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FIGHTING

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IN CHINA

Large Number of Boxers Expected to Reach Tien Tsin Today.

Minister Conger at Peking Asks for Instructions.

Reports There is No Improvement in Menacing Situation.

State Department Unwilling to Interfere in Chinese Internal Affairs.

ACTING CONCURRENTLY, HOWEVER, WITH THE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS—A MATTER FOR CAREFUL DIPLOMACY—CAPTAIN McCALLA'S RESPONSIBLE POST.

Washington, June 8.—The following cablegram was received at the navy department this morning from Admiral Kempf on board the Newark off Taku forts:

"Tong Ku, June 8.—Battle yesterday between Chinese and 'boxers' near Tien Tsin. A large number of 'boxers' are expected to reach Tien Tsin tomorrow."

"KEMPF."

Minister Conger at Peking has also been heard from today. His message to the state department said there was no improvement in the situation and asked for instructions. It is not deemed proper by the officials to indicate upon just what point Conger needs advice, but there is an intimation that he wishes to know to what extent he is to co-operate with the diplomatic representatives of the European powers at Peking. Secretary Hay took the message to the cabinet meeting, where an answer was framed.

The state department is steadfastly pursuing the line of policy laid down at the beginning of the "boxer" trouble, of avoiding any interference with Chinese internal affairs beyond such measures as may be absolutely necessary for the protection of life and property. Especially it is determined to avoid commitment to the policies of any of the European powers which might involve the United States in trouble. Therefore, notwithstanding the ominous news conveyed in Admiral Kempf's cablegram, it seems entirely probable that Minister Conger will be directed to stick to the same line of policy which he has pursued up to this time.

It is not to be understood by this that the United States government is desirous of evading any proper measure of responsibility and the state department officials are careful to point out that, while retaining our independence of action, our government is really acting concurrently with the European governments respecting this boxer agitation. Thus, at Taku, Admiral Kempf is acting in a similar manner to the commanding officers of the foreign navy there assembled, although his orders are subject to the approval of no one.

NAVIES IN CONCERT.

At the Tien Tsin, forty miles up the river, which the admiral expects to be attacked tomorrow, the foreign naval commanders are acting together. It is said that in case of an emergency involving jeopardy of the lives of foreigners the United States forces at Tien might even be directed in their general movement by the senior naval officer ashore, even though that officer should happen to be a German, a Russian, a Frenchman or an Englishman.

This temporary subordination of authority might be brought about, and, in fact, would exist solely through a military exigency.

If Tien Tsin is to be attacked by a vast horde of boxers it is entirely conceivable, according to military practice, that a successful defense of the foreign lives and property in the city can be maintained only through the assumption of the command of the for-

sign naval forces by one competent officer; too many captains may mean defeat.

In view of this possibility the assumption of the command of the American forces ashore by Captain McCalla may be significant. It is an unusual course for a captain of a ship himself to take command of a landing party as has been done by Captain McCalla. His rank would correspond with that of a colonel of marines, and it may be that he would himself be the senior officer at Tien Tsin, and thus be obliged to assume command of the defense and direct, in a general way, the operations of the European naval parties landed there.

The naval officers here are confident that Tien Tsin proper is not in particular danger. The gunboat Helena will soon have the town under her guns, and there are believed to be three foreign warships in position to co-operate.

DISCUSSED AT CABINET MEETING

Washington, June 8.—Almost the only subject before the cabinet meeting today was the situation in China. Secretary Hay read a cablegram from Minister Conger at Peking, in which he stated that there was no improvement in the situation and asked for instructions.

Secretary Hay stated after the meeting that a reply would be sent to Mr. Conger substantially reaffirming the one sent a day or two ago to the effect that he will be expected to do whatever is necessary to protect the lives of Americans and their property and to maintain the dignity of this government. He will be instructed to form no alliances with any government.

It is understood here that the representatives of the powers in Peking will call in a body on the dowager empress and present the necessity of her taking immediate and vigorous action to suppress the rioters. It is assumed that Mr. Conger will join with the other representatives.

CHINESE TROOPS SURROUNDED.

Tien Tsin, June 8.—It is reported from Chinese official sources that 4,000 boxers surrounded 1,500 Chinese troops between Lofa and Yong Tsin yesterday, and according to the latest news, fighting is still going on this morning. Officials say that 500 boxers were killed, but give no account of the Chinese casualties. Thirty of General Nieh's troops encountered a body of boxers three miles from here on the Taku road, and killed twenty-one of them. No news has been received from Pao Ting Fu for three days and the situation there is believed to be critical. It is reported that the Chinese troops have been defeated near there. The French cruisers D'Entrecasteaux and Jean Bart and the Russian cruiser Rossie have arrived at Taku.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA MAY ENGAGE IN WAR

Discussed With Excitement in Diplomatic Circles.

New York, June 8.—A despatch from London says: The anxiety respecting events in the far east has spread still further. Over and over again one hears the opinion expressed that nothing can prevent war between Japan and Russia. In diplomatic circles nothing else is talked about. There exists now an excitement among diplomats such as has not been known for years, and which has entirely eclipsed all the attention hitherto given to the war in South Africa.

A visit to the city revealed an increase in anxiety. There exists in financial circles all the preliminaries of panic which sentiment has affected all the markets and quite neutralized the anticipated effect of the good news from South Africa. It only needs a little, if anything can be judged by Thursday appearances, for a serious break in prices to take place. Public sentiment is urging the government to take more active interest in Chinese developments.

GOLD DEMOCRATS FOR DEWEY.

Indianapolis, June 8.—The Indiana gold democrats have renewed talk of nominating Dewey for president. It is said his name was informally discussed at a meeting of the executive committee in New York. Mr. Frenzel, who has just returned from the meeting of the executive committee, when asked the feeling in the west in regard to Dewey said he was held in the greatest admiration. He also declared that Dewey's views on the monetary question were the same as those of the gold democrats, and Dewey was not radical on the subject of imperialism. Frenzel further said those things were discussed at the meeting of the committee and commented on favorably.

BRYAN TO MEET BOER ENVOY.

Lincoln, June 8.—Bryan will head a delegation of prominent Nebraskans, named by the governor, who will go to Omaha tomorrow to meet the Boer envoys. Bryan, in speaking of the matter tonight, says he does not see why he should not meet the envoys. He declared there were no politics in the matter but sympathy. His sympathies were wholly with the Boers in their struggle. The Boer envoys arrived at Omaha tonight and were greeted by a large crowd.

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GEN. BULLER IN ACTION

Storming the Approaches to Laing's Nek and Majauba Hill.

Gains Some Positions of Importance.

From Which He Can Make Boer Strongholds Untenable.

Roberts' Continued Silence Indicates He is at Work.

CONSUL HOLLIS' VISIT TO KRUGER WAS UNAUTHORIZED AND IS SAID TO BE OF NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE—PREPARING TO ANNEX THE TRANSVAAL.

London, June 9.—The following was received from Buller tonight: "Yellowboemfontein, June 6.—Talbot and Coke with the Tenth brigade of South African light horse seized Van Wyck. The enemy made some resistance and a good deal of sniping occurred. Our casualties were about four killed and thirteen wounded. During the 6th and 7th I got two 4-7 inch guns and two 12-pounder naval guns on to Van Wyck and two 5-inch guns on to the southern spur of Inkswels. Under cover of their fire Hildyard today assaulted all spurs of the Boeg between Batha's pass and Inkswels. The attack, which was well planned by Hildyard, was carried out with immense dash by the troops, from whom no mountains were too steep. They outflanked the enemy, who were forced to retire from a very strong position. I do not think we had any casualties, and I hope I obtained a position from which I can render Laing's Nek untenable."

ROBERTS MAINTAINS SILENCE.

London, June 9.—The war news is scantier than ever. Roberts maintains silence which is generally construed to mean that he is at work. Buller's message, however, commands universal attention. It was considered that Buller would not carry on operations, but would merely use his army as a restraining force. He is now commencing to turn the Boers' position at Laing's Nek by making way over the Drakenberg mountains on the left.

HOLLIS' VISIT TO KRUGER.

London, June 8.—A Lorenzo Marques dispatch to the effect that the United States consul, Hollis, has been conferring with President Kruger, is creating some comment, but in view of the Washington dispatch which asserts that Mr. Hollis has no official errand to the Transvaal there little disposition to regard his movements as at all significant.

A dispatch from Cape Town announces that the work of organizing the government of the Transvaal is progressing. A portion of Sir Alfred Milner's staff has gone to Pretoria to start the machinery, so the proclamation of the annexation of the Transvaal may be speedily expected.

HAD NO AUTHORITY.

Washington, June 8.—Secretary Hay said, in reference to the Lorenzo Marques dispatch stating that it was believed United States Consul Hollis had been negotiating with President Kruger to bring about peace, by direction of the Washington government, that Mr. Hollis had no authority whatever from the state department to make a trip into the Transvaal, and furthermore the state department did not know of any such intention on his part. The consul had no right to go into foreign territory without permission from the state department, but as it is assumed that his visit was of a purely personal character, it is not probable that notice will be taken of his reported actions.

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IMPORTANT DISCOVERY OF FILIPINO DOCUMENTS

Archives of Aguinaldo's Government Found in a Forest.

Vancouver, B. C., June 8.—A copy of the Manila Times, received by the Idzu Maru, tells of an important discovery of insurgent documents and other articles which had been hidden by the Filipinos. It says: "On May 2 General Funston was making a personal reconnaissance with eighteen troops in the direction of Bongabon and Portabagan, when he discovered a perpendicular ladder leading up a cliff crowned with a deep forest. Beside the ladder hung a rope, which, when pulled, rang an alarm bell in the woods back of the precipice. The general and his men ascended the ladder and found thirty or forty large wooden cases crammed full of state documents, comprising most of the archives of the rebel government."

"There were other things saved from the wreck of Malolos, about 1,000 Hotchkiss shells, a stock of bombs and much other ammunition, 200 pounds of black gunpowder, office furniture, from the Malolos Audencia, carpets, chairs, tables and a lot of miscellaneous goods of no special importance. The documents were the principal prize. After such inspection as circumstances permitted, General Funston set aside several tons of useless rubbish and burnt it on the spot, saving the state papers. These comprise all the correspondence of Aguinaldo and his chief officials from the time of their earliest dealings with Dewey down to the hurried migration from Malolos. There are letters to and from Wildman and Dewey, besides several business firms in Manila. Aguinaldo's own letter book giving press copies of everything he wrote is also there. It is rumored that the papers show some firms in Manila to have had relations with the rebels hitherto unsuspected."

PIO DEL PILAR CAPTURED.

Manila, Saturday Morning, June 9.—Native police have captured the notorious rebel general, Pio del Pilar, at San Pedro Macati.

STILL UNRAVELING CUBAN POSTAL FUND

More Evidence Against Rathbone—Court Clerk Accepts Bribe.

Havana, June 8.—The auditor's investigation of the postal frauds has discovered further irregularities on the part of Rathbone. They have found bills amounting to \$8,000, mostly due a Muncie, Ind., firm, paid twice on his order; also that he received \$7,000 pay bills which should not have been paid. The government has notified the surety company on Rathbone's bond it will be held for these amounts. Secretary Sousa, of the Cathedral district court, which court will try Neely, has been arrested for accepting a bribe from Carlos Bacarrisse, representing the Pillsbury Flour company, for obtaining a favorable decision by the court in a suit against Bacarrisse.

When the case was pending in the lower court Bacarrisse refused to pay a bribe to influence a decision in that court and the decision was rendered against him. He informed General Wood, and at the latter's suggestion appealed the case and when again approached paid Sousa in marked money. This was found in Sousa's possession. Sousa denies the money was accepted as a bribe but as a gift and declared under the Spanish regime everyone did as he had done. He was released on bail. There is no direct evidence that the judge of the Cathedral court is implicated, but Wood will investigate.

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GENERAL OTIS GIVES HIS VIEWS

Declares Guerilla Warfare in the Philippines Cannot Last Long.

The Filipinos Have No Organized Force.

Between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 Inhabitants in Islands.

Americans Have Behaved Themselves Live True Soldiers.

GREAT MAJORITY OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE DESIRE PEACE—BUSINESS IN MANILA RESUMED ACTIVELY—AGUINALDO'S WANNING PRESTIGE.

Chicago, June 8.—General Otis and party arrived here this morning. Mrs. Otis arrived from New York about the same time. General Otis declined to enter into a detailed interview, saying it would be inconsistent with his position as an officer to enter into an extended discourse regarding the situation in the Philippines before reaching Washington.

"I left the Philippine situation in the best of hands," he said. "The officers are all able men and qualified to cope with the questions and situations that may arise."

"The war is over. Guerilla warfare cannot last long. We have 55,000 effective troops under arms in the Philippines.

"Estimates regarding the number of inhabitants in the islands are all wild, but the number is considered between six and seven millions. The great majority of the people desire peace and wish to resume activity."

"I don't know where Aguinaldo is. I never saw him personally. It is possible but not probable that he is in the Cagayan section of northern Luzon. It is a rough, mountainous country and very sparsely settled. At first he was regarded by his people as a leader, but lately he is losing prestige and is not held in such high regard."

"Funston is now in the Bulacan section. The officers in charge are all capable men. Stories have been circulated about deceptions committed by the men of our army, but they are false. Our men have been held under close restraint and have conducted themselves like soldiers."

"I can't see that the administration of our distinguished secretary of war has made any mistakes in this campaign. We may have made mistakes over there, but, if so, they have been the result of human liability to commit error. Official reports of the warfare have not been exaggerated, especially of late. I am not conversant with the newspaper reports. Although I received American newspapers, I had not the time to peruse them. The censorship has not been rigid and we assisted the newspaper correspondents all we could. Of course some sensational telegrams were sent, as it was very difficult for newspaper men to secure correct versions regarding our operations, as they were so extended, but we helped them when we could."

"I have no idea as to my course after I reach Washington. I have received no orders, and I simply await the commands of my superiors. My wife and daughter will not accompany me to Washington. They will return to New York today and I will join them later. I was certainly overjoyed to see them, as this is the first time I have seen them in two years."

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