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WORST IS EXPECTED

Little Hope Entertained for the Foreigners in China

ARE MOST PROBABLY ALL DEAD

The Army of the Allied Powers in a Serious Condition and Unable to Cope With the Situation.

Washington, D. C., Special.—General Goodnow's short dispatch goes to confirm the general belief that the situation in China is steadily growing worse instead of better. The Honan Shansi (correctly referred to by Mr. Goodnow as the place where the victory appears to favor the Boers, is at the State Department) to be actually two separate provinces of vast extent, lying in the western and northern portion of China. Shansi (meaning western) is the province lying directly west of Chihli, in which Peking is located. Honan adjoins Shansi on the south. The two might present an almost impassable barrier if, as Mr. Goodnow's dispatch indicates, they are disaffected and undertake to oppose the northward march of the armies of Li Hung Chang and the other great southern viceroys upon Peking. The consular general's message was updated, and as this lack of knowledge as to the exact time of happenings occurred in the cablegrams of the naval and state department officials is embarrassing, and even serious in results, the government here called its attention to its representatives in China to include the date in the body of every dispatch.

Then Tain, it is added, is being reached with guns of the highest class. The Russian government through its officials here, has, within the last few days, expressed to the state department its complete approval of the dispatch of Japanese troops to China, there to co-operate with the allied forces in interest of humanity. At the same time the Russian officials have taken occasion to emphatically contradict the constantly reiterated report that Russia was sending in the way of Japan's forwarding troops, and was in this way rendering more hazardous the conditions in and about Peking.

In this connection it can be stated that recent reports of Russian cruelty toward the Chinese non-combatants are emphatically repudiated by the Russian authorities, who feel that this is another effort to prejudice Russia in the eyes of America.

Washington, Special.—Still another forerunner of the uprising in China is contained in a dispatch to the state from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, regarding the conditions in Tinasu Province. Consul Goodnow states that the accountability for the prevailing agitation in North China cannot be laid to destitution and poverty as the crops in that region are abundant, the inhabitants prosperous and new methods of transportation have not yet thrown any of the people out of work, thus intimating that some other and more serious cause existed for the unsettled condition in that section.

Washington, Special.—The Chinese Minister, Mr. Wu, has undertaken to get through a cipher cable message from Secretary Hay to United States Minister Conger, at Peking, and to deliver back the reply of Minister Conger if he be alive. Mr. Wu forwarded the cipher dispatch, together with an extended explanatory message of his own on Wednesday, and the results are now being eagerly awaited both by Secretary Hay and the Chinese minister, although it is appreciated that some days may elapse before the cipher can carry out this plan of opening up communication between the American government at Washington and the American minister at Peking.

Flairage of Hon. Clark Howell.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Hon. Clark Howell, of Atlanta, was married Thursday night to Miss Annie Comer, daughter of the late Hugh M. Comer, president of the Central of Georgia railroad immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Howell left for New York, where they will take passage for Europe for a tour of several months.

The Street Car Strike.

St. Louis, Special.—General Manager G. W. Baumhoff of the St. Louis Transit Company, gave out a signed statement in reply to the published charges made by the strikers in which the latter charged that Baumhoff had violated the agreement entered into on July 2nd. General Manager Baumhoff denies that he violated in the slightest degree the agreement between the strikers' committee and the transit company. He says he has strictly adhered to that agreement and endeavored to act fairly with the strikers at all times.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The South.

In a fight over the killing of some turkeys, Forest Alford shot and killed William Overstreet, at Harrodsburg, Ky.

Hannon Gray, a member of a Sheriff's posse, was killed by Dan Richardson, a negro fugitive, at Tallahassee, Fla., on Monday night.

The wheat yield is reported large from all parts of Maryland. Mrs. James Henry shot and killed Lee Watson, who tried to assault her, near Falcon, Ark.

John Roe, colored, 18 years old, was lynched at Columbia, Ala., for attempted assault.

The North.

An order for 1,000,000 campaign buttons has been placed at Chicago, Ill.

The annual convention of the New York Catholic Benevolent Legion is in session at Troy, N. Y.

The Supreme Court of the United Order of Foresters is in session at Milwaukee, Wis.

The Chicago (Ill.) Democrat, an afternoon paper of shady reputation, has suspended its daily issue.

T. B. Coesitt, founder of La Grange, Ill., 80 years old and sick, blew his brains out at Chicago.

A pet robin gave the alarm when burglars entered the home of Walter Sigler, at Millerton, N. Y., frightening them off.

"Will not be separated long," said Lawyer Jacob C. Meinzer, beside his wife's new-made grave recently, and later his body was found near Williamsburg, N. Y., where he had taken poison.

A locomotive struck a pleasure carriage at Florida, Ind., killing Noah Bickensstaff and three of his children.

After eloping with the daughter of W. G. Leslie, a prominent hotel man, Ray Finn, a coachman, killed himself at Binghamton, N. Y.

While trying to keep her 4-year-old nephew from screaming after she had beaten him, Mrs. Rachel Miller choked the child to death at St. John's, O.

Wellesley (Mass.) College is the principal beneficiary of an estate of \$100,000 left by Captain George F. Towle, U. S. A., retired, who recently died in London.

Lewis Carr Ledyard, commander of the New York Yacht Club, has bought a site, containing 549,942 square feet, at Newport, R. I., and will erect a summer residence.

Four men are dead and six in hospitals as the result of a fire in Pittsburgh.

Near Evanston, Ill., a party of German farmers attack a Chinese peddler, but he escapes.

By the capsizing of a yacht off Cleveland, O., six persons are drowned, five ladies and a child.

Foreign.

The Boer delegates who recently toured the United States have arrived at Havre.

The new reciprocity arrangement with Germany has been signed.

Crime in Paris has increased since the Exposition opened, murders being daily occurrences.

Official reports from the Cape Nome district indicate that the Government will be called upon to buy many thousands of starved gold miners during the coming winter.

Another revolution is impending in Venezuela, headed by Dr. Pietrie.

The first Hebrew girl to receive the degree Master of Arts in England is Miss Doris E. Yates, at the University College, Liverpool.

Admiral Remy cables the arrival of the Brooklyn at Cebu.

Japan now has 22,000 troops in China and is about ready to make an effort to reach Peking.

American sharpshooters are reaping a harvest among their confiding countrymen in Paris.

Miscellaneous.

There are now 48 war vessels, ranging from battleships to torpedo boats, being constructed for the Government.

The colonel of the Forty-third regiment has organized a squadron of native Philippine cavalry.

The French consul at Canton cables a report denying the alleged massacre of the Europeans in Peking.

American Athletics won eight out of the thirteen amateur events for the championship of Great Britain.

The free silver Republican national committee endorse Adlai E. Stevenson as vice presidential candidate.

A fire in Osamps shipyard came near destroying the battleship Alabama.

Tien-Tsin is in great danger and Japanese and Russian troops are about to make a dash for its relief.

Colonel Pettit, tried by court-martial in the Philippines for surrendering a prisoner to be executed has been acquitted.

The war department sends to the east two perfect army pack trains.

McKINLEY FORMALLY NOTIFIED.

Large Crowd at Canton Hears the Notification Speeches.

Canton, O., Special.—Under an azure sky, with the sunlight glinting through the leafy trees, with the banner of the Republic draped above him, William McKinley was on Thursday, officially notified of his second nomination by the Republican party for the highest office in the civilized world. Grouped about him were leading men of his party, while surrounding his Canton home were the friends among whom he has lived for more than 30 years, together with vast crowds from the surrounding towns of his native State. The scene was inspiring, as to the eloquent words of Senator Lodge, the President responded in a ringing speech. There was plenty of enthusiasm and to spare and to many of the pointed utterances of both Senator Lodge and the President, there was hearty and cordial approval shown. Important features of the speech of notification by Senator Lodge and the response by President McKinley were the references to the Chinese situation. This caused a great deal of discussion during the conferences following the formal speech making, and the impression created was that these utterances were a notification to the world that the United States intended to preserve all its rights in China. The impressive portions of the President's speech were his references to the maintenance of the gold standard, and the financial public faith, the preservation of a protective tariff, the enlargement of our market, and especially the catchy phrase "prosperity at home and peace abroad." When he asked, "Shall we go back to the tariff of four years ago?" there were shouts of "No! No!" from every part of the audience. A prolonged cheer greeted his words relative to the maintenance of our authority in the Philippines.

There was a most impressive shout when he declared that there should be continued legislative control over the territory possessed by the United States, and another outburst when he said such authority would be coupled with "liberty and humanity." His declaration that the United States had "reclaimed 10,000,000 human beings from imperialism" was a decided hit and there were many who endeavored to repeat the sentence. This turn of the word used so much by the opposition was considered one of the adroit features of the speech.

While the speech of the President closed the formal notification there had not been oratory enough for the gathering, and other speakers were called. Senator Hanna, chairman of the national committee; Chas. Emery Smith, Parker, of Hawaii, and Senator Lodge, were heard, the last named speaking twice. The speakers, with the exception of Colonel Parker, who was called out of compliment to the Pacific Islands, took occasion to refer to the recent action of the convention in Kansas City. It was the first public occasion in which Republican speakers had attempted to dissect and criticize the platform recently adopted by their opponents. Senator Fairbanks evidently intended to make the money question the dominant issue of the campaign, denying that with 16 to 1 in their platform, the Democrats could make "imperialism" the leading issue. Senator Hanna, injured Republican voters to remember the importance of this campaign. Postmaster General Smith warned his hearers that Democratic success would disarrange the business interests of the country. In the second speech, Senator Lodge repeated the criticism of President McKinley by his opponents, and pointed out the difficulty Bryan would have in selecting a cabinet from the men prominent in the conventions at Kansas City and Sioux Falls.

Buckner Opposed to a Ticket.

Louisville, Special.—General S. B. Buckner, who was General Palmer's running mate on the national (gold) ticket in 1896, has come out against the nomination of a ticket this year. General Buckner favors adopting a platform and denouncing free silver and not remaining a ticket, leaving the gold Democrats free to vote as they choose.

The Educational Society.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—The National Educational Society chose their officers for the coming year. The selections are: President, J. M. Green, of Trenton, N. J.; first vice president, O. Curson, of Ohio; second, J. A. Foshey, of California; third, H. P. Archer, of South Carolina; fourth, H. B. Brown, of Indiana; fifth, Francis W. Parker, of Illinois; sixth, L. W. Buchholz, of Florida; seventh, W. H. Bartholomew, of Kentucky; eighth, O. H. Cooper, of Texas; ninth, Wm. M. Davidson, of Kansas; tenth, R. R. Fulton, of Mississippi; eleventh, Gertrude H. E. Kratz, of Iowa; treasurer, L. C. Greenlee, of Colorado. Mr. Irving Shephard, the secretary, holds over.

ARE KEEPING IT UP.

Boers Fighting Ten Miles From Pretoria.

THREATENING THE CAPITAL NOW

Lord Roberts is Forced to Meet Blows From Four Directions—Trying to Keep Railways Open.

London, By Cable.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following dispatch from South Africa:

"Friday's fighting near Pretoria was of a serious character. It is believed that parts of the Boer plan was an attempt to make an attack on the outskirts of Pretoria.

Three commanders—those of Delarey, Erasmus and Miers—with six guns, took up position during the previous night facing the lesser kopje five miles from the Wonderboom Range, north of Pretoria, but extending west to Ewart Kopjes. At day break yesterday C Squadron of the Seventh Dragoon Guards advanced from the regiment's camp near Doornkop. The scouting regiment had a long line to watch. Captain Cholmy's troop led.

When three miles out, hearing a farm, the British saw a score of khaki-clad and helmeted men. One of these showed a flag, which he afterward dropped. This became the Boer signal for a fusillade at a range of 100 to 200 yards on the front, rear and flanks of the dragoons, who had supposed the burghers to be the Fourteenth Hussars.

Horses and men fell. Captain Cholmy, though suffering from two flesh wounds, with his clothes and saddle riddled with bullets and his horse hit, made a charge and halting his men and firing regained the outpost with eight troops.

From their camp the dragoons advanced again and two guns shelled the Boers, checking them; but later, owing to the action breaking out further west, the whole of the outpost line retreated to the main range of hills.

It seems that while the dragoons' fight was proceeding the Boers attacked the outposts 18 miles west of Pretoria, held by the Lincolnshire Regiment, Scots Greys and a battery second line. The Boers, finding their guns could not be brought back, surrounded and overwhelmed three companies of the Lincolnshire and a squadron of the Scots Greys, who strove to save the guns. The cannons were both lost. Colonel Robert of the Lincolnshire Regiment was wounded in the arm. The Boers, however, when out of action and it was found that the guns could not be brought back. Some horses of the Scots Greys got loose and escaped to Pretoria. Detachments of the men fought on until night, when they escaped.

Reinforcements arrived at 4 o'clock the next afternoon, but it was then too late to attack the Boers. A Major of the Scots Greys was taken prisoner but escaped.

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Cape Town, By Cable.—Boer reports of the fight at Nitra's neck place the British loss at 200. British prisoners who have escaped to Kroonstad report that General De Wet, with a force of 10,000 men, who were expelled from Bethelheim by General Clements and Paget, has taken up a strong position 15 miles to the southwest, to the hills around Retief's post. President Steyn is reported to be with this army.

Another case of the Boers, wearing khaki is reported to have happened at Lindley June 26, when they surprised a platoon of 25 men of the Massape Light Infantry, 16 of whom were killed or wounded.

Destroyed by Earthquake. St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Serious earthquakes in the Gans and Kuyman districts of the Caucasus mountains resulted in the destruction of five villages, several churches and many houses. Six persons were killed and nine injured. Additional shocks are being reported.

Want to Fight the Chinese.

Washington, Special.—Applications continue to come to the War Department from persons who are anxious to serve in the army during a campaign in China. Today's mail brought one letter from Secretary Curley, of the National Rough Rider military encampment, dated at Shenandoah, Col., offering to raise a company of 1,000 men or more. Adjutant General Corbin in reply has informed the writer that the executive has no authority to accept more organizations than are now in service; still the men desiring China service may be enlisted individually by the army recruiting officers in the principal cities. The men can select their regiments.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders—Directors Elected.

Greensboro, Special.—The stockholders and directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company held their annual meeting in this city last week. J. R. Mendelhall was chairman and J. P. Albright secretary. In the private stockholders' meeting eight hundred and fifty-nine shares were represented, a majority by proxy. Charles A. Cook, the State's proxy, named the following as the board of directors on the part of the State; John S. Armstrong, Wilmington; V. S. Lusk, Asheville; William Gilchrist, Wilmington; W. T. O'Brien, J. C. Angier, Durham; Eugene Holt, Burlington; Robert D. Douglas, Greensboro. Holt and Douglas are new members. The private stockholders elected as directors R. F. Hoke, Raleigh; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington, and Bencha Cameron, Stagville. E. C. Smith of Raleigh and P. B. Ruffin, of Hillsboro, were members of the finance committee. A few minor changes were made in the by-laws, as to calling meetings, etc.

Gen. Boyd Appointed.

Assistant Attorney General James E. Boyd has been commissioned United States judge for the Western district of North Carolina to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of the Senate to act on the nomination of Ewart. The appointment of Col. Boyd is most favorably commented on. Without exception he was one of the most popular officials under this Administration. The appointment of Col. Boyd at this time is a personal compliment for it is known as a suck-hole and when Congress adjourned that the President would not name Judge Ewart's successor until after the August election.

Two Young Men Drowned.

Charlotte, Special.—News has reached here of the drowning of two students of Davidson college in Catawba river. Yonan, a young Persian, who graduated from Davidson this year, and Fred Hobbs, a student, who resided in the town went swimming Thursday afternoon and were caught in what is known as a suck-hole and were drowned before help could reach them. Yonan's home is in Russia. He was converted to Christianity and came to this country to prepare himself for just completed his education this year.

The Tournament.

Wilmington, Special.—Rain did not interfere with carrying out the program of the races arranged for the second day of the Biremen's Tournament. The championship reel contest, the winter in which carries off the championship belt, was won at 9:40 o'clock by the Southside Hose Company, No. 4, of Greensboro, the same team which won last year. It made the lowest record again, and thus will hold the belt until next tournament. Their time was 46 2-5 seconds.

Tar Heel Notes.

The Salisbury Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy have sent \$25.31 to the committee in charge of the building of the monument to President Davis. This represents the amount cleared by the Salisbury Dramatic Club, in its presentation of "Under the Southern Cross." In addition to this the Charlotte chapter sends \$113.31, being half of the profits of the play presented in Charlotte, or a total for the monument from this source of \$258.62. The amount of receipts were at Salisbury \$341, Raleigh \$142, Charlotte \$332, or a total of \$815 for three performances.

The county board of education for Rowan county reports that in Rowan there are 7,915 white and 2,884 colored school children. That \$8 white and 39 colored schools have been taught this year, and that the value of school property in the county is, white \$20,775, colored, \$5,000; average salary of white teachers, \$28.52, colored, \$20.65.

Two Tobacco Factories Burned.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Fire destroyed the large tobacco factory owned by J. E. Shelton, and a tobacco factory owned by N. S. and T. J. Wilson. Mr. Shelton's loss is \$8,000, with no insurance. The fire started in his engine room by coils of fire falling on some shavings. Messrs. Wilson's loss is \$5,000, with \$1,500 insurance. Their boiler and engine were saved.

Notes.

Reports of severe fighting still come from Tien Tsin. It is said allied troops are hard pressed by Chinese.

The Boers who are fighting in the Orange Free State are said to have taken an oath never to surrender.

Frederick Maddison, a Radical, created a scene in the British House of Commons by slurs on royalty.

A committee of the Paris Municipal Council has voted against the proposed gift of a site to the American National Institute.

Steps have been taken to raise a loan of \$15,000,000 to fund the debt of Havana and construct a sewerage system.

THE STRAWBERRY FETE.

Where the oyster of lace
Was the star of the fete,
Gotten up by the ladies in churches,
Now the strawberries are
O'er the saucers and spread,
And the spoon on the lip of the perch.

On the side there's ice cream,
Always held in esteem,
In all seasons and all sorts of weather,
And it long has been known
Cream or berries alone
Can be eaten or mixed up together.

There the strawberry girl
Sets male hearts in a whirl;
By the way she accepts invitations,
Promptly for ward she goes
When she's asked to dispose
Of a share of the dainty collations.

When one saucer is gone,
There's another brought on,
For she says she is "so fond of berries,"
She may take three or four,
And perhaps a few more.

For her yearning a times slightly varies,
Will she try some ice cream?
Then her eyes fairly beam
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