

AMENDMENT'S DEFENCE

Alleged Cases of Looting by Missionaries in China

ADVISED BY CONGER

The Abandoned Property of Wealthy Chinese Sold to Provide Food and Clothing for Native Converts

Chicago, May 13.—Rev. Dr. William S. Ament, against whom charges of "looting" were preferred by Mark Twain in connection with the conduct of missionary affairs in China after the "Siege of Peking," defended himself publicly last night in the course of a lecture at the First Congregational church.

The charges of the novelist were vigorously resented and the actions of the missionaries defended on the ground that the missionaries were acting for the good of the Chinese Christians, for whose welfare they were responsible. Mr. Ament further asserted that instances of alleged looting were not only unproven but even advised by E. H. Conger, the American minister, and the representatives of the Chinese government.

"After the siege there were about 200 native Christians under our protection," said Dr. Ament, "and, with only a few exceptions, they were without food and clothing. They were emancipated with fasting, their clothing was in rags, and the situation called for immediate relief.

"We were notified when the troops came that our native charges must vacate the British legation, as the room was needed for the British soldiers. The mission houses had been burned, the homes of these people, who were in our charge and for whom we were responsible, had been destroyed and the situation was almost hopeless.

"In such straits, what could we do? One of our number thought of the abandoned home of a ruined prince, who had lived near by, and it was there that we decided to establish a settlement for our charges. Still our converts were without food and clothing. We appealed to Mr. Conger. He advised us to take the furniture on the premises and sell it at auction. Confiscated goods were brought in by soldiers from abandoned houses. They were sold under the supervision of a British military officer, and part of the proceeds were used for the benefit of soldiers, who had lost their clothing. The remainder was applied for the benefit of converts."

NEW POSTMASTERS

Pensions Granted and Civil Service Examinations

Washington, May 13.—Special.—These postmasters have been appointed: A. N. Lamonde, at Candor, Montgomery county, vice J. G. Tomlinson, removed; E. H. Dixon, at Drew, Berrie county, vice J. D. Cherry, resigned; J. B. Seigler, at New Found, Buncombe county, vice Bert Plomons, resigned; G. A. Jones, at Carter, Forsyth county, vice G. T. Ervine, resigned.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 18, 1901, an examination will be held in any city in the United States where postal free delivery has been established for the position of mail inspectors; also on June 2, in same class of cities, for position of editorial clerk. Blank forms and information furnished by the Civil Service Commission here.

A new post office has been established at Pax, Bladen county, with Lloyd T. Calmas as postmaster; at Success, Cabarrus county, with George F. Barnhardt as postmaster; at Brookford, Catawba county, with Henry J. Holbrook as postmaster.

These pensions have been granted: S. S. Meekins, Avon, \$8; Andrew T. Laws, Pope's Knob, \$8; Eliza Waters, Plymouth, \$8; Elizabeth Jackson, Ocranoke, \$8; Samuel M. Blount, Washington, \$8; Prince Plummers, New Bern, \$8; Hedy D. Perry, Rich Square, \$12; Fred Hill, Windsor, \$8.

LONG TIME TO PAY

Plan Suggested by the Chinese Peace Commissioners

Peking, May 11 (7:20 a. m., by post to Chefoo). The Chinese plenipotentiaries have memorialized the throne to approve a plan for the payment of foreign indemnities which contemplates the payment of 15,000,000 taels annually for thirty years. Of this amount ten million taels is to be raised annually from an income tax, three million from native salt tax, and two million from the Likien. Then, in order to make good the loss in national revenue, it is proposed to increase the tax so as to produce 7,000,000 taels.

Lin-Kun-Yih, viceroy of Nankin and plenipotentiary, opposes the use of the indemnities for this purpose, as that is an important industry in his jurisdiction. Chang-Chih-Tung, viceroy of Wu-Chang, another envoy with the same

powers as Lin-Kun-Yih, is in favor of imposing new taxes on opium and tobacco. When the reply comes it will be transmitted by the Chinese peace envoys to the foreign ministers.

Chou-Fu, the treasurer of Paoting-Fu, who undertook to collect the mission claims, has abandoned the idea of indemnifying the missionaries independently, and will only seek to recompense the native converts. This is satisfactory, as the foreign ministers are willing to demand indemnity for foreigners, but not for native converts.

A Millionaire Cop

Buffalo, May 13.—Harry Hamlin, one of Buffalo's millionaires, and a director of the Pen-American Exposition, has been sworn in as a special policeman, and now wears the badge of that office. It is not certain yet whether he will continue on duty. He says he will if the other members of the board of directors do the same. Thus far none has been found who seems willing to do this, although all commend Mr. Hamlin's action. Of course, Mr. Hamlin will not do patrol duty. He says he wanted to be a policeman, so if the occasion showed itself in case of trouble he could act in that capacity.

A Great Labor Organization

Boston, May 13.—After many attempts three hundred thousand organized textile workers will soon be amalgamated under one head. It took a two-day session of the delegates of several unions, assisted by James Duncan, first vice president of the American Federation of Labor, to accomplish this result. The session closed last night with an agreement that all the textile unions shall assist one another morally and financially in case of a strike or lockout, and that all unions shall push the work of organizing.

ALL ACCEPT

American Republics to Be Represented at City of Mexico

Washington, May 13.—Senor Mariscal, minister of foreign relations of Mexico, today informed the State Department that all of the American republics had formally accepted invitations to send representatives to the International Conference of states to be held in the City of Mexico October 22.

The republics in the order of acceptance are as follows: Mexico, United States, Guatemala, Salvador, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Peru, Cili, Honduras, Nicaragua, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, Haiti, San Domingo and Paraguay.

The delegates from the United States to the conference are ex-Senator Davis, of West Virginia, W. L. Buchanan, V. W. Foster, John Barrett and C. M. Pepper.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Buying in Northern Pacific Suspended Temporarily

London, May 13.—The Stock exchange committee for general purposes met this morning and passed a resolution to the effect that the buying in of the Northern Pacific, common and preferred, be suspended until further notice.

The committee also decided that those operators interested in United States Steel shares shall meet in the official assignee's room at 3 o'clock p. m., with a view of facilitating the carrying over of the shares named. The price for making up has been fixed at 140.

Immediately upon Mr. Morgan's arrival here two meetings were held, with Lord Rothschild in the chair. It is authoritatively stated that there will be failure here today, and that the present settlement will be carried over smoothly. Mr. Morgan is gliding Northern Pacific at "evens," that is, for nothing.

OUR FLAG HAULED DOWN

Germans and British Take Control of Two Sections

Pekin, May 10.—3:30 p. m.—By post from Taku to Chefoo.—Today the two American sections were transferred to control of other troops.

The larger section of the Chinese city was transferred to the Germans and the section controlled by the Americans in the Tartar City to the British. The American flags were lowered and those of the British and Germans hoisted over these two sections. The people, who had previously expressed regret at removal of the American troops, now express pleasure at other supervision. The chief Chinese judges, the interpreters and assistants are retained in both sections controlled by the Germans. The British retain part of the native police. No one desires complete Chinese control at present.

For several months the Japanese have been drilling a Chinese police force for future employment, at the special request of Prince Caing, the acting military governor.

Kitchener Reports Successes

London, May 13.—General Kitchener telegraphs the War Office from Pretoria under yesterday's date as follows: "Grenfell has occupied Louistrichard, taking fifty prisoners. Other columns report eight Boers killed and 20 wounded, 132 prisoners and 24 surrendered. They also report the capture of a machine gun, 6,400 rounds of ammunition, 150 wagon and 870 horses."

STRUCK A SNAG A SORE FINGER

Steamboat Sunk and a Score of Lives Lost

ONLY TWO RECOVERED

The Night Was Dark and the Pilot Attempted to Back Out from a Landing—The Boat Was a Fine One

Grand Tower, Ill., May 13.—The steamer City of Paducah struck a snag and sank at 9 o'clock last night while backing out from Brunkhorst, a landing between Chester and Grand Tower. Two passengers, the messenger and twenty of the rowboats were drowned, but two bodies being recovered, those of Miss Mabel Gardner of St. Louis and Dr. J. W. Bell of Bell's Landing, Tenn. Miss Gardner's remains were shipped to her former home on the City of Clifton. The remains of Dr. Bell will be shipped to Tennessee.

The City of Paducah was run in the Tennessee river trade and was largely patronized by excursionists during the summer months. When she sank she had a full passenger list, but fortunately only two of these were drowned. The boat put into Brunkhorst about 8 o'clock for a load of corn. In backing out in the dark the Paducah struck a snag and went down in thirty feet of water. In a moment after the vessel struck, all was confusion aboard, passengers and crew alike being panic-stricken. Many jumped into the river and were rescued by small boats. A half dozen succeeded in reaching the shore by swimming. Miss Gardner was one of a party of three who were making the round trip for pleasure. She was weighed by clothing and sank almost instantly, but this morning the body was recovered. This morning the river was full of floating freight of all kinds from the sunken vessel.

The Paducah was commanded by Captain Kirkpatrick, who is still at the wreck and with part of the crew, is endeavoring to recover the safe. Rev. A. M. Block, a Jewish rabbi, wife and daughter, of St. Louis, were aboard the boat. They were rescued from the river and took the steamer City of Clifton for their home. Miss St. Montgomery, Mrs. Henry T. Allen, William Dodd, C. C. Dodd, Frank Martin, Elvin Frost and George King, all of St. Louis, were excursionists aboard the boat, and were also saved. They lost all their personal effects. Brunkhorst, where the boat sank, is ten miles from a telegraph station, and consequently news of the disaster was late in reaching this city.

Up to 6 o'clock this evening not one body of the twenty colored rowboats who were drowned had been recovered.

The cause of the accident was the attempt of the pilot to back the boat out into the stream on a very dark night. The boat bumped into a snag, which tore a hole in the bottom. The Paducah had been in commission since 1891. She was a stern-wheeler, 190 feet long, 34 feet beam and had a six-foot hold. She was of six hundred tons and was considered one of the best boats in the service of the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet Company. She cost \$300,000.

HOME FROM MANILA

The Buffalo Has Steamed Nearly 30,000 Miles

New York, May 13.—The United States cruiser Buffalo arrived this morning from Manila, via Colombo and the Suez Canal. The Buffalo left Cavite, Manila, April 4, and arrived outside the bar at midnight last night, having made the run in thirty-eight days. She brought 501 seamen and 57 marines, most of whom had enlisted for three years. They will be discharged at the Brooklyn navy yard.

The Buffalo passed up the bay, flying a long "homeyard bound" pennant from the main track. The Buffalo left Tompkinsville on December 17th last, with 27 officers and 859 seamen and 25 marines to man the fleet in the Far East. Since leaving New York the Buffalo has steamed 29,082 miles, counting a run over to Hong Kong and Woosung, China, from Manila, and back. The Buffalo brought home the bodies of Lieutenant Commodore Jesse M. Popper, who was killed on the United States ship Petrel, and Surgeon Stroughton, who died at Hong Kong.

A Fabricated Rumor

Washington, May 13.—David J. Hill, acting secretary of state, today denied that there was any truth in the report from Cologne that President McKinley had intimated to President Kruger of the Transvaal, that he (Mr. Kruger) could not be received officially or unofficially during his coming visit to the United States. It was stated at the State Department today that the story is an invention designed to discourage the South African statesman from coming to America.

Schley Shortens His Stay

London, May 13.—Rear Admiral Schley received a cable message today announcing the serious illness of a member of his family. He has therefore curtailed his stay here and engaged passage on board the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, which will sail for New York May 15.

the confident belief is that this will not be necessary.

Out with His Best Girl

Baltimore, Md., May 13.—Frank Mack and Miss Pauline Hastings, both of Washington, came to Baltimore Sunday. It is suspected, with ideas of romantic marriage buzzing in their respective brains. Master Frank is 17 while Miss Pauline boasts of 14 summers. Both are now under lock and key at the police station, where they are held until their parents have been heard from. When asked whether he was matrimonially inclined Mack replied rather hesitatingly that he was not; but admitted proudly that Pauline was his best girl. The youthful pair were picked up in a lunch room at the corner of Baltimore and North streets at 2 o'clock this morning.

Mutual Defiance

Scranton, Pa., May 13.—The officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company posted notices today to the effect that all of their striking machinists and car-builders who do not return to work next Wednesday morning at the usual hour may consider themselves discharged. The machinists also issued a statement to the effect that unless a nine-hour day is allowed them by May 20 they will strike. They are willing, however, to forego the Saturday half-holiday.

The car-builders issued a statement tonight pointing out the justice of their cause and setting forth that they will not return to work until their demands are complied with. The company is strengthening its force of deputies preparatory to bringing men here to fill the strikers' places, and this is expected to cause trouble.

CARRIE SENT TO BED

She Talked Too Much About Her Smashing Intentions

Wichita, Kan., May 13.—Late last night Mrs. Carrie Nation made an unsuccessful attempt to wreck the Carey Hotel saloon which place was allowed first to suffer in her former crusade. She has for some time held a grudge against the Carey saloon for the reason that the proprietor replaced the nude picture which she smashed, and has made numerous threats to wreck it. Accompanied by her brothers, she went down the street armed with rocks and hatchets. She told every one that she was going to smash the Carey bar, but before she was ready to hurl the stones the police arrived and took her in charge, disarmed her and sent her home to bed. She says she will smash saloons here again as soon as an opportunity offers itself.

In the police court this morning the young women who wrecked the Summit saloon Saturday afternoon were held under \$500 bail each, and being unable to give it, were sent to jail. Mrs. Nation was in court and created quite a scene by asking that she be allowed to plead in her own defense. She was put out of the court room by two policemen.

WASHINGTON RELICS TO BE RETURNED

Washington, May 13.—A conference was held today with Solicitor General Richards regarding the return of the Washington relics to the Lee family. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Miss Mary Custis Lee, with a power of attorney from her brother, George William Custis Lee, the heir to the relics, were present, together with Richard Rathbone and Mr. Clark, of the Smithsonian Institution. It was decided that the relics should be returned tomorrow. President McKinley wrote a letter before leaving Washington directing that this be done. The relics were taken from Arlington in 1862, since which time they have been in the possession of the United States government; but the agreement, in the opinion of Solicitor General Richards, never has acquired title to them.

Not Likely to Be Yellow Jack

Springfield, Ill., May 13.—Dr. J. A. Eagan, secretary of the State Board of Health, received a message last night from Gardner, Grundy county, stating that a stranger, recently arrived from Jacksonville, Fla., was ill at that place with symptoms of yellow fever. Dr. Eagan answered that while he doubted the diagnosis of the case it would be well to keep the suspect under surveillance during developments, "I think it is probably a case of dengue," said Dr. Eagan, "although we have had yellow fever in Illinois as late as October." The marine hospital service reported no cases of the disease at Jacksonville, and I do not think it likely that any exist there."

Brained With an Axe

Wheeling, W. Va., May 13.—Mrs. Michael Heter came from Poland today to join her husband, a poor coal miner, from whom she had been separated for four years. A few hours before her arrival her husband was attacked by a fellow miner, "Eggie" Barton, with an axe. The blade of the implement split his skull and penetrated the brain. The victim died a short time later. Barton barricaded himself in his house and refused to surrender until the sheriff and his men began to shoot at him. The fight was the result of a controversy over the payment of a debt.

A Cashier's Sentence

New York, May 13.—Charles R. Westervelt, the defaulting cashier of the Dime Savings Bank at Newark, N. J., was arraigned today in that city. He retracted his plea of not guilty to the charge of embezzlement of \$40,000 from the bank, and entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment on one indictment, and on other indictments he received an additional sentence of seven years.

THE END FAR OFF

Sensational Reports from the War in Africa

BOERS CAN KEEP IT UP

Kitchener Said to Be in Favor of Offering Them Better Terms—London Opinion Reflected in the Markets

Manchester, May 13.—The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian has sent his paper sensational reports regarding the situation in South Africa. He says that while the government has been successful in suppressing official information, rumors of a most sensational character are current regarding recent communications between General Kitchener and the government.

The correspondent says he has learned that Hoppstad in the northern part of Orange Free State, near the Transvaal border, has been in a state of siege for eight months. The siege of Mafeking in comparison is nothing to it.

The correspondent also says he is informed that General Kitchener is advising that favorable terms be offered to the Boers, believing that the present tactics of the burghers make it unlikely that the struggle will terminate in years.

The belief of investors of an early close of the war has been shaken. A fall in the shares of the Rand mines has begun in spite of drastic attempts to revive them. The fall in consols is another indication of the opinion of financial men in regard to this matter.

COMING TO THE AMENDMENT

Events Shaping Themselves in the Cuban Convention

Havana, May 13.—At a private session of the constitutional convention today it was decided to hand the report of the Washington commission to the Committee on Relations to draw up a reply to the Platt amendment. The committee consists of Senores Villendas, Tamayo, Gaultier Gomez, Quesada and Silva. Of these Senores Tamayo and Villendas already favor the amendment. Senor Quesada has been noted throughout for his vacillation, being an opportunist. The commission previously drew up a report against the Platt amendment, which report was signed only by Gaultier Gomez, and Senores Silva and Villendas, but the latter has accepted the amendment and Gaultier Gomez says that in view of the Washington commission he wishes to change his former report.

At today's meeting Senor Sangulilly criticized the Washington commission for not having recommendations in their report instead of merely stating the facts without making deductions.

Senores Tamayo, Llorente and Betancourt said they thought Secretary Root's statements were sincere and that Congress would not change the Platt amendment. The general tone of the discussion favored the amendment, though Senor Portuondo opposed it.

MOST DANGEROUS RIVAL

Germany Fears the Commercial Supremacy of U. S.

Cologne, May 13.—The Gazette this morning prints a long article on the commercial problem confronting Germany in regard to the position of the other powers. The paper strongly advocates a Russo-German alliance in order to make a strong front against the United States.

"This is a matter of life and death," the paper says. "The exceptional commercial position enjoyed by the United States should not be allowed to continue. The United States is the most dangerous rival for German products, especially in raw and finished iron, and this should never be forgotten in directing the commercial policy of this country. An entente with Russia would provide ways and means to compel America to conform to the commercial system of Europe."

None But the Wealthy

New York, May 13.—"My bridal party will consist of only millionaires," said Harry Lehr, the society man who is to marry Mrs. Dahlgren. The others represent fortunes of eighty-seven millions. They are as follows: Clarence Mackay, son of John W. Mackay; W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.; George J. Gould; O. H. P. Belmont; Thomas Wanamaker and John Jacob Astor.

Mrs. L. C. Edwards Dead

Henderson, N. C., May 13.—Special.—The remains of Mrs. L. C. Edwards, wife of Col. L. C. Edwards, passed through Henderson today en route for Oxford, having died in a hospital at Norfolk, Va., last night.