

GOLD HILL NEWS.

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The powers are planning to evacuate Pekin.

Railroaders may join the striking coal miners.

Spokane, Wash., is visited by a terrible wind storm.

Anglo-American troops defeated the Boxers at Pei Ta Chu.

The British troops occupy Koomatipoot without opposition.

Boxers and other anti-foreign Chinese are in imperial favor.

English and Germans express dissatisfaction at American attitude.

Further violence in the Shenandoah, Pa., coal district prevented by the arrival of troops.

The Astoria, Or., coal bunkers, valued at \$30,000, were completely destroyed by fire.

A stevedore in Portland, Or., drowned from a falling scaffold. Ten others narrowly escaped.

By settlement of the wage scale, 60,000 iron and steel workers will resume work in Ohio.

Four masked men held up an express car on the Burlington route, near Lincoln, Neb., and a very large sum was secured.

E. J. Clough, of Arlington, Or., estimates the wheat crop of Gilliam county at 1,000,000 bushels. Some think the output will reach 1,500,000 bushels.

The United States transport Port Albert sailed from Seattle for the Philippines with 509 cavalry horses and a cargo of forage and commissary supplies.

Fire destroyed the large grainhouse and elevators on the Atlantic dock, Brooklyn, causing a loss of \$100,000 to buildings and contents. Forty-five thousand bushels of oats were destroyed.

The United States transport Grant arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines and China, bringing home over 500 discharged soldiers, including 200 sick and wounded and 30 dead bodies. There were 11 deaths during the voyage.

Methuen completely routed a Boer convoy at Hart river, west of Klerksdorp, and recaptured a 15-pounder lost at Colenso. He also captured 26 wagons, 8,000 cattle, 4,000 sheep, 20,000 rounds of ammunition and 28 prisoners.

The state of Oregon has contributed more than \$2,000 to the Galveston relief fund.

Belle Archer, the actress, died at the Emergency hospital at Warren, Pa., of apoplexy.

Three men robbed the First National bank at Winnemucca, Nevada, and secured about \$5,000.

General John A. McClernand died as a result of old age at his home in Springfield, Ill., aged 88 years.

In an engagement with Filipinos near Soloman, near the end of Laguna de Bay, the Americans lost 12 killed and 26 wounded.

At Iona, I. T., Postmaster Dismuke was shot and instantly killed by Sam Ashton, a well-to-do stockman. Dismuke's son rushed to his father's assistance, and was also shot.

At a meeting at Lebanon, Pa., of about three-quarters of the 1,200 men employed by the American Iron & Steel Company, who struck August 1 against a reduction of wages from \$4 to \$3 a ton for puddlers, it was agreed to go back to work at the rate offered, \$3 a ton.

General Viljoen, who succeeded Louis Botha in the supreme command of the Transvaal forces, is reported to be moving northward in the direction of Hectorspruit, with 3,000 men and 30 guns. He is known as "the firebrand," and will endeavor to protract the war.

In the North China Daily News, Li Hung Chang is reported as having said that as China could not possibly pay indemnity which will be demanded from her, there will be no alternative but to give territory instead of money, in which case Japan would get Shin King, Russia would be given Shin Kiang, and Tibet would go to England.

Lloyd Griscom, United States charge d'affaires, at Constantinople, Turkey, has made verbal representations to the porte, demanding the release of an Armenian, who, it is claimed, is a naturalized American citizen, and who was arrested upon the charge of belonging to the Armenian revolutionary committee. An investigation has been ordered and if the prisoner is found to be an American citizen he will be released.

LATER NEWS.

Germany is about to declare war on China.

General John M. Palmer, of Illinois, is dead.

Galveston appeals for help to rebuild the city.

Four persons were killed by a tornado in an Iowa town.

Epidemic of smallpox at Nome has been stamped out.

Von Waldersee will demand the surrender of leaders of the outrages.

American troops, except a legation guard, are ordered from China to Manila.

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, opened the Republican campaign in Illinois, with a speech in Chicago.

Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, has officially declined the presidential nomination by the National party.

At Terre Haute, Ind., The Abbott broke the world's trotting record of 2:03 1/4, held by Alix, making the mile in 2:03 1/4.

Another death from bubonic plague was reported at Glasgow, making the seventh since the outbreak. Only 40 persons are now under observation.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, is now commander-in-chief of the First German squadron, succeeding Vice-Admiral Hoffmann, who has been relieved from the post.

The Austrian press bitterly condemns the attitude of the United States towards China, attributing to the course of the Washington government "the arrogant defiance with which China is treating the allies."

The Isthmian canal commission stated that it would be able to submit a report to congress sufficiently comprehensive to serve as a basis for the action of that body at the approaching session, if it should be desirable to act.

Dispatches announce that among the missionaries killed by Chinese in the massacre in Yunnan province were Bishop Fantousalli and Father Quirine, of the Roman Catholic church. It was said that the bishop died after the most awful torture.

Trouble between the union plumbers and the Seattle plumbing companies who do not belong to the Master Plumbers' Association of that city. As a result of this trouble the union plumbers have "walked out" from the shops of all such plumbing companies.

The walk-out of union men in this instance is not owing to any difference with their employers as regards wages or hours of labor, but wholly because of an agreement existing between the Master Plumbers' Association and the union plumbers which prevents the latter from working for any plumbing firm or individual not a member of such association.

Floods have washed away several towns in Texas.

Eight persons were killed by a tornado in Michigan.

Bryan will make a determined effort to capture New York.

The latest list of Galveston's dead numbers 3,859 names.

The navy department is hurrying vessels to the Asiatic station.

The expected clash in the strike region in Pennsylvania did not occur.

Eight persons were drowned at Brownwood, Texas, by a flood. The Rio Grande railway is badly crippled.

Anti-foreign leaders are said to have been appointed to positions of responsibility and honor in China, in defiance to the allies.

The Merchants' Nail & Wire Works, of Charleston, W. Va., which have been closed for two months, opened again. About 250 men are affected.

Anita Lutz, aged 18, shot and fatally wounded her father, John Lutz, near Lansing, Kansas, because her father had sent her brother away to school.

Direct advices from Carthage, Colombia, say the rebels are active in that department. September 3 they attacked the town, but government troops from Colon arrived just in time to prevent their success. The rebels, who are under General Commancho, will join hands with the forces of General Uribe. Plans are proceeding for another revolution for the new but unrecognized government.

Phil A. Julien, coroner of Silver Bow county, Mont., and one of the best known of the old-time newspaper men of the country, died suddenly at Butte of heart disease. He was a native of Washington, D. C., and was 56 years of age. He worked on the Washington Republican in the early days of that paper, and on other papers at the capital. He had been on newspapers in Montana for about 15 years.

The surgeon-general's office of the war department has no information regarding the epidemic of yellow fever in Havana. Private advices indicate that the outbreak is serious. The fever exists in the best parts of the city and among Americans who have gone there. It is said at the war department no fears are entertained of a serious outbreak among the American troops, as they are outside the city and not in the infected districts. Surgeon-General Sternberg does not think there need be any apprehension concerning the spread of the disease.

BAD STORM IN NORTHWEST

Over 500 People Homeless in Nome.

A NUMBER OF LIVES LOST

Worst Storm Ever Known in History of Northwestern Alaska—Property Loss Estimated at Over \$500,000.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 26.—The steamer Roanoke brings news of the most disastrous storm at Nome. It raged with unusual violence for nearly two days up to the evening of September 13, and was the severest that ever visited Northwestern Alaska.

A number of barges and lighters were driven ashore and totally wrecked. All along the beach for miles, both east and west of Nome, the wind and water have created havoc with tents and mining machinery. A number of lives are believed to have been lost. It is known that Andrew A. Ryan, of Los Angeles, was drowned. Several captains and seamen on small tugs are missing, and it is thought they are lost. Fully 500 people are homeless, while the loss to property is over \$500,000. There is not an alley leading to the beach that is not filled with debris. Many of the front street buildings abutting on the beach have been damaged. Numerous small buildings were swept completely away. The damage to the buildings, tents, household effects, merchandise and other goods and chattels is seen everywhere along the water front.

The heaviest individual losers are probably the Alaska Commercial Company and the Wild Goose Mining & Trading Company. A serious loss is the disappearance of over 2,000 tons of coal.

Captain French, in command of the troops, has thrown open the government reservation to those rendered homeless by the storm and will extend such other assistance as is possible.

STRUCK BY A TORNADO.

A Barn Dropped on a Saloon in a Michigan Town.

Minneapolis, Sept. 26.—A special to the Times from Faribault, Minn., says: Meager details have just reached here of a catastrophe which visited the village of Morristown, 10 miles west of Faribault, shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. The village was struck by a tornado and a barn was raised in the air and dropped directly on top of Paul Gateke's saloon, where 16 people had taken refuge from the storm. The saloon collapsed, and all its occupants were buried in the debris. At present it is said that eight dead bodies and three injured persons have been taken from the ruins.

The storm came without warning, from a southerly direction. The length of its path in the village was less than half a mile, but, owing to its peculiar action, the distress and damage resulting were not as great as they might have been.

The storm made jumps of one block, but whenever it came down everything was crumpled by the power of the wind. A barn belonging to Dr. Dargabel on the outskirts of the village was the first structure destroyed. It was picked up and carried a block, leaving the floor uninjured, with two horses standing on it. Before reaching the Gateke saloon there is a two-story building, which was left untouched. All the people killed and injured in Morristown were in the saloon, having hurriedly taken refuge there when the storm was seen on the outskirts of the village. There were 16 people in the structure at the time the storm struck. The building was crushed like an egg-shell. Before the building fell three people managed to escape, but the others are found in the lists of dead and injured.

After leaving the saloon the storm crossed the street and destroyed the barn of J. G. Temple, and took the roof from the barn of W. M. Bigoli. It then crossed the Cannon river and destroyed the barn of Adam Snyder, killing several hogs. The storm then passed off to the northeast, and did no further damage. Before reaching the town the storm descended on the farm of John Olsen and killed a hired man named Peterson.

Forest and Grass Fire.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Sept. 26.—A forest and grass fire which has been burning in the vicinity of Occidental the past three days today assumed vast proportions. The fire has covered a space of about 100 miles square, and is estimated to have done over \$25,000 damage. Only by hard work was the town of Occidental saved. The fire is now traveling south, owing to a strong north wind. The North Pacific railroad lost miles of track, in addition to two long trestles, one 219 feet, and other 300 feet in length.

Three county bridges are in ruins, and about 18 farms have been swept clean of their buildings and crops. The towns of Freestone, Bodega and Sebastopol are in immediate danger. Nearly 1,000 people are fighting the fire.

Germany believes all the powers but America will approve her policy.

CROSSED BOBI DESERT.

Experiences of a Party of Refugee Missionaries.

London, Sept. 27.—American Missionaries Roberts, Mark Williams, William and Mrs. Sprague and Miss Virginia Murdoch, who escaped from Kalgan, province of Chi Li, China, in June, and who were chased across Gobi desert, thence traveling by way of Siberia, have just reached London in good health, although they endured terrible hardships. The missionaries will proceed immediately to the United States.

Mr. Williams, who has worked 26 China for 34 years, gave a representative of the press an interesting story of his experience. It appears that the first assault on the mission compound at Kalgan was made during the night of June 10, when a yelling mob attempted to batter down the gate with stones. Seeing the uselessness of remaining, the missionaries, in the course of the night, evacuated the compound and proceeded to the magistrate's yamun. The following day they were ordered to leave, the magistrate declaring that he feared not only for the missionaries' safety, but also for his own yamun if he continued to protect them. After allowing the Americans to draw their money from the native bank, the magistrate furnished them with 50 soldiers as an escort through the great gate in the wall into Mongolia.

"We had no idea of the terrible journey which awaited us," continued Mr. Williams. "We had no notion of having to escape across Siberia and only purposed to remain in some place of safety and return after the crisis. Wherever we attempted to stop, however, the officials ordered us to leave forthwith, declaring the Boxers were on our heels. Finally, reaching a Mongol encampment at Harausa, we saw that flight across the great Gobi desert was inevitable. Having secured a caravan we started June 23. Just before starting, seven Swedish missionaries, with their families, who had just escaped with their lives, joined us. One lady had horrible experiences. She had been almost clubbed to death, while some of the males were frightful spectacles, being covered with blood.

"Our caravan consisted of 20 camels, 19 horses and six camel carts for the ladies and children. For eight days we traveled over nothing but sand. The air was like that of an oven and the suffering was intense. The animals had no grass and no water, and marching in the daytime was impossible. At the few isolated wells Mongols were encamped in the vicinity and they refused to allow us to draw water, fearing we would poison the wells. After 38 days of terrible anxiety we reached Urga, on the other side of the desert. We presented a sorry spectacle. The Russian consul-general was most kind. He gave up to us 14 rooms in the consulate. But to our dismay, the consul told us we must leave forthwith, as there were 2,000 Mongol soldiers in the neighborhood who might be hostile. He also warned us that tens of thousands of Mongols were gathering for a religious festival, and that if we valued our safety we had better clear out without delay. A fortnight later, August 13, we reached Kiak Kt, and remained there until August 27.

"In the meanwhile, Mr. Tower (Chargé d'affaires, United States ambassador to Russia) obtained permission from the authorities at St. Petersburg for our journey over the Siberian railway. Arriving at Irkutsk September 2, we took a train and reached St. Petersburg September 18. "It is impossible to speak too highly of the great kindness of the Russian officials. Everything possible was done for us by them, even to offering us money. On the Trans-Siberian railway, though it was choked with troops and closed to civilians, the authorities provided a reserved car for us. We passed immense numbers of troops, apparently conscripts, hastily collected. They wore no uniforms and some had no guns. All of them were straw hats. At the United States legation at St. Petersburg we expressed the opinion that Russia was preparing to seize Manchuria, but we were informed that the American legation had been assured that Russia had no such intention."

Trouble Over a Pea Fowl.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 27.—Hugh McCulloch, coroner of Jefferson county, tonight shot and killed George Owen, 21 years old, at the latter's home, on Melwood avenue. Coroner McCulloch was arrested and denied bail. The trouble started about two weeks ago between McCulloch and the Owen families, who are neighbors, and who were formerly friendly, and seemed to come to a head this afternoon over a pea fowl, which escaped from the yard of Mrs. Owen's house. The fowl had been given by Mrs. McCulloch to Mrs. Owen, mother of the man who was killed. Mrs. Owen says that McCulloch fired seven times at her with a revolver, none of the bullets hitting her, but several of them hit the Owen house. Dr. McCulloch came home at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and, going into the Owen yard, according to Mrs. Owen, began to abuse her. George Owen came in at this time and addressed Dr. McCulloch, who, Mrs. Owen says, immediately shot the young man, and then shot a Newfoundland dog that belonged to the Owens.

TO AVENGE VON KETTLER

Germany Will Fight China Single-Handed.

WILL SEIZE SHANGHAI FORTS

Capture of the Chinese Navy a Part of Her Programme—Von Waldersee Is Armed With an Ultimatum.

London, Sept. 27.—Only through advices from New York, does the British public learn that the United States and Great Britain are once again ranged together in opposition to the continental powers. Apparently such a grouping was entirely unexpected both in Berlin and London, and until an official statement is made comment will be withheld.

The Daily Chronicle, however, devotes a brief editorial paragraph to the announcement, expressing a hope that it is erroneous, and declaring "that the only way in which England can reap the fruit of her exertions in China is by standing shoulder to shoulder with Germany and Japan as the only effective counterpoise to Russo-French machinations and the weak-kneed policy of America."

Meanwhile, the news from China indicates that events are rapidly drifting in the direction of war between China and Germany.

"There is the best reason for believing," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, "that Count von Waldersee, on arriving at Taku, will present an ultimatum demanding the surrender of five leaders of the anti-foreign uprising. After a few hours' grace he will formally declare war, and taking advantage of Germany's position as a belligerent he will proceed to seize everything available with the German forces and fleet."

"It is expected that Germany will take the Wu Sing forts and the Kiang-an arsenal, thus dominating Shanghai. It is also believed that she will attack the Kiang Win forts, on the Yangtze, from the land side, and endeavor to seize the Chinese fleet, including the valuable new cruisers. Failing this, she will at least occupy all the provinces of Kiang Su north of the Yangtze. "The French will support Germany. This is not rumor, but reliable information, and will probably be confirmed at the foreign office. Prompt action is necessary to prevent a coup which will constitute a serious menace to British interests."

"Russia has handed over the Taku-Pekin railway to Germany."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday says: "Chinese officials report that Prince Tuan has issued a secret edict in the name of the empress dowager, to the effect that the imperial court has decided to continue the war against the powers at whatever cost. The edict threatens that any official failing to support the Manchus will be beheaded as a traitor, his whole family executed, and the tombs of his ancestors demolished."

J. M. Palmer Dead.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 27.—General John M. Palmer, ex-United States senator from Illinois, died at his residence in this city at 8 A. M., from heart failure. General Palmer was an honorary pall-bearer at General McClernand's funeral last Saturday. Last night he was on the street viewing the state air illuminations until a late hour, apparently in good health. He had complained yesterday, however, of a pain in his chest. He slept uneasily last night. About 3 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Palmer called a physician, who did not think the general's condition alarming. The general awoke about 7, still complaining. He talked to his wife for a short time, then fell asleep and expired soon after.

Railway Shops Burned.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 27.—The Iron Mountain shops, located at Baring Cross, were totally destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. No one seems to know how the fire originated, except that it started in the paint shops, which were located at the rear of the machine shops. Four hundred men are thrown out of employment, and their personal loss on tools will be probably \$10,000. The shops were the largest in this section of the country, and were the main shops of the Iron Mountain system, their other shops being at Desoto, Mo. The loss will reach \$250,000. The buildings covered an acre of ground.

Train Robber Frenzied.

Denver, Sept. 27.—What is regarded as an attempt to rob Denver & Rio Grande passenger train No. 16 was frustrated early today by the courage of brakeman Ross Miller. When the train stopped at the point where the Rio Grande crosses the Santa Fe road, near Florence, Miller was ordered by a man who had a revolver leveled at him to hold up his hands. Instead of complying, Miller struck the fellow on the head with his lantern. The would-be robber shot at the brakeman just as he jumped back into the car. Miller then procured a revolver and fired several shots at the desperado as he disappeared in the high weeds which line the track.