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## ALLIES DRIVEN BACK BY BOXERS

Eighteen Hundred, Mostly Russians, Reported Slain.

## ALLIES BEING BOMBARDED

Serious Trouble Also at Amoy—Two Thousand Germans Arrive at Peking—Ministers of Tsung Li Yamun Seen.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—A special dispatch to Sieck, from St. Petersburg, says: "It is persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the Russian government has received a dispatch asserting that after a fierce battle inside Peking the allies retreated, losing 1,500 men, mostly Russians. It is further said that the Chinese occupied forty fortified positions from which they are bombarding the allies in a murderous manner."

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The allies, resuming aggressive operations, have taken the district west of Peking. This statement, based on Chinese authority, is cabled from Shanghai.

From the same place comes the further statement that Li Hung Chang has wired the empress dowager at Hsian Fu, requesting the arrest of Prince Tuan and the disarmament of the Boxers in order to give him an opening for negotiations with the powers.

The illuminations projected at Shanghai in celebration of the relief of Peking have been abandoned, lest they should cause a native outbreak.

"Evidence has been received here," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "going to show that General Lung Wu was the real author of the anti-foreign outbreaks, the empress dowager, Prince Tuan and the others all having been persuaded by him to take an extreme attitude while he stood aside and awaited developments."

American refugee missionaries in Amoy, according to the Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail, are anxious to return to the interior but the United States consul has forbidden them to do so and urges them to go to the Philippines or to return to America. Shanghai advices to the Daily News say that the consular opinion there looks upon the Japanese action in landing troops at Amoy despite the protests of the consuls as similar to that of Russia at Newchwang, the whole indicating a tendency to partition the empire.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—After several days' intermission in Chinese advices the government today received two dispatches which presumably bring its advices up to the most recent date. There are indications that the principal delays in the lines of communication are encountered between Tien Tsin and Peking, a fact explainable by newspaper advices that small bands of boxers are operating on the line of communication of the Peking campaign force.

The last dispatch of the day was one from Minister Conger, referring to the military situation in Peking. Unfortunately it lacked a date, but the message was allowed publicity for what it was worth.

Conger's reference to the arrival of 2,000 fresh German troops caused some surprise, no one apparently having closely watched the movements of the contingent, which is now arriving with fairly regular frequency in China, and which, consequently, may be expected soon to equal in numerical strength the military contingents of any of the European nations there represented.

A significant statement in Minister Conger's dispatch is that respecting the appearance in Peking of some of the members of the Tsung Li Yamun. The natural construction to be given to this statement is that these ministers wish to undertake to represent the Chinese government formally in negotiations with the powers.

With some responsible person or persons to deal with, it may be possible for the United States to come to some agreement as to a settlement of

the Chinese trouble. The United States government could not withdraw its troops even if so disposed, without arranging for indemnification for the heavy cost it has been put to in the Peking campaign. Also it must make arrangements with some responsible authority for the future protection of American interests in China, as our business interests cannot be withdrawn along with the army of occupation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—It is said in administration circles that in the event of ability of the powers to agree upon a Chinese policy that will preserve the integrity of the empire the plan most likely to be adopted will provide for an international administration of the customs service.

Under this plan representatives of several allied powers having forces on Chinese soil will be stationed at all customs ports of China to supervise or administer the service and watch the revenues with a view to ensuring the collection of the enormous indemnity that will be individually demanded by each of the governments.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The gunboat Castine, Commander Bowman commanding, has been ordered to Amoy to report on conditions there. The Castine is at Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The department of state makes public today the following dispatch from Minister Conger, received this morning:

"From Taku, Aug. 27.—Secretary of State, Washington: No important developments since last dispatch. Military is trying to restore order. No representative of the Chinese government encountered yet. Several ministers of the Tsung Li Yamun reported in the city, and are expected to appear soon. Generals decide not to enter the Imperial palace, leaving it practically vacant. Two thousand Germans arrived today. 'CONGER'."

This dispatch is undated, but from the fact that it mentions the arrival of a German force at Peking, which has not yet been reported from any other quarter, it is presumed to be of very recent origin.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—A dispatch received here from Tien Tsin says large bodies of Boxers are concentrating 15 miles northwest of Twang Sun (?).

As Twang Sun does not appear on any of the available maps or in the Gazetteer, it is possible the Berlin dispatch may refer to Yang Tsun, on the Pei Ho river, about 16 miles, as the crow flies, from Peking.

ROME, Aug. 27.—A dispatch received here from Taku under date of Sunday, August 26, confirms previous reports that a convoy was being formed at Peking to conduct, under a strong escort, the allies' wounded, and the women and children to Tien Tsin.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The following dispatch from General Chaffee has been received at the war department:

"Taku, Aug. 27.—Adjutant-General, Washington: Colonel Wint on the 19th reports perceived at 4 a. m. and engaged a large force of the enemy seven miles from the city; dispersed them, killing about 100. Americans lost five wounded. Will cable names of the wounded as soon as they can be ascertained. CHAFFEE."

Colonel Wint is lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth cavalry, but is acting as colonel in the absence of Colonel Sumner, who is in Europe. The fight probably occurred near Tien Tsin, as the Sixth cavalry was at that place at the time mentioned.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Amoy, China, says:

The Japanese have been landing marines for three days, not only without provocation but against the protest of the consuls. Accidental destruction of the Japanese temple by fire was the alleged excuse for their act, but the Amoy officials have proved their ability to preserve perfect order. There are 300 marines landing today.

The excitement is intense and thousands of civilians are leaving the city. The officials with scores of merchants have visited the American consulate pleading with the consul to intercede for the withdrawal of the marines, otherwise they declare it will be impossible to preserve order.

The landing of the marines by the

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## BRITISH CAPTURE GENERAL OLIVIER

Five English Killed and Fifty-eight Wounded.

## STUBBORN FIGHT BY BOERS

Three of Olivier's Sons Also Taken—Olivier Was Moving Spirit Among Boers in Southeast Portion of the Orange Colony.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Wiring from Belfast today, Lord Roberts says: "Our casualties yesterday (Sunday) were wonderfully few, considering the heavy firing and the number of hours we were engaged."

Buller estimates his losses at two killed and twenty-four wounded. His troops had to bivouac where they stopped, after darkness fell, and accurate returns are yet impossible.

"Casualties of the force operating north of Belfast were three killed and thirty-four wounded."

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"The Boers have been beaten back by Hamilton, at Winburg. General Olivier has been captured. The text of Lord Roberts' dispatch from Belfast, under today's date, announcing the capture of General Olivier shows that three of Olivier's sons also were captured in the attack which the Boers made from three sides on Winburg. Lord Roberts adds that General Olivier was 'the moving spirit among the Boers in the southeast portion of the Orange Colony during the war.'"

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The following dispatch was sent today by Lord Roberts:

"Belfast, (Sunday), August 26.—Engaged the enemy the greater part of the day, over a perimeter of nearly 20 miles. Littleton's division and two brigades of cavalry, all under Buller, operated southwest of Dalmanutha. French, with two brigades of cavalry, moved northwest of Belfast, driving to Lakenby, on the Belfast-Lydenburg road. As soon as French reached Lakenby, Pole-Carew advanced from Belfast in support. The enemy in considerable strength, opposed Buller's and Pole-Carew's advance. He brought three long Toms and many other guns and pom-poms (quick-firing guns) into action. The firing, until dark, was hot and persistent. Buller hopes his casualties will not exceed 40. Pole-Carew has not yet reported. The Boers are making a determined stand. They have a large number of guns, the country is difficult and well suited for their tactics and is less favorable to cavalry than any we have hitherto worked over."

GETUMS FARM, Aug. 27.—General Pole-Carew came into touch with the Boers at their main position at Dalmanutha on Saturday, and shelled a plantation east of Belfast. The Boers repelled with long range guns. General French on General Buller's flank exchanged shots with the Boers, but no damage was done. An artillery duel occurred on the British front also, the 12-pounders bombarding the Boers' position and the latter displaying great enterprise in handling their guns, which were placed in strong position. The enemy evidently intends to contest stubbornly the ground between here and Machadodorp.

NAVAL DAY AT G. A. R.

Bryan Refuses to Attend Because of McKinley's Absence.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—William J. Bryan has followed the example of President McKinley and declined to be a visitor at the national encampment of the G. A. R. He this afternoon sent a message to the executive committee in charge of the encampment saying: "Since President McKinley is detained by public business, I believe that the proprieties of the occasion demand that I also decline and relieve the reputation of any appearance of partisanship. W. J. BRYAN."

According to estimates of railroad officials this evening, fully 45,000 old soldiers had arrived and 300,000 other excursionists had come with them to attend the encampment. It is expected that there will be 50,000 additional arrivals by tomorrow morning. General Bragg, of Wisconsin, said today that he looked to see tomorrow the greatest number of old soldiers that had marched at one time beneath the Stars and Stripes since the memorable review in Washington at the close of the civil war. The first day of the encampment was one of ideal beauty, in marked contrast to the hot and humid weeks that have preceded it since the first of Au-

gust. The right of the line on the opening day was given to the men who sailed the seas during the civil war. The cheering today was all for them and all the honors were theirs. The army will come to its own tomorrow. The heroes of the river and sea of the civil war are a small band now. Of the 125,000 men enlisted in the navy in the days of war, less than 1,000 marched today, and it is agreed by old sailors that their number was greater in the march today than it will ever be in any parade to come.

## WEST DEFEATS WALCOTT.

Twelve Round Fight in New York Last Night.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Tommy West won from Joe Walcott in the twelfth round tonight. The bout had gone eleven rounds very much in Walcott's favor. When the bell rang for the twelfth round, to everybody's surprise, Walcott refused to go on, claiming that he had injured his left arm. Referee Charley White, suspecting crookedness, insisted on Walcott's continuing, but the negro refused to do so, which left White no alternative other than to declare West the winner.

They were both in excellent condition and ready for the fight. The men have met four times in the past. Each has learned by hard experience the fighting qualities of the other. Walcott's desperate rushes and random blows are familiar to his opponent. He had studied those dangerous hooks of the "Barbadoes Demon" until he believed it impossible for one of them to land hard enough to do him harm, but he had provided for a chance landing of one of them by putting himself in condition to stand a deal of punishment.

Walcott thought of the fight much the same way. Four contests had taught him just where his danger lay, and at which style of fighting he had the best chance to win. For years these fighters have been meeting men out of their class. They have knocked out middle weights, welter weights and heavy weights, but in each of their respective careers neither has ever met a tougher customer than the other.

West had prepared himself for this battle in his Brooklyn gymnasium and in his training quarters at Beth Beach. Matty Matthews and Harry Fisher had sparred, roughed and wrestled with him every day for three weeks, and he entered the ring as well as he ever was in his life. Walcott did his work at Newdorp, S. I. There was not a flaw in his condition and he announced that he would win before the twelfth round.

## TOWNE ANSWERS TEDDY.

Made His Greatest Political Speech at Duluth Last Night.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 27.—The largest gathering to listen to a political speech that ever assembled in Duluth occurred this evening at the armory when Hon. Charles A. Towne opened the campaign in a lengthy address in which he replied to the recent speech of Governor Roosevelt, delivered at St. Paul on the occasion of the national convention of the League of Republican clubs, and arraigned the administration's policy in the Philippines.

The speech, which will be used as a campaign document, is considered as Towne's greatest political effort. Towne will leave Tuesday or Wednesday for Idaho and other western points to enter actively into the work of the campaign.

## FUSION AT BOISE.

Populists Will Take Down Their Electors and Get a Member of Congress.

BOISE, Ida., Aug. 27.—The Democratic and Populist leaders are gathered here for the purpose of arranging fusion as tentatively agreed on at the recent conference in Chicago. The plan is to have the Populists take down their electors and they are to be given a representative in congress, the state auditor and mine inspector.

There has been much talk to the effect that there might be trouble in bringing about the arrangement, but those interested appear to feel confident it will be accomplished. The formal conference is to begin tomorrow.

## ROOSEVELT NOT COMING.

Will Not Visit Oregon, Washington and California.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Governor Roosevelt's route for his trip through the West was announced today. Starting from Chicago September 3, he will speak in Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa before reaching this city again. On September 17 he will speak at Helena, Mont.; September 18, at Butte, Mont.; September 19, at Pocatello, Ida. He will not visit Oregon, Washington and California.

## ROGERS LOSES THE NOMINATION

Washington Populists and Democrats Against Him.

## FUSION IS LIKELY TO FAIL

No Harmony Among Silverites—Democrats Elect Heifer as Permanent Chairman—Silver Republicans Have Done Nothing.

SEATTLE, Aug. 27.—The opposition forces in this state to the Republican party are holding their convention in this city. They went into session at 3 o'clock this afternoon and did not adjourn except for short periods until late into the night. The Populists are holding their convention in Germania hall, the Democrats in the armory and the Silver Republicans in Masonic hall. The conventions will be in session tomorrow and may not adjourn sine die until Wednesday or Thursday.

The most significant development today lies in the apparent defeat of the Rogers' slate, which carries with it Governor Rogers as the fusion nominee for the office he now occupies. The Populists have declared from the start that they would not stand for Rogers. The leaders of the party had held a number of anti-Rogers' caucuses and felt satisfied that their party would be against Rogers.

They figured correctly, for when the Populist convention met, State Land Commissioner Bridges was elected chairman by a good-sized majority.

Bridges is very bitter in his opposition to the governor. He was authorized to name a committee of five to confer with like committees from the other conventions. Each man he named is against Rogers. The Rogers' men in the Democratic convention were fully aware of the Populist opposition to Rogers, but declared that they would nominate him on a straight Democratic ticket and allow the Populists to put an independent ticket in the field.

Tom Vance, assistant attorney-general, was made temporary chairman of the Democratic convention. The Rogers' and anti-Rogers' people united on him. The Rogers' people have maintained for several days that they would control the convention by a good majority. Tonight's session proved this claim to be without basis of fact. Senator George Turner was nominated by them for permanent chairman. Charles G. Heifner was nominated by the anti-Rogers' people and was elected by a majority of five or six. The anti-Rogers' people say that the vote was a true test of strength, and Rogers, it would seem tonight, is out of the race.

Fawcett, of Pierce county, and Voorhees, of Spokane, is likely to be nominated, although there is opposition to both and the convention may unite on a dark horse.

The Silver Republicans have done nothing.

## STEVENSON ENDORSED.

Populists Accept Towne's Declination and Endorse the Democratic Nominee.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—At the meeting of the People's Party national committee today the declination of Charles A. Towne, as vice-presidential nominee for the party was accepted and the name of Adlai E. Stevenson was put in his place. This result was obtained after a long debate. But one test vote was taken. The motion was made to endorse Stevenson. For this motion Wendell B. Massachusetts, moved as a substitute, that a Populist be placed upon the ticket. The substitute was lost by a vote of 24 yeas and 71 nays. The original motion was then adopted by a viva voce vote.

There were 124 members of the committee present or represented by proxy.

## AFRO-AMERICANS MEET.

Resolution Endorsing McKinley Voted Down.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 27.—The national Afro-American Press Association today opened with over fifty delegates in attendance. A resolution to endorse the administration of President McKinley was voted down after a hot discussion.

## MAIL CONTRACT LET.

Canadian Company Will Carry Letters From Skagway to Nome.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The post-office department has given the contract to the Canadian Development Company (limited) to carry letter mail from Skagway to St. Michaels and Nome from December next to March 31 next. The route will be via Dawson.

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