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AN IMPERIAL DECREE

Chinese Officers to Be Punished for Defeat.

A REVOLUTIONIST TO BE SHOT

More Outrages Committed in Armenia—Premier Thompson's Remains.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—Local papers state an imperial decree was issued December 17 for the arrest and handing over to a board of punishment Taotai Kung, General Wei Wu Cheng Tung, Sellin Chiang Kurte and Ching Yang for losing Port Arthur; Tsao Hueyi, commander at Tien Wang, for cowardice; Wieu Kwei, commander of a ship, for incapacity to control his men, and permitting them to pillage; Ko Yeh Chin Chav, commander-in-chief in Chihili, for sending false reports of victories, whereas he retreated from Yashan and lost Ping Yang, and Anchow and Admiral Ting, for failing to protect Port Arthur and cowardice. It is reported the authorities refused passports to a detachment of Russian marines to guard the legation of Russia.

The First Japanese Army.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 19.—The first Japanese army, under command of Field Marshal Nodzu, Field Marshal Yamagata having been invalidated home, is operating from Chien Len Chung with detachments thrown out toward New Chwang and Moukden. Little headway is being made. The country is difficult to traverse, and the enemy is making resistance. It appears the first army is not anxious to get to New Chwang or Shanghai Kwang before the other forces are ready to strike Tien-Tsin. A searching official inquiry is being made into the Port Arthur atrocities.

A Contraband Vessel Captured.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Tokio dispatch says the Japanese cruiser off Wei-Hai-Wei captured a sailing vessel loaded with ammunition and provisions consigned to Admiral Ting of the Chinese fleet. The vessel was towed to Tien Wan.

Field Marshal Yamagata will resign the presidency of the privy council and be appointed inspector-general of the Japanese army.

A Tien-Tsin dispatch says United States Minister Denby at Peking has received from the dowager empress of China valuable presents of handkerchiefs, intended for the foreign ladies who had subscribed to purchase the testament recently presented to her. The emperor has ordered the troops to protect the churches in Peking.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

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Found In a Garret.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J. Dec. 19.—A valuable discovery, it is believed, has been made here. Raphael's celebrated lost painting, "The Holy Family of Loretta," done 1513, has emerged again from an eclipse of obscurity. A good authority on works of art has pronounced the picture to be a genuine Raphael, but how it came here remains to be revealed. After being knocked about here for several months as valueless, it has found its way to a New York collection. The old painting has lain for a number of years in the garret of Rev. P. F. Connolly, rector of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. Last spring during house-cleaning time, the picture, covered with the dust of several decades, was thrown into the yard as worthless. A son of Daniel Gates, the local auctioneer, saw the picture, and asking for it, was told to take it away. The boy took it to his father's shop, where it was cleaned up and placed in the window awaiting a purchaser. A few weeks ago Thomas MacCan, a local painter, saw the picture, and taking a fancy to it, paid \$12 for it. He knew nothing of the real value until a friend from New York, who called at the house, offered him \$250 for it, which was accepted. The painting was shipped to New York, where it was sold for \$500, and now hangs in one of the finest collections in the country. Its real value has just been disclosed. The name of the last purchaser cannot be ascertained, as the transaction is one that brings with it no honor. From what can be learned the painting is without doubt the long-lost "Holy Family of Loretto," painted by Raphael in 1513. How it came to Perth Amboy is hard to guess. It was undoubtedly at one time part of the Egglewood collection, which, when the Spring family was in its zenith, was one of the best and oldest collections in the country. Civil war and business troubles reversed the fortunes of that family, and their collection was scattered about the country. The most plausible explanation, the only one that is given by Father Connolly for the presence of the picture in his garret, is that it must have been brought there by one of his servants, who was at one time employed on the Egglewood estate. Another theory advanced is that the painting was stolen from the studio of George Inness, which was part of the Egglewood estate, and occupied by him a number of years. The present owner claims that he has been offered \$10,000 for the old painting a number of times during the short period it has been in his possession.

The Foreigners in Peking.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says that, in view of China's refusal to permit foreign guards to enter Peking, the various diplomatists of that city are combining for local defense should the occasion arise.

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Member of Parliament Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Sir Edmund B. Lechmere, member of the house of commons for Evesham division, Worcestershire, when about to address a meeting at Pershore, Worcestershire, last night, fell dead.

A Household Treasure.

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The Czar's Coronation.

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