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THE JAPANESE FLEET

Now Commands the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li.

VISIT ALL THE STATIONS WEEKLY.

Li Hung Chang Is Blamed for the Chinese Defeats.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A dispatch from Tien-Tsin says the Chinese officials no longer deny that the Japanese fleet commands the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li. The Japanese admiral pays a weekly visit to every important station on the gulf. Eight Japanese cruisers sounded the entrance to the harbor of Wei-Hai-Wei three hours Saturday, then went across to Port Arthur, where they made observations without getting within range of the guns. The Japanese fleet returned to Wei-Hai-Wei Monday in single line. When almost within range the fleet separated and hovered around the harbor entrance. The fort fired a few shots, but the Japanese did not reply, and continued making observations until Count Hsu's flagship, the steel cruiser Hashidate, fired one gun, whereupon the fleet reformed and steamed away in the direction of Taku. The Tien-Tsin dispatch adds a Chinaman arrested there upon suspicion of being a Japanese spy was tormented, until he admitted the truth of the charge. He is to be executed. The same dispatch says four spies have been arrested at Port Arthur for cutting submarine wires connected with torpedoes. It is also stated that the fire which occurred at Tien-Tsin Thursday was of incendiary origin.

Chinese Rif-Raf.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A Tien Tsin dispatch says: The Chinese troops arriving there is much rif raf, and badly armed. The Chinese government has contracted with German manufacturers for quick-firing guns, and the arms are expected to arrive daily. The Japanese are watching the coast for the arrival of arms. It is rumored at Tien Tsin ironclad warships have been purchased from Austria and the United States. Captain von Hanneken is to rejoin the Chinese service under Admiral Ting's fleet. The navy is very short of ammunition for large guns, and the arsenals are working day and night furnishing a supply.

It is reported the emperor recently visited Tien Tsin in disguise to view the situation. Li Hung Chang is blamed for Chinese defeats. The children sing songs ridiculing him, and placards of the same character are posted in the streets. The Chinese declare Russia is aiding Japan.

Spies Beheaded.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 12.—It is reported here two Japanese spies arrested in this city have been taken from Yamen at Nanking, bound hand and foot and carried to a place of execution, where



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they were beheaded. There were no signs of torture upon the prisoners. A rumor has reached here that another outrage upon a missionary has been committed at New Chwang.

The Mongolia Rebellion.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—The Tagblatt publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg, which says its correspondent learns the object of the leaders of the rebellion in the Chinese province of Mongolia is to secure the annexation of that territory to the Russian empire.

Not Confirmed.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—It is semi-officially stated nothing is known here of the report circulated by a news agency that China has requested the mediation of Germany in the war with Japan.

Powers Agreed.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—The Cologne Gazette asserts the European powers have agreed upon a Korean policy, and also decided not to hinder the Japanese advancing upon Peking.

Parliamentary Fund.

DUBLIN, Oct. 12.—Freeman's Journal says the subscriptions of Englishmen to the Irish parliamentary fund have been returned with a letter of explanation and thanks. Gladstone's check for £100 has been accepted, however, as he is no longer minister.

Yellow Fever in Mexico.

OAXACA, Mexico, Oct. 12.—There is much excitement in the state of Campeche and the island of Carmen, over yellow fever, which is causing a large number of deaths.

A Hunter's Carelessness.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Oct. 12.—N. Straus, who was driving along the road four miles from here today, spied some quail in the brush, and taking his gun from the cart went after them. When he returned to the cart he jumped in first, and in drawing his gun after him the trigger caught on the step and now Straus is suffering from a severe wound in the shoulder and is liable to lose his arm.

McKinley in Michigan.

PONTIAC, Mich., Oct. 12.—Governor McKinley made his first speech today at Mount Clemens, where thousands of people were assembled. Governor Rich and General Alger accompanied McKinley from Detroit and Governor Rich shared in the speech making at Pontiac. Ex-Congressman Brewer introduced McKinley as the "formost American and one who will in all probability be the next occupant of the presidential chair."

Morton's Man.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The immigrant bureau officials have as yet received no notice of the arrest of John James Howard, Levi P. Morton's co-helper, but Inspector Dodge left here a few days ago with a warrant for Howard's arrest, signed by Secretary Carlisle. Whether Morton will also be proceeded against for violating the alien contract labor law, the treasury officials cannot say.

Resuming Work.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Oct. 12.—The operatives of five corporations went back to work yesterday after a strike of seven and a half weeks. At the Acushnet and Hathaway mills, under one management, the weavers refused to go back, but many of them sought work at other mills. The weavers at Wamsutta mill left on finding they were to run five looms instead of four.

Time Extended.

TACOMA, Oct. 12.—On account of the success which the interstate fair has met, the management today decided to continue it until October 29, when the fair will close with a Tacoma day, on which day excursions from all parts of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia will run to this city.

Must Not Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12.—Governor Mitchell, of Florida, says Corbett and Fitzsimmons will not be allowed to meet, even if the legislature has to convene for the purpose of preventing a fight.

British Steamer Ashore.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The British steamer Chicago, from Sunderland, for Baltimore is ashore at Colinton, and is likely to be a total wreck. Her crew was saved.

Is a Candidate.

BOSTONFIELD, O., Oct. 12.—Eg. Speaker J. Warren Kiefer formally announced today that he is a candidate for governor.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
Keeps and Bakes Like Milk and Fat, with Enrichment.

CHINA WANTS PEACE.

She Will Acknowledge the Independence of Corea.

AND PAY LIBERAL INDEMNITY.

The Japanese Cruisers Too Strong and Too Able.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 12.—Rumor is current here that the Chinese government has commenced negotiations with Japan for peace. China, it is said, has offered to acknowledge the independence of Corea and pay a war indemnity to Japan.

COREAN MINISTER RECALLED.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 12.—M. Oteri, the Japanese minister to Corea, has been recalled, owing to his failure to carry out certain reforms. Count Inonye is Oteri's successor.

TRAIN ROBBERY.

A Southern Pacific Train Yields Up \$1500 in Coin.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 12.—It is stated this morning that the men who held up the Southern Pacific overland express just west of this city last night secured two sacks of silver coin, one containing \$200, and two small sacks of gold, being about \$1,500 altogether.

Harrison to Speak.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 12.—Ex-President Benj. Harrison and party left, over the Vandalia railroad today, for Evansville, Ind., where he will make a speech tonight.

AN OVATION.

TERRA HAUTE, Oct. 12.—Fully 10,000 people welcomed General Harrison to Terra Haute. The speaking was held in the opera house which could not contain a fourth of the crowd. Harrison was received with great enthusiasm.

The Sugar War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Judge McComas today denied the application of the Miles Sugar Manufacturing Co., of Louisiana, for a mandamus to compel Secretary Carlisle to appoint inspectors to ascertain the sugar production of that company. The object of the suit, it is understood, is to test the legality of the recent recall of the sugar bounty, a provision of the McKinley law, and also to lay a foundation for an appeal to congress for the payment of the bounty the current year.

Heavy Fire.

LYONS, La., Oct. 12.—A fire at Fulton burned an entire block, and the loss is quite heavy, the structures destroyed being the Rhodes hotel, Fulton grist mill, Fulton steam laundry, Snyder's wood and coal yards, and the ice company's stables and horses, and the Northwestern freight office. Fire bugs sighted setting fire to the Holleran house, but they escaped.

Sisters of Bathbone.

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—The grand temple, Sisters of Bathbone, after a session of two days in Pythian hall, closed their second annual convocation yesterday afternoon. The order is composed of the wives, daughters and sisters of Knights of Pythias, and was formerly known as Pythian Sisters.

Bicyclist Run Down.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 12.—While riding a bicycle on J street last evening, C. S. Reed was run down by a buggy, driven by two young ladies. One of his shoulder blades was broken, and he was otherwise injured.

Probably Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The ship M. P. Grace, from New York, for this port, has been out 173 days, and some anxiety is felt for her safety. She was spoken May 27 last in latitude 11 north, and longitude 85 west.

The Oar Worse.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—It is semi-officially stated this evening that the condition of the czar is very serious, in spite of all the statements made to the contrary.

Prison Official Dead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Warden Chas. W. Durston, of Sing Sing prison, died today.

HILL PRAISES CLEVELAND.

He Opens the Campaign With His Usual Shrewdness.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Senator David Bennett Hill sounded the key note of his campaign for governor in this city last night, and with his address, the opening of the partisan battle that promises to be historical in the annals of state politics. The Albambrink, where Democrats and Republicans alike have sounded the tocsin of political battle, was the scene of the opening note of warfare.

The first political meeting that ever named Senator Hill for an office assembled under its roof. Some 3,000 people heard Senator Hill speak tonight and as many more were unable to gain admittance. When Senator Hill was introduced cheering was kept up for some minutes. In opening, Mr. Hill said:

"I recognize the right of every Democrat prior to the final nomination of a candidate to oppose, criticize and defeat such candidacy, and such privilege or the propriety of its exercise in any instance has never been questioned by me. I am reminded that this county was the boyhood home for many years of the present Democratic president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, (applause) where, struggling with honest poverty, he acquired those habits and principles of economy which have always been distinguishing features of his official administration, and recollecting all these circumstances, it was deemed most fitting that the first words in behalf of Democratic principles should be uttered upon a soil rendered interesting by such pleasant memories.

I propose to conduct a creditable campaign in behalf of my party, which I honor me with its leadership, so that at its conclusion, whatever the result may be, I shall be able to retain at least my own self respect and I hope as well the present respect of my adversaries."

JEWELRY JOTTINGS.

New postal card racks of perforated silver are out. A receptacle for stamps is attached.

A new trunk tag is of silver gilt, with a dull green enameled wreath inclosing the space for the name.

Ring stands are found to be useful enough to tempt designers. The last is a hooped standard like a vigorous tendril, with shoots to hold the rings.

The small reading glass, in a graceful gold frame with a lightly tinted handle, is a pretty toy and much prized before the period of the eyeglass has definitely arrived.

Small side combs are worth the jeweler's consideration. A pretty design seen had a row of small stones set as if in connecting squares. Lightly raised gold tracery in amber combs is artistic.

The latest novelty in rings is a large colored stone set with small diamonds. These diamonds do not necessarily surround the stone. They may merely accent the cutting or suggest the framework.—Jewelers' Circular.

ODDS AND ENDS.

A rich Laplander sometimes keeps as many as 5,000 reindeer in his service. A poor man usually has 800.

The piles which served as the foundation for Trajan's bridge over the Danube A. D. 105, are said to be still visible at low stages of water.

It has been computed that since the practice of embalming began, in 4000 B. C., down to 700 A. D., when it practically ceased, probably as many as 750,000,000 bodies were embalmed in Egypt, of which the greater part are yet concealed.

The Baltimore and Ohio is experimenting with new devices which promise to make locomotives both noiseless and smokeless.

The Ohio Southern railroad has for its superintendent Homer T. Dick, aged 28 years, the youngest railway superintendent in the country.

The new cars the Pullman company is building will have an upper berth high enough to permit the occupants of the lower berth to sit on the edge of the berth with head erect.

On Aug. 3 King Oscar of Sweden opened the last section of the state railroad, which now, from Malmo, opposite Copenhagen, to the Gullivar from mines within the arctic region of Lapland, is open for traffic. The road runs almost straight north and south and is 1,189 miles in length, a little more than the distance from Berlin to Rome.

Wheat Drops Again.
NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Wheat declined to another low basis today, 54 1/2 December.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

DISASTROUS WRECKS.

Terrible List of Maritime Casualties in the East.

FROM ONTARIO TO DELAWARE.

Four Ships Wrecked and Many Lives Lost.

CAPTAIN AND CREW LOST.
LEWES, Del., Oct. 12.—The schooner Sea Foam, Captain Chandler, capsized at Shears, in Delaware bay, Thursday morning. The captain and a crew of five, it is thought were drowned.

EIGHT DROWNED.
OSWEGO, N. Y., Oct. 12.—In a terrific wind storm last night the three masted schooner Hartford, of Clayton, with a cargo of 24,000 bushels of wheat, was driven ashore at Woodville. Captain William Otooie and his wife and child; Richard Seymour, the mate; Michael Purcell, Dennis McCarthy and an unknown man were lost.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAVED.
RAT PORTAGE, Ont., Oct. 12.—The steamer Highland Maid was wrecked at Long Sault rapids, Rainy lake. The mail, passengers and the crew were saved.

ASHORE ON A SHOAL.
CHATHAM, Mass., Oct. 12.—A large unknown four masted schooner is ashore on Pollock Rip shoal, at Vineyard sound.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.
Gathered by Telegraph and From Exchanges.

The outstanding indebtedness of Jackson county is \$171,840.07.

J. B. Long, of Amity, who established the Broad Axe, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Sherman Hayes, of Eugene, sold 10,000 pounds of hops last Saturday, to Horst Bros., for 7 cents per pound.

The Roseburg Review says there was from sixty to seventy thousand dollars worth of prunes raised in Douglas county this year.

A very sad accident occurred at Independence Monday, in which the fifteen months old boy of Arthur Fischer fell into a tub of water and was drowned.

Corvallis is going to have a steam laundry. The plant is valued at \$380, and will give employment to twelve or thirteen girls. The laundry will be in active operation in two weeks.

There are 68,000 postoffices in the United States. About 67,000 of them do not pay their running expenses. The profit of the New York postoffice is \$4,000,000 a year.—Eugene Guard.

The eleven watchmen employed by the S. P. Co., since the strike, for the purpose of watching the tunnels and trestles in the Siskiyou, were discharged last week, their services being no longer necessary.

Some brute, Tuesday night, tied an old horse onto the railroad track, near Drain, and the north bound overland ran over the animal. The horse was securely fastened and had no show of getting away.

THE MARKETS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Wheat Cash 77 1/2 @ 78 1/2.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Wheat, Cash 51; Dec. 52.

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Wheat valley 70; Walla Walla 62 1/2 @ 63 1/2.

STRIKE COMPROMISED.
FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 11.—The striking spinners today voted to accept a reduction of 10 percent and return to work Monday.

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