Overcome by the enormity of the crime one of the plotters weakened and sent a letter of warning to a member of the Republican national committee. The police were immediately notified and a force of detectives is now closely guarding the president.

MARTIAL LAW AT NOME.

Steamer St. Paul Arrives at San Francisco With a Million and a Half in Gold.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—The steamer St. Paul arrived tonight from St. Michael, Alaska, with news that martial law had been proclaimed at Cape Nome. The St. Paul brought \$1,500,000 in gold, consigned to the Alaska Commercial Company, and 50 passengers.

The necessity for martial law arose out of the jumping of mining claims and other acts of lawlessness. The St. Paul also reports a great many cases of smallpox and typhoid fever at Nome. Among the passengers from Cape Nome there were some who returned disappointed.

These reports that about 20,000 men are there, many of whom are unable to find employment. They say that many will return by the next steamer.

WINTER WHEAT DECLINES.

Statistics From the Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Returns to the department of agriculture show a further decline in the condition of winter wheat during June, it being 80.1 on July 1 as compared with 82.7 June 1, and a ten-year average of 78.5. The average condition of spring wheat is 55.3 compared with 57.3 one month ago, and a ten-year average of 58.5. The condition in Minnesota has fallen to 48, in South Dakota to 44 and in North Dakota to 30. The condition of spring and winter wheat combined July 1 was 69.8 against 76.2 a year ago. The amount of wheat in the hands of farmers July 1 is estimated at 51 million bushels, or an equivalent of 9.3 per cent of the crop of 1899.

AGAIN THE BUS LINE.

Three Hundred and Fifty Wagons Compete With the St. Louis Car Lines.

ST. LOUIS, July 10.—The boycott, which hurt the Transit Company considerably during the recent contest, was renewed today, and wagons are again carrying passengers, especially in the North and South sides. There has been no trouble reported. Donations for the fund to buy wagons for the strikers' bus line are again being vigorously solicited.

"Before the strike was declared off," said Treasurer Isaacs, of the executive board, "we had 350 wagons in commission. We have not disposed of any, and we expect to largely increase the number."

FITZ WILL MEET SHARKEY.

Two First-Class Matches Arranged for Next Month.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Two heavy-weight boxing matches between first-class pugilists were arranged today to take place before the repeal of the Horlick Boxing Law, which goes into effect the 1st of September. The first match will be August 10, between Fitzsimmons and Gus Rubin, who recently defeated Sharkey, and the second will be between Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey about August 25.

HOLLIS REPRIMANDED.

Consul-General at Lourenco Marques Too Friendly With the Boers.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—It is learned that the announcement from Lou-

renco Marques that Hollis, the American consul-general, had been recalled is erroneous. Hollis has not been recalled, in the judgment of the department, in such repression of his personal sympathies as becomes a United States official charged with such delicate duties as have developed upon the consul at Lourenco Marques, and the department has been obliged to remind him of that fact, but it has not recalled him.

DEATH OF DR. McDONALD.

Famous For His Improvement of the Money Order System.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The death is announced at Hamilton, Ontario, of Dr. Charles F. McDonald, aged 71 years. While connected with the postoffice department in Washington, the postal money order system was organized through his efforts. President Lincoln appointed him superintendent of the money order department, which office he held until 1893, when President Cleveland appointed him consul at Hamilton. Through Dr. McDonald's efforts, also, the exchange of money orders was effected between the United States and the principal civilized countries of the world. He drafted 32 conventions for the exchange of money orders.

RECORD SMASHED.

Mile and a Sixteenth Reduced to 1:45.5 at Brighton Beach.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The world's record for a mile and a sixteenth and a head and head finish in the first attempt stakes were features of the racing at Brighton Beach today. Standing, a three-year-old chestnut colt by Candelmas—the Joneas, was responsible for the new record. The time was 1:45 1-5.

ELKS MEET.

Annual Assembly Elects a Grand Exalted Ruler.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 10.—The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the national lodge of the benevolent and protective order of Elks opened here today. James Fisher, of Jamestown, N. Y., was elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

GOES TO WEST POINT.

A. B. Barber, of Portland, Appointed Cadet to That Institution.

PORTLAND, July 10.—A. B. Barber, the 17-year-old son of Dr. S. J. Barber, of this city, has been recommended by Congressman Moody for appointment as cadet to West Point.

AMERICANS WIN.

American Jockeys Sweep the Board at London.

LONDON, July 10.—American jockeys had the run of wins today at the second day's races of the Nottingham July meeting, sweeping the board.

COTTAGE CITY ARRIVES.

Brings \$200,000 and a Lot of Klondikers.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 10.—The steamer Cottage City arrived here today, bringing a number of Klondikers and \$200,000 in gold.

CHICAGO DISGRACED.

Boozer Aldermen Play the Fool and Scorn the Desires of the People.

CHICAGO, July 10.—The presentation of a petition signed by 21,000 people asking the passage of an ordinance granting the right of operating overhead trolley cars on North Side thoroughfares, and the extension of the present lines to a projected exposition building on the lake front, gave the members of the city council an opportunity for horse play last night. For five minutes the petitions, composed of six rolls of paper, each over 100 feet long, were thrown, batted and kicked around the council chamber and then torn to bits and used as bandages with which the playful aldermen blindfolded each other.

During the time that the petition was being tossed about, 20 members of the North Side Business Men's Association, including President C. F. Gillman, stood around the council chamber and looked on.

After the council had finished the game of football, broad paper ribbons were hanging from the galleries, chandeliers and the mayor's desk. The aldermen were inclosed by a web of paper which wound among the desks and chairs.

A few minutes before the North Siders appeared, Alderman Foreman had presented the report of the street railway commission recommending that the ordinance asked by the North Side Business Men's Association be placed on file, and the council had promptly acted on the suggestion. Following this action, Alderman Foreman presented a resolution pledging the city council to pass an ordinance extending the cross town lines to the exposition building when the building shall be ready for use. It was passed.

BETHLEHEM CAPTURED

Boer Capital Now in the Hands of the British.

BOERS IN FULL RETREAT

Boers Also Retire From Senekal and the British Think the End is Near—Fifteen British Officers and 180 Men Killed in the Last Week.

LONDON, July 10.—Lord Roberts has sent the following dispatch to the war office:

"Pretoria, July 10.—Clement's and Faget's forces reached Bethlehem July 4. The former on hearing the town sent in a flag of truce, demanding surrender, which was refused by De Wet, when Faget, making a wide turning movement, succeeded in getting hold of the enemy's most important position, commanding the town. This was carried by the Ulsters and Yorkshire light infantry. This morning the attack was continued and by noon the town was in our hands and the enemy in full retreat.

Our casualties were four officers and thirty-two men of the Ulsters wounded, one missing. Captains McEherson and Wailes and Lieutenant Conway severely wounded, and Lieutenant Boyd-Rochefort, Scottish rifle, slightly wounded; seven men of the Yorkshires wounded; one killed, two wounded of the Imperial Yeomanry.

"Baden-Powell reached Rustenberg July 8 without opposition. The district west of this is somewhat unsettled.

"Further information regarding the capture of Bethlehem has been received from Clements. Clements attacked one position while Faget attacked another. The position assaulted by Clements was gallantly captured by the Royal Irish. The list of casualties has not yet been reported, but Clements states that they are few considering the strength of the positions assaulted. Hunter's cavalry under Broadwood, reached Bethlehem July 8.

The war office issued today another casualty list from South Africa showing that during the week ending July 7, there were killed, wounded or captured fifteen officers and 180 men; accidental deaths, two men; died of disease, four officers and 143 men; invalided home, 72 officers and 205 men.

Total casualties as a result of the war are 18,138 officers and men.

SENEKAL, Orange River Colony, Monday, July 9.—An extended reconnaissance today resulted in the discovery that the Boers had evacuated all their positions around Senekal. Numbers appear to have gone towards Ficksburg, and the remainder in the direction of Bethlehem. The British commanders express the opinion that the retirement of the Boers foreshadows a speedy end of the war in this section of the country.

CHILEAN WAR INDEMNITY.

Will Amount to Three Thousand Millions.

NEW YORK, July 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Lima, Peru, says: Garibaldi's new pamphlet, treating of the war indemnity collected by Chile from Peru and Bolivia since 1879, has made a deep impression here.

Figures are given which show that by 1935 Chile will have received from nitrate and iodine from the Peruvian province of Tarapaca, twenty-three hundred and fifty million Chilean dollars, and from Bolivia six hundred and fifty million dollars. Thus the war indemnity paid to Chile will reach three thousand million dollars—a greater sum than France paid to Germany.

GOOD TRADE WITH SPAIN.

Spanish Steamship Line Does a Profitable Business With New York.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The Compania Transatlantica Espanola steamer Leon XIII for Cadix, Barcelona and Genoa, took out a complete cargo of general merchandise. The agents of the line are pleased with the prospect of business increasing with Spain. There were 2,500 bales of cotton on board the Leon XIII for Barcelona alone.

SEATTLE ARRIVES FROM NOME.

SEATTLE, July 10.—The steamer City of Seattle returned from Alaska this morning with \$900,000 in gold.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, July 10.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 55c @ 57c; bluestem, 60c.

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