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Fisherman's Pkg Co.	Astoria	Fisherman's Scarborough's Fisherman's	Fisherman's Pkg Co.	Astoria

WAR IS NOW CERTAIN

China and Japan Have Begun Hostilities At Last.

MILLIONS OF SOLDIERS. China's Countless Millions Will Eventually Drive the Japs Into the Sea.

Associated Press.

London, July 27.—A dispatch received at 11:20 a. m. today from Lloyd's agent at Shanghai, China, confirms the announcement exclusively cabled to the Associated Press last Saturday that war between China and Japan has been declared. Both the Chinese and Japanese ministers say they have not been officially informed that war has been declared, and they also claim to be ignorant that the Japanese have captured the king of Korea. The immediate cause of the declaration of war is said to be the fact that the Japanese attacked the Chinese transports conveying troops to Korea. It is reported that a number of Chinese ships have been sunk by Japanese cruisers. Telegraphic communication has been completely cut off beyond Nagasaki, Japan, and all messages have been delayed. If the treaty ports remain open, England expects to make a continuous profit out of the war, while the fact that Russia is directly or indirectly giving assistance to Japan is likely to place a perpetual stop upon Russia's trade progress with China.

The Chinese representative, Mathieson, when questioned on the subject by a reporter for the Associated Press, said he had expected that the war at the outset would be favorable to Japan, as that country had long been preparing for this contest by drilling armies of men and manning and equipping warships. Mathieson added that the Japanese were a quicker moving nation, and consequently it would be but natural that the first engagements between them and the slower moving Chinese would result in a victory for the arms of the Mikado. But eventually China must crush Japan. "Japan," said Mathieson, "is absolutely not able to pour out such a torrent of men and material as China, which country can carry on war for many years, if necessary, and always with fresh troops. China of recent years has purchased large quantities of munitions of war, and is not so far behind in this respect as is generally believed."

The manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, said: "One of the results of the war will be to put a great trade in the hands of England and Europe to the disadvantage of China and Japan, but the end of the war will be the making of China and everywhere opening China for all time, to western civilization and trade. China will realize through this war her great and undeveloped strength, unconscious of the opinion that England is in sympathy with China. This is owing mainly to Russia's active wish to see Japan succeed, and thus form a barrier to England's progress in the far East."

CHINESE-JAPANESE NAVIES.

Six of One, and a Half-Dozen of the Other. Tien Tsin, China, July 27.—China has about thirty warships, large and small, of which five are fairly good armored ships, armed with Krupp guns. In addition she has chartered a number of transports, and these are being armed as rapidly as possible and with the best guns China is able to procure.

On the other hand, the Japanese navy consists of about thirty vessels, including five armored ships carrying Krupp guns. So far as the warships are concerned it will thus be seen that the two navies in numbers are about evenly matched, although the Chinese battleships carry heavier guns than those of Japan. But it is believed the Japanese naval officers are superior to those of China, and that the Japanese warships are also believed to be in better condition than the Chinese. The war, however, is not likely to be decided by sea fights. Korea is a peninsula, virtually forming part of China, and down this peninsula from the north China can pour army after army until she drives the Japanese into the sea.

ONE THOUSAND LOST.

A Chinese Transport Sunk With Great Loss of Life.

Tien Tsin, China, July 27.—While no formal declaration of war has been made, the governments both of China and Japan recognize that an actual state of war exists, and more collisions are expected hourly. The general opinion seems to be that while Japan may be looked upon as likely to score the first victories, the Chinese troops will eventually drive the Japanese out of Korea, even if millions of people have

been killed.

Victory was declared today. They cable advised a man being strangled. China will not automatically get out of the war which she has been in for several years in the Orient. Both Japan and China are preparing for an active struggle.

A telegram was received from Tien Tsin on the effect that the Chinese proposed to engage English navy and German officers and have applied to the two powers at Peking in the matter.

THE KING A PRISONER.

Washington, July 27.—The king of Korea is a Japanese prisoner. Information was the important in a telegram dated yesterday. Secretary Herbert received a telegram from Tien Tsin, now at Chemulpo, Korea. Day reported that he had seen the king of Korea in the United States prison.

NOT CONFIRMED AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, July 27.—The report of the declaration of war between Japan and China lacks official confirmation here. The Japanese legation believe that if war had been declared, Minister Tatano would have been promptly informed.

THEY ARE STILL ALIVE.

London, July 27.—Information has been received here that leaves no room for doubting that the Wellman Arctic exploring party is safe and well on its way north.

DUN NOT ENCOURAGING.

His Weekly Review Shows Some Startling Conditions.

New York, July 27.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of trade tomorrow will say:

The heavy outgo of gold, the fall of the treasury reserve and of the price of wheat to the lowest point on record, and the increasing uncertainty about the tariff, have entirely overshadowed the other industries with the business delayed for months by the two great strikes, now crowds the railways and swells the returns, and gives the impression of a revival of business. But it is not yet clear how far there is an increase in the new traffic distinguished from that which has been merely blocked or deferred. In some branches there has been more activity, but in others less, because the events early this week lead many to infer that no change in the tariff would be made. The internal revenue receipts of whiskey have suddenly dropped more than one-half, and the sales of wool have greatly increased. But the uncertainty is not removed, and much of the business done seems to be in the nature of insurance against possibilities. Wheat has found the lowest depths, and has sold below 55 cents, making the monthly average at New York the lowest ever known.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.

Anglo-American's New Cable Finished Yesterday at 11 O'clock.

Heart's Content, N. F., July 27.—The final splice of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company's new cable was made today at 11 a. m., Greenwich time, and the laying of the largest cable across the Atlantic was successfully completed. The time taken in laying this cable was the shortest on record, the total time being less than two weeks. The final splice was made on the anniversary of the day on which the first successful cable was landed at Heart's Content in 1866, 23 years ago, and not only on the same date, but on the same day.

PELL FROM THE HEAVENS.

Stockton, Cal., July 27.—A peculiar luminous body fell from the sky in a southwesterly direction tonight at 7:30 o'clock. It left a trail of light fleecy smoke behind it. The smoke was also luminous and glowed in the sky for some moments. At Lodi it was followed by a loud report as of thunder. The course of the meteor was clearly distinguishable in the sky for ten minutes after it fell.

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

Cleveland, July 27.—At Glenview today the track record for pacers was broken by Robert J., who was driven a mile in 2:06 3/4. The time in all the heats was 2:08 1/4, 2:06 1/4, 2:05 3/4, 2:09 1/4, 2:07 1/2.

WILL KEEP THE KING.

Tien Tsin, China, July 27.—It is said the Japanese have sent the king of Korea to Japan, where he will be kept until the trouble is over.

was the latest report received from the fire town in threatened.

bridge across the White River is burned. Railroad officials say loss at Mason is fully a million with \$250,000 insurance.

TERRIBLE FOREST FIRE.

Spokane, July 27.—A Spokane view from Kalso, B. C., says:

The losses so far reported from the awful forest fires raging through the mountains of this section, aggregate about \$125,000. The people of the Shocan district are left destitute without shelter or food. A relief party has left here, but it is feared there will be great suffering before it pushes its way through the burning forest. The fires had been burning all around the ill-fated towns for several days, but while there was apprehensions, no one expected the total annihilation that came on the stricken camps. It was literally a fiery whirlwind. About noon a roaring gale swept down the mountain, lifting high in the air the tops and limbs of the burning trees, and carrying them long distances as brands to start new fires in a thousand different places. Almost instantly a dozen fires were raging in The Forks. Terror-stricken people had to flee for their lives, leaving everything behind them. The proprietor of the laundry and bath house whose place was separated from the rest of the town, and his wife, jumped into the creek. The water was not deep enough to cover them, and they lay down in the water and rolled down the stream until they reached a place of shelter.

FUN AT LONG BRANCH.

The Hoax Two Young Men Worked on the Seaside Swells.

Long Branch, July 27.—One of the most ludicrous scenes ever witnessed occurred on the beach yesterday afternoon in front of Untermeyer cottage. It was the hour when the families who occupy the handsome cottages on the bluffs come out and sit in the summer houses overlooking the sea. The Seligmanns, the Henry Hillons, the Untermeyers and George Curtises were all gazing out on the sea admiring the ships that pass in the daytime, when two splendidly dressed young gentlemen strolled by, arm in arm. They wore high silk hats, long-tailed coats, and were generally done up to kill.

HE KILLED HIS MOTHER.

Spokane, July 27.—Jack Oakkin, a nephew of Chief Moses, of the Colville Indians, is wanted for the murder of his mother, a sister of Moses, July 29th. Both the Indians and whites are after him, and Moses has given orders to shoot him on sight. Jack killed his own brother last December.

FLIRTING WITH THE BILL.

Washington, July 27.—The senate today returned the tariff bill to the conference without instructions. The vote on Washburn's motion to instruct the conferees to recede from the eight-cent sugar differential stood, yeas, 32; nays, 32. The motion was not agreed to.

AN INVENTOR ARRESTED.

Washington, July 27.—The police have arrested W. E. Harris, the inventor of a gasoline motor, on suspicion of having caused the Knox building fire, in which three firemen lost their lives. The police believe that Harris, while experimenting, caused the explosion.

DEBS TAKES A REST.

Terre Haunt, July 27.—E. V. Debs, of the American Railway Union, is at home resting. The strain of the past month shows plainly, and he is badly in need of rest.

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