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ALLIES FAIL TO QUIET CHINESE GUNS

Heavy Bombardment of Tien Tsin Does Allies Damage.

PEKIN SILENT AS THE GRAVE

Stories of Awful Torments at Peking Unsubstantiated--Germany Sends the Cream of Her Army to China--Remey Carries a Victory on the River.

LONDON, July 15.--The only news from China last night was the following, issued at midnight:

"The foreign office has received information from the consul-general of Shanghai that the whole foreign community from Wen Chow has been safely landed at Shanghai."

As no mention is made of the alleged statement of Sheng, director of railways and telegraphs of China, to the consul at Shanghai, announcing the murder of foreigners in Peking, it is presumed that this story crediting Sheng with these assertions, and announcing that he blamed Prince Tuan for the attack on the legations, is one of the many inventions emanating from Shanghai.

According to a dispatch from Berlin, the mobilization of Germany's expeditionary force is being carried out in splendid fashion. Some ten thousand volunteers and 416 officers have already been accepted.

It is announced that the government contemplates chartering 30 of the largest vessels belonging to two of the most important companies, the Bremen and Hamburg lines, as transports.

WASHINGTON, July 14.--The official statement from St. Petersburg tonight that no news of the murder of the Russian minister at Peking had been received in the Russian capital was a source of gratification to the officials here.

It came as a distinct relief to Mr. Wu, who said he was glad that the report proved unfounded, as he fully believed would be the case.

Secretary Long said the report had turned out as he expected, and that the story and its official disclaimer only tended to strengthen his confidence that the legations are still safe.

TIEN TSIN, July 6, via Shanghai, July 14.--At noon today the British and American allies unsuccessfully attempted to capture a Chinese 15-pounder, mounted last night, which was enfilading the advance position of the allies. From two to four o'clock in the morning an artillery duel of eleven guns took place, the Chinese shelling the settlements from the native city.

The British and Japanese guns shelled the forts from viceroys and Yamen's City gates. The practice was good, the British silencing two guns of the Chinese.

The fire of the enemy burned one of Mackenzie's wool warehouses. The loss was over 100,000 taels. It is estimated that over 500 shells fell in the settlement, wrecking many buildings.

Undoubtedly spies are informing the enemy of the condition of the troops and of the situation in the quarters of the allies, especially after a bombardment has taken place. The Chinese trained one naval gun on the allies. Efforts were made to capture the silenced gun and a tremendous fire was encountered. Today's casualties were as follows: Killed, three officers, two blue-jackets, two members of one Chinese regiment. Wounded, three officers and two blue-jackets, two marines and five members of one Chinese regiment.

TIEN TSIN, July 7, via Shanghai, July 14.--A thousand French soldiers and 1,500 Russians are expected here today. One thousand two hundred Americans are at Taku waiting transportation to this port.

WASHINGTON, July 14.--Secretary Long has just received the following cablegram from Rear-Admiral Remey, commander-in-chief of the naval forces on the Asiatic station:

"Che Foo, July 14.--Two Japanese transports arrived today. They landed

a commander and marine regiment, stores, field pieces and ammunition. There is a report that the Chinese have been defeated at two new positions commanding the river communication with Tien Tsin. REMEY."

The importance of this cablegram in the opinion of Secretary Long lies in the fact that it makes no mention of a massacre at Peking, which it would surely do had the story come to Admiral Remey's ears.

BERLIN, July 14.--Interest in the Chinese enigma here is deepening steadily, both with the government and with the nation. Preparations for a special expedition occupy a large part of the public attention. Among the officers who will go to China are a number of the best and most efficient in the German army.

A score of them have belonged to the general staff and the number will also include some who were formerly military instructors in Tien Tsin and elsewhere. The greatest care has been taken in selecting the officers and men. The authorities will send only those who are declared fit by doctors for a lengthy and arduous campaign in a dangerous climate.

In a word, the German corps is going to be really the elite corps.

NEW YORK, July 14.--A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

When Lord Salisbury stated in the house of lords that there was no news whatever from Peking, the spectators were painfully impressed with the solemnity of his manner. This was a small matter in comparison with the ominous fact that the legations had kept silent for 19 days.

Mr. Broderick explained in the house of commons that the wires were not working between Shanghai and Che Foo, and that the admirals could not communicate with their governments. Shanghai had virtually become the only center of news and the northern provinces were cut off.

Mr. Broderick admitted that a dispatch purporting to come from the emperor of China had been received at the foreign office, and this was regarded as an indirect confirmation of the correctness of the version previously published of the edict holding the European powers partly responsible for the anarchy at Peking, since they had ordered the bombardment of the Taku forts. There is no ground for criticism of the action of the powers in this respect, but well-informed men here do not hesitate to say that Vice-Admiral Seymour's course in marching from Tien Tsin to Peking with an inadequate force and insufficient supplies was a fatal mistake which excited the Chinese and brought on the catastrophe.

The news at midnight was meagre and the situation was virtually unchanged. Another day had passed without a message from the legations, and the good faith of the Chinese government, or whatever has taken its place, was generally distrusted by the members of parliament. Nearly every one feared that the worst had happened, and that the foreigners had been massacred.

The only hopeful man with whom your correspondent talked was an Indian veteran, who considered it impossible that Sir Robert Hart had lost his life when he was a Mandarin and could wear the peacock's feather and the red button. This officer expressed the belief that Sir Claude Macdonald and Mr. Conger and the other ministers, were in hiding either in the palace or elsewhere, and explained that the foreign governments assurance of their ministers' safety without exposing themselves to a fresh attack from the mobs.

This veteran asserted that an official with Sir Robert Hart's experience and influence would have succeeded without doubt in rescuing most of the prominent members of the embassies. He was also disposed to credit the report that there was a secret passage between the British legation and the Imperial Palace. All other public men were hopeless.

There were frequent references to China in the 12 hours prayer-meeting in Wesley Chapel, City Road, with which the Christian Endeavor World's convention was opened.

FIRST CENSUS BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, July 14.--The census office issued its first bulletin today, giving the population of the District of Columbia at 278,718. The increase since the last census is 20.93 per cent.

GAIETY AMIDST DARKEST GLOOM

Queen's Brilliant Garden Party Could Not Dispel Clouds.

GOOD NEWS FROM KUMASSIE

Governor of the Gold Coast Rescued, But a British Garrison Still Awaits Relief--American Hospital Ship Maine Will Care for English Also in China.

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LONDON, July 14.--The most brilliant garden party of Queen Victoria's reign has proved quite ineffectual to dispel the anxiety and gloom hanging over Great Britain. The escape from Kumassie of Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, the governor of Gold Coast colony, and his wife and party, and the safety of the majority of those who so long were in danger of massacre at the hands of the Ashantees created a momentary feeling of thankfulness and jubilation. But this was quickly dispelled by the news of the disaster at Nitra's Nek and the gravity of the news from China.

A week that opened with high hopes from all quarters of the globe where Great Britain's interests are imperiled ends with none of those hopes realized, except as regards Ashanti, and even there an English garrison still awaits relief. In South Africa the nation was prepared for, though it did not really anticipate, guerrilla warfare, but repeated disasters of such magnitude as that of Nitra's Nek create dismay. It is no exaggeration to say the country is unanimous in desiring the end of the long-drawn-out struggle. The signs, however, do not point to a speedy realization of that desire. Therefore, it is small wonder that the government has practically decided to put off the election until 1901.

While the royal garden party failed in its purpose, it was a wonderful affair. Peers and peeresses, generals and Indian rajahs, princes and princesses, leading statesmen, heads of professions and church dignitaries intermingled gaily, forming a dazzling mass of color against the green background of the Buckingham palace lawns. After chatting with a few guests the queen drove out through double lines of visitors probably as distinguished as were ever formed in England. Cabinet ministers, ambassadors, actors, princes, doctors and lawyers stood bareheaded till the sovereign was out of the grounds.

Apart from the garden party the talk of the week in society has been the Astor-Milne affair. Mr. Astor's departure for Marienbad created no end of quips and comments, but there seems no reason to believe it was in any way due to this circumstance.

"Mr. William Waldorf Astor," says Vanity Fair, "is at Marienbad, and Marienbad is quieter than London," adding that "most people support the sailor man."

Mr. Astor's dinner party in London was attended by 40 people, but the host was unable to appear, owing to an attack of sciatica.

The Prince of Wales will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Cavendish Bentinck, at High Cliffe Castle, at the end of the week. Mrs. Bentinck was formerly Miss Elizabeth Livingston, of Stantburg, N. Y.

Mr. Foxhall Keene's reappearance in the ranks of gentleman riders has created interest in England. His victory in the race for the Andover stakes, on Snop, caused the Daily Mail to say:

"He should prove a welcome acquisition to the ranks of amateur riders. He has a nice style, though his seat, perhaps, is too upright for modern ideas. Still he gets there all the same."

The departure of the American hospital ship for China meets with warm approval, both from official and unofficial England. The way this decision was arrived at is a happy illustration of the energy of the American ladies on the committee. The matter was only proposed Saturday last, and between that and Wednesday everything was settled and the ship was refitted and sailed. The Maine will take care of Americans and British only, as Germany and the other nations are also sending hospital ships. The queen was especially pleased at the promptitude with which the committee acted in this matter, and at the garden party the royal thanks were conveyed to Mr. Bernard Baker and several ladies of the committee for all the Americans have done and are doing in the matter.

The difficulties which stood in the way of Lady Randolph Churchill's wedding now seem to have been overcome, and the event is fixed for July 22. It will be attended by the Cornwallis West family and Winston Churchill, who has started from South Africa for England. The affair will be quiet. The wedding breakfast will be

served at the Moreton Frewens' residence.

With the announcement of the wedding, the departure of the Maine for China, the appearance of volume five of her Anglo-Saxon Review, and her garden party at the normal college for the blind, Thursday, Lady Randolph Churchill was very much in the foreground this week. The new volume of the Anglo-Saxon Review is the best which has yet appeared. The binding is particularly beautiful, being a copy of a prayer book printed in 1659 and bound by Meane for King Charles I, and given to the British museum in 1759 by George II.

The London trades council has adopted a resolution formally repudiating the convention of English-speaking democracies called by the council of Ruskin Hall, in the interests of which labor delegates are now in the United States. The council refers to the so-called Anglo-Saxon alliance as "that jingo question." When the delegates return they will have a good many questions to answer.

The coming hot weather is not welcomed by the Londoners, and a general exodus is beginning. It is feared another spell like that of last year is impending. Until the beginning of this week London's death rate, thanks to the cool weather, was the lowest in seven years--only 11.5 in a thousand.

The annual mobilization of the British navy preparatory to the maneuvers passed off without incident. Judging from the maneuver plans issued by the admiralty, little more will be learned of this year's operations than was learned from the fiasco last year. One of the main objects is to decide on the suitable distance to establish a temporary base for a squadron blocking hostile ports, and to thrust out the old question of the ability of cruisers to sweep off and drive into harbors the enemy's torpedo boats.

The meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisleigh is attracting small attention. Quite the most remarkable competitor is young Hyde, who is shooting for Rugby in the public schools contest. He is just one inch taller than his rifle, yet he holds it steadily, shoots rapidly, and scores wonderfully well. Among the visitors at Bisleigh is Colonel Cary-Samson, United States army, (engaged in making a special investigation of the military systems of Europe for the United States war department), who inspected all the details. He is quoted as saying that the United States had nothing to compare with that organization (the National Rifle Association) for the encouragement of rifle shooting.

The feature of the week among the theaters was the production of "The Casino Girl" at the Shaftesbury theater. It bids fair to have a popular run, though it is scarcely likely to take London so by storm as did its predecessor, "The Belle of New York."

The musical event of the week was the first production in England of Puccini's "La Tosca" at Covent Garden, Thursday, in honor of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and most of fashionable London. It was originally intended that Melba should play the part of La Tosca, but neither the music nor the character seemed well suited to her, and it was entrusted to Mme. Frantzen. Both she and Scotti, as Scarpia, won general praise. The whole production was very successful.

HEARTLINESS IN LONDON.

Increasing of Population in the District Rottenness Creates Great Excitement.

LONDON, July 14.--The fate of the legations at Peking continues to absorb almost undivided interest in Great Britain. As days of silence drag into weeks, public tension and anxiety increase. There is a feeling of gratitude here for the strenuous efforts the United States is making to compel China to give Minister Conger a chance to cable a message from Peking.

"In parliament the week was redeemed from total tediousness by a remarkable exposure of London's corruptness by Samuel Smith and John Burns.

"Allegations were made by these members, and Home Secretary Ridley did not deny them, showing conditions which equal anything discovered by the Lexow and Mazet committees in New York, immoral dens, blackmailing and bribery of the police, apparently flourishing and greatly on the increase, especially in the West End.

He offered to show Sir Matthew White Ridley West End haunts where a "bestial form of vice of eastern origin is taking root." He also asserted that "West End club proprietors and brothel keepers have the police directly under their control."

The home secretary was aghast and said he would look into the charges.

391 MILES IN SIX DAYS.

Result of Massachusetts "Golden Wheel" Race.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 14.--John Nelson, of Chicago, won the six days' "Golden Wheel" race at Charles Park track today, making 391 miles, 790 yards.

MOTORMAN AND COMPANY AT FAULT

Coroner's Jury at Tacoma Charges Criminal Negligence.

RESPONSIBLE FOR 43 DEATHS

Severe Arraignment of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company--A General Law Committee is the Maintenance of its Track and Equipment.

TACOMA, July 14.--The coroner's jury which has been holding an inquest over the forty-three victims of the street car accident of July 4, tonight rendered a verdict charging that Motorman F. L. Boehm was grossly careless in his operation of the car, by starting over a long and dangerous grade at an excessively high rate of speed.

The jury further finds that the Tacoma Railway and Power Company was grossly and criminally careless and negligent in permitting Motorman Boehm to go out on car No. 115, over a dangerous grade, without any previous effort to ascertain his efficiency on said grade; and also that the Tacoma Railway and Power Company was grossly and criminally careless and negligent in maintaining a dangerous blocking hostile ports, and to thrust out the old question of the ability of such appliances had been fully demonstrated by a previous accident to a freight train at the same point.

In conclusion, the jury finds that a general and reprehensibly lax and careless condition exists in the maintenance of the track and equipment of the Tacoma Railway and Power Company, that should be corrected at once.

BOERS PUSHED BACK.

British Have a Stubborn Fight Lasting All Day.

LONDON, July 14.--A report from Platop says that the British engaged the Boers all day long. Scouts and mounted infantry moving north located the Boers, a thousand strong, occupying the ridge from which they were driven yesterday. Colonel Thorneycroft's men held a ridge facing them.

The members of the Strathcona horse were driven in temporarily by heavy musket firing, and after a stubborn resistance the Boers forced the British to bring howitzers into action. The infantry deployed for a general advance, under Clive's command. The Boers opened fire in all directions, shelling with their guns posted on the British right. Mounted infantry in the face of a severe fire attacked the Boers. A gun posted on an entrenched kopje four miles to the east forced the Boers from a number of ridges, detached parties rushing on the center while the gun on the right was withdrawn through a ravine toward the entrenched hill.

TWENTY MILE CYCLE RACE.

Welshman Beat the Californian at Manhattan Beach.

NEW YORK, July 14.--Jimmy Michaels defeated Floyd McFarland, of San Jose, California, in the 20-mile motor-paced race at Manhattan Beach track this afternoon.

NEW YORK, July 14.--"Jimmy" Michaels, of Wales, and Floyd McFarland, of California, met in a match race at 20 miles, paced by a gasoline motor tandem, on the Manhattan Beach cycle track this afternoon. In a similar race at Philadelphia last week, the Californian won out by less than a yard from the Welshman in a sensational finish in which Michaels compelled the breaking of a record to beat him. Since that race both riders have been in hard training for the return match.

PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, BURNING.

Fire Still Spreading and Loss Already \$700,000.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 14.--The most disastrous fire in the history of the town started at 10:45 p. m., in the row of wooden buildings known as Copel block on South Montezuma street, and at the hour, 11:30 a. m., Sunday, every building on the west side of the plaza as far north as Gurley street, including Hotel Burke, is destroyed. The fire is still spreading and there is no telling where it will stop. Over a dozen stores have been blown up, as there is no water.

The loss at present is not less than \$700,000 to \$750,000.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

LONDON, July 14.--Alexandra Palace presented a brilliant spectacle to-night when ten thousand members of the society of Christian Endeavor opened the international convention.

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