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CHINESE IMPERIAL ARMY ADVANCING

Ten Thousand Men Threaten a French Garrison.

HEROIC ENGLISH OFFICER

Alone He Attacked a Hostile Force, Shooting Five Dead With His Revolver—Imperial Court Will Not Return to Peking.

PEKIN, Dec. 15.—Colonel Tullock has returned here. He reports having had an exciting experience. His detachment was fired upon eight miles from Peking. He could not discover his assailants as they used smokeless powder and modern guns.

Fifty men under Lieutenant McPherson, of the Twenty-sixth Beluchistan regiment, were sent to his aid. Immediately after their arrival Tullock attacked the town, which had been entered by the use of scaling ladders.

In the attack McPherson distinguished himself. He led a scaling party which reached the town, jumped down into the place and emptied his revolver, killing five men. He then drew his sword and defended himself until his men arrived in force and saved him from impending death. Colonel Tullock speaks highly of the lieutenant's action. He says he believes he did a deed which merits the Victoria cross, in his jump to what was apparently certain death, in order to lead his men who were coming up the ladder.

Fortunately the Chinese had only a few carbines and were badly shot and none of the British troops were wounded during the fight. Forty Boers were killed, a number wounded and many captured.

The French report an approach of a Chinese imperial army of 10,000 men, on Pao Ting Fu, the garrison 15 miles west being attacked by the advance guard.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A special to the Temps from Shanghai says Prince Ching denies the statement that the Chinese court will return to Peking. He is also quoted as saying that China will pay a yearly indemnity but will not make a loan.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

Will Meet at Fort Worth, Texas, Next Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The next convention of the National W. C. T. U. will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, if suitable railroad accommodations can be obtained. This was decided last night by the national officers of the organization. It was also decided to inaugurate a movement to have September 28, Frances Willard's birthday, observed in the public schools of the country by having an hour set apart for reading concerning the life and work of Miss Willard.

Mrs. Minnie B. Horning, of Evanston, was re-elected press agent of the national organization.

GAME NOW CERTAIN.

Columbia University Eleven and New York Will Play University of California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The University of California football team will meet the Columbia "varsity" eleven, of New York, in this city on Christmas, and in Los Angeles on New Year's day. The arrangements which had nearly been completed for Columbia to play against Stanford University fell through but the Californians are assured that the Eastern players will accept the terms they offer.

NEW RACING ASSOCIATION.

Horsemen From Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia Organized at Portland Yesterday.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Horsemen from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia met here today and organized

the Pacific Northwest Racing Association. The principal business done today was to adopt rules for the regulation and control of racing, within the jurisdiction of the association, for the coming year.

The following officers were elected: President W. H. Wehrung, of Salem; vice-president, W. A. Austin, of Lewiston; secretary and treasurer, M. D. Wisdom, of Portland. Board of appeals for Oregon, D. A. McAllister, of Washington, W. H. Vandevanter, Idaho, C. S. Loveland, British Columbia, R. Leighton.

The board of directors will be named later by the local associations. The dates of the various race meetings for 1901 are as follows:

Vancouver, B. C., August 31 to September 2; Everett, September 9 to 14; La Grande, October 1 to 5; New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 1 to 5; Lewiston, October 7 to 12; Victoria, B. C., October 7 to 12; Spokane, October 14 to 19; Salem, September 19 to 25; Boise, September 16 to 21.

TRAMPS TOOK THE TOWN.

Locked Up Village Marshal and Local Bank and Stores.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Five unidentified men, garbed as tramps, who asked shelter in the calaboose at midnight last night, overpowered the village marshal of Brighton, Ill., locked him in a cell and then broke into a bank and two stores, attempted to get into the vault of Budget Bros. bank in which there was a large amount of money but were unsuccessful, although the strong box was partially wrecked by several explosions of dynamite.

Falling there the robbers entered the general store of Butler, where they broke into a safe and secured \$100. Soon after, Butler's store was discovered on fire. A loss of several thousand dollars resulted.

The robbers escaped on a hand car. When the marshal was liberated he organized a posse and started after the robbers with bloodhounds.

BIG TIMBER PURCHASE.

By Syndicate of Which Governor of Idaho is the Head.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 15.—A special to the Sentinel from Marinette, Wis., says: The purchase of more than 10,000 acres of government pine lands in the northern part of Idaho, by a syndicate of which Governor Scofield is the head, has been completed.

The tract is a compact one in Shoshone county, lying on the north fork of the Clearwater river. It is said to contain over 250,000,000 feet of white pine timber and cost the purchasers in the neighborhood of \$60,000. A sawmill will be built on the tract next year by the syndicate.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Adjournment of Convention of the Federation of Labor.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 15.—The 20th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor adjourned sine die tonight after selecting Scranton, Pa., for next year's convention.

The following officers were elected: President, Samuel Gompers, of New York, cigarmaker, re-elected; treasurer, John B. Lennon, of Bloomington, Ill., tailor, re-elected; secretary, Frank Morrison, of Washington, printer, re-elected.

MONTANA CITIES.

Population of Smaller Towns Given Out by Census Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The population of certain incorporated places in Montana having a population of more than 2000 but less than 25000 follows: Anaconda, 3550; Billings, 3231; Bozeman, 3125; Great Falls, 14,350; Helena, 18,330; Kalispell, 2528; Livingston, 3778; Missoula, 4368; Deer Lodge, 2520; Walkerville, 2312.

EXPOSITION LOST LITTLE.

Official Report Shows a Deficit of Only Two Million Francs.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The official report of the finances of the exposition shows a loss of two million francs. The total expenditure is 116,500,000 francs. Receipts amounted to 114,500,000 francs. The loss is less than in the case of either of the preceding expositions.

ENGLAND ALARMED AND ASTONISHED

Serious Nature of Defeat Causes Intense Feeling.

KITCHENER REPORTS AGAIN

Northumberlands Were Out of Ammunition When Captured—Striking Scenes in Parliament—Krugger Died With Wilhelmus.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener, under date of December 15, reports to the war office from Pretoria as follows: "Clements has come to see me. He says that the four companies of Northumberlands held out on the hill as long as their ammunition lasted. The Boer force attacking the hill was 2000 strong while another force of 1000 attacked Clements' camp.

"By 6:30 a. m. the hill was carried. Reinforcements of one company of Yorkshire failed to reach the top. Clements' retirement was carried out with regularity but, as many native drivers bolted, a considerable amount of transportation was lost. All their ammunition not taken away was destroyed. He reports that all behaved very well.

"Broadwood has gone to Rustenberg and supports Oliphant's Nek, which has been reinforced. A flag of truce which has come into Commando Nek from the Boers says that Joubert's son was killed and further reports their losses as very heavy."

ENGLAND APPALLED.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The astounding and utterly unexpected reverse of the British at Magaliesberg, the news of which was broken to the nation exactly one year after General Buller's defeat at Colenso, effectually disposes of any hopes that the war in South Africa is nearly ended and completely does away with the myth that the operations there were merely of a guerrilla nature.

As Lloyd George, a Liberal, said in the house of commons today: "This is one of the most severe reverses suffered by the British and it is quite evident that the war will drag on for many months to come. De Wet is making England the laughing stock of the world. We have 210,000 men in the field yet we are unable to protect ourselves from disaster at the hands of small commands drawn from a pastoral people."

The extent of the reverse and disgrace of such a large body of men surrendering to a small contingent of Boers has created a feeling of shame and astonishment which finds free vent. With somewhat cruel coincidence the Northumberlands are known as "the fighting fifth."

The Second battalion, to which the captured companies belong, was one of the heaviest sufferers at Stormberg a year ago. It has often been pronounced by home and foreign critics to be one of the finest in the British army.

All the forebodings and criticisms which Colenso gave rise to a year ago have been resurrected by the disaster at Magaliesberg. The war office has nothing to do but "grin and bear it" and trust to time. Until General Kitchener's forces are transformed into mounted infantry and the mounted police gets to work, Mr. Broderick says there will be little hope of improvement in the military situation.

But whoever was responsible for the surrender at Magaliesberg is likely to suffer, for the new war office officials are determined to make an example of the general or any other officers guilty of such gross mismanagement or worse, which, it would seem, must have occurred at this last defeat.

HOT WORDS IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Parliament was dismissed until the middle of February with the reading of the shortest of the queen's speeches. It was as follows: "My Lords and Gentlemen—I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the expenses incurred by the operations of my armies in South Africa and China."

The proceedings today, in the house of commons, were a repetition in miniature of the debates of the brief session. The ministers were heckled, the war was virulently denounced and Mr. Chamberlain was further attacked. The war funds were finally voted after the secretary of state for war, Mr. Broderick, had given assurance that the government, during recess, would cordially co-operate with General Kitchener in an endeavor to end the war.

Particularly stinging were the remarks of John Bryn-Roberts, Liberal member for the South Elton division of Cambridgeshire. He declared that the British treatment of the women of South Africa was an outrage to civilization and that it was blasphemy to hold Christmas services in St. Paul's in connection with the return of Lord

Roberts, while there were such proceedings in South Africa.

Mr. Broderick hotly denounced Mr. Bryn-Roberts' charges, asserting that it was criminal to make allegations which could not be proved, but which, however, would be telegraphed to South Africa to increase the discontent existing there. He held up Mr. Bryn-Roberts to the censure and reprobation of nearly every member of the house of commons. These remarks were greeted with cheers. Mr. Broderick then repeated that the government did not desire to pursue a policy which would make it more difficult for the Boers to cease fighting, and that the government abided in the declarations of Mr. Chamberlain.

The session was suspended until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when both houses were prorogued.

KRUGGER'S VIEW.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15.—The dinner given by Queen Wilhelmina at the palace this evening was private.

When Mr. Kruger was apprised of the contents of General Kitchener's latest dispatch, chronicling such a great disaster to the British, he said he thought that the fact that the news coincided with the anniversary of the battle of Colenso was an excellent augury for the Boers.

COURT MARTIAL CALLED FOR.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The St. James' Gazette holds Buller alone blameable for the disasters of the Tugela campaign and says: "When comparable blunders occurred in the navy a court-martial meted out justice. Why, therefore, should not the same rule hold good in the army?"

The public apparently is little affected by the fresh troubles. Soldiers are still eager to go to South Africa, the news from the Magaliesberg having resulted in offers of volunteer regiments to proceed to the front. In contrast with the apparent insufficiency of troops to master the situation in South Africa comes a revelation of the military resources at home still at the disposition of the government in today's announcement that 45,000 troops will be sent from Aldershot to London to participate in Lord Roberts' triumphal entry January 3.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener's message to the war office is as follows: "Pretoria, Dec. 14.—Gen. Clements brought in his force to Commando Nek unopposed. The casualties were, I regret to say, heavy—killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, eighteen officers and 555 of other ranks. These latter were four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who were stationed on the hill, and some yeomanry and other details sent up to support them. Names and nature of wounds are being telegraphed from Cape Town.

"Broadwood's brigade took no part in the engagement. The Boers suffered severely. Knox drove De Wet north to the Thabanchu-Ladybrand line, which was held by our troops. De Wet's force, about 3000 strong, made several attempts to get through during the day, assisted by a force of Boers operating from the north. These attacks were driven back, though some of the Boers from the south were able to get through the line."

Writing later, December 14, Lord Kitchener reports that while passing the lines in the neighborhood of Thabanchu De Wet's force lost considerably. The South African Light Horse and Thorneycroft's mounted infantry captured a 15-pounder, taken at Dewetsdorp, a pom-pom and several wagons with ammunition, twenty-two prisoners and some horses and mules. A portion of the enemy has not been able to pass north.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.

Railroads Will Give One Cent Rate if It Is Postponed Till September.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The railroads in the Western Passenger Association will make a one cent rate for the Grand Army encampment at Denver next year, providing the executive committee of the Grand Army at Denver Monday agree to postpone the date of the encampment to September.

NEW YEAR SERVICES.

Every Catholic Bishop and Archbishop Will Pontificate Publicly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Coincident with the close of the 19th century, every archbishop and bishop in the United States as well as elsewhere is expected by Pope Leo to pontificate publicly at the midnight service in his cathedral.

HOFF FOUND GUILTY.

California Murderer Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The jury in the Hoff murder case has brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

EDITOR OTTENDORFER DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Gswald Ottendorfer, editor of the Staats Zeitung, died at his home in this city today.

TRAIN CREWS MAY JOIN THE STRIKE

Almost Certain That Sympathetic Strike Will Take Place.

OFFICIALS BECOME ANXIOUS

An Assault Upon a Scab Telegrapher by a Striker Leads the Company to Place Armed Men at its Stations in California.

TOPEKA, Dec. 15.—Opinions concerning the telegraphers' strike have materially changed today. Instead of the indifference which has been manifested by some railroad officials during the past few days, a disposition to be constantly on the alert has shown itself.

Officials of the Santa Fe have at last been convinced that the strike means something. The cause of this is the unrest prevalent among the engineers, conductors and brakemen. It is regarded as almost certain that some of these workers will go on a sympathetic strike within two days unless the differences between the company and operators are speedily adjusted.

OPERATORS PROTECTED.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 15.—The Santa Fe, fearing that violence would be done to the operators at stations between this city and Needles, has placed an armed man at each station to protect employes and property. So far there has been one case of violence on this division, Denver P. Dayton, formerly the operator at Danby, but now one of the strikers, assaulted Operator Duncan, who took his place. Dayton struck Duncan a violent blow over the head with a lantern, cutting his scalp open and causing three severe wounds.

SIX-DAY RACE OVER.

American Team Won by a Wheel's Length.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Before nearly 20,000 people in Madison Square Garden Harry Elkes, of Glen Falls, N. Y., and Floyd McFarland, of San Jose, Cal., the American team, won the six-day international bicycle race by a wheel's length from Burns Pierce, of Boston, and Archie McEachern, of Toronto, the Canadian team. Caesar Simar, of Paris, and Jean Gougoltz, of Monte Carlo, the French team, were third, one lap away.

The distance covered by the winners was 3625 miles and seven laps, this being 194 miles and seven laps behind the record of Miller and Waller, made last year.

Karl Kaser, of Berlin, and Fritz Ryster, of Berlin, the German team, were given fourth place, with 2536 miles and four laps to their credit. Michael Fredericks, of Paris, and Jean Fisher, of Paris, took fifth place with 2321 miles. Frank Waller, of Boston, and W. C. Stinson, of Boston, gave up this morning, content with sixth position.

From fourteen starters the race had narrowed down to three contestants for the final spurt at the close.

Elkes and McFarland got \$1500 in cash; Pierce and McEachern got \$1000; Simar and Gougoltz, \$800; Kaser and Ryster, \$500; Fisher and Fredericks, \$300; Waller and Stinson, \$250; Babcock and Aarsonson, \$150.

UNION WANTS RECOGNITION.

Brotherhood of Illinois Railway Men Ask to Be Represented in the State Commission.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The five brotherhoods of railway employes in Illinois asking for recognition on the state railroad and warehouse commission, was a decided innovation in railroad matters. It has long been contended by the brotherhoods that a practical railroad man should be on the board. The organizations which intend to have a voice in matters in which they are so much concerned are: The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, Trainmen, Switchmen and the Order of Railway Conductors of Illinois.

JUDGMENT AGAINST DUKE.

Manchester Left a Big Wine and Cigar Bill Behind Him.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A judgment for £250 was entered in the queen's bench court today against the Duke of Manchester for wine and cigars supplied by a city merchant. The claim was not contested.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54 1/2; bluestem, 57 1/2.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Wheat, May, opening, 73 1/2; closing, 73 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Wheat, March, 6s. 3d.

SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

A NEW LINE OF

Mantel Folding Beds
JUST RECEIVED

Ladies' Dressing Table
In Golden Oak, Mahogany and Birds' Eye Maple

IRON BEDSTEADS, FULL BRASS TOP, \$6.50

CHARLES HEILBORN & SON