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DEFEAT OF BAKER PASHA.

Cowardice of the Egyptians.

CAIRO, Feb. 5.—Advices regarding the defeat of Baker Pasha are conflicting, but the following details have been received: Baker Pasha began his advance from the entrenchment at Trinkitat Sunday. His forces consisted of 3000 badly armed and short of ammunition, many of whom showed an unwillingness to proceed. Baker Pasha had sent from Trinkitat to Cairo an urgent appeal for rifles to replace the old muskets, with which a number of his troops were armed. In reply he received orders to try and force his way to Tokar without delay, and with the English officers connected with the expedition began the march with the expectation of defeat. Spies had falsely reported the road clear with the exception of small bands of rebels. Monday forenoon a portion of the advance encountered the body of Isman Degna's troops, and the fight ensued, which was more of a rout than a battle.

SAKEM, Feb. 6.—Baker Pasha lost all his camels and baggage in the fight. Most of the Egyptian officers and men bolted. Colonel Sartoris tried hard to rally them, but without success. Many were pursued into Trinkitat. The European police and Turkish infantry were cut to pieces. Fourteen European and three native officers are missing. The fight began by a few Arab horsemen attacking Baker Pasha's cavalry, which fled. Baker then formed a square, which the enemy surrounded. The rest of the Egyptians then fled in confusion, and the gunners deserted their guns. Baker Pasha was several times surrounded by the enemy, but with his staff managed to force his way through. The enemy's force was inferior in numbers to Baker Pasha's. Only three sides of the square were formed, owing to the fact that two companies of Egyptian troops stood still, overcome with fright. The enemy poured into this gap, when the Egyptians threw away their rifles and flung themselves upon the ground, screaming for mercy. The troops on one side of the square killed many of their own men by wild firing. The enemy betrayed profound contempt for their opponents.

All stores at Trinkitat were brought away. Col. Barnaby is safe. Marines have landed at Saakem, to prevent a panic.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—On receipt of the news of Baker Pasha's defeat, the admiralty issued telegraphic orders stopping troops on the way to India. The Egyptian correspondence is published. It confirms the report that England had no intention of employing British or Indian troops in the Sudan. The English government does not object to the employment of Turkish troops in Egypt, provided the porte pays their expenses.

CAIRO, Feb. 6.—Later advices of the defeat of Baker Pasha state that the slaughter of his troops continued all the way back to Trinkitat. The Egyptians were panic stricken and fell upon their knees, but their appeals for mercy were fruitless. The Arabs seized them by the necks and thrust spears into their backs, and savagely cut their throats. Englishmen missing are Eaurice Bay, Surgeon Leslie, Captains Foster and Walker and Lieutenants Carroll, Smith and Watkins. Ten other foreign officers are missing. The fugitives huddled together on the shore at Trinkitat, and might easily have been slaughtered, but the enemy gave up pursuit. The men embarked as quickly as possible upon six transports lying there, and with Baker Pasha and Col. Sartoris arrived at midnight at Saakem. Intense excitement prevails at Saakem, and an attack of the enemy is expected. The forts are occupied by English marines. The French agent has telegraphed for a man-of-war.

SAKEM, Feb. 5.—The enemy surrounded and destroyed Tewfik Bey and 400 followers, between Sinkat and the coast, while they were endeavoring to cut their way through the enemy.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—All special dispatches agree that Tokar and Sinkat are hopelessly lost. The fact that the British gunboats left Trinkitat creates a bad impression upon the minds of the Egyptians, and encourages the rebels in their fanaticism. The rebels captured five guns, 600 pounds of ammunition, 300 rifles and an enormous quantity of cartridges. A special cabinet council was held this morning for discussing the disaster to Baker Pasha. Gladstone presided. Egyptian shares have greatly declined.

A correspondent writing from West Union, under date of February 4, says: Here is an important question that we cannot understand: Why is it that citizens of Oregon do not have equal rights with the citizens of other states of the Union? In 1847 there was a number of our citizens robbed, outraged and murdered. There was Dr. Whitman and others. For this Governor Abernethy proclaimed war against the Indians. The citizens rallied and, under the stars and stripes, in January and February, 1848, chastised them. After six months' suffering, the volunteers returned and were honorably discharged. The United States assumed the war debt and paid it, or pretended to do so. But that is not the question. The question is: "Why is it that no pension is allowed a wounded or disabled soldier of the war?" Pensions have been applied for, and the commissioner informs us that there is no record that Colonel Gilliam, or the captain under him, was ever mustered into the service. Certainly there must be a record at Washington that they were paid for such services. Have the people been neglected for thirty-six years, or have their rights been disregarded? In there anyone to ask for our rights in congress?

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Beecher On Polygamy.

At the Brooklyn (N. Y.) New England dinner, Henry Ward Beecher, replying to the toast, "The Pilgrims and Puritans," stepped far out of his way to deliver an elaborate apology for Mormon polygamy. Admitting that polygamy is not the outgrowth of civilization," he insisted that it must not and cannot be restricted by law, and should be let alone to the rectifying influences of moral and intellectual forces. He compared all legal assaults upon it to the efforts of a cat to eat a wasp. "She darts at it; she scrambles with it; but she can't chew it up," said the reverend and eccentric philosopher. He regards it as he does any other "mistaken belief in politics or religion," and calls any man "who wants to extirpate it by force or law, a Puritan," as distinguished from a Pilgrim, who is a man believing in moral forces. It is nothing to Beecher, nor is it much to the argument of the question, either, that he is in the minority. A man of a cause may be right just, wise, and still opposed by the great mass of intelligence. That was the situation of the Abolitionists for half a century. They were right, but the majority were against them. The slaveholders were as a thousand to one polygamist; and the law sustained them—the law of the United States; whereas the law of this country condemns polygamy as a great crime against nature, and so do the laws of all enlightened countries. Like the polygamists, the slaveholders justified their institution on Biblical and religious grounds. "Solomon the wise, the favorite of God," say the Mormons, "was a polygamist." And the slaveholders had as good authority for slavery. They were in earnest about it—as deeply and as religiously convinced that it was just, wise, and Divine institution as the Mormons are on polygamy. Moral forces combated them for two generations unavailingly. Slavery grew stronger and stronger as the combat waxed warmer and warmer. And it never would have ceased to grow but for the intervention of force and law which its crimes invoked for its destruction. Mr. Beecher was not "a Pilgrim" then. He was for force and law to end the uncivilized vice which set it above the law and the constitution. So, too, moral forces have made no head against the crime of polygamy. All philosophical arguments are met by the Mormon hierarchy with the answer: "This is our religion. It was Solomon's. It is a Divine institution with us, which human reason and human law may not touch. We are above the law and the constitution wherein these are against our religion." Well, suppose they should go out and make slaves of the Indian tribes in Utah and set up that slavery is a part of their religion and above the law and constitution? There are as good Biblical arguments for this as for polygamy. Must the law in that case also be back down and relegate the cause, so far as the Mormons are concerned, to the decision of moral forces? This is what the Beecher argument leads to. Any crime done in the name of religion is as excusable as polygamy, and all a polygamist has to do, if Beecher is correct, is to plead that he is a Mormon and it is a part of his religion, to get clear of criminality.

The Sunday Capital says: There is quite a breeze in the state department growing out of an attempt to compel the consul-general at Shanghai to rent a building of which Gen. Seward, former consul-general at that point, is the virtual owner. Seward was practically dismissed from the Chinese mission by Secretary Everts, but through the connivance of officials in the department he managed a short time since to obtain a peremptory order compelling consul-general Denny to occupy a certain building in Shanghai, which Denny, as a conscientious officer, could not do, and as a consequence tendered his resignation. Denny from Oregon, and Senator Dolph and Representative George, together with other Republicans on the Pacific coast, have espoused his cause and propose to see that justice is done him.

In consideration of the British Columbia government having agreed to hand over certain provincial lands to the Dominion government, the Canadian parliament will be asked to vote \$750,000 to aid in the construction of a line of railway on Vancouver island, also \$250,000 to pay the provincial government of British Columbia for the purchase of a dry dock at Esquimalt, and such additional sum as may have been expended in its construction. Should parliament ratify this provisional agreement entered into by the provincial and Dominion governments, the work of construction on the railway will be proceeded with immediately.

The Sun says: There are two ends to be served by building the Canadian Pacific Railway. One is that it may serve as the means of protecting the Dominion from warlike designs on the part of the United States, and the other is to sell the lands. From such sales it is hoped that the cost of construction may be reimbursed, while the road will be provided with something to do in transporting the products of the country settled along the line. But as for paying expenses and dividends upon the Pacific Railroad, when?

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The New Cardinals.

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Concerning the California and Oregon land grant, the S. F. Chronicle of the 6th says: "The grant was made eighteen years ago, and the road built soon afterwards nearly to its present terminus. Then, as the country beyond was hard to penetrate, as the trade of Oregon did not seem to warrant it, and as congress seemed inclined to give all the granted lands, work was discontinued. The managers of the Central Pacific felt sure of the grant, and as they had obtained, at a comparatively small expenditure, the trade of the rich valley of the Sacramento, they could afford to wait for the rest. Accordingly they waited till Villard got possession of the Northern Pacific, and began to make preliminary surveys with a view to connecting San Francisco with the Oregon system. Then they awoke to the danger of losing the competition and agreed with him to extend their road from Kedding, the then terminus, to the state line, where it would meet the Willamette valley road. It is this program which they are engaged on at present, though judging from what we hear of the difficulties of the route, its completion is remote, and still further postponed, perhaps, by the personal troubles of Villard."

Morrison's bill for tariff reduction proposes to put lumber for wharfing and in unwharf state on the free list. This practically abolishes the duty on lumber on the Pacific coast, for British Columbia lumbermen, with the Chinese whom they employ almost exclusively, can send unwharf logs into Washington territory by the millions, and drive the white men there and in Oregon out of business. The lumbermen of Puget Sound, in such competition, would either have to cut down the wages of white employees to the Chinese standard or leave the business. Chinamen can be imported into British Columbia and wages can be kept down, where as no man on this side of the line could create such competition in wages.

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