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THE WAR IN CHINA. Washington, July 30.—The effect of the day's news from China was to freshen the hope that the government can soon get in direct communication with Minister Conger. The mass of testimony as to his being alive as late as the 23d inst. is now so great as to warrant the department in resuming considerations of projects for the future. With all its anxiety to get Mr. Conger and the Americans in Pekin safely away, the department is proceeding with proper precaution, and is by no means disposed to accept any proposition that would unduly jeopardize their lives. Such might be the result of an off hand acceptance of the proposal to have the Chinese government deliver the foreign ministers at Tien Tsin, for it is realized that the escort might be overpowered by superior forces of Boxers on the way to the sea.

Mr. Fowler's Dispatch. Washington, July 30.—The Secretary of State received at midnight from Mr. Fowler, American Consul at Che Foo, a dispatch, dated July 29, which says: "A letter from the German Legation dated 21st, received at Tien Tsin, says the German loss is 10 killed and 12 injured. Chinese ceased their attack on 12th. Baron von Ketteler's body is said to be safe. The Austrian, Dutch and Spanish legations destroyed and the French partially. "A letter from the Japanese Legation, dated the 23d arrived at Tien Tsin on the 25th. Ten battalions of Chinese shelled the legations consecutively from the 20th of June and stopped on the 17th of July, but may renew. The enemy are decreasing. The German, Russian, American, British and half the Japanese and French legations still defended. Japanese say they have food for six days, but little ammunition. The Emperor and Empress are reported at Pekin."

Expect to Hear From Conger. Washington, July 30.—Now that the London Foreign Office has heard from Sir Claude McDonald, the officials here confidently expect that within a very short time something will come from Minister Conger if he be still alive. This belief is based upon assumption that Mr. Conger's facilities for communication to his government are at least equal to those possessed by his diplomatic colleagues, and that he will avail himself of the first opportunity to let the people of the United States know he is alive and what are the real conditions in Pekin. Some disappointment is expressed here because of the absence of any date to Sir Claude's dispatch, the message in its shape leaving uncertain just up to what time it brings events in Pekin. It was pointed out tonight, however, that the probability is that the date July 21, at the end of the message, is the day on which it was sent, as the body of the communication says an armistice has been in existence since July 16.

People are horrified at the great number of persons who have been killed and wounded, and say that when the day of reckoning comes, China will have a big account to settle with different nations. Held as Hostages. The fact that the Ministers at Pekin are held as hostages perplexes the allies. It is feared that if the international forces advance the Chinese will, if defeated, retreat to Pekin and put all the remaining foreigners to death. A dispatch received at Rome says the Chinese government is holding 600 Europeans as hostages.

Active But Resigned. Washington, July 31.—Doubt has given way to a feeling akin to certainty that the Legationists at Pekin and the gallant marines who managed to reach the Chinese capital just in the nick of time were not only alive July 22, but in all probability are still alive, and likely to remain so until they are released from their state of siege.

Tommy—Pop, why do singers eat tar drops? Tommy's pop—To give their voices a proper pitch, I suppose. "Is your brother, the doctor, making his mark?" "He's a vaccine physician, if that counts for anything."

Little Beth had never before seen a skimmer. "My!" she exclaimed, "who ever saw such a moth-eaten dipper as that?"

A Minister's Good Work. "I had a severe attack of bilious colic, got a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, took two doses and was entirely cured," says Rev. A. A. Power, of Emporia, Kan. "My neighbor across the street was sick for over a week, had two or three bottles of medicine from the doctor. He used them for three or four days without relief, then called in another doctor who treated him for some days and gave him no relief, so discharged him. I went over to see him the next morning. He said his bowels were in a terrible fix, that they had been running off so long that it was almost bloody flux. I asked him if he had tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and he said 'No.' I went home and brought him my bottle and gave him one dose; told him to take another dose in five or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was entirely cured." For sale by Conner & Warren.

GAVE HIS WIFE AWAY.

The famous romance of Ruskin's friendship for the great artist, Sir John Everett Millais, late president of the Royal Academy, has been a subject of no end of discussion the world over. In youth Ruskin had experienced a hopeless love for a French girl who only laughed at him. But the greater romance came several years after he had become a famous writer, when he met at Bower's Well, Scotland, Euphemia Chalmers, a beautiful and talented young woman. He gave her his whole love, but on a highly spiritualized plane. While she greatly admired him she demurred at his marriage proposal, but finally accepted on pressure by her parents. The honeymoon was cut short by Ruskin's illness, and the condition of his health for some time gave cause for serious uneasiness. In 1854 Millais came to Scotland. He and Ruskin were intimate friends. He painted the portrait of Ruskin standing beside the Falls of Glenfinlas and Ruskin invited him to paint a portrait of his beautiful wife. Millais was tall, full-chested, of vigorous presence, and he was as well known to fame as was Ruskin. Millais and Mrs. Ruskin fell in love. She left her husband; a decree of nullity dissolved the marriage, and in June, 1855 she was married to Millais at Bower's Well. Ruskin had known Millais so well that when the painter had brought his first picture to him, a portrait of Mrs. Ruskin, to ask what he thought of it, Ruskin said it was not a failure, but a fiasco, and kicked a hole through it. When the painter won his wife the friendship was not broken, Ruskin standing up in church with them at their marriage. He had been the first to urge it.

CORN FED.

At the Paris expo. the American corn propaganda seems to afford the French some amusement. A kitchen has been established to prepare corn bread, corn fritters, etc., as a free lunch, and thus recommend the use of corn and increase the demand for it. At the exhibits of all the countries there is a guard or soldier standing or walking in the uniform of his country. The nations have not forgotten to select soldiers of good appearance for this service. Hugo Krause, of Milwaukee, a variable Hercules, six feet five inches tall in his uniform, ruddy and handsome, is on guard at the American corn bread kitchen, and if any foreigner is skeptical as to the effect of corn as a diet he is pointed to this corn fed American, and Mr. Krause can tell them in good French what corn has done for him.

PARIS HUMBUG.

Why do people go to expositions? Because expositions are tremendously advertised, and because the human heart and foot is always in pursuit of sensation; always seeking the will-o-the-wisp novelty. Because the world loves to be humbugged a great many times, vowing after each deception it will not be caught again, but ever hungry for the next thing. The Paris exposition, like all the rest, is a mammoth advertising scheme, and France has of course the hog's share of the advertising and Paris will profit immensely by the show. The part played by the U. S. is, in comparison, far from conspicuous. It appears only here and there by an exhibit marked by an American flag and there is nearly always adjoining or across the aisle an exhibit of the same class by another country, it may be Italy, Hungary, or Belgium. Of course this means nothing to those who think, or know that the United States exhibit is nothing more than the "lay-out" of some firm or firms that strive to find or increase their business on that side of the water. But to the average tourist from rural France, Germany and Belgium who make the bulk of those who see the exposition and who know as little about the United States as a horse does of astronomy, the impression is that Belgium and Italy have more taste and better things than the United States, and that France has everything.

FAMOUS AUTHOR.

Owen Wister, of Philadelphia, will visit the Heppner Hills and the adjacent Blue mountains this month, arriving about the 15th. Mr. Wister's books and stories in Harper's magazine have attracted world-wide attention. He is a very interesting writer, particularly of western sketches where Indians and soldiers take prominent parts.

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FOR COUNTRY WOMEN.

Still another outlet has been found for unemployed energy through the efforts of a young woman at Pequaket, N. H., in establishing the Abnakee rug industry. Urged by a desire to give employment to the women of that remote mountainous district, and finding they could do nothing except make the common hooked rug, which as usually executed is ugly of pattern, crude in color and unpleasant under foot, she set herself the task of elevating the hooked rug, for she saw possibilities of artistic results that their rude methods had not developed. She bought new all-wool materials, furnished original designs, dyed the goods in the warm, neutral tones seen in Oriental rugs, and trained her workers after a method of her own. The result was a complete metamorphosis of the hooked rugs, constituting a distinct departure in American industry, as they are unlike any product before offered. In texture they are thick and soft as the heaviest velvet carpets, and have considerable sheen; and as they are hand-made they can be varied in color, pattern or size to meet any requirement. The work speedily grew beyond the original plan of making rugs for floors. Crests and coats-of-arms upon wall rugs are executed as well; also borders, portieres, couch covers, and chair covers are made to order.

POOR JACK.

The transport City of Pekin brings news from Manila that Harvey L. Jackson, a trader of Malolos, who succeeded in having \$40,000 of insurgent coin turned over to the United States, is a beach comber in Manila, without funds to return to this country or start again in business. Jackson did well as a trader at Malolos till the war came. Then the insurgents looted his store and took him prisoner, dragging him around from place to place. When Lawton captured San Nicolas, Jackson escaped to the American lines and in revenge promised to reveal the hiding place of the Spanish commander's treasure. Under his guidance soldiers recovered \$40,000 in coin, but they found much more in diamonds and jewelry, which was divided among themselves. Several soldiers wore diamond rings and all had abundance of money. Jackson got nothing of the plunder and his part in the recovery of the treasure was never reported to headquarters.

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SENORITAS.

Love and religion are the only subjects with which a senorita is expected to concern herself. Happiness is thus made to hang on a chance. Even when a Spanish girl wins her crown of wifehood and motherhood, her ignorance and poverty of thought tell heavily against the most essential interests of family life. Girls still marry too young, though not, as a rule, so young as their mothers married. I remember one weary woman of forty, with eighteen children in their graves, and the three who were living physical and mental weaklings. She told us of a friend who married at fourteen, and used to leave her household affairs in confusion while she stole away to a corner to play with her dolls. Her husband, a grave lawyer in middle life, would come home to dinner and find his helpmeet romping with other children in the square. The Spanish girl is every whit as fascinating as her musical, cloaked gallant confides to her iron-grated lattice. Indeed, these amorous serenades hardly do her justice, blending as she does French animation with Italian fervor. In Andalusia she dances with a grace that makes every other use of life seem vain. And when she bargains! there is nothing sordid about it. Her haggling is a social condescension that at once puts the black-eyed young Spaniard at her mercy. The average Spaniard is well satisfied with his senorita as she is. He did her extravagant homage as a suitor, he treats her with kindly indulgence as a husband, but he expects of her a life utterly bounded by the casa. "What is a woman?" we heard one say. "A bottle of wine!" And those few words told the story why, with all her charms, home-love, and piety, the Spanish women have not availed to keep the social life of the peninsula sound and sweet.

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