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GOVERNMENT TO BLAME.

Papers in the United States Showing That China Was in League With Boxers.

New York, Jan. 13.—Documents now in possession of Columbia University, it is believed, prove that the Chinese Imperial Government was in league with the Boxer uprisings. The documents consist of an original block out of a copy of a proclamation. The papers are the gift of the Rev. Dr. M. E. Gamewell, who constructed the defenses of the allies at the siege of Peking.

Some few days after the relief of the beleaguered garrison by the foreign troops, Dr. Gamewell secured new quarters for the Methodist Episcopal schools, their own buildings having been destroyed. Two private houses were taken and it was in a table of one of these that a number of circulars were found, together with the plate from which they were printed. The circulars bear the seal of the government used upon Imperial documents. The wording of the circular is:

By Imperial Command. Let the Boxers (here follows the names of eight towns near Peking) rise up to united victory. This, it is supposed, meant the destruction of the foreigners, as shown in the Boxers' motto, "Protect the Manchus, destroy the foreigners." The circulars are printed on yellow paper, with black type, excepting the vermilion of the seal or "imperial pencil," as it is known. Red characters, signifying the seal of the Boxers are stamped on the left hand corner.

SIGNATURES WERE FORGED.

Fraudulent Attempts to Secure the Release of a Montana Convict.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 13.—Governor Toole has unearthed one of the most daring fraudulent attempts at the release of a convict from the penitentiary that has ever come to light in this state. Some time ago, the governor received a letter from the then Vice-President, Theodore Roosevelt, saying that a letter had been returned to him from the dead-letter office, purporting to have been written by him, asking for the pardon of Launcelot G. Livingston, a convict in the penitentiary. Vice-President Roosevelt said the letter was a forgery. A few days ago the full extent of the forgeries looking to the pardon of Livingston was revealed. A petition was received from the prisoner, asking for executive clemency, and stating that he was a member of a prominent New York family. One hundred and two names were signed to the petition, and among them were those of Hugh Grant, August Belmont, ex-Mayor Hugh Grant, Vice-President Roosevelt, Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, Thomas A. Edison, John D. Crimmins, Joseph R. Drechsel, H. W. Bookstaver, T. Atwater Jerome, W. Astor Chanler, James Witherspoon, Dudley S. Phillips, Casper Whitney, Lloyd Armstrong, E. D. Morgan and Henry Stillman. Governor Toole wrote to a number of the signers, and they all replied that the signatures were forgeries. Livingston was convicted of forging money on a forged check in April, 1900, and given five years in the penitentiary.

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Thrilling Experience of a British Bark on the Vancouver Shore.

Tacoma, Jan. 13.—Seldom, if ever, does maritime history record a more thrilling experience or a more miraculous escape from certain destruction than that which was encountered by the three-masted British bark Cathness-yshire, Captain Furneaux, which arrived yesterday.

Driven on the rocky Vancouver shore last Tuesday night in a gale, with 15 fathoms of water beneath her, in the teeth of a furious wind and heavy sea, both her anchors were lost, with 200 fathoms of chain.

Helpless and with shoaling waters increasing, Captain Furneaux and his crew expected to see the vessel driven on the shore and so certain were they of their fate that the small boats were lowered and hurried preparations made to take to them. Almost within an instant, however, the wind shifted and began to blow from the north-west. Sail was clapped on to the Cathness-shire and she was driven clear out of shore, anchorless, but safe. Seldom do such escapes occur. "It was a miracle," said Captain Furneaux, "and but for the miracle she would be piled up on the Vancouver shore today instead of being safely in harbor."

Statehood Bills.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The House committee on territories today fixed the 23d inst. for hearings on the Oklahoma statehood bill, the 31st for the Arizona statehood bill, and February 7 for the New Mexico statehood bill. The bill to create the territory of Jefferson out of Indian Territory was referred to a sub-committee headed by Knox of Massachusetts, and including Flynn, the delegate from Oklahoma.

Colorado Land Opened.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 11.—In compliance with instructions received from the Commissioner-General of the land office at Washington, the Pueblo land office issued orders opening up for settlement more than 250,000 acres of land in the south-western part of Huerfano and the western portion of Las Animas counties. This land was withdrawn from settlement over a year ago, for the purpose of creating the Las Animas Reservation. The area is 24 by 18 miles in extent.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Navigation on the Yamhill river has been closed to Lafayette. A fine body of cinnamon has been discovered in Josephine county.

The Clatsop county tax levy for 1901 has been fixed at \$1 mills. Lane county court has fixed the 1901 tax levy for that county at 2 1/4 mills. The Oregon State Livestock association met at Salem and elected officers.

Polk county's treasurer has issued a call for warrants issued prior to October 6, 1899.

Captain Walter Lyon has resigned his position as captain of Company K, Fourth regiment, O. N. G.

The new flouring mill at Wasco has started. Power is furnished by electricity obtained from a plant on White river.

The early closing movement on the part of Eugene grocers has gone into effect and the stores now close at 7 p. m.

The entire debt against Pacific college at Newberg has been paid off, and the institution is in a prosperous condition.

A proposition made by citizens of Astoria to the can factory of that place has been accepted and the plant will be enlarged and run for fifteen years.

The 1901 tax levy for Portland will be one-third higher.

Work is progressing favorably on the oil well near Myrtle creek. The official total of Lewis and Clark subscriptions is about \$332,000.

A successful and well attended farmers' institute was held at Summerville last week.

More marriage licenses were issued in Umatilla county this year than ever before. The number reached 164.

Two men have been arrested at Jacksonville, charged with breaking into a store there a short time ago.

Etna Oil Company, with headquarters at Baker City, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Capital \$50,000.

New hoisting machinery has arrived for the Le Roy Mining Company in the Bohemia district. The owners are pushing work vigorously on both the Le Roy and Laura properties.

A number of hogs died a few days ago on McKay creek, Eastern Oregon, from cholera and other epidemic diseases. The cholera is located at the head of a gulch that was worked years ago and paid richly.

The output of coal from the Beaver Hill mine, near Marshfield, averages 60 tons a day. The slope is now down 1500 feet and will not be extended any farther for the present. An electric plant is to be installed for power and light.

A strike recently made on Jones' creek near the Dry Diggins, Southern Oregon, promises to become one of large importance as well as great productivity. The find is located at the head of a gulch that was worked years ago and paid richly.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@60c; blue-stem, 61c; valley, 59 1/2@60c. Barley—Feed, 17@17.50; brewing, 17.50@18 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, 11@11.10; gray, 95c@1.00.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.70@3.30 per barrel; Graham, \$2.50 per ton; middlings, \$2.00; shorts, \$1.80; chops, \$1.70. Hay—Timothy, 11@12; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Mutton—Lamb, 3 1/2@3 3/4c, gross; dressed, 6 1/2c per pound; sheep, withers, 3 1/2@3 3/4c, gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound; ewes, 3 1/2@3 3/4c, gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 5 1/2c; dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound. Veal—8@9c per pound. Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/2c; steers, 3 1/4@4c; dressed, 3@7c per pound.

Butter—Creamery, 25@27c per pound; dairy, 18@20c; round, 12 1/2@15c.

Eggs—20@22 1/2c for cold storage; 23@25c for Eastern; 23@30c for fresh Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3; hens, \$2.50@4; 8 1/2@9c per pound; springs, 9@10c per pound, \$2.50@3 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6 for young; geese, 11@12 1/2c; dressed, 13@14c per pound. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13 1/2c; Young America, 14@15c.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 85c@1.10 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c. Hops—8@10c per pound. Wool—Valley, 11@14c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2c; mohair, 21@21 1/2c per pound.

In addressing New York bankers, Secretary Gage again urges currency reform legislation and tells them that now is the time for action.

Transval delegates in Holland say England could speedily end the carnage in South Africa, succeeding by diplomacy, where she has failed by force of arms.

The German foreign office says the new meat inspection law is not yet in effect and that the United States will be notified at once when the date is decided upon.

HOMESICKNESS IN MANILA.

As a Cure, an American News Service Will Be Established.

Manila, Jan. 14.—Medical authorities here assert that a considerable portion of the breaking down among American residents of the Philippine Islands is due to homesickness. Newspapers of Manila are urging the United States Philippine Commission to make an appropriation for a daily cabled news service from the United States, thus bringing Americans here in closer touch with their home life. A majority of the local papers, several Army officers, civil officials and others, have promised subscriptions to help meet the cable tolls for a three months' news service of 100 words a day. An amount sufficient to cover the tolls for 70 words a day has already been subscribed. It is hoped that this news service can be begun January 15. It will be devoted to American news exclusively. The Government has offered to send news bulletins free to all points on the military wires.

Commissioner Bernard Moses, head of the Department of Public Instruction for the islands, has delivered an address to the teachers of Manila, in which he particularly urged the continued instruction of Filipino children in English. He said the members of the wealthy farmer classes were making a great mistake in sending their children to Spanish schools, as the consequent neglect in English instruction would injure their position and standing in the islands, which would inevitably and indissolubly become a portion of the American nation.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

A family of seven perished in a Buffalo fire. There are 900 cases of smallpox in London. Croker has retired from the leadership of Tammany.

Mitchell may secure modifications of the Philippine tariff. An extra session of the Minnesota legislature has been called.

The Cheyenne Indian troubles in Montana have been quieted. Wireless telegraphy is likely to have a bad effect on the Pacific cable project.

A \$10,849,000 contract has been let for paving and sewerage of the city of Havana. The senate has been asked to appropriate \$400,000 for a naval experimental plant.

The Union Pacific will spend \$25,000,000 on the improvement of its Western lines this year. A prominent Canadian has brought action against federal officers for false arrest and imprisonment.

Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, although in very poor health, declares he will not resign his seat in congress. Owing to recent disturbances, notices have been posted in St. Petersburg ordering instant obedience to any orders by the police.

January 29 will be generally observed as a holiday, that date being the late president's birthday. Governors are issuing proclamations accordingly. Russia is determined to hold onto Manchuria.

Governor Shaw will succeed Secretary Gage January 25. New York has appropriated \$50,000 to represent that state at the St. Louis fair.

Relations between Americans, British and Russians at Niu Chwang are strained. Rear Admiral Wildes has been ordered to take command of the Asiatic squadron.

Several senators propose to fight the indiscriminate passage of pension bills by congress. A charter has been granted to a new corporation whose object it is to build a railroad in Missouri.

It is announced that the East St. Louis bank robbers obtained \$10,400, instead of \$1000, as first given out. Should Germany be successful in obtaining money due her from Venezuela, France will try to obtain payment of French claims.

Another Boer laager, guarded wholly by women, has fallen into the hands of the British. A large number of cattle were taken. The population of the entire United States is 84,233,069.

The Boer losses up to date have been twice as heavy as the British. A Southern Pacific train at Houston Texas, ran down and killed two men.

Ex-President Cleveland has almost entirely recovered from his recent illness. There will be a strong fight in congress against the new Chinese exclusion bill.

Schley has requested the president to review the findings of the court of inquiry; Roosevelt has given his consent. A special train, carrying 300 recruits, bound for the Philippines, was partially wrecked in the suburbs of Chicago and three soldiers injured.

Vladivostok is anticipating the arrival there of the representative of an American railway, which intends to buy land along the Siberian railroad and erect factories. A bill granting to Mrs. McKinley the postpaid franking privilege for all her correspondence has been favorably reported by the house committee on postoffices and postroads.

The Chinese court has returned to Peking. Canada has sent another battalion to United States troops are being withdrawn from Cuba. Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador is seriously sick.

Mormons are moving from Utah to Montana in great numbers. The old liberty bell has been taken from Philadelphia to the Charleston exposition.

While driving an artesian well at Everett a heavy flow of natural gas was encountered. Senator Mitchell introduced three amendments to the Philippine tariff bill passed by the house.

A bill providing a temporary form of government for the Philippines has been introduced in congress. The first proclamation against football in England was issued by Edward II in 1314.

During the last decade the Roman Catholics have increased more rapidly in Prussia than the Protestants while the increase in the number of Hebrews was insignificant. No country does so much for the education of its people as Germany. The common schools are not only in reach of the poorest, but the tuition is free and attendance is compulsory in childhood.

THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA

By Hesba Stretton

into my new sphere. It would have been difficult to resist the cordiality with which I was adopted into the household. Dr. Senior treated me as his daughter; Dr. John was as much at home with me as if I had been his sister. Minna, too, became perfectly reconciled to her new position.

I saw little of Martin. He had been afraid I should feel myself bound to him; and the very fact that he had once told me he loved me had made it more difficult to him to say so a second time. He would not have any love from me as a duty. If I did not love him, fully, with my whole heart, choosing him after knowing others with whom I could compare him, he would not receive any lesser gift from me.

"What will you do, Olivia?" asked Dr. John one day. "What can I do?" I said. "Go to him," he urged; "he is alone. I saw him a moment ago, looking out as from the drawing room window. God bless him! Olivia, my dear girl, go to him."

"Oh, Jack!" I cried, "I cannot." "I don't see why you cannot," he answered gaily. "You are trembling, and your face goes from white to red, and then white again; but you have not lost the use of your limbs, or your tongue, if you take my arm, I will not be very far from you. Come; he is the best fellow living, and worth walking a dozen yards for."

I believe I should have run away, but I heard Minima's voice behind me, calling shrilly to Dr. John, and I could not bear to face him again. Taking my courage in both hands, I stepped quickly across the floor, for if I had hesitated long my heart would have failed me. Scarcely a moment had passed since Jack left me, and Martin had not turned his head, yet it seemed an age.

"Martin," I whispered, as I stood close behind him, "how could you be so foolish as to send Dr. John to me?" "We were married as soon as the season was over, when Martin's fashionable patients were all going away from town. Ours was a very quiet wedding, for I had no friends on my side, and Martin's cousin Julia could not come, for she had a baby very young, and Captain Carey could not leave them. Johanna Carey and Minima were my bridesmaids, and Jack was Martin's groomsmen."

On our way home from Switzerland, in the early autumn, we went down to Paris to Falaise, and through Noireau to Ville-en-Joux. The next stage of our homeward journey was through Martigny, which was welcomed with almost as much enthusiasm in St. Peterport as I had been in little Ville-en-Joux.

My eyes were dazzled with the sunshine, and dim with tears, when I first caught sight of the little cottage of Tar-diff, who was stretching out his nets on the stone causeway under the windows. Martin called to him, and he flung down his nets and ran to meet us.

"We are come to spend the day with you, Tar-diff," I cried, when he was within hearing of my voice. "It will be a day from heaven," he said, taking off his fisherman's cap, and looking round at the