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AWFUL STORY LEAKS OUT THAT SEYMOUR HAD TO KILL HIS WOUNDED

Tortures Inflicted Upon Marines Captured by the Boxers Led to This Deed Unparalleled in Civilized Warfare.

CONSULS AT SHANGHAI CABLE FOR SHIPS THERE

Ladies at the Legations at Peking Supposed to Have Taken Poison to Prevent Their Capture by the Boxers—General Miles Recommends Hurrying Troops From the Philippines, But the Government Thinks They Cannot Be Spared—All Hope for Peking Abandoned—Still Fighting at Tien Tsin.

LONDON, July 17, 3:50 a. m.—Up to this hour no further cables have been received regarding the reported massacre at Peking from any source. In the house of commons last evening, beyond the admission that there was no ground for hoping that the report was not true, William St. John Broderick, parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, had nothing to communicate. It was whispered on the ministerial side of the house of commons that the next vote on account of the military undertakings in South Africa and China will be a startling amount. Telegrams from Shanghai and Chefoo indicate an increasingly serious state of affairs. It is alleged that the foreign consuls at Shanghai have cabled their governments that there is urgent need for warships to protect that city.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—General Miles had an extended conference this afternoon with the secretary of war concerning the dispatch of reinforcements to China.

General Miles strongly urged that troops be withdrawn from the Philippines so that a large army could be thrown into China within a comparatively few days. Instead of awaiting the slow processes of assembling an army in this country and from Cuba in about a week, while the dispatch of troops from this country will take clearly more than a month.

Notwithstanding General Miles' recommendation, the apparent policy is to forward troops to China from this country and Cuba as fast as they can be assembled. With the sending of 8,000 to 10,000 men provision doubtless will be made for an officer of high rank to command this force. General Miles is frequently referred to as likely to assume command of the American forces in the Orient.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Without exception today the foreign representatives in Washington accepted as practically certain that the foreign legations and ministers at Peking had been wiped out.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The decision of the administration at the end of a most eventful day is that the United States government is still not at war with China.

Big happenings at Tien Tsin, coming on top of stories of the last struggles at Peking, have not affected the attitude of the administration on this point: the United States and China are technically at peace.

This statement should not be accepted as indicating a purpose on the part of the United States government to hold its hand in the administration of swift and adequate punishment upon the Chinese. It means simply that the government of the United States feels that it can best achieve that purpose by regarding the status officially as one of peace. To hold otherwise would seriously cripple the government in its effort to obtain satisfaction for the outrages the Americans in China have suffered. We should find ports of China, now open to us, closed, and all sorts of impediments while it would actually be a heavy drawback.

Chairman Cannon of the house appropriations committee, is authority for the statement that money in plenty is at the disposal of the president to meet the present emergency, and that there is no necessity for a called session.

Today was the most exciting Wash-

ington has known since the battle of Santiago. At the cabinet meeting today officers talked over the possibilities of reinforcing the troops in China. There was no disposition shown to withhold troops; the only question was as to the amount of additional force available. The only point laid down was that the government would send forward all troops that could be spared at this time.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—General MacArthur cabled the war department from Manila today as follows: "The transport Indiana sailed yesterday for China with 21 officers, including two medical; eight hundred and forty-seven men of the fourteenth regiment, U. S. Infantry; one officer, 30 men, of the Ninth U. S. Infantry; Wm. Crocker, ordnance officer, one ordnance sergeant, one chaplain, sixteen hospital corps men; Flintshire, with seven officers, 371 men, Kelly's battery; two medical officers, five hospital corps men, fully equipped.

BERLIN, July 16.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has received private information from London that a private letter was received there from Lady Claude MacDonald, wife of the British ambassador at Peking, written when the situation was growing threatening, saying that all the ladies of the legation had supplied themselves with poison.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The navy department this morning received official confirmation from Admiral Remey of the reverse of the allied forces at Tien Tsin on the morning of the 12th. The dispatch is dated Chefoo, July 16, and says:

"Reported that the allied forces attacked the native city of Tien Tsin, July 13th. The loss of the allied forces is large; Russians, 100, including artillery colonel; American over 30; British over 40; Japanese, 55, including colonel; French, 25.

"Colonel Liscom, Ninth Infantry, killed; also Captain Davis, marine corps. Captain Lemley, Lieutenants Butler and Leonard wounded.

"At 7 in the evening an allied attack on the native city was repulsed with great loss. Returns yet incomplete; details not yet confirmed.

"REMY.

LONDON, July 16.—The Evening News prints a dispatch dated at Shanghai today giving a detailed account of the attack of the allied forces on the native city of Tien Tsin, July 13, via Chefoo, July 15, and Shanghai, July 16. According to the Evening News' dispatch the allies were repulsed and compelled to retreat with a loss of more than 100 killed, the British losing 40 and the Japanese 55. The Americans and Russians, it is said, also suffered heavily. Among the Americans killed were Colonel French, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, and Colonel Liscom, of the Ninth Infantry. A Russian Colonel of artillery was also killed.

The dispatch adds that the Chinamen fought with great desperation and their marksmanship was accurate and deadly.

NEW YORK, July 16.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Tien Tsin, July 8, says:

Ineffective attempts have been made to conceal the horrible fact that Admiral Seymour was compelled to shoot his own wounded during the recent disastrous retreat of the Peking relief expedition.

All the wounded and prisoners who

fell into the hands of the Chinese were frightfully tortured. The bodies of two marines who were captured by the Chinese were recovered. The bodies had been cut to pieces. First, the eyes had been hacked out; then the cheeks, arms and legs cut off, until death ended the sufferings of the poor fellows.

When Admiral Seymour, in his retreat, found himself so hard pressed that he was unable longer to carry his wounded with him he asked the men: "Which do you prefer, to be left to the mercies of the Chinese or be shot by your own comrades?" As Admiral Seymour put the question the tears were running down his cheeks.

"We prefer death to torture. Shoot us now, that we may die like men," was the piteous response of the helpless men. A firing squad was told off, and while the little allied force stopped and beat off with gun fire the Chinese horde that surrounded it, inside its lines an act of mercy was performed as the firing squad carried out its orders.

A few merciful volleys from the rifles in the hands of friends and the harassed expedition was relieved of its burden of wounded; the fanatical Chinese horde was cheated of victims for its torture, and the sufferings and fears of the unfortunates were brought to an end in an honorable death under their own flag.

The British and American forces are brigaded together on the west side of the town; the Germans and Japanese on the south side; the French and Russians on the north, and a force of Cossacks hold the east side.

Scouts report that imperial Chinese troops have arrived from Peking, well equipped and with many guns. Troops of native cavalry and hordes of Boxers are coming from the east and south.

NEW YORK, July 16.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Chefoo says:

The guns of the British cruiser Terrible, the American gunboat Nashville, and the other warships in the harbor, were trained on the city Saturday in answer to urgent messages sent from ashore that an outbreak was about to take place.

All the foreigners were called out for defensive guard duty, and they responded with alacrity. Sentries were posted and close watch kept on the natives.

The men on board the ships kept close to their guns and prepared to open fire on a moment's notice, but the occasion did not arise.

NEW YORK, July 16.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Should the American navy be needed for active service in Chinese waters, it will be able to do effective work. Through the enterprise of Sec. Long there are but few ships undergoing repairs, and work on them is being steadily pushed, so that they will be ready for service in a short time. The San Francisco is now at the Norfolk navy yard; the Olympia at Boston; the Boston at Mare Island navy yard, and the Raleigh at Portsmouth. The Marblehead and Detroit are undergoing repairs, and the Montgomery is under orders to proceed to New York, where she will be repaired.

Orders have been given by the navy department for putting in condition for immediate service all the torpedo boats. It is said in naval circles that if all the vessels now being repaired were needed they could rapidly be put in condition for commission. The Alliance will be converted into a sailing ship, provided the board of inspection and survey, ordered to survey the ship, approves. The cruiser Atlanta and the gunboat Bancroft will soon be recommissioned.

Rear-Admiral Charles O'Neill, chief of ordnance, is arranging for the shipment of 5-inch field guns and Colt machine guns to China. There were recently bought 20 5-inch field guns and ammunition, and 25 one and a half pounders. The latter are intended for sub-caliber practice, but the former will be particularly valuable in China. Some will be shipped, probably with 30 Colt machine guns, by one of the colliers under orders to proceed to the Far East. It is understood that the army bureau of ordnance has bought 25,000 rounds of ammunition for the mountain batteries, which are to be used against the Chinese.

Lieutenant-General Miles is carefully looking out for the comfort of officers and men serving in China. He said today:

"The climate in the neighborhood of Tien Tsin and Peking is subject to great changes. It is intensely hot in summer and extremely cold in winter, the temperature in the latter season often falling to 40 degrees below zero. It is therefore necessary that troops should be supplied with warm clothing and plenty of fuel. Furthermore, it may be that they will be stationed indefinitely in China, how long we cannot at this moment tell. It is therefore desirable that they shall be supplied with tents and tent floors. Everything that can be foreseen will be done for the comfort of the men."

General Miles reiterated that he was not going to China. A friend pointed out that the American force in China would be too small for an officer of the grade of lieutenant-general to command. General Miles would be glad to go, could he be in supreme command

of the allied forces, but this is impossible, in view of the determination of Japan to send a field marshal.

NEW SUBMARINE BOATS.

Portland or Puget Sound Will Get One of the Holland Boats.

NEW YORK, July 16.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Under the plan adopted by the navy department, submarine boat protection will be supplied to every important harbor of the United States.

In the contract for the six submarine boats now being prepared by Judge General Lemmy, the Holland Company will be required to deliver the vessels at certain designated harbors. Two of the boats are to be built on the Pacific coast and four on the Atlantic. The Holland will be retained at Newport. One of the new vessels will be stationed at Boston, another at New York, a third at Philadelphia, and a fourth at Charleston, S. C. The "Plunger" will be stationed at Hampton Roads for the defense of Norfolk, Richmond and Washington, and, if improvements can be made so the vessel can operate in a sea way, Baltimore.

On the Pacific coast one of the boats will be stationed at San Francisco, and the second will be assigned to Portland, Or., or Puget sound—probably the latter.

CLOUDBURST IN TEXAS.

Over a Dozen Lives Were Lost in the Flood.

GALVESTON, Tex., July 16.—A cloudburst occurred at Coleman, Texas, early today, and fifteen lives are known to have been lost.

Ten bodies have been recovered. It is feared that many more lives were lost in the valley below Coleman. The cloudburst, which followed three days unprecedented rainfall, caused Flood creek to burst its banks and rush through Coleman, a village of less than 1,000 inhabitants.

The bewildered citizens, roused from their slumbers, rushed into the streets and were swept away.

Joseph Spah and John Fulestine managed to mount their horses. They dashed into the water and swam their horses to a house where four little girls were screaming for help. Each rescued two children whom they took upon their horses. The animals were swept away and all were drowned.

AMERICANS WIN 16 OF 21.

Have a Walkover in the Athletic Championship Contests at Paris.

PARIS, July 16.—Twenty-one championship contests in connection with the exposition have been decided during the last three days, and America can boast of winning 16 and of securing 12 seconds and 12 thirds.

Nine events took place today in which the Americans placed six firsts, six seconds and seven thirds to their credit. They captured the 200 metre hurdle race and the standing high jump, three standing jumps, long jump, hop, step and jump, hammer-throwing and standing long jump, and they did it easily. In fact, the facility with which the American athletes carried off the prizes grew monotonous.

COLUMBIAN REVOLUTIONISTS.

Loss of Ships Destroys the Hope of the Revolutionists.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Dr. Luis Curvo Marques, charge d'affaires of the Colombian legation, today received a cablegram from the Colombian consul at Curacao informing him that ships of the revolutionists had been captured by the Colombian government. In the opinion of Dr. Marques this reverse destroys the last hope of the revolutionary party.

WILL NOT ARBITRATE.

St. Louis Transit Company Firmly Refuses.

ST. LOUIS, July 16.—Frederick H. Lehmann, attorney for the St. Louis Transit Company, states that the company will not submit to arbitration the differences between it and its employees, as requested by the citizens' arbitration committee.

WINS IN THE THIRD ROUND.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Tonight, in the presence of 14,000 persons in Madison Square Garden, Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, defeated Frank Erne, of Buffalo, lightweight champion of the world, in three rounds. It was a hurricane fight from bell to bell, without a second's let up except when one of the contestants was lying on the floor.

NO EXTRA SESSION.

CANTON, July 16.—President McKinley left here this evening for Washington. It is stated that certainly no extra session of congress has as yet been determined upon, and that the president has not yet issued orders for additional troops for China.

GREAT EXCITEMENT OVER SMALLPOX

Epidemic at Nome Serious, and Three Deaths Have Occurred.

STEAMER OREGON THE CAUSE

Citizens Raising Funds for a Hospital—Steamer Garonne Seized for Carrying Liquor Not on Her Manifest—300 Passengers and 575,000 Arrive.

PORT TOWNSEND, July 16.—The steamship Garonne, arriving today, is the first treasure ship from Nome, having \$75,000 in dust from that place and nine boxes from Dawson of 250 pounds each. The Garonne brought 300 passengers from Nome, most of whom have spent about one month on the beach. They report that the place is in a great state of excitement over the smallpox epidemic, and that three deaths have occurred.

The introduction of the disease is charged to the captain of the steamer Oregon, and great indignation is expressed.

It is stated that on June 15 the Oregon arrived at Nome with two well-developed cases of smallpox, and the passengers were forced ashore at midnight and soon scattered in the tented city. General Randall has appealed to the citizens to raise funds to build a hospital.

Upon her arrival at Nome the Garonne was seized by the customs authorities for violation of the regulations in carrying 2,000 cases of liquor from Seattle without having the same appear on her manifest. Special Agent McBride was placed in charge of her and brought her here.

SARATOGA RACES.

Will Begin August 1st, and Last Twenty-two Days.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Twenty-two days will be the duration of this year's racing season at Saratoga. The meeting will begin on Wednesday, August 1, and will end on Saturday, August 25. There will be a conflict of seven days with Brighton Beach, and one day with the Coney Island Jockey Club's fall meeting.

Many of the best horses winning the big races in the west are engaged at Saratoga, including Sidney Lucas, Fly by Night, Bannockburn, Alard, Sheik, Lady Schorr, Silverdale, Sam Phillips, Larkspur, Garry Hermann, Advance Guard, Bang and others. E. J. Baldwin, C. H. Smith, B. Schreiber, Caruthers & Shields, J. F. Schorr and other big Western stables are represented in the stakes.

CHINESE FRIENDLY.

California Merchants Send Resolutions to Secretary Hay.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 16.—Wong Yee Che presided over an exceedingly interesting meeting of 150 of the Chinese merchants and residents of this city, held at their board of trade rooms, to give expression to their views on the present crisis in China. Resolutions were passed pledging themselves to do all in their power to assist in upholding the laws of the United States so long as they are residents of this country. They heartily disapproved of words and speeches tending to provoke animosity and misunderstandings between them and the citizens of this country. A copy of the resolutions was sent to Li Hung Chang, he being the viceroy of the province from which the Chinese came. A copy was also sent to Secretary Hay.

GIRL WALKS 2700 MILES.

On a Wager Walked From California to Michigan in Four Months.

CHICAGO, July 16.—A special to the Chronicle from Saginaw, Mich., says: Miss Marie Schmidt, aged 18 years, reached this city last night from San Francisco, having covered the entire distance on foot, about 2700 miles. Miss Schmidt left Frisco March 25 last on a \$500 wager, made by a social club of San Francisco, that she could not reach Saginaw by August 1, and beg her living en route.

STRIKE IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, July 16.—The longshoremen on every grain dock in Portland are on a strike. The men demand 40 cents an hour and 50 cents an hour for overtime. They now receive 30 an hour. About 150 men are out.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND July 16.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 50c @ 55c; bluestem, 55c @ 58c.

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