

DEFEATED THE HORDE

Chinese Boxers Attempt to Stop the International Column

AND ARE THOROUGHLY WHIPPED

London Informed of the Restoration of Lord Roberts' Line of Communication in South Africa.

LONDON, June 13.—Sixteen British marines, reconnoitering in advance of the international column marching to Peking, fought and chased 2000 "Boxers" Monday, killing twenty or thirty. A correspondent accompanying the column, in a dispatch dated Tien Tsin, June 11th, says:

"While the working parties, accompanied by a patrol of sixteen British marines, commanded by Major Johnson, were repairing the line Monday afternoon eight miles beyond Lofa they encountered small parties of 'Boxers,' who were destroying the line. The Boxers moved away from the advancing marines, and apparently dispersed into the country, leaving the rails moved, and the sleepers burning. "The marines, when two miles in advance of the first train near Lang Fang, suddenly perceived Boxers streaming from a village on the left. It was estimated that they numbered 2000, some of them being mounted, and they were trying to get between the marines and the train. The marines retreated, keeping up a running fight for over a mile, killing between twenty and thirty Boxers. The Boxers pursued the British for some distance. Then, seeing some marines from the train coming to their assistance, Major Johnson's sixteen halted and poured a heavy continuous fire into the crowd, driving them across the front of the reinforcing bluejackets, who punished the Boxers severely with Maxims. The Boxers fled, and the Europeans following up their success, cleared out the two villages. The total loss of the Boxers is estimated at forty killed and wounded. The British loss was nothing. "Unless their loss causes the Boxers to lose heart, the international column will have much trouble before it reaches Peking. Evidence of General Nieh's operations were found in the headless bodies. The whole country presents a desolate aspect, entire villages having been deserted. The expedition numbers 2044, as follows: British 915, German 250, Russian 300, French 128, American 104, Japanese 52, Italians 40, and Austrians 25."

MANY REINFORCEMENTS.

Tien Tsin, June 12.—One hundred and sixty-three British landed last evening. An additional twenty British have been sent to Fong Chan. Telegraphic communication with Peking is still interrupted.

The Russian warships Petropaulovski and Komiloff are at Taku bar, and the Russian torpedo boats "137" and "107" are in the river Taku. The want of transports prevents the Russians from landing troops. The Russians are very active today.

It is reported that General Fung Fah Siang, with many thousand troops, is at Feng Tai. The latest news from Pao Tung Fu is that the Boxers, 6000 strong, are attacking the Catholic convent there. The situation is critical, and the officials are evidently inactive. The United States warships Nashville and Monocacy are reported at Taku.

A BRUTAL MURDER.

London, June 13.—The Times, in an extra edition, publishes the following dispatch from Peking, dated June 12th: "The chancellor of the Japanese legation, Sugiyama Akira, while proceeding alone and unprotected on official duty, was brutally murdered by the soldiers of Tung Fuh Siang, the favorite body guard of the Empress, at the Manigate railroad station yesterday."

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

London, June 13.—Two pieces of news, encouraging to the British, in the official dispatches, are that the broken communications of Lord Roberts are in a fair way to be mended by the forces moving northward and southward, and driving off roving commandos, and that Sir Redvers Buller is at last master of Laing's Nek.

Telegraphic communication with Lord Roberts is expected to be restored today, as a dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated yesterday, says the railway is in British possession again, and that the work of repairing the line is going on rapidly with abundant material warehoused at Bloemfontein. From the subjoined telegram it would appear that General Hunter was in command of the troops referred to by General Kelly-Kenny, in his dispatch from Bloemfontein, June 12th: "General Hunter is coming up rapidly from the northwest, having severely defeated a large commando of Boers who had destroyed two miles of railway north of Kroonstad." The war office casualty returns up to June 9th, aggregate \$23,664, besides 792 officers and 12,355 men sent home as invalids, but not including the sick in South African hospitals.

MONTANA DEMOCRATS.

Clark People Draft Resolutions and Explain Their Conduct.

Butte, Mont., June 12.—The Democrats who left the Silver Bow county convention yesterday, and organized a convention of their own, today named a full delegation to represent this county in the state convention. Senator Wm. A. Clark heads the delegation. The resolutions set forth that the organization of a separate convention was necessitated by the actions of the faction in control of the party machinery, and the refusal of the convention of yesterday to accord the other side any voice in the proceedings. The actions of Hon. Wm. A. Clark, in his endeavors to prevent the debasement of the ballot in this state, are endorsed, and Congressman Campbell's

course in Congress and in the Senatorial investigation is denounced, and the resolutions call him "a moral and political leper, whose proper place is before the bar of justice, instead of in the House of Representatives."

FIGHTING FILIPINOS.

General Grant Reports Defeating the Rebels in the Mountains.

Manila, June 12.—General Grant, who led the reinforcements with the artillery against the insurgents in the mountains east of Samiguel, reports the capture of the rebels' stronghold after four hours of fighting. The rebels were scattered, and the Americans are pursuing them. General Grant's column had no casualties.

HONORED DEWEY.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 12.—Western Michigan did honor to Admiral Dewey today, thousands of excursionists coming from all directions.

CAN GET NO LOAN.

New York, June 12.—There is some comment in banking circles over the presence of M. Rothstein, of St. Petersburg, in this city. His visit to this country is said to be in the interest of a large Russian Government railway loan. Mr. Rothstein called on President Sullivan, of the National City Bank. Mr. Sullivan said later that it was absurd to talk about the floating of Russian bonds, when even United States bonds are not in active demand, and the Presidential election is coming on.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

New York, June 12.—General Roy Stone, addressing the Long Island Good Roads Association, advocated the postal savings bank system for raising money to be applied to the building of good roads. He also discussed the project for a system of great transcontinental highways.

SEARCH FOR GOLD.

Three Survivors of the Ghastly Edmonton Trail Appear.

Wrangle, Alaska, June 8, via Seattle, June 12.—James McLaggan, of North Dakota; J. L. Hewn, of Edmonton, B. C., and H. Calbert of Amesburg, Mass., victims of the ghastly Edmonton-Dawson trail, came down the Sticken river from Glenora, B. C., today, on the steamer Strathcona. They are a party of five that left Edmonton two years ago, and reached the upper Lizard post. They found considerable fine gold on the river bars, but not in sufficient quantities to pay. They spent the winter at Glenora, B. C., and are to start for Nome, via Skagway, by the first boat north.

SOME STRANGE THINGS FOUND BY EXPLORERS.

The pygms of Central Africa have been encountered by another traveler, a lay missionary named Lloyd, and he gives an interesting account of them in his just published volume. On the sixth day after entering the great forest in his journey from the Toro country to the west coast he saw in a tree what appeared to be a large monkey.

Being in need of food he raised his gun to shoot it. "Don't fire—it's a man!" cried the native boy who was accompanying him. Whereupon, in Mr. Lloyd's words, the pygmy "ran along the branch on which he stood and, jumping from tree to tree, soon disappeared."

The traveler saw no more of the little people until after he had pitched his camp that night. Sitting at his tent door, he awoke suddenly to the consciousness that a host of small, bright faces were studying him silently through the foliage of the thicket. Even as he watched, a brown mannikin peered at him from behind the trunk of a large tree immediately in front of the tent.

Mr. Lloyd raised his voice, and, in the language of the Toros—a tribe further east, among whom he had lived—extended a friendly greeting to the pygmies. One of them, who afterward proved to be the chief, returned the salutation, and shyly advanced to speak with the white faced giant. He answered Mr. Lloyd's questions, the explorer says, "with marvelous intelligence, speaking in a rapid, sing-song way," and imparted much information about his people and their native forest.

This is how the missionary describes his hosts: "They are clothed with muscles finely developed, short, thick necks, and small, bullet head, the lower limbs were massive and strong to a degree. The chest was covered with black, curly hair, and most of the men wore thick, black beards. Each carried either bow and quiver or arrows or short throwing spears. Round their arms they wore iron rings, and some of them had these round their necks also."

Hardly less interesting than the pygmies were the cannibals encountered by Mr. Lloyd immediately after emerging from the forest. He describes them as a splendid race, "upright as a dart, with heads erect and bright, intelligent faces."

In conversation with him they defended their cannibalism on the ground that as man is the noblest of animals, his flesh must be the most nourishing. Wishing to amuse them, Mr. Lloyd fitted his bicycle together and rode into one of their villages. A great outcry went up at the spectacle of a "white man on a snake."

The largest tusk of ivory in the world has recently been put on exhibition in San Francisco. The mammoth tusk is twelve feet ten inches long, its largest circumference is twenty-three inches and its weight is 200 pounds.

The tusk was discovered by two brothers. While prospecting for gold along the Buckland river, Alaska, they noticed a white shining object sticking upward about a foot from the river bed of blue gravel. Upon closer inspection the object proved to be a lump of solid ivory. Thinking that this was but another bit of fossil ivory which they had been collecting while on their way they commenced to excavate the object. After much hard labor the whole tusk was finally brought from its resting place, and the two men were lost in amazement and wonder at the monstrous specimen they had brought to light.

The largest mammoth tusks about which anything is known fall far short in actual measurement with this. Some other large tusks of solid ivory

A Life Saved by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People

Miss Frankie Hathaway, of Sixteenth Street, Holland, Mich., says: "I am twenty-one years old. At sixteen I was pale and weak. By the time I was nineteen years old I was so weak I could not walk across the floor. I was terribly emaciated and my skin had lost all color. The doctor pronounced the disease Anæmia. Being advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I bought a box, and before I had taken all of the pills, found that they were doing me good. Appetite increased and the healthy color began to show in my cheeks and lips. I continued to use the pills until I found myself permanently cured. Since then I have had no return of my old trouble. I know that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People saved my life, and I believe that no other medicine could have done it."

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are the Chicago skeleton, the tusks of which are nine feet eight inches long, and the St. Petersburg skeleton, the tusks of which are nine feet three inches long.

EXHAUSTED THE PACK.

A young married lady had just acquired a new coach and a new footman to match. "John," she said one day, "we will drive out to make a few calls. But I shan't get out of the carriage. You will, therefore, take the cards that are on my dressing table and leave one of them at each house we stop at." "Very good, ma'am," answered John, and he ran upstairs to fetch the cards. After they had driven about a considerable time, and cards had been left at a large number of houses, the lady remarked: "Now we must call on the Dales; the Framptons and the Clarks." "We can't do it," here broke in the footman, in alarm. "I've only the ace of spades and the ten of clubs left."

MCLEAN IS IN CONTROL.

IS PLAYING FOR HARMONY AMONG OHIO DEMOCRATS.

The Washington Journalist Hall All His Committees and Can Name the State Ticket.

COLUMBUS, O., June 12.—The McLean men controlled the preliminary meeting today, but they are evidently playing for harmony more than for places, and may not carry out the same program in Democratic state convention tomorrow. John R. McLean's friends are in the majority on the new state central committee, that was selected this evening, and will select the campaign chairman and members of the state executive committee at a later date.

It is claimed that the McLean men are securing control of the party organization tonight for another year, have all they wanted and although they could carry everything tomorrow as they also have a majority on the convention committees, that there will be a free for all contest for the state ticket, and delegates and alternates at large to the Kansas City convention.

The opposition to McLean comes from the silver extremists. The ultra silver delegates also appear to be dissatisfied with the proposition to endorse Dewey for the Vice-Presidential nomination.

The platform which will be submitted to the committee on resolutions, tomorrow, was in the main prepared by General A. J. Warner. It re-affirms the Chicago platform. General Warner is president of the American Bimetallist League, and the pioneer advocate of the unlimited coinage, but in explaining his platform he said there had been more important issues raised since 1896, than the restoration of silver to its constitutional place in coinage. He spoke of the "mission of the constitution under administration of imperialism, militarism, conquest, aggression and corruption," as the greatest danger that ever threatened the country. He also held that the trusts outranked silver now as an issue.

SUNSET ON MOUNT BLANC.

From the little and picturesque bridge over the Arve we saw the huge dome come out, glowing in the sunlight when all the valley was in shadow. It was to me a marvelous spectacle, this huge rosy orb, which as it first appears, as it often does, at the moment of sunset, suggests a huge moon rising above the clouds, until, slowly, the clouds below melt away and the mountain stands disclosed to its base.—W. J. Stillman in the *June Atlantic*.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PLAN.

HOW THE SOUTH AFRICAN BOERS WILL BE RULED.

Form of Government for Transvaal and Orange River Colonies, Similar to West Indies.

LONDON, June 12.—It is learned by the Associated Press that the Government has at last decided upon a plan for the civil settlement of South Africa. The details are kept most secret, but it can be safely said that the Orange River colony and the Transvaal will become crown colonies. Sir Alfred Milner, it is declared, is to be high commissioner of South Africa, in spite of the opposition he has incurred. The Crown colony form of Government can be best understood with reference to the system in vogue in the West

Indies, Sierra Leona, and Ceylon. Endeavors will be made to put this in force as soon as possible in the Transvaal and the Orange River colony, though it is scarcely expected that the details will be announced or some parts of the work be begun for a few months. While the civil settlement will be drawn up so as to be eventually independent of the military enforcement, it is realized that the initial work must be effected with the co-operation of the troops. The colonial office is said to be of opinion that the maintenance of a good sized garrisons at such centers as Bloemfontein, Kroonstad, Johannesburg and Pretoria, will be necessary (or a long time after the crown colony system gets in working order. For this reason, and others put forward by Sir Alfred Milner, the idea of granting an autonomous form of government has been abandoned.

HOW THE DOLL ORIGINATED.

The first doll known to history was made for the simple minded monarch Charles VI. of France. It was a wax figure made to represent Poppaea, wife of the Roman emperor Nero. Poppaea soon became popular with the members of the court and many wax figures were ordered. They were called puppes, a corruption of the first name and the modern French word for doll. The old English word is "poppet" or "puppet."—New York World.

MR. DEPEW'S GOOD TIME.

Junior Senator From New York Always Enjoys Himself.

A graphic Washington correspondent says that Senator Chauncey M. Depew is having the good time of his life. He enjoys his senatorship, his social prestige, his inflated oratorical fame and his personal popularity. He exhibits a boyish zest and an effervescent enthusiasm which make him one of the spectacles of the national capital. He takes the earnestness of public life in fun, or he takes the fun of public life in earnest, whichever way you understand it. He enjoys himself like a negro at a cakewalk or a boy eating stolen apples. He gives "dinner dances," is conspicuous at theater parties and plays golf, wearing knickerbockers to cover his ancient limbs, a neglected shirt and a red coat at which the turkeys gobble.

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