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THREE TERRIBLE NIGHTS

Lady Relates Occurrences Preceding the Relief—Browne Tells an Interesting Story of Uprising—Fenn Talks of Timely Arrival of Troops.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—Rev. Frederick Browne, presiding elder of the Methodist mission in Tien Tsin, who guided the allied forces into the Chinese camp, arrived here on the Coptic. He was one of the last persons to leave Peking before communication with the outside world had been cut off. He left Peking June 4, and with great difficulty reached Tien Tsin. He immediately organized an expedition for the relief of Pei Tsai Ho, where a party of 75 foreigners, mostly women and children, were besieged by the Chinese. About 30 Americans were in the party, Dr. Browne's family among them. He sent his family to Japan for safety, and himself succeeded in getting through to Tien Tsin on an American tugboat. Mr. Browne was familiar with the city of Peking. His advice was asked regarding the best means of entering the city and it was on his suggestion that the sewer under the city's wall was chosen by the Americans and the British. The result of this was their arrival several hours before the Russians and Japanese. Dr. Browne said:

"The capture of Tien Tsin on July 15 by the allied forces was so unexpected that the various treasuries, yamens and mints did not have time to hide their treasures or destroy their documents. I was requested by the allies to search the dockets and files of the various Chinese departments, and in doing so came across many accounts which clearly incriminate the highest officials. A complete register of all the Boxers in the villages around Tien Tsin were also found, giving names and descriptions so perfectly that when the suppression of this pestilential society is undertaken the list will be of great assistance."

Rev. Frank Gamewell, one of the Methodist missionaries at Peking, designed the barricades, behind which the besieged legationers so ably defended themselves during the long siege. For this he has been thanked in a letter by Sir Claude MacDonald.

THREE TERRIBLE NIGHTS.

Mrs. Payne Tells of Her Experiences in Peking.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—Cecile E. Payne, who went to Peking last spring as the guest of Minister and Mrs. Conger, was a passenger on the steamer Coptic. She told a graphic story of the siege on her arrival here.

"Of the whole eight weeks of terrible anxiety and dread she said three nights stand out with special prominence. They are spoken of by the besieged as 'the three terrible nights.' The first was just before the siege—about June 17 or 18. That was while we were in the American legation. We went into the British legation compound on June 20. The night I speak of was one the foreigners will never forget. All night long went up terrible cries—howls and shouts of thousands upon thousands of Chinese crying for the blood of the foreigners.

"The second terrible night was about the middle of the siege when, after three or four days of muggy and sultry weather, one of the most violent thunderstorms I ever experienced broke over the city. Everybody had predicted that with the coming of rain the Chinese would cease firing, but the effect was just the opposite. It was a night of bellowing thunder, roaring artillery, incessant lightning and pouring rain.

"The third and last night of horrors was that of Aug. 13, the day before the relief came. On that night the Chinese were fairly frantic to break in and kill us.

"The firing that had before seemed furious was tame compared with the hail of shot and shell that poured in upon us that night. It came from all quarters and seemed to be from every imaginable kind of firearms. We had received reports of the approach of the relief column and knew that it must be near from the furious attempts of the Chinese to slay us. We expected that any moment might be our last, as many breaches were made by shells and a determined assault at any one place would have opened the way for the hordes outside."

FENN TELLS OF THE SIEGE.

First News From the Outside—Relief of the Foreigners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—Rev. C. H. Fenn, a returned missionary from Peking, tells of the first receipt during the siege of direct news by Minister Conger from Secretary of State Hay.

"On July 15 we received a message that said, 'Communicate tidings bearer.' There was no date and no signature. This Conger sent to the tsung li yamen with the request that it be explained. He received in reply a copy of Minister Wu's dispatch which stated that the United States government demanded word from Minister Conger in cipher. The message made our hearts jump with joy. Conger sent his reply at once.

"The night before relief arrived we heard the rattle from Chinese guns in the distance and it was sweet music. Everybody got up; it was about 1 o'clock; the women made coffee and there was no more sleeping that night. The next day as the Americans came in I went down and shook hands with each man as he came through the water gate."

Expedition Postponed.

TAKU, Oct. 2.—The expedition to Pai Ting Fu has been postponed and the start will not be made until Oct 6. General Gaselee and the German general will command the Peking and Tien Tsin columns respectively. The Russians have occupied Tong Shan without opposition. The New South Wales contingent of the British troops will winter in Peking.

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OFFICER WAS OVERPOWERED

Negro Prisoner Was Taken From Him by Force.

TIFTON, Ga., Oct. 2.—A negro entered the residence of Dr. J. A. McCrea. He was first discovered by Mrs. McCrea, and was then in her room, where a dim light was burning. She called to know who it was, and receiving no answer jumped out of bed and turned up the light. Seeing it was a negro she screamed and ran toward the doctor's room, across the hall. The negro ran out at the door, which he had previously unfastened, before Dr. McCrea could get his pistol.

The description of the negro as given by Mrs. McCrea and the young ladies resulted in the arrest of Charles Washington. When carried before the ladies they positively identified him as the man.

Washington was placed in Tifton jail, but rumors of a lynching becoming current, Constable Oliver took the negro in his buggy and started to Nashville with him. About 1 mile out of town Oliver was met by a crowd of men, whether white or black he could not tell. One seized his horse and others seized him.

The negro was taken from the buggy and Oliver told that he had just two minutes to get away, and one of them was already gone. He returned home and no trace of the negro has been discovered since. It is hardly probable that he was killed even if the party was white, and if negroes it was plainly a rescue.

MRS. PETTYJOHN SUICIDES.

An Augusta Lady Takes Her Own Life at Hillman.

WASHINGTON, Ga., Oct. 2.—A mysterious suicide occurred at Hillman which ended the life of Mrs. William P. Pettyjohn of Augusta.

Mrs. Pettyjohn, not going down to breakfast, Mrs. Dozier, the proprietor of the hotel, knocked at her door, and receiving no response, forced an entrance, and on entering found the occupant unconscious. Two hours later Mrs. Pettyjohn was dead. A half emptied vial on the table told a part of the story.

There is evidently some mystery behind the scenes which has not yet been permitted to creep out. When preparations were made for shrouding the body the only trunk in the room was found to contain gentlemen's clothing.

A brother-in-law of the deceased, when he arrived, asked to see the trunk and tried to gain entrance into the room where the inquest was being held. He said the verdict should have been that the deceased came to her death by reason of heart failure and not by opiates from her own hands.

LADY KILLED IN A RUNAWAY.

Mrs. Jewett Thrown From a Buggy With Fatal Results.

MACON, Sept. 29.—While out driving Mrs. John Jewett, wife of H. J. Jewett, was thrown from the buggy and instantly killed. Her two sons, who were with her at the time the accident occurred, were also injured.

The accident occurred near Summerfield, 7 miles from Macon and about 2 miles from their suburban home. It seems that the horse became frightened at something along the roadside and began to run. The Central of Georgia railroad intersects the road at a point near where the animal became frightened. On reaching the track the horse turned down it and threw the occupants from the buggy.

HIS WOUND PROVES FATAL.

Hon. Charles A. Collier the Victim of an Accident.

ATLANTA, Sept. 29.—Charles A. Collier, president of the Atlanta Business Men's league, ex-mayor of Atlanta and one of the Georgia commissioners to the Paris exposition, who shot himself accidentally Thursday morning at his residence in this city, died of his wound about 4 o'clock this morning.

About 3 o'clock Mr. Collier thought he heard burglars in his house and, securing his pistol, started down the steps from his bedroom on the second floor. In descending he stumbled and discharged the pistol.

The bullet entered his left side, near the heart, struck a rib and glanced off.

Atlanta's Municipal Campaign.

ATLANTA, Sept. 29.—The city campaign is one of the liveliest ever known. There are four candidates for mayor, Major Livingston Mims, Hon. I. S. Mitchell, Hon. F. P. Rice and Mr. Nym McCullough, all strong men, who are working hard for success. The primary occurs next Friday. Meetings are held nightly and the friends of each candidate are laying wagers on the result. At present Mims seems to be the favorite in the betting, but it is stated that McCullough is developing great strength, especially among the laboring men.

Hurrying Cotton to Europe.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 2.—Not in years has cotton been rushed to the European markets so early in the season as during the past few weeks. The ships have cleared from Savannah in fleets and there are now many vessels bound to the other side loaded with cargoes that are very valuable because of the present high price of cotton. The manner in which staple is being hurried from this port has caused considerable comment among those who watch for the departure of ships of all classes.

Rich Gold Find In Tennessee.

KNOXVILLE, Oct. 2.—Gold has been discovered in Monroe county near here which yields $83 to the ton. The strata is said to be very extensive. A local company will be organized to develop the property.

Died From Excitement.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Sept. 29.—W. W. Dalton, a young white man, died at the police station from heart failure, resulting from fits, brought on from extreme religious demonstrations.

Courthouse Robbed.

ELBA, Ala., Sept. 29.—The office of the clerk of the circuit court was broken into and the safe robbed of about $300, more than half of which belonged to the state.

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WHAT BRYAN SAID.

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They say I am begging for votes. Not at all. I never asked a man to vote for me. In fact, I have told some people to vote against me. That is more than most candidates do. I have said that if there was anybody who believed in the maintenance of the gold standard until foreign nations came to us and graciously permitted us to abandon it, I said that if anybody should believe that the gold standard was absolutely essential to the welfare of this country, he ought not to vote for me at all.

I do not want any man to vote for me and then object to my doing what I expect to do if you elect me, and if I can prevent the maintenance of the gold standard you can rely upon my doing it the very first possible opportunity given me.—William Jennings Bryan, Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1896.

Republican Expansion.

The Republican policy of expansion is to secure footholds by which our commerce will be protected and extended. The Democratic policy was to acquire slave territory and additional power in congress through an increased number of slave states.

Extremely Doubtful.

The Democrats now regard Ohio as a "doubtful state." They might go even farther and regard it as very doubtful as far as they are concerned.

It is a mistake to assume that Mr. Bryan has not gained anything by his utterances on "imperialism." His reputation for trick politics has been added to materially.

Mr. Bryan will hardly be so reckless as to paramount one of his nominations.

POPULISTS' LAST RESORT.

They Must Vote the Barker Ticket or Cease to Exist.

It is evident that unless the Wharton Barker and Ignatius Donnelly ticket receives a large number of votes this fall the Populist party will be practically eliminated from national politics. The turning down of Towne at the Kansas City convention and the fact that Bryan has forced the Populists to accept Stevenson as a vice presidential candidate will practically eliminate that party in all of the states in the coming campaign. Of course in some states like Nebraska and Kansas, in case the fusion forces are successful, state offices will be filled largely by Populists.

Bryan, who appears as boss not only of the Democrats, but of the Populists as well, has forced the Democrats of these states to give up the state offices to the Populists for the purpose of securing fusion, and in return he has forced the Populists to accept Stevenson.

The biggest boss the Democratic party ever had is Billy Bryan. Cleveland had many of the elements of a boss, but he never saw the time that he so dominated the one party as Bryan does the Democracy and the Populist party of today. It would not be surprising if Chairman Butler of the Populist party, who was wiped out of existence in North Carolina by the Democrats, would be pleased to see the Barker ticket make considerable headway. It is the only resort left for the Populists.

The charge of militarism made by the Democratic candidate for the presidency is an insult to every American soldier serving under the flag. All soldiers, whether regulars, volunteers or in the militia, are volunteers. They have entered the service of their own free will and accord. None was drafted.

Astrologer—You will be defeated once more.
Bryan—And after then?
Astrologer—Then you will get used to it. —Brooklyn Eagle.

HOW MANY?

A Few Questions For Intelligent Consideration of Voters.

How many persons in the United States really and truly believe that their liberties will be in danger if the Philippines remain in the possession of the United States?

How many persons in the United States really and truly believe that its form of government is so weak that it would fall or be radically changed in consequence of undertaking to govern the Philippines?

How many persons in the United States really and truly believe that the Philippines would be better off left to their own devices and the tender mercies of little dictators like Aguinaldo than kept under the sovereignty of the United States?

How many persons in the United States really and truly believe that an army of 100,000 for a nation of 75,000,000 is militarism?

How many persons in the United States really and truly believe that it is patriotic or right to sympathize with the armed enemies of the United States and to give them aid and comfort?—New York Sun.

The Hon. Charles A. Towne is to attempt to answer Governor Roosevelt's speeches. It will be recalled that Mr. Towne is the gentleman who was unable to successfully answer the arguments of the men who wanted him off a certain presidential ticket.

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BRYANISM'S WORST FOE.

What the Calamity Candidate Has to Fear In His Own State.

General Prosperity is in command of the Republican forces in Nebraska, and he is already getting the Bryanites on the run.

There are long, blank faces in the Democratic state headquarters over the uncomfortable fact that Nebraska farmers are receiving 4¾ cents a pound for their hogs, where two years ago they could get only 2½ cents; that these farmers are buying pianos, top buggies, dress goods for their wives and daughters; that they are painting their houses, lifting their mortgages and putting good money into the savings banks. The merchants of Omaha, Lincoln and Sioux City report an increase of from 40 to 100 per cent in the volume of their business. The Union Pacific railway has sold more land in the last two years than in the 15 years before. In 1896 the Union Pacific had 125 idle locomotives in its roundhouses. Now it can hardly handle the traffic which pours in upon it from every quarter of Nebraska.

The Populist secretary of the state banking board, who is a statistician first and a calamity howler afterward, reports an increase of $3,000,000 in deposits in the state and private banks of Nebraska, and a decrease of $2,000,000 in loans and discounts. Individual deposits in the Nebraska national banks have increased $1,000,000 since April. Omaha's bank clearings in July were $26,336,000, a gain of almost $1,000,000 over July, 1899.

If Mr. Bryan loses his own state, as now seems probable, it is General Prosperity who will do the work—General Prosperity and the determination of the plain people of Nebraska that neither in China nor the Philippines shall the stars and stripes go down at the demand of anarchy.—Boston Journal.

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COAL MINERS FIRM IN THEIR DEMANDS

Refuse to Return to Work at the Increase.

LEADERS MORE HOPEFUL

President Mitchell Is Pleased With the Situation—Fewer Men at Work Than on Saturday—Will Remain Out Until Their Demands Are Granted.

HAZELTON, Pa., Oct. 1.—President Mitchell at noon today said:

"The strike is practically complete, and there will be no resumption of work without there first being a convention representing every colliery in the anthracite fields. The prediction made that no attention would be paid to the notices posted by the Reading company conceding a 10 per cent advance has proved true.

"Our reports from the Panther Creek valley indicate that this heretofore impregnable portion of the anthracite coal region has declared its intention of suspending operations at once.

"Accompanied by the national board members, I shall go to Wilkesbarre tomorrow, to attend a great labor demonstration which will be participated in by fully 25,000 men."

President Mitchell reiterated this afternoon that notwithstanding reports to the contrary he is not preparing to issue a call for a convention nor does he contemplate such a step at present. He said there is nothing at present to indicate the necessity of such a meeting.

HAZELTON, Pa., Oct. 1.—Another march from here with the Calvin Pardee collieries at Latimer mills as the objective point took place early today. About 300 striking mine workers from Freeland started for Latimer a 1 o'clock this morning, and a little later 100 strikers set out from Hazelton for the same place. The two bodies effected a junction east of Latimer and marched into the town at 4 o'clock. Each striker carried a small American flag.

Their arrival at Latimer caused a great commotion. Nearly every man, woman and child in the place was roused out of bed. The marchers adopted the same tactics as were employed at Hazlebrook last week, going to the homes of all nonstrikers and persuade them to refrain from continuing at work. They also covered all the roads leading from surrounding towns to Latimer. The strikers claim they succeeded in getting nearly 400 men to quit, but the company official say they did not lose anywhere near that number.

After starting time the strikers again formed in line and marched through the town, after which they dispersed.

All was reported quiet in the Panther Creek valley this morning. About 50 of the strikers who went to that place yesterday from McAdoo and Jeansville remained there over night for the purpose of trying to get the 220 men working at the collieries in that valley out. They had not met with very much success, as reports from that locality say that all the collieries are working with nearly the same force of men as on Saturday.

Situatiin Uncharged.

Reports from the various collieries throughout the Hazelton district today show that practically the same number of men were working as on Saturday, excepting at Latimer. The colliery at which the noticeable change occurred was at that of A. Pardee & Co., at Cranberry, where some of the "lokie" engineers and some driver boys struck, thus further crippling the working.

When John Markle of the firm of G. B. Markle & Co. was asked how many men returned to work in his collieries today, the only reply he would make was:

"All the mines are working."

When the strike leaders were asked about the Markle mines they said there were very few men in the works. The firm owns five mines and usually employs 2,500 men.

The Markles' Ebervale colliery, which has not been in operation since the strike began, remains closed. The Freeland men, who marched to Latimer this morning, intended to stop at the Markle No. 5, Jeddo mine, on their way home. John Markle met the Freeland men at the outskirts of Jeddo. Upon joining the men Mr. Markle marched with them to a schoolhouse near the No. 5 colliery, where he persuaded the strikers to go home.

President Mitchell was very much pleased at hearing the news from the Schuylkill region that fewer men went to work today in the Reading collieries than ever.

Notices Ignored by the Miners.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Oct. .—The notice posted yesterday by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company announcing an increase in wages of 10 per cent to all of its employes was ignored by the striking mine workers and none of them went to the workings this morning. It was the impression here last night ~~that no attempt~~ would be made today to operate the idle collieries, and this feeling was strengthened by the fact that the soldiers were not ordered to patrol the roads at an early hour this morning. General Gobin is prepared for trouble in the Panther Creek valley, which has not yet been effected by the strike.

Not a Single Defection.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 1.—There was not a single defection reported from the ranks of the striking mine workers in the Lackawanna region today, despite the report of a 10 per cent wage increase on the part of the mining companies. Efforts to get another Lackawanna company washery into operation this morning were a failure, as the firemen and engineers who were asked to work there absolutely refused to do so.

Only Seven Collieries Working.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1.—According to the official report of Superintendent R. C. Luther of the Reading Coal and Iron company's mines to President Harris this morning, but seven of the 39 collieries operated by the company started up this morning. This indicates that in spite of the offer of an advance in wage of 10 per cent the company is working five less mines today than on Saturday.

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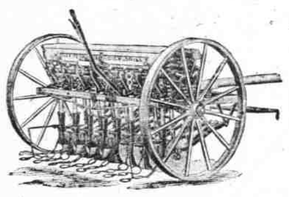

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