

GOLD HILL NEWS.

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

A second-class naval station will be established at San Diego, Cal.

Churches and residences of foreigners in Tien Tsin have been burned.

An extra session of congress may be convened owing to the Chinese war.

China will have a heavy bill of damages to pay for the Boxer outrages when order is again restored.

Fire destroyed the Home for the Friendless children at Leadville, Colo., causing the death of four of the inmates.

Francis of Orleans, Prince of Joinville, son of the late Louis Philippe, king of the French, is dead of pneumonia, aged 82 years.

Three persons were killed and 16 seriously injured by a collision between an express train and a train filled with race-goers near London, England.

G. P. Rummelin, a well-known merchant of Portland, Or., was murdered in New York city, presumably for the purpose of robbery. His throat was cut from ear to ear.

A native rising has occurred in the Gambia colony, West Africa, and two British commissioners and six members of the police have been killed at Sannkandi, on the south banks of Gambia river, by Mandingoes. The party had gone to Sannkandi to settle a question of local administration, when the Mandingoes suddenly attacked and murdered them.

The Mexican government, following the example set by Texas, has quarantined against San Francisco, and until notice to the contrary is given, all persons who have been in San Francisco within a period of 15 days will not be allowed to pass the border until they have remained in quarantine for a sufficient length of time to make up the 15 days. The Mexican quarantine relates to passengers only. The border authorities have the matter in hand.

Journal specials from towns in South-west Nebraska tell of violent rain and wind storms with some hail. At Syracuse, 5 1/2 inches of rain has fallen in 24 hours. Damage to crops is heavy. The Little Nehama valley is one vast lake, and many families have been compelled to abandon their homes. Freight trains on the Burlington have been abandoned. Weeping Water creek, at Weeping Water, Cass county, is the highest known for 10 years and Missouri Pacific trains are delayed.

British marines killed and wounded 40 Boxers.

Roberts' line of communication is again open.

General Grant reports the capture of San Miguel, a rebel stronghold.

Seven persons were drowned by the upsetting of a boat on Lake Bennett, Alaska.

Four people were killed by the destruction of a large coopeage plant in Brooklyn.

Robert's forces had a hard battle with General Botha, but did not defeat the Boer leader.

Pennsylvanians will push the candidacy of former governor Pattison for the vice-presidency.

The money appropriated by congress for use at the mouth of the Columbia will be used at once.

Two persons were drowned at South Bend, Ind., by the capsizing of a boat on the river, at that place.

Methuen and Kitchener, in an engagement with Dewet's troops, scattered the Boers in all directions.

Terry McGovern, champion lightweight of the world, knocked out Tom White in three rounds at New York City.

New York capitalists have secured concessions from the government of Honduras to build a railroad in that country.

Wood workers of Chicago threaten to go out on July 1, unless their wages are increased. The strike will involve 3,000 workmen.

Two city detectives of Kansas City undertook to stop a street fight between a crowd of negro men and women and as a result a man and a woman were killed.

News has been received in New York of the murder of Dr. Edna G. Terry, in charge of the station of the Methodist Episcopal Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Tsung Hua, China.

Thomas Lewis, a miner of Tucson, Ariz., has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to the Catalina forests, where 5,000,000 feet of timber were destroyed. A miner who was with Lewis claims that Lewis became incensed because the pine needles hurt his feet and set fire to them, causing the most disastrous forest fire ever known in the Southwest.

LATER NEWS.

Two thousand stand of arms have been given up by the Boers at Pretoria. The battle-ship Oregon and 5,000 American troops will go to Taku at once.

American ships took no part in the bombardment and seizure of the Chinese forts at Taku.

A special session of congress may be called. The situation in the far East seems to demand it.

Three of the forts at Taku were completely destroyed by the bombardment from foreign ships, and the British vessels captured four Chinese torpedo boats.

Mrs. Beveridge, wife of United States Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, died in a sanitarium at Danville, N. Y., of heart failure. She had been ill several months.

Half of the business portion of the city of Bloomington, Ill., including five squares of the finest business blocks of the city and the court house, were destroyed by fire, with losses estimated at \$1,000,000.

Negotiations for a commercial treaty with France have been satisfactorily concluded by the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs at Rio Janeiro. France will grant a reduction of 20 per cent on the duty on Brazilian coffee.

The Pacific Oil Works Company was incorporated at Tacoma, Wash., with a capital of \$250,000, to bore for oil in a gulch, almost in the heart of the city. Sample oil from outcroppings indicate rich deposit. Work will be prosecuted at once.

A dispatch from Lord Roberts sent from Pretoria, June 16, gives an official version of an attack on a British post at Zand river, June 16, by 800 Boers, with three guns. It says that General Knox, with a mixed force, drove off the Boers, who left four dead and four prisoners on the field. The British loss was Major Seymour and two men killed and nine wounded.

The French government will have 4,200 troops at Taku when the reinforcements just ordered have arrived there. They will reach Taku before June 30. The dispatch of a cruiser division, which was decided upon, will give France a strong naval force, consisting of seven modern cruisers—three of the first-class and four of the second class—four gunboats and a dispatch boat.

Princess Radizwill, of Russia, was robbed of jewelry worth £10,000 at her hotel in London, June 20. Among the jewels was her historic rope of 150 pearls, each weighing 22 grains, and a bracelet of emeralds, the gift of the Ameer of Afghanistan. The princess was about to start to Paris, but while at luncheon she left the jewels in her cases, locked in her wardrobe. On her return she found them missing. All the efforts of the Scotland Yard detectives have thus far proved unavailing. Fortunately most of her diamonds were in a safe at Court's bank.

Chinese forts at Taku fired on foreign vessels, but were soon forced to surrender.

Russia has demanded of China an indemnity of 50,000,000 taels for the damage done to the railroad from Tien Tsin to Peking.

John Vass, one of the best-known mining experts on the Pacific Coast, died of consumption at Baker City, Or., aged 46 years.

Trouble is rife in the northern part of the Republic of San Domingo. Many arrests have been made, including leaders of the former government party.

In consequence of the gravity of the situation in China, England has ordered the Seventh Bengal infantry at Simla, India, to proceed to Hong Kong.

J. C. Pardee, aged 36 years, a brakeman on the Southern Pacific train, who lives in Ashland, Or., was killed at Dunsmuir, Cal., by being run over by a train.

Information from Peking, brought to Shanghai by refugees, says that the city is in a state of panic. Incendiary fires are of nightly occurrence, and scores of outrages are reported. Women and children from Tien Tsin are pouring into Shanghai. The chief danger there is the fact that the native town, behind the European settlement, is full of bad characters, whose attitude is becoming every day more insolent and menacing.

At Needles, Cal., the federal quarantine inspector has been prevented from molesting passengers on Santa Fe trains at the state line and his authority is ignored by the railroad officials. Orders have been issued to all conductors to take up the pass of the inspector, Mr. Jenkins, if presented, and collect his fare. Jenkins has wired to Surgeon Kenyon for instructions. The conductors have also been ordered to give the inspector no information.

S. J. McCowan, superintendent of the Phoenix, Ariz., Indian Industrial School, having been directed to investigate the condition of the Pima Indians on their reservation on the Gila river, 30 miles from Phoenix, who were reported to be suffering from famine, states that 8,000 Pimas and an equal number of Papagoes are in great distress. Congress has appropriated \$33,000 for the relief of the Indians and rations will soon be distributed.

OPEN FIRE ON WARSHIPS

Chinese Forts Begin the War With the World.

WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER

Fortifications at Taku Opened the Conflict by the Orders of the Empress—Now in Hands of Powers.

London, June 20.—China declared war against the world when the Taku forts opened fire upon the international fleet. The accounts of what took place are still unsatisfactory, the best semi-official information being the dispatch received at Berlin from Che Foo. A press dispatch from Che Foo, dated yesterday afternoon, says:

"The forts on both sides of Taku are now occupied. The Chinese opened fire unexpectedly. The casualties to the mixed force were as follows:

"Killed—British, one; German, three; Russian, one, and French one. "Wounded—British four; German, seven; Russian, 45, and French, one. "Chinese torpedo boats were seized."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing yesterday says: "The forts began firing in obedience to the orders from Peking, conveyed in the personal edict of the empress dowager, by advice of Kang Yi (president of the minister of war.) Several warships were struck by shells from 12-inch guns of the forts. The heavy Russian losses were due to the blowing up of the magazines of Mandshur.

"Four hundred Chinese are reported killed. The Chinese, who were retreating, fell into the hands of the Russian land force."

The Daily News has the following from Che Foo:

"Two of the forts were blown up. The 32 warships at Taku aggregated 200,000 tons, and carried more than 300 guns."

TRIP OF THE ELDER.

Account of the Journey From Portland to Dutch Harbor.

Dutch Harbor, June 7.—Thus far has the good ship Elder, with her enthusiastic collection of goldseekers, progressed on her way to the land of promise. Under fair auspices has the journey been thus far, and the light of hope kindles each eye has the future is contemplated. Many have suffered from the trials which the capricious mood of "Old Briny" has inflicted on them, but not severely; for, to give Old Briny credit, thus far he has been very lenient with us. Our time has been passed in visiting the sick and needy, who, like the poor, are always in evidence on a sea trip, and various social diversions, consisting of entertainments in the afternoon and song services in the evening. Our worthy leader has been Judge Galbraith, and to him we are deeply indebted for his many kindnesses in helping out the programme. We are also honored by having in our midst a poet, John E. M. Shea, who has been inspired to write a poem aboard, entitled, "The Voyage of the Elder." Among the faces familiar to Portland people are: W. T. Hume, W. S. Chapman, Captain Watson, George W. Hazen, Joe Ben Lane, Silvey Stuart, J. D. McKinnon, Captain Lyons. We have but few ladies aboard. Among them are Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Jewell.

Captain Randall is quite popular, and has won much praise by his gentlemanly and considerate deportment. Mr. Heywood, the purser, and Mr. Owens, the freight clerk, also deserve special mention for their courtesies. As the days go by and the trials of seasickness are over, the jollity at meals increases, revealing many original characters, and there is much by-play of talk. At our entertainments, too, much of originality is brought out in the remarks made, creating no little merriment. And so, day by day, in our lonely floating home on the trackless ocean, we have our simple pleasures, each hoping in his heart, that Dame Fortune may smile upon his venture and that he may return to his friends in dear old Portland a successful and happy man.

Colombia War.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 20.—Passengers who arrived from Panama on board the British steamer Don, from Colon, bring details of a battle which was fought June 13 and 14 on Bejucaplan and Anton hill, between government forces composed of three battalions and numbering about 1,500 men, and a force of revolutionists under General Belasorobe Parras. It is asserted that 400 soldiers and 35 officers of the government force were killed and that the forces of the government army were divided. The passengers of the Don further assert that General Parras addressed a letter to General Campos, the governor of Panama, demanding the surrender of the city, adding that otherwise the place would be taken by force. When the Don left Colon, June 15, General Parras was 15 miles from Panama, with 1,500 well-armed infantry and 500 cavalry. It was believed that General Campos would be compelled to surrender the city.

CALLED TO ORDER.

Opening Session of Republican National Convention.

Philadelphia, June 21.—Chairman Hanna, with a rabbit's foot suspended from a miniature of McKinley in the lapel of his coat, surveyed an imposing spectacle when he called the 12th Republican National convention to order in the exposition building at 12:35 P. M. today. The valleys below him were crowded with the 1,800 delegates and alternates and stretching away to the four corners of the immense hall were endless vistas of people rising in terraced seats to the walls. He looked into the faces of fully 15,000 men and women. Opposite, in a broad gallery, were massed a hundred musicians, their leader a mere pigmy in the distance.

The platform on which he stood jutted out like a huge rock into an ocean of humanity. Below him and flanking the stage, was an embankment thronged with the representatives of the press of the country. Above was a riot of flags, bunting, eagles, shields, the whole scheme of the elaborate decoration culminating in a huge portrait of McKinley nesting in the graceful folds of the American flag. About him were the working leaders of his party, and behind, among the dignitaries and honored guests of the convention, were white faced men who had been present at the party's birth in this city, almost half a century ago.

It was not a riotous convention. There were no wild outbursts of enthusiasm, no frenzied partisans of rival candidates, no entrance of delegations with banners to set the multitudes to cheering, no skirmishing and clashing of candidate managers over rules of procedure and contesting delegations. The chief aim in the coming battle had already been selected by the unanimous voice of the Republicans of the country. The man who had stood at the helm of the ship of state for four years was their unbroken choice. The platform was the record of his administration. The only question remaining for the convention to decide was the vice-presidency, and it was not a sufficient bone of contention to produce the tumultuous scene which usually attends the assembly of a National convention.

The convention today was a dignified gathering of the representatives of the Republican party, to ratify formally the wishes of the millions whose authority they held. While the crowds and delegates were funneling into the hall before the hour for calling the convention to order had arrived, there were no wild greetings of party leaders. A scattering applause met Mr. Hanna as he made his way to the stage. General Grosvenor, Senator Lodge, Senator Foraker, ex-Senator Quay and a few others aroused a fluttering of handkerchiefs and a round of hand-clapping, but men of national reputation, whose fame has spread away from our shores across both oceans, entered without producing a ripple. Perhaps most of them were not recognized. It seemed tame. There was only that indescribable buzz of myriads of voices which belongs to a National convention as the humming of bees belongs to a field of clover in summer.

BLOOMINGTON FIRE.

Estimated That the Loss May Reach Two Million Dollars.

Bloomington, Ill., June 21.—Half of the business section of Bloomington, including five squares of the finest business blocks of the city and the court house, erected at a cost of \$400,000 was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is variously estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. One death also resulted from the fire. Robert Schmitt, 19 years old, died from the shock occasioned by the noise of the explosion of dynamite, which was used by the firemen in blowing up buildings to stay the progress of the flames.

The fire department was badly handicapped by an almost total failure of the water supply, and it was not until late this morning, when the buildings had been blown up with dynamite, that the flames were finally gotten under control.

The fire started in the Model laundry on Monroe street, in the block east of the court house. A strong wind was blowing at the time and before the fire department arrived, the fire spread to the four-story brick building occupied by B. S. Green & Co., and thence steadily eastward. In an hour the entire block, except the postoffice building, which was saved by hard work, was in ruins. In this block was the old Durley theater, which was being remodeled. The fire worked westward across to Greishem's seven-story building, at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, and soon that entire block was also in flames. From there the fire spread to the court house and thence to adjacent blocks.

In the meantime aid had been summoned from Peoria and Springfield and with the assistance of fire apparatus from these cities, the fire was gradually brought under the control to the west. To the east it was necessary to use dynamite to destroy several buildings in the path of the flames before the fire was stopped in that direction.

Madison, Wis., June 21.—The entire business section of the village of Middleton, eight miles west of here, was wiped out by fire tonight. The insurance loss is \$75,000 to \$100,000, with actual loss much greater.

ARE STORMING THE CITY

Russian Forces Before the Gates of Peking.

ATTACK UPON THE LEGATIONS

It is Rumored That All the Foreigners in the Capital Have Been Massacred—Japan Mobilizing 25,000 Troops.

London, June 21.—The Russian relieving force arrived outside of Peking this morning, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, and immediately began to attack the city on two sides, employing numerous artillery. The force apparently arrived in the nick of time, for the Chinese assert that the attack upon the legations had been successfully renewed. The night of June 16 the Chinese troops, under Generals Tu Fuh Siang and Tung Ching, attacked the legations and set on fire five European buildings. Nothing definite is known as to the result, except that the Chinese were disappointed, although other reports, utterly discredited by foreigners here, are that the Chinese, infuriated by the destruction of Taku, have since massacred all the foreigners in Peking.

A modified version of the rumors received at Berlin is that the French as well as the German minister has been killed. The English at Shanghai think that the Chinese had foreign advice in organizing the defenses at Taku, because of the precision with which their attack was delivered. The wires connecting with the harbor mines were cut by the boats of the warships the night before the bombardment. It is now reported at Shanghai that it was on board the Russian cruiser Kornetz, and not the Mandshur, that the explosion occurred, killing and wounding more than 50. It is reported that no fewer than 700 Chinese were killed in the forts.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says he is officially informed that Japan is mobilizing 25,000 men for immediate transport.

The British cruiser Undaunted arrived at Shanghai yesterday, cleared for action and took up a position commanding the Chinese forts. There are three Chinese cruisers in the harbor. The new Chinese cruiser Hai Han, built by the Armstrongs, has been taken into custody at Taku by the British and Russians.

At Yunnan Fu, where the rising has been gathering force for several days, 680 Christians have been attacked at the French mission settlement, many being put to death. The French consul and three missionaries are still in prison.

The disorderly elements have secured the upper hand at Wa Hai and Czechuan, where the native Christians have been massacred. A thousand Boxers have gathered on the outskirts of Tien Tsin.

Three Shanghai correspondents of the Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"The Chinese officials here assert that they have news from Peking up to June 17. The situation was then very serious. Beyond that they claim to have received nothing, but they deny that dispatches have been withheld.

"Although I am not willing to adopt the alarmist reports, my impression, gathered from the consuls and Chinese authorities, is that the worst is to be feared in Peking. Admiral Seymour's column is now in the middle of an arid plain, with no food and no good water, and surrounded by hostile forces."

A dispatch from Shanghai announces that the United States transport Thomas, with troops for Manila, was diverted to Nagasaki and has arrived at Taku with 1,200 men.

Killed in a Train Wreck.

Lebanon, Ky., June 21.—Two men were killed and five seriously injured in a wreck this afternoon on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Cavalry, six miles from Lebanon. The killed are: George Mulline, of Mount Vernon, and J. H. Houston, of Pinehill, both bridge carpenters. Thirteen bridge carpenters were at work on the bridge that crosses Rolling Fork River. The passenger train was in the center of the first 100-foot span when the bridge gave way and precipitated almost the entire train to the bed of the river. The last coach, containing 20 passengers, was left hanging over the abutment, and was not seriously damaged until after its occupants were taken out.

Going to Fight African Natives.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 21.—The West Indian regiment today received orders from the war office to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Cambia, Western Africa, to fight the Sofas. Demarara has offered 400 volunteers and a Maxim gun for service against the Ashantees. About 775 men of the Kingston infantry militia volunteered for the same service yesterday.

Beckham Wants Reappointment.

Frankfort, Ky., June 21.—Governor Beckham, the youngest governor this state has ever had, and the youngest governor in the United States, issued a statement tonight, formally announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself.