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## ALLIES SUFFER GREAT LOSSES

Pei Tang and Lu Tai Forts Have Been Captured.

## MASSACRE BY RUSSIANS

Five Thousand Chinese Flung Into Amur River—Chaffee Reports Improvement in Conditions—Will Divide Forces.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Shanghai correspondent cables that the allies today captured Pei Tang and Lu Tai forts, with great losses.

## TROOPS MASSING

TIEN TSIN, Sept. 19.—Via Shanghai, Sept. 20.—Two thousand six hundred Germans left Tien Tsin today to join the force forming in the neighborhood of Taku, already composed of 6000 Russians, 1500 Germans and other foreign troops, the intention being to attack Pei Tang forts tomorrow at daybreak.

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## ADVANCE TO PEI TANG.

PEKIN, Sept. 18, via Taku, Sept. 20.—General James H. Wilson, with 800 Americans and 900 British troops and six guns, marched westward today, and the Germans will move tomorrow, to co-operate in taking Pei Tang, where the enemy is supposed to be in large force.

The American commander will attack from the west and the Germans from the east. General Wilson will then take San Hi Tien arsenal.

Possibly this will be the last big expedition, as it is understood that the British and Americans will abandon their former plan of police campaign and will prepare for the evacuation of Peking.

The British have countermanded their orders for winter clothing and it is rumored will fall back to Wei Hai Wei. The German legation is expected to withdraw Friday, September 21, and it is generally reported that the Americans will withdraw, but General Chaffee refuses to confirm the rumor.

## RUSSIAN ATROCITIES.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—"Authentic accounts have been received here," says the Moscow correspondent of the Standard, "of a horrible massacre at Bladovostichensk, which was undoubtedly carried out under direct orders from the Russian authorities and which then let loose a tide of slaughter through the Amur country.

"The entire Chinese population of 5,000 souls was escorted out of the town to a spot five miles up the Amur and then being led in batches of a few hundred to the river bank were ordered to cross over to the Chinese side. No boats were provided and the river is a mile wide.

"The Chinese were flung alive into the stream and were stabbed or shot at the least resistance, while Russian volunteers who lined the bank clubbed or shot any who attempted to land. Not one escaped alive. The river bank for miles was strewn with corpses.

## MOVEMENTS OF ALLIES.

(Copyright, 1900, The Associated Press.) PEKIN, Sept. 14, via Shanghai, Sept. 19.—General Chaffee expresses a preference in favor of the tents of the winter camps rather than insanitary buildings.

The indications are that 10,000 of the allies will winter at Peking. The German force will be the largest. Some of the troops will probably be distributed in the surrounding cities to relieve the strain. The Japanese will withdraw the most of their force to Nagasaki. The Russians will retain at least 2000 here.

A joint expedition to Pao Ting has been planned by the British, German and French forces. The dowager empress has expressed her willingness to return to Peking, if guaranteed protection. The generals in command and the ministers of the powers are unwilling to assume such a responsibility.

A number of small bands of Boxers

have been reported in the neighborhood recently.

## CABLEGRAM FROM CHAFFEE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The war department has received the following cablegram from General Chaffee:

"Taku (no date)—Adjutant-General, Washington. Peking, Sept. 18.—To avoid further crowding of Peking have had in mind a division of my force between Peking, Yang Tsun, Tien Tsin, at the latter place leaving one battalion only because the ground at Tien Tsin is low, damp, unsuitable. Other commanders have no instructions, but they assume at least that some of their troops are to remain at Peking during the winter. I state this as indicating what is to be ascertained here, not knowing, of course, the action being taken by the powers and the United States. Only one regiment, Russian troops, retired toward Tien Tsin, has yet moved. (Have troops of other powers done so?)

"Condition of Chinese some better; gardeners entering the city freely, relieving the distress prevailing some days ago. Slight resumption of trade, other conditions very fair, rendering the situation very quiet. Expedition today, Wilson commanding, to expel the Boxers to the westward in order to free the country for coal supply mine, Peking. Headquarters, one squadron of the Sixth cavalry so to Yang Tsun to camp. Telegraphed you 20th. Railroad to be repaired. Li Hung Chang left Shanghai 14th. Remy reports Rockhill expected at Taku 14th.

## "CHAFFEE."

A portion of this dispatch is unintelligible to the department officials, and they have asked the telegraph company for a correction of it.

## GOING FOR KRUGER.

Dutch Cruiser Gelderland Will Take Him to Holland.

PERIM, Sept. 20.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland is going to Delagoa Bay to take on board former President Kruger and convey him to Holland.

## MAY WANT EXPLANATIONS.

Offer of Warship for Kruger by Dutch Government Meets With Disfavor in England.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The Standard, commenting on the statement that President Kruger has accepted an offer of the Dutch government to convey him to Europe in a warship, says the Tribune's London correspondent, says that England has a right to expect that a country which is still diplomatically friendly shall not display officious and effusive patronage of an enemy of England. By adopting that line it makes itself half partisan and renders itself liable to be called upon for an explanation.

## BOERS SCATTERED.

Many Guns Destroyed and the Army Broken Into Small Bands.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Lord Roberts cables from Nelspruit, on the Pretoria-Delagoa Bay railroad, not far from Komatiport, the frontier station, under date of Wednesday, September 19, as follows:

"Of the 3000 Boers who retreated from Komatiport before the British advance from Machadodorp, 700 have entered Portuguese territory; others have deserted in various directions and the balance are reported to have crossed the Komati river and to be occupying spurs of the Lombobo mountains, south of the railway.

"A general tumult seems to have occurred when they recognized the hopelessness of their cause. Their long toms and field guns have been destroyed and nothing is left of the Boer army but a few marauding bands. Kelly-Kenny is dealing with one of these, which occupies a position at Doornbosk."

## BRYAN AT LINCOLN.

Will Campaign Near His Home for Two Days.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 20.—Bryan will spend tomorrow and Saturday campaigning in the vicinity of Lincoln. He will rest at his home during the first three days of next week and on Thursday will start on his Dakota trip. He said today that he would continue his work in outside states, not returning to Nebraska until two or three days before election.

## ENGLAND CANNOT TRUST RUSSIA

America Will Publish Declaration Today or Tomorrow.

## MANY NOTES AWAIT ANSWER

British Foreign Office Declares Withdrawal Inexpedient—Viceroys of Southern China Appeal for Peace—Japan Agitated.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Such Peking dispatches as appeared this morning tend to confirm the suspicions regarding the attitude of Russia already expressed by Dr. Morrison, correspondent of the Times at the Chinese capital. The Daily News prints a dispatch almost identical with advice to the Daily Express from Peking but adding that in the opinion of the correspondent the Russians only desire to induce the other powers to withdraw.

## NOTES AWAIT ANSWERS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The status of the Chinese situation at the close of the day, according to a high authority, is as follows:

"There are now before the department of state a number of notes awaiting answers. These include the German note concerning the surrender of the Chinese ringleaders; the original Russian proposition for the withdrawal of troops from Peking, which has not yet been acted upon as a finality; the memorandum from the Russian government asking as to the purposes of this government, and the request by Prince Ching that instructions be sent to Minister Conger to proceed with peace negotiations at once. In addition there is a verbal inquiry from the French government as to the program of the United States.

"These various communications have accumulated slowly and an understanding has now been reached by the administration that there shall be a general clearance of the entire subject. This may be expected either late tomorrow or early the following day. It will clearly enunciate the program of the United States on the various questions presented.

"There will be separate notes according to the character of the communication addressed to this government; that is, the recent German note will be answered by a note and the memorandum of inquiry from Russia will be answered by a memorandum, while the French verbal inquiry will receive a verbal response.

"As to the contents of these several communications, the authorities are not willing to give any possible intimations, though as far as the German note is concerned the belief is almost general here that the response of our government will amount to a declination to make surrender of the offending Chinese a condition precedent to negotiations of any kind."

## WITHDRAWAL INEXPEDIENT.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—It was explained today at the British foreign office that "it was found inexpedient for the powers to accept the Russian withdrawal proposal," as they had reliable information that the Boxers were ready to reoccupy Peking as soon as the allies retired.

## VICEROYS WANT PEACE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The Chinese minister has received a dispatch from the viceroys of Southern China, making an appeal for the opening of peace negotiations without further delay. They report that a prolongation of the present condition is a serious disadvantage to China and all parties concerned.

## JAPAN STIRRED UP.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 7, via Victoria, B. C., Sept. 20.—The country is tremendously stirred up by the discussion of Russia's proposition to withdraw from Peking.

It is not that Japan shares in the least degree the panic of fear which seems to possess the West when the name of Russia is mentioned. There is not a trace of that in the present attitude of agitation. It is only that having so recently entered into the community of the Western powers this country is conscious of the dignity and importance of her position as the first of the Oriental nations to enjoy the privilege, and it, therefore, most becomingly hesitates to take an attitude inimical to the majority. Its policy is, therefore, waiting to ascertain the definite conclusions to which the powers may arrive.

While there is no fear of Russia there is the deepest distrust of her diplomacy and a conviction that a practical alliance exists between the Muscovite powers and the empress dowager's government. The political situation here now hangs upon the outcome of this Russian question.

An account has just reached us of

the straits to which the Peking garrison was reduced from the lack of ammunition during the last days of the siege. Every scrap of metal, no matter how valuable in itself or in the form into which it had been worked, was utilized and it is said that the enemy was greatly elated when silver bullets were rained upon them, this being an intimation of the failure of the garrison supply of ammunition.

## NO FRAUD AT SEATTLE.

Census Bureau Announces That the Charges Made by Tacoma Were False.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The census bureau today issued the following: Special Agent Victor H. Olmstead returned to Washington and has made to the director of the census a report concerning the census of Seattle and Tacoma. After giving due consideration to the statements made by Mr. Olmstead it has been decided that there will be no substantial change in the figures submitted by the supervisor for the western district of the state of Washington. It is stated that the secretary of the board of trade of Tacoma, who first called attention to the alleged frauds in Seattle, was not able when interviewed to furnish any evidence of competent character showing willful misconduct on the part of the enumerators who took the census of Seattle.

Other facts brought out in the investigation evinced further that there was no intention either on the part of the citizens or those engaged in the census work of padding or making fraudulent returns in any way. The actual figures will not be made public until the schedules are tabulated on the electrical tabulating machines.

## NEW TRUST PREDICTED.

Telephone and Telegraph Companies Likely to Combine Soon.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—In its forthcoming issue the Electrical Review will publish this:

"There have been numerous rumors of late concerning the probable amalgamation of the American Telephone and Telegraph company (which now includes the American Bell Telephone Company, Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Cable Company). It is predicted that these interests will be consolidated into one big company to be known as the National Telephone and Telegraph Co., and that such consolidation will be consummated before the end of the present year."

## MONTANA FUSIONISTS.

Find Great Difficulty in Agreeing on the Division of the Ticket.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 20.—Three state conventions in session here spent the day maneuvering for the division of the ticket. Up to midnight they had not hit upon a division that would be recommended by the Democratic conference. The Populist and Labor party offered the Democrats the entire ticket except the governorship, the electoral ticket to be divided one each, but all the electors to vote for Bryan. The Populists and Labor parties adopted platforms today reaffirming the previous declarations by the national Populist conventions and Labor conventions. They endorse Bryan, free coinage of silver and, in particular, demand an eight-hour work day.

The Democrats from Deer Lodge county who bolted the Democratic convention last night met with others today and devised plans for the formation of a state party to be called the Independent Democratic party, which will hold a convention in Butte, October 2, to nominate a state ticket.

The faction will also, the leaders declare, put a ticket in every county. It is believed that fusion will be effected tomorrow, probably on the lines of the offer made today, the Democrats having the entire ticket but the governor.

## DR. STARR GUILTY.

Prominent Methodist Clergyman of Portland Tried for Immoral Conduct.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 20.—The trial of Rev. S. A. Starr, D. D., the former pastor of Sunnyside M. E. church, of Portland, on charges of immoral conduct, has been in progress before a select committee of fifteen.

After two day and night sessions, the committee of fifteen sustained the findings of the investigation committee of Sunnyside church by a vote of 12 to 2, and will report the same to the conference tomorrow.

## WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Sept. 20.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54½c@57½; Valley, 60; bluestem, 53c@50c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Wheat, December, 108½; cash, 105.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 20.—Wheat, September, 6s. 2½d.

## METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Silver, 62½; lead, unchanged.

## MARTIAL LAW CEASES TODAY

Galveston Civil Authorities Now Assume Control.

## ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND DEAD

Five Hundred Citizens Impressed for Street Cleaning—Family of Forty-Five All Destroyed but Three—Bridge Rebuilt.

GALVESTON, Sept. 20.—This evening Mayor Jones proclaimed that martial law would cease at noon tomorrow and the civil authorities would assume the direction of municipal affairs.

This was done at the suggestion of General Scurry, who expressed the belief that conditions had reached such a state that the civil authorities were able to cope with the situation. This, however, does not mean the immediate withdrawal of the military. They are to co-operate with the city officials in the enforcement of order and will continue on duty as a part of the government.

Today warrants were issued to impress every able-bodied man for the street cleaning service. Over 500 men were secured today under this order, and fully 2,000 men are engaged in the work. Still this force is not sufficient and more men must be secured. Men for this service are to be imported from the interior of the state.

The prevailing method of the disposition of the dead is cremation. As each corpse is taken out it is thoroughly saturated with coal oil and thrown into a blazing fire.

S. E. Barton, nephew of Clara Barton of the Red Cross Society, has arrived here from New York. In an interview he suggested raising a fund of from five to fifteen million dollars to aid the people in rebuilding their homes. An appeal of this nature will be made to the people of the United States.

The largest loss of a single family by the flood is that of Raitteaux, who resided down the island. Of a family of 45, 42 were lost.

## REVISED LIST OF DEAD.

GALVESTON, Sept. 20.—Every man who is willing to work has been pressed into service here. The wreckage is fast being cleared away and an air of business once more pervades the city.

The Houston Post today prints a revised list of those who perished in the great storm. This list has been carefully compiled from various sources and places the number of known dead at 4,154. The railroads have large forces of men at work and outside communication is now only a question of a very short while.

## SUMMARY PUNISHMENT.

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 20.—Last night a negro, while attempting to break into a warehouse containing commissary stores was shot and killed by guards. No attempt was made at identification and the body was burned.

Captain Page, of the Dallas Rough Riders, has made a careful survey of the town and estimates that there are 1000 bodies yet to be taken out of the ruins which surround the city.

## TRAFFIC RESUMED.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 20.—The following telegram has been sent out by P. H. Goodwin, general freight agent of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe:

"I am issuing instructions to all our agents that the Santa Fe will be open for Galveston business on the 21st, at which time our bridge over the bay will be completed."

All roads have combined for work on the Santa Fe bridge, and the officials express the utmost confidence that the Santa Fe, the International and Great Northern, the Southern Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas will be able to handle freight and passengers in and out.

"The relief supplies are being carried in by barges and the special shipments from Texas and other towns have gone that way. The Southern Pacific has called from its extension all the men working in North Texas and has put them to work on the line between Beaumont and Sabine to get it in working order and open that port. Sabine was little injured and expects to handle considerable business. An effort is now making to obtain charters.

"Work is also being pushed on the eastern end of the Gulf & Interstate road, and partial service will be resumed out of Beaumont tomorrow."

## M'KINLEY MAY FOUR.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—It is possible that President McKinley may make several speeches in the West before the close of the campaign. To Indiana him to do so is one of the objects of the visit which Senator Hanna will make to Canton next Sunday.

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