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BOER SOLDIERS DESERTING

British Fearful That the Blood of the Millions at Pekin Will Be on the Heads of the Advancing Allies—War Office Reticent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—What is ordinarily the silly season of London journalism is approaching this year with many signs of insensibility on the part of the jaded and overworked public, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The unexpected death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, the always popular sailor prince, in England, although he preferred to end his career in a minor German court, was announced on the day when an address to the crown was moved in both houses of parliament, on the crime of the Italian assassin, which has excited indignation and abhorrence throughout the world; and the closing scenes of the war in South Africa, with simultaneous operations in as many as five fields, are passing almost without observation, and certainly without critical knowledge, because public attention has been overstrained by uncertainties and anxieties in China. One startling surprise has followed another, in this anno mirabili, until newspaper readers have grown listless and indifferent witnesses to current history.

The campaign in South Africa is now closely connected with China, for the speedy surrender of the Boers will enable the British government to take a more decisive line in the impending conflict than it has been following. There is probably no truth in the report that Lord Roberts has telegraphed to Lord Lansdowne that the war will be speedily brought to an end, for the war office has a remarkable talent for keeping its secrets, and Lord Roberts is not in the habit of forecasting events. There is, however, a strong conviction among the members of parliament that the close of hostilities is in sight.

Only about 1,000 burghers with a single gun are reported as ready to surrender to General Hunter in the Caledon Valley, but the Harrismith and Vrede commandos will probably be brought in with the remaining artillery. The number of prisoners is not likely to exceed 2000 since there are many desertions. The collapse of the Free State forces will be complete when General De Wet and Mr. Steyn are surrounded and compelled to surrender, and to General Botha has been credited the intention of giving up the fight when his allies are dispersed.

Lord Roberts has recalled General Hamilton's column to Pretoria, either to reinforce Colonel Broadwood or to relieve General Baden-Powell, and General French is either halting at Middleburg until Sir Redvers Buller can send a division northward through Ermelo, or is pushing on to Koomatipoort. General Baden-Powell and Lord Methuen have an enemy in considerable force to fight west of Pretoria, and General De Wet is dangerous until he is caught, but there is a clearing prospect for a speedy close of hostilities in the Transvaal, and the release of a large British army for service in China.

The British cabinet met yesterday at short notice and without doubt discussed the new aspect of the Chinese question. This is the use made of the foreign legations and refugees as hostages. This fact has been blurted out by Li Hung Chang, and is clearly stated in a dispatch received from Rome, where the Chinese government is expected to order the foreigners to leave Pekin at once if an advance to the capital be attempted.

Whatever may be the view of the state department at Washington, the officials here are convinced that the Chinese government under the guise of protection offered to the legations, is seeking to hold back the allied forces until terms of peace can be settled on a basis of financial indemnities. The legations will be exposed to attack from regular troops or from Boxers if the allied army advances from Tien Tsin. The Chinese have 600 hostages, whose blood will be declared to be on the heads of the advancing battalions, and hence it will be dangerous for an army

to march on Pekin until the foreigners have been delivered from their critical position.

Press dispatches yesterday were meagre, the most important point being the announcement on Chinese authority that the legations were safe July 24. The situation is one which requires firm action and sound judgment.

The drought enables the allied army to move toward Pekin during a season when the districts ordinarily are flooded, but the Chinese government is protecting itself against aggressive action by exposing 600 foreigners to the menace of a fatal attack and, moreover, is ordering up reinforcements from various provinces, including the Black Flag and the worst criminals in the empire.

HAD A LIVELY OLD TIME.

Dispute Over Game of Seven-Up Brings a Gun Into Action.

There might have been crepe hung on the front door and perhaps slow music at the house of Charley Raymond the other night had a gun, said to have been handled carelessly by Gus Kratz, been pointed at Raymond instead of at the floor.

As a result, the floor was punctured. Raymond is out over \$150 in cold cash, and as an indirect result "Barney" from the "Anchor" has made some enemies.

The trouble started over a game of seven-up. The two men were playing for rather high stakes; no less than \$300 being in sight. They each had in five points to the good and were playing the last hand.

According to witnesses, Kratz claimed to have low and Jack, while Raymond held the ace and had his weather eye open for game.

Kratz, instead of playing out the hand, threw his cards in the deck and reached for the coin, when Raymond entered a protest. "Barney" was called upon to referee and decided in favor of Kratz. Then the prospects for a rough house were good.

Some say Kratz went behind the bar for his gun. Other guns were drawn but only one shot was fired and that found a permanent lodging in the floor. Raymond works at the Sunnyside, so the day following the event mentioned above "Barney" went to Raymond's place to bury the hatchet and smoke the pipe of peace.

Whether or not they kissed and made up is not known, yet as the story goes, "Barney" and a fellow named Williams became involved in a slight dispute which bid fair to become a fierce mix-up, when the contestants were parted.

Neither Raymond, Kratz nor "Barney" wished to be interviewed regarding the matter. Raymond got the experience, Kratz the money, and "Barney" the misfortune to be called upon as referee.

Those who understand the game may draw their own conclusions regarding the manner in which the game should have been decided.

TOTAL OF SEASON'S CATCH.

Nearly a Quarter Million Pounds of Salmon Delivered to Columbia River Canneries Thus Far.

More salmon were delivered to the local canneries yesterday than on any single day during the season. The catch has been improving from day to day for the past week or ten days. While the catches are heavy at present the more important canneries have no difficulty to handle all the deliveries made, no matter how large. But the season up to a few days ago has been a failure compared to what has been done in former years. Many of the fishermen, growing discouraged over their bad luck during the early part of July, tied up their boats and quit the business entirely for the time being. Within the past few days, however, they have lost no time in getting out their nets and taking advantage of the heavy run.

With ten days more of the season yet left, the pack of the Columbia river salmon canneries up to midnight, July 21, was as follows:

A. Booth Packing Co.	15,000
Fishermen's Co-operative	19,000
George Sanborn	7,000
J. G. Magier	9,500
F. M. Warren (Cascades)	8,500
P. M. Warren (Cathlamet)	6,000
McGowan (Cascades)	9,000
McGowan (Chinook)	7,000
Columbia Rv'r Pk'g Co. (Cuttings)	11,000
Pillar Rock	20,000
Columbia Rv'r Pk'g Ass'n	105,000
Total	224,500

CHICAGO CHINESE CELEBRATE.

Relieved by the News From China They Create an Uproar Which Draws a Large Crowd.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—All Chinatown violated the anti-noise ordinance last night with a native celebration. The police at midnight were finally compelled to put a stop to the ceremonies. The celebration was brought about by a document received from the Chinese of San Francisco, setting forth the comforting news of the situation in their native land.

At 7 o'clock the Chinese residents began to assemble in their gala costumes. Those familiar with South Clark street were astonished at the number of Mongolians who came forth from the Oriental stores and down from the apartments of the rich residents at the lower end of the colony. Many of the Chinese have secluded themselves during the last few weeks, fearing violence at the hands of the American populace, but the good news received from their countrymen dispelled their misgivings and they gave full vent to their relieved feelings. All the influential members of the colony were present.

The scroll received from San Francisco was produced and read. According to one of the prominent members of the colony, the Chinese have been informed that the Boxer rebellion is being quelled and the legations protected. After the reading of the manuscript, the terrible clanging of gongs opened the celebration and the noise steadily increased in volume. The Chinese, singing and shouting, worked themselves into great excitement, and an immense crowd attracted by the weird demonstration, filled the street below and blocked the car line several times. The police were finally notified, and they ordered the Chinese to cease their deafening noise and disperse.

CHOCTAW NATION ELECTIONS.

Deputies on the Hunt for Whisky to Prevent Bloodshed Which It Might Cause.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 1.—A special from Paris, Tex., says:

The general election for governor and other national and local officers in the Choctaw Nation will take place Wednesday, and there is an unusual amount of excitement being manifested. United States deputy marshals have been kept riding night and day over the Nation, seizing jugs of whisky which were to be used on election day. At every station trains are boarded by deputy marshals on the hunt for whisky packages. Several persons have been arrested and lodged in jail at Antlers on charges of peddling liquor. If the deputy marshals succeed in keeping whisky out and away from the polls, the election will probably pass off peaceably, otherwise there is liable to be serious trouble.

THE BRITISH SOLDIER.

It is said that the British soldier wears such tight clothing that his internal organs are often seriously injured. Then when on the march his chest is compressed by the weight of his knapsack, canteen, greatcoat and heavy cartridge belt. Usually the stomach is the first organ to suffer from overtaxing of any nature. Overwork, abuse, neglect or improper food is bound to produce dyspepsia and its attendant evils. For any disorder of the digestive organs Hostetter's Stomach Bitters should be taken. This famous medicine will cure all ailments of the stomach. Try it for constipation, indigestion, flatulency, dyspepsia, nervousness or insomnia. It makes the weak strong, and an occasional dose will keep the bowels regular.

RACE RIOT IN MEXICO.

Tampico Police and a Company of Soldiers Fight Sixty Bahama Negroes.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—A special to the Record from Tampico, Mexico, says: As a result of the encounter which took place at Donna Cecilia, a fashionable suburb of this city, yesterday, between 60 Bahama negroes and a force of Tampico police, aided by a company of soldiers from the government barracks here, four negroes and two soldiers have died from their wounds, and twenty-one negroes are suffering from wounds. Several of them will die.

SMALLPOX ABATING.

Steamship Cleveland Reports Improved Conditions at Nome.

SEATTLE, Aug. 1.—The steamship Cleveland arrived from Nome at midnight, having sailed July 20. She is quarantined in the harbor here, but has a clean bill of health and no smallpox aboard. The disease was abating at Nome, only eighteen cases being known when she sailed. Lack of rain prevents work on the creeks. Men on the beach make only small wages. The Cleveland may be ordered back to Port Townsend quarantine station for inspection.

BURDENOME RESTRICTIONS.

Shippers Complain of New Regulations Concerning Exports to Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—A free translation of regulations recently promulgated at Manila indicates that innocent consigners of wares from this country may be heavily fined for not following a provision that certain wares must be involved to show the weight with and without casing. Copies of the regulations have only just reached

this city. Goods are on the way that started for Manila before there was any knowledge obtainable here that new legal conditions were to be met. This fact has led certain prominent business men in San Francisco to enter into correspondence with Secretary Root, and also with the officials at Manila, making protest and asking for relief.

KING ALEXANDER OF SERBIA SHOT AT

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There is no such provision in the treaty between the United States and Italy, therefore it would be impossible to grant a demand from the government of Italy for the extradition of any person in the United States who may have conspired with the murderer of Humbert. It would also be impossible for such persons to be punished, either under federal or state laws, for conspiring to commit a political crime in a foreign country.

It would be practically impossible for the United States to surrender to the Italian government, as a matter of courtesy, any of the alleged conspirators, as, if the attempt should be made, they would doubtless apply to the courts for writs of habeas corpus.

While persons engaged in this country in a conspiracy against the head of a foreign government could not be punished, a conspiracy to kill the president of the United States, or even a threat to kill him, could be punished just the same as a conspiracy or threat to kill any private person. No request has come from the Italian government to investigate the alleged anarchist plots in this country in connection with the killing of King Humbert, and the secret bureau has no funds that can be used in such an investigation, except in case of an extraordinary emergency.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Anarchistic plots formed in this state, according to statements by the district attorney's office, seem to be punishable only as misdemeanors. The penalty for a misdemeanor may be a fine of from \$1 to \$500, or imprisonment of from one day to one year.

"There is no law," said Assistant District Attorney Forbes J. Hennessy, "dealing directly with anarchists. Their plots and threats, though, are covered by the conspiracy laws and that section of the penal code dealing with unlawful assemblages. Conspiracy to commit a crime is a misdemeanor, as is the assembling with intent to commit any unlawful act. But if the crime of murder should be committed outside the state, in accordance with the plans of a conspiracy formed in the state, the offender could be indicted here for murder in the first degree."

Chief Devery, when asked if the anarchists of New York had recently been giving him any trouble, said: "I have not received one complaint against anarchists in this city since I have been chief of police. We always have men at their public meetings who understand the languages used by the speakers. They have been indulging in no inflammatory speeches lately. The anarchists here know that one word or move in the direction of violence would be the signal for the prompt arrest of the inciters."

PACER DISAPPEARED.

Sharp Practice Suspected in Connection With "Walter K."

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—The whereabouts of the alleged Walter K., a "ringer" that recently figured on the California circuit, has become a mystery. The owners and the pacer have disappeared from Benicia, and all efforts to secure any trace of them have proved futile. Turf associations throughout the country have been warned by the Breeders' Association of this state. It has been ascertained that the alleged Walter K. was shipped to California from New Orleans June 6, the pacer having started in a race at that point some time in May.

OIL EXPLOSION ON ALAMEDA.

Chief Boiler-Maker of the Bladen Iron Works at San Francisco Fatally Burned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—An explosion of oil and benzine in the engine-room of the steamer Alameda, caused by the accidental dropping of a lamp, fatally burned Matthew Hamilton, chief boiler-maker of the Bladen Iron Works, and severely injured Alex Strong, who was assisting him in repairing the vessel's boilers. Hamilton died in great agony several hours after the accident.

THEATRICAL MANAGER SUED.

Accused of Playing "In Paradise" Without Authority.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—T. Daniel Frawley, the theatrical manager, has been made the defendant in a suit for damages. The Doris Amusement Company and Louis Harrison, of New York, charge him with playing their comedy, "In Paradise," without authority, and they demand \$9,000 as royalty, and also ask for an injunction to prevent him from using the play.

JUSTICE SMYTH SINKING.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Reports received from the intimate friends of Justice Frederick Smyth, who has been ill for some time at Atlantic City, say that the justice is rapidly sinking. His friends here had slight hopes of his recovery last evening.

BASE TREACHERY OF CHINA CERTAIN

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held there will buy a cheap peace from the powers. The second view is that if the ministers are under the protection of the Chinese government, the first act of the latter would be to forward the ministers' messages instead of vicarious information about their safety.

Dispatches which come undated contradict Chinese reports regarding the protection given. These messages are merely a means to hoodwink the foreigners into inaction while Pekin is being evacuated and all the treasure removed.

A curious question is how Yuan Shih Kai, a rebel who has refused to obey the order to take his troops to Pekin, can have constant communication with the capital.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—While the papers are filled with tales of missionaries murdered by the Chinese, and of perils for all Caucasians in that far away land, a Chicago woman is quietly planning to accompany Bishop David H. Moore, of the Methodist Episcopal church, to China to take up the work in connection with the mission station at Foo Chow.

Miss Kate E. Kauffman, who is an artist, teacher and writer, will sail in a few days from San Francisco for Hong Kong, in company with Dr. and Mrs. Moore and their daughter, and will proceed from there to Foo Chow, where she will teach in the school which has been maintained there in connection with the missions.

"Fear" said Miss Kauffman, when the danger was suggested, "yes, I am willing to confess to a feeling of fear; but I shall go, nevertheless. There is no disturbance at Foo Chow at present, and I hope there will be none; still, I fear that all of China is restless and even the southern provinces, and even Fu Kien, the province in which Foo Chow is located, may be the scene of uprisings similar to that about Pekin. No one seems to know what the future holds for China."

Miss Kauffman spoke in enthusiastic terms of the courage of Bishop Moore in venturing to Shanghai under the present circumstances. Shanghai is much farther north than Foo Chow, and therefore much nearer to the scene of the troubles about Pekin.

MOVEMENTS OF TRANSPORTS.

Sailed Orders for the Meade Will Be Opened Three Miles Out From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Early this morning the troops ordered to sail on the Meade broke camp and marched to the transport. The detachment includes company E, battalion of engineers, under Captain Zinn; a battalion of the Fifteenth Infantry, composed of companies I, K, L and M, in command of Major George A. Cornish, and a squadron of the Third cavalry, made up of troops B, G, H and I, commanded by Captain McDonald.

The objective port of these troops is probably Taku, China, but the present orders read "to the department of the Philippines." When the transport is three miles outside of the Heads, the sealed orders will be opened and the ultimate destination made known.

About 90 men of the Third cavalry will be detached and will go with the horses on the transport Aztec, under command of Lieutenant Charles A. Hedeker, Third cavalry, who has been appointed quartermaster and commissary on that vessel during her trip abroad.

NEILL AND TRIMBLE MATCHED.

To Fight to a Finish at San Jose on October 11.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Al Neill and Jim Trimble have been matched by the Agricultural Society of San Jose to fight to a finish in the Garden City on October 11. If the battle is permitted to take place, it will be the first of its kind held in this state for years, all contests having been for a limited number of rounds.

SEATTLE ASSAY OFFICE.

Deposits for July Amount to Six and a Quarter Millions.

SEATTLE, Aug. 1.—The deposits of gold dust and bullion in the Seattle assay office, during the month of July, 1900, will aggregate in value not less than \$5,250,000. It is the biggest month's business in the history of the office.

CHILEAN TRAINING SHIP.

Now at San Francisco En Route to the Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—The Chilean training ship General Bascudano has arrived from Esquimalt, and will remain in the harbor for ten days before proceeding to the Orient.

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