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WOMEN HACKED TO PIECES BY BOXERS

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terf. In a quarrel between Boxers and Christians, the converts had driven off the Boxers from the mission, and Li vowed vengeance. This he took in a horrible manner when Norman was thrown into his hands. After his capture by the rioters, from whom Li took the captive, the missionary was stripped by the retinue of Li and a collar of iron fastened to his neck. A short chain was attached and he was tethered to a stake. The Chinese men, women and children then poked sharp sticks into his flesh and jabbed him with tridents. When he sank down, weak with loss of blood and half crazed by the awful torture, and was unable to get upon his knees even, the chain being made too short, he strangled slowly. Mollen lead was then thrown on his nude body and as he writhed in agony he was stabbed to death. His body was cut to pieces.

Robinson, the other missionary, was slaughtered without being so long in agony. He was cut down by a mob and hacked to pieces almost instantly. A number of the mission converts were slaughtered. Some were asked to recant and those who did so to save their lives were saddled and bridled and forced to crawl to the temple idols.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 19.—The last letter written by Mrs. Conger, wife of the United States minister to China, to friends here, so far as known, was under date of May 1, shortly after the return to China from this country.

Extracts from this letter follow:

"I must tell you just a little of the way we found things at the legation. First, the servants had made the house clean in every crack and corner. We see very much in our servants to respect, admire and even love. They are so patient, faithful, attentive, thoughtful and kind. The qualities of character they manifest surprise me. Heathens? In some ways, and so are we all.

"You hear much about the Boxers, don't you? Well, we do not feel at all in danger. Next week a party of us starts overland on a trip to the great wall of China. The Boxers do not like the foreigners. They greatly desire the foreigners to go home and stay there and let China alone. What the outcome will be, no one can tell.

"There has been no rain during the winter and spring, and the ignorant Chinese think the 'foreign devils' cause this lack of water, and starvation threatens them."

CLIFTON, Ariz., July 19.—Orders have been received to put in readiness for leaving six troops of the Ninth cavalry (colored), which are garrisoned at Fort Grant, Huachuca and San Carlos, established to protect settlers in the several Apache regions of Arizona. The negro troops will be relieved by four troops of the Fifth cavalry at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. The action will likely call for a strong protest from settlers, who claim they would be left unprotected from sanguinary Indians if the changes were made. According to orders received the six companies will go to San Francisco, probably the last of the month.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—The batteries of the Third artillery that re-

ceived orders, on the 17th inst., to re-join at the Presidio, with a view of ultimate service in China, have been ordered into camp at the Presidio, with instructions to the various officers to have everything in readiness for sudden departure. Clothing is being issued to the men that will be of service in either China or the Philippines. Instructions have been forwarded from Washington requesting the immediate preparations of camps requisite for the comfort of 2000 men. Recruits are arriving every day from all parts of the country, and are being furnished with clothing and outfits as rapidly as possible.

The work of loading the big tramp steamer Strathgyl will be begun this morning. She has a capacity of 8500 tons. She is to carry hay, grain and horses. The Hamburg-American line has the contract for carrying 5000 horses that were bought here for Germany, but that company has as yet been unable to charter any vessels.

The Pacific Mail Company's steamers City of Para, City of Sydney and Colon have been withdrawn from Central American trade. No confirmatory news has been received from Washington, but the supposition is that all three vessels will carry troops to China or Manila. The owners of the Zealandia will not say where she is going, but the work of fitting her out for a run into the tropics has already begun. The Senator and City of Puebla are coming here from Puget sound, and it now looks as though Uncle Sam would have 10,000 men on the waters inside of a fortnight.

Work on the transports Hancock and Meade is being rushed. Just as soon as the troops are here the vessels will sail. This will be about the 25th inst., and the ships now being chartered will follow in quick succession.

The United States quartermaster's department has awarded contracts for supplying 242 field ranges to be delivered in three weeks. These ranges are built in such form that all of the cooking utensils can be stored in the stove during transportation. The number of ranges ordered will be enough to supply an army of 25,000 men. Several of the large grocery houses in this city have received orders for immense quantities of supplies to be delivered at once to the United States subsistence department.

CHICAGO, July 19.—The Record says: Passenger managers of Western railroads today will attempt to arrange for a division of military business. In view of the anticipated heavy movement of the United States troops from various sections of the land to San Francisco within the next few months, the roads feel the necessity of a division arrangement. Passenger men are confident that the conditions in the Chinese Empire soon will demand the presence of thousands of United States soldiers in the Orient.

BOERS AGAIN ACTIVE.

The War in China Gives Them Renewed Courage.

NEW YORK, July 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Lord Roberts reports from Pretoria a battle and a fox chase. The battle was fought on the 17th inst. by the British positions were gallantly defended by the Canadian and the New Zealand mounted infantry and the Irish Fusiliers, and a series of desperate attacks was repulsed.

The losses were balanced on each side, but included two brave Canadian officers, Lieutenants Borden and Birch, to whom Lord Roberts pays a fine tribute. While Lord Roberts' army is virtually on the defensive within a few miles of Pretoria, he has sent Lord Methuen and General Smith-Dorrien from Krugerdersp to Rustenberg, to clear the western district, where recent successes have caused a renewal of the bad feeling against the British.

The fox hunt has begun in the Orange River Colony, where Generals Hunter and Ruddle were slowly but surely crowding around General De Wet's command.

The fox hunt has suddenly started across country toward Lindley, where the mounted forces of Colonel Broadwood and Colonel Ridley are hot in pursuit. The Boer force does not exceed 1,500 men with five guns, and the pursuers, if their horses are in good con-

dition, may succeed in running it down. If this can be done, the pacification of the Orange River Colony ought to be effected rapidly, as the remaining commandoes cannot keep up the fight in the mountains of Van Bannan's Pass and Harrismith have been taken from Ladysmith but the fox must be first caught.

The renewal of the Boers' activity is probably due to the effect of the crisis in China. Mr. Kruger and Mr. Steyn have perceived in the Far East a diversion in their favor, which they previously expected, either from European diplomacy or from American politics.

RYAN TO MEET MOFFATT.

Purse of \$5000 to Be Contested For on September 7th.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—The National Club has probably matched Tommy Ryan and Jack Moffatt to fight for a \$5000 purse, both men to weigh in at the ringside within 138 pounds. September 7th is the date set for the battle.

Moffatt has already signed and Ryan has agreed to affix his name to the contract when presented. From communication already received, the communications already received, the in the way of obtaining Ryan's signature to the agreement. If Ryan does not accept a proposition will be made to Root or Kid McCoy to meet Moffatt.

M'KINLEY GOES TO CANTON.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—President McKinley left for Canton tonight.

AUTOMOBILE CANNON.

Experimental Trip Now Being Made to Test the Invention.

CHICAGO, July 19.—A piece of "horseless" artillery, otherwise a Colt's rapid fire gun, mounted on an automobile of special construction, today started on an experimental trip from Fort Sheridan to Washington. The vehicle is driven by gasoline. An endeavor will be made to demonstrate that the invention is practicable for use in actual warfare.

ARIZONA DROUGHT OVER.

Plenty of Rain Now Brings Relief to Stock.

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 19.—The greatest drought in the history of Arizona was broken today by light showers in the upper part of the Salt river valley, and tonight heavy storms are gathering. The drought has been excessively damaging to stock and business of all kinds.

MONTANA'S FIRST GOVERNOR.

Death of Hon. Sidney Edgerton at Akron, Ohio.

AKRON, O., July 19.—Hon. Sidney Edgerton, aged 82, died here today. He was the first justice of the supreme court of Idaho, and the first governor of Montana, having been appointed by President Lincoln. He was twice elected congressman from this district.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, July 19.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 56c @ 57c; bluestem, 50c @ 51c.

RECIPROCITY TREATY.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—State department officials today made public the text of the reciprocal commercial agreement between the United States and Italy.

ASTOR APOLOGIZES.

Has to Withdraw His Insult Against Captain Milne.

LONDON, July 19.—Mr. Waidorf Astor has apparently reached the conclusion that he made a grave blunder when he publicly insulted Captain Sir Archibald Berkeley Milne. Today Mr. Astor published in his newspaper, the Pall Mall Gazette:

"We desire to express regret that a paragraph which appeared in this column July 2, with regard to the presence of Sir Berkeley Milne at Mr. Astor's concert, the preceding Thursday evening should have been published under a misapprehension of the exact circumstances. Explanations of a complete categorical kind now show that Sir Berkeley Milne's presence was due to a misunderstanding that entirely absolves him from any intentional discourtesy."

IRON PRICES VERY SLOW.

Wages Will Go Down and Some Furnaces Will Be Closed.

CLEVELAND, O., July 19.—The Iron Trade Review says: The past week has been without doubt the most active of the year in finishing material. The significant fact established by those transactions is that a basis has been reported on which business will be done and that the main obstacle for months has been distrust of existing prices and not such an utter drying up of business as some views have indicated. The mills have shown in the contest of the past week a disposition to put prices where buyers want them, and some rather savage work has been done in the struggle for orders. In steel bars and in plates, contracts have been taken at figures relatively lower than the lowest record of three years ago, taking account on today's cost for fuel, ore and labor. Sellers have had to forget that any such prices were ever in their books as were secured with such ease nine and twelve months ago; the main purpose being to end the long drawn run of

drifts and deal again in considerable blocks. It is to be noted, however, that the very low prices are on business which will yield early specifications, and mills are not inviting long contracts on this basis, for there is a strong leaning to the belief that later in the year higher prices will prevail for material that for weeks has gone begging.

The business of the past week has been well scattered. Construction contracts in the hands of bridge, boiler, tank and fitting works have taken a large part of it. Agricultural buyers have made a beginning of new contracting, the Chicago district reporting considerable activity in this direction. There are signs on all hands that buyers have held off until the last moment and that the past week has seen many coming simultaneously into the market to cover work actually in hand, on which bids have been asked repeatedly in recent weeks, but without placing orders.

The pig iron situation has not shown the flexibility of certain finished lines, in the process of readjustment, but here also values have shown further declines in the past week, northern irons yielding more rapidly than southern. At the prices now established, it is evident that most furnaces will soon be put out of blast, many of them to stay out for months. Wage questions are arising at a number of furnaces and resistance of the reductions proposed will facilitate the blowing out process. The July 1st pig iron figures did not show the expected restriction but the stacks put out this month will make a marked change in the showing by August 1st.

The market for bessemer remains at a standstill and there are several problems ahead of the furnace men. Steel works have yet to take out a large amount of iron bought at top prices and the question of revising these contracts is up, as is also the proposal for the putting out of a portion of the steel companies' blast furnaces along with the merchants' furnaces. Two Lorain furnaces have been closed down, and a number of valley furnaces will probably quit before the end of the month. In country iron, prices have fallen \$1 a ton at least in the week.

DEMOCRATS FAIL TO AGREE.

Large Audience Waited All Night for a Committee Report at the Kentucky Convention.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 19.—A large and disappointed audience was held all night here at the pavilion. The Democratic state convention had taken a recess at 4:30 till 8:30 p. m., expecting the committee to report in the evening, the convention to conclude under a brilliant illumination with the nomination of Governor Beckham. But the committee on credentials and resolutions were unable to agree on their reports, and the large audience was kept waiting in vain all night for the crowning event.

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STATE OF OREGON, County of Clatsop.

I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1900.

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Correct—Attest: Jacob Kamm, W. F. McGregor, William M. Ladd, Directors.

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PANAMA SHIPPING.

Large Steamers Can Now Approach the Wharf.

NEW YORK, July 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: The Pacific Mail steamship Costa Rica came successfully alongside of the new Panama Railroad wharf at La Boca, near the entrance to the canal Tuesday. She came in loaded through the canal channel, and drew 15 feet of water. The depth of the water at the wharf was 40 feet. This is the first time that a large vessel has come to the wharf. Other ships of greater tonnage will probably follow. The new system will completely revolutionize the handling of freight, which since the opening of the Panama Railroad has been done by means of lighters and steam tugs down the bay.

GREAT FOREST FIRE.

Twelve Million Feet of Cut Logs in Danger in California.

PLACERVILLE, Cal., July 19.—A great forest fire is raging on the lands of the American River Land and Lumber Company, 12 miles northwest of this city.

Should the fire continue unabated it will entail a loss running into the millions. In addition to many houses and fifteen miles of railroad, over 12,000,000 feet of logs are lying cut and barked in the woods awaiting a drive.

TEA GOES UP.

Market Being Adjusted for a Long War.

CHICAGO, July 19.—The Tribune today says:

An advance in the price of tea, due to the Chinese difficulties, is already felt in the wholesale market. N. G. Gonybar, western manager for Thomas J. Lipton, said that dealers in tea anticipated a long war in China and the market was being adjusted accordingly.

AMERICANS HANDICAPPED.

Left Out in the Cold in the International Games at Paris.

PARIS, July 19.—The manner in which the American athletes had been sweeping the field in the international games in connection with the Paris exposition opened the eyes of the organizations, and the result was shown in the handicapping of the day, which practically left the Americans out in the cold.

The effect upon the Americans was demonstrated by the fact that whereas on previous days they had secured four-fifths of the games, today, out of nine events, they captured only one first, with four seconds and five thirds.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop County warrants endorsed prior to July 11, 1898, to present the same to the County Treasurer at his office, 164 Tenth Street, for payment. Interest ceases after this date.

H. C. THOMPSON, County Treasurer.

Dated, Astoria, Or., this 13th day of July, 1900.

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Strangers visiting in the city will find the Louvre an attractive resort wherein to spend the evening. The Amme Sisters Ladies' Orchestra is still on the bills and presents nightly a musical program of exceptional merit. Handsome pool and billiard rooms are a feature in connection with the house. Palatable lunches will be served at all hours.

Advertisement for W. J. Scully, Agent, featuring a typewriter and the slogan 'The World Owes Every Man a Living'. Includes address 431 Bond Street.

Advertisement for Miss Bertha Martin's Decorative Art Room, featuring embroidery and stamping services. Address: Room 820 Dekum Building.

Advertisement for STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Oregon. Includes details about the school's curriculum and faculty.

Advertisement for MOUNT ANGEL COLLEGE AND SEMINARY, conducted by the Benedictine Fathers. Located 40 miles south of Portland.

Advertisement for NEW ZEALAND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Of New Zealand, managed by W. P. THOMAS.

Advertisement for UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS, listing various financial figures and company details.

Advertisement for SAMUEL ELMORE & CO., Resident Agents, Astoria, Or.

Advertisement for HOTEL PORTLAND, PORTLAND, OR., The Only First-Class Hotel in Portland.

Advertisement for We Rent New Typewriters, featuring the No. 2 Smith Premier Typewriter.

Advertisement for J. A. Fastabend, General Contractor and Builder.

Advertisement for ..The Esmond Hotel.., PORTLAND, ORE., FRONT AND MORRISON STS.

Advertisement for Pacific Navigation Company, featuring steamers and shipping routes.

Large advertisement for Baldwin's Health Tablets, No. 25, featuring 'Lazy Livers' and 'Baldwin's Health Tablets'.