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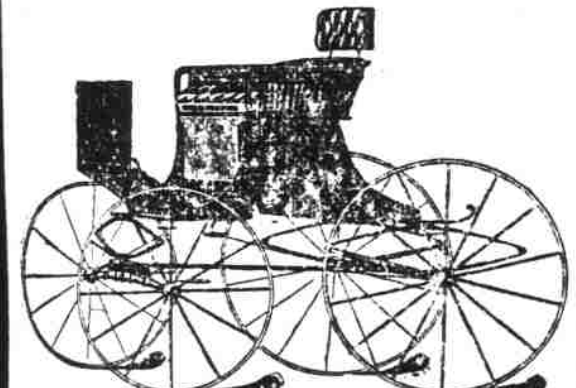
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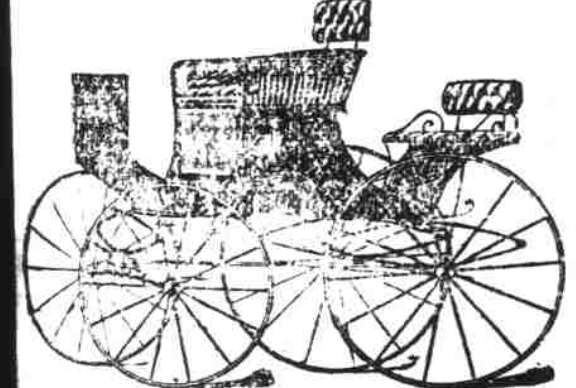
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WILL FIGHT NEAR PEKIN

Expected Chinese Troops Will Give Battle to International Army.

Foreign Forces Will Attack a Fort Tonight.

Telegraph Communication With Peking Cut Off.

Empress Dowager May be Dethroned by Powers.

RUSSIAN AND JAPANESE TROOPS ON THEIR WAY TO THE CAPITAL CITY—GREAT BRITAIN EXPECTED TO SEND ADDITIONAL FORCES.

Tien Tsin June 15.—It is reported that the mixed foreign force will attempt to seize the Taku forts tonight. General Nieh is taking 2,500 troops from Lou Tai to Chun Lieh Chen, which is half way between Tien Tsin and Taku. The Shanhaiwai troops, commanded by General Tung Fuh Siang, are moving toward Peking. There is a growing expectation that the imperial troops will attack the international forces near the capital, probably at Fung Tai. General Tung Fuh Siang is holding the front while Nieh commands the rear.

SITUATION CONTINUES ALARMING.

London, June 15.—The news from China is distinctly confused, but the general trend indicates that the gravity of the situation has in no way diminished. Shanghai provides the usual crop of alarmist rumors as to the conditions at Peking and the preparations to oppose the international forces, but there is a disposition in London to regard the safety of the legations or the Europeans there as not seriously threatened at the present moment. It is realized, however, that the slightest sign of a check to the international forces will put an entirely different face on the matter and probably lead to an outbreak of the rabble which will not be easily controlled. Besides the news of the burning of the French and British missions at Yunnan Fu is regarded as extremely grave, as it points to the extension of the rebellion to remote portions of the empire. If the reports of Chinese opposition to the entry into Peking of the international forces at Feng Tai, while General Nieh, who killed a number of boxers has been degraded are true. The Pall Mall Gazette continues to support the view that relief from the present crisis can best come from Washington saying that as the disruption of China has been stayed in the past by the intervention of the United States, a similar intervention will have the same effect now and so save the mercantile world irreparable losses.

ON THEIR WAY TO PEKIN.

Washington, June 15.—Russian and Japanese troops are on their way to Peking. These forces are supplementary to those landed by the naval squadrons at Taku and, so far as known here, are sent without seeking the approval of the other powers. Certainly the United States has not been approached. It is presumed here that Russia, bent on counterbalancing the preponderance of British marines in the relief column ordered her troops to proceed from Port Arthur. Upon being informed of the action of the St. Petersburg government and of the murder of its official representatives in Peking, Japan decided that its interests demanded that it be represented by a strong military force. It is thought that at least one and perhaps three regiments, depending upon the number of troops sent by Russia have been ordered out by Japan. It is the belief of officials that the action of Russia and Japan is due to the cutting off of communication with Peking. The general expectation is that Great Britain will now land additional troops.

While it was reported in diplomatic quarters that Russia and Japan would send an equal number of troops inquiry failed to fully confirm this statement. It was added however, and this was confirmed in several quarters, that the powers were still acting in concert.

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The grave danger of the landing of the foreign troops lies in their unwillingness, usually, to act under an officer of a foreign detachment and the strong possibility that their governments will not withdraw them.

A diplomat pointed out today that the Japanese troops would not like serving under a Russian officer and the Russians dislike obeying the orders of an English or Japanese officer. Although the suggestion has been put forth in diplomatic quarters here that the powers dethrone the empress dowager and restore emperor Kwang Hsu, no official representation has been made to Secretary Hay on the subject and the administration does not contemplate adopting such a policy. This statement is made on the highest authority, having been evoked by a Shanghai report that the American, English and Japanese ministers at Peking had agreed on this course. It is believed that the presence of a large body of foreign troops will have a great moral effect, not only upon the empress dowager, but upon the Chinese generally. If the powers can hold the head the body can be, it is thought, easily controlled.

COMMUNICATION TO PEKIN CUT. Paris, June 15.—(1:35 p. m.)—At the cabinet council today the minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, announced that the telegraph line to Peking had again been cut. The latest despatch from the minister there, he added, was dated on the evening of June 12 and said the Chinese government had informed him it would not oppose the foreign detachments entering Peking. The French consul at Tien Tsin, M. Delcasse announced, has telegraphed that all was quiet within the French concession there, which was guarded by French and Russian troops. Finally, M. Delcasse said, a swift, first-class cruiser had been ordered to proceed to Taku to reinforce the French naval division at that place.

TEN PERSONS DEAD IN A BURNING HOUSE

A Mother Gives Up Her Life for Her Children—Brave Policemen.

New York, June 15.—Ten lives were lost and six persons were badly injured in a fire early this morning which destroyed the old five-story tenement, 34 Jackson street. The following is a list of the casualties: Dead—Louis Marion, 40 years old; Albert Marion, 14; Elsie Marion, 6; Emma Marion, 3; Wm. Cotter, 40; Kate Cotter, his wife; Mamie Cotter 13; Jacob Cotter, 11; Kate Cotter, 13; John Cotter, 5. Injured—Mary Marion, 17; Frank Marion, 12; Margaret Marion, 9; George Cotter, 4 months; Patrick Burns, 23. It is possible that the body identified as that of Mrs. Kate Cotter may prove to be that of Mrs. Mary Marion wife of Louis. The fire appears to have started in the rear of the hallway on the second floor. It had gained great headway before the people in the house were awakened to their peril. The Cotter family lived on the fourth floor. Cotter, was a laborer, and in addition to the children who lost their lives, he had a son, George, four months old.

Policeman Knowles, after assisting the Hartigan family to escape from the third floor of the building, mounted one flight higher. Flames shot out of the windows and set fire to his coat. The brave policeman, almost suffocated by the smoke, continued to climb the fire escape till he reached the top floor. He heard screams coming from the Mulhearn apartments and, locating them, assisted the dazed people down the fire escapes. Louis Marion was killed by jumping from a window. In the Cotter rooms were found the remains of Cotter, while a few feet away was the body of Mrs. Cotter with a dead child under her. In other parts of the rooms were found the remaining members of the family. Only two of them, Mamie and George, the latter four months old, were alive.

Policeman Peter Purfield, who had followed the other officers to the fire, had reached the top of the first flight of stairs when Patrick Burns, one of Miss Jordan's boarders, with his night-shirt blazing, jumped over the banisters within a few feet of the officer. He fell in a heap at the bottom of the stairs. Purfield carried him to the street and tore his blazing garment from him. Burns was delirious. He broke from the policeman and rushed back into the burning house. Purfield overtook him and brought him out again, and the man then sank from pain and exhaustion on the sidewalk.

When Officer Knowles reached the Marion apartments a confusion of flame and smoke burst into his face. In the midst of it all, with night gowns ablaze, and their hair blazing, four of the children were tearing about the room shrieking in terrible agony. Mrs. Marion huddled near the window. With her bare arms wrapped about her baby, she was gasping for air.

Three rushes were made into the flames by the terrified woman, and Margery, Frank and Mamie were brought to Knowles after he had taken the baby. The blisters and scars were swelling on his hands and arm, but he conquered his agony and finished his work on the floor by finally carrying the fainting form of the courageous mother down the fire escape. A few moments afterward the woman died. She had literally sacrificed herself for her babies.

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GATHERING AT PHILADELPHIA

Arranging the Preliminaries for the Republican National Conventions.

Still at Sea Regarding Vice Presidency.

Odell the Latest Name Favorably Mentioned.

Senator Platt Interviewed on the Situation.

DOLLIVER'S BOOM PUSHED BY COMPTROLLER DAWES—TENNESSEE CONTEST DECIDED IN FAVOR OF BROWNLOW—PEN-ROSE WINS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 15.—While there have been no startling developments today in the vice-presidential situation, a slightly new turn has been given the discussion by an interview in New York with Senator Platt, circulated here today, in which Platt suggests B. B. Odell, chairman of the New York state republican committee, as a candidate. If the New York state delegation should present Odell he would be quite a formidable candidate, but it also suggests to a number of leaders here that in such an event the convention might stampede to Representative Dolliver, of Iowa, as there is apparently a growing demand for a western candidate. It is understood that Senator Allison is urging Mr. Dolliver with considerable persistency and says that if they need an Iowa man Dolliver should be selected. On the other hand there are those who declare that the Iowa senator is urging Dolliver, knowing that it takes the talk away from himself. While there is talk of Bliss, his friends here say that he has made it perfectly clear to the president and to the president's friends, that personal reasons prevent him from being considered.

Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, is pressing the claims of Secretary Long. "He is the only available man," he said today, "who comes up to Mr. Hanna's requirements for a vice president who would certainly make a good president. Mind," he added, "I cast no reflections upon Mr. Allison or Mr. Bliss, but they are not candidates. With these out of the way, Mr. Long is the only man left willing to accept who will fill the bill. Of course, I don't forget the Sampson-Schley controversy, but that will cut no figure." The settlement of the Delaware contest is apparently more difficult than any which the national committee has had to face. The sub-committee has so far failed absolutely to bring about a reconciliation of the factions and failing in this can only refer the whole matter to the full committee for determination. There is no doubt that the stiff position which the Dupont faction maintains and the offer of Addicks to compromise matters has had considerable weight with the committee. The proposition to admit both delegations with half a vote each was considered and met with a great deal of favor with a majority of the committee. The Dupont-Higgins men, however, say that they will not accept this and will not sit in the convention under such circumstances, and members of the committee are said to resent this attitude. "If they will not harmonize among themselves," said one member of the committee, who has given the matter a good deal of attention, "there is such a thing as jamming them together and those who do not accept our action can do as they please about it."

It is conceded among republicans here tonight that no definite understanding of the vice presidential situation will be reached until Platt and the

New York delegation have put themselves on record. Hanna, in conversation with a Laffan correspondent, said tonight: "Bliss or Allison cannot be considered candidates. No man alive knows who will be the candidate. With the arrival of the party leaders tomorrow and Sunday we will begin to understand something about the situation."

These remarks of Hanna tell the story of the day. All eyes today turned on Odell. The utterances of Platt in regard to him were read today with great interest by Hanna, Payne and others. All had a kindly word for Odell. It can be said, however, that Odell is not a candidate.

Dolliver's boom was pushed this evening by Comptroller of Currency Dawes and Director of the Mint Roberts. This is regarded as significant, inasmuch as Dawes is very close to McKinley. Otis is the latest candidate spoken of in connection with the vice presidency.

The national committee continued its tedious work considering contests today.

There is great trouble patching up the Delaware dispute, the subcommittee trying to arrange the matter wanted to be relieved this afternoon, but on personal appeal agreed to further consider the matter. The Pennsylvania contest was decided in favor of Penrose.

BROWNLOW WINS. Philadelphia, Pa., June 15.—The national committee decided in favor of Brownlow's delegation in the Tennessee contest by a unanimous vote.

DEWEY WOULD DECLINE. Doesn't Care to be Second on Ticket With Bryan.

Washington, June 15.—Admiral Dewey was asked today if he would accept the nomination for the vice presidency. "Many democrats throughout the country are discussing the desirability of placing you on the ticket with Mr. Bryan," it was suggested.

"I have never contemplated being a candidate for vice president," replied the admiral. "I am not a candidate for the combination for that office and would not accept the nomination if offered. My position is unchanged; I stand now where I have stood for the past three months." It will thus be seen that Dewey had no second string to his bow when he made the announcement that he would be a candidate for the presidency if the people of the country wished him to be. The above statement was submitted to and approved by Admiral Dewey.

ROUTED BY FUNSTON.

Manila, June 15.—A force of Filipinos under command of General Luces, who were preparing to attack the Americans under Major Wheeler, holding the town of Penaranda, were completely routed by a force commanded by General Funston two miles from Penaranda, where the rebels had entrenched themselves. Twenty-two Filipinos were killed; one American was killed, and one wounded.

The Philippine commission has established an office in the Ayuntamiento.

DAVIE COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Special to the Gazette. Advance, June 14.—The republican county convention of Davie county met at Mocksville June 11, 1900, and nominated the following officers: For the house, C. M. Sheets; for sheriff, J. L. Sheek; for register of deeds, B. O. Morris; for treasurer, E. E. Vogler; for coroner, J. W. Bailey; for surveyor, M. K. Chaffin; for county commissioners, C. G. Bailey, J. M. Cain, W. F. Furches.

YELLOW FEVER IN CUBA.

Havana, June 15.—All indications point to a quiet election tomorrow. Major Edmond, of General Lee's staff, and his wife, are ill with yellow fever at Quemados. Several soldiers in the village have yellow fever. One has died. There has been a total of fourteen cases and six deaths.

DIAMOND HILL CAPTURED.

London, June 15.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, June 15.—As I telegraphed yesterday from one of our outposts fifteen miles east of Pretoria, the Boers evacuated their position during the night of June 12. They had paid so much attention to strengthening their flanks that their centre was weakly

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BRITISH VICTORIES

Klerkedorp Surrendered by the Boers When Attacked by Hunter.

Roberts Reports the Capture of Diamond Hill.

Hamilton Attacked the Stronghold Under Heavy Fire.

Seized it With the Loss of Less Than 100 of His Men.

KLERKSDORP A STRATEGIC POSITION OF MUCH IMPORTANCE—IT WAS COMMANDED BY A SON OF THE EXILED GENERAL CRONJE.

London, June 15.—The war office this afternoon received a dispatch from Roberts as follows: "Pretoria, June 15.—Klerksdorp surrendered June 9 to an armed force sent by Hunter.

"Kitchener reports that Boers attacked a construction train early this morning a few miles north of Rheinstetter river. He sent out mounted troops and drove off the enemy before they could do any damage. Two men were killed and three injured.

"A messenger from Klerksdorp reports that Cronje, who commanded there, determined to surrender as soon as he knew for certain that Pretoria was in our possession. His example was copied by many in the neighborhood."

By the peaceful occupation of Klerksdorp, announced by Roberts, the British have gained a strategic position of some importance, as the town is not only the terminus of another railroad to Johannesburg but is within easy reach of the Kronestad district. Cronje, who surrendered the place, is a son of General Cronje, now at St. Helena. Young Cronje was prominent during his siege at Mafeking.

A despatch from Kimberley reports the capture of the well known pugilist, "Jim" Holloway, who was an adjutant in the Boer army and who blew up the bridge at Fourteen Streams. Holloway was among a body of federals captured in the west part of the Transvaal.

The Afrikaander bond congress opened at Paarl today with seventy delegates, including seven assemblymen present.

THE DEADLOCK AT CAPE TOWN.

It is feared at Cape Town that the parliamentary deadlock will lead to a temporary suspension of the constitution and there is much anxiety in regard to the possible outcome of such a grave step. Sir John Gordon Sprigg is experiencing difficulty in forming a cabinet. Mr. Shreiner persisting in his refusal to support a ministry dominated by Cecil Rhodes, owing to personal antipathy. Coalition seems impracticable. Messrs. Roseinell and Solomon are not inclined to accept subordinate positions in a government composed of nominees of the South African league. If Schreiner is dissatisfied with the personnel and pledges of the new ministry, the latter will be unable to pass imperial measures and a dangerous deadlock will ensue, which may lead to a grave constitutional crisis.

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