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## TWO DEADLY WEAPONS

German Officer Flourishes One, and an American Private the Other.

## ENCOUNTER AT A COVETED GATE

Kaiser's Men Start It by Trying to Pass the Guard—One Shot is Fired—Yankee Misses His Target, But Wings the Latter's Comrade.

PEKIN, May 27.—The United States legation guard has had its first trouble. Legation street is being repaired near the legation and an American sentry was placed at the point with orders to direct people around a side street. Everybody obeyed the request with the exception of the Germans, both officers and soldiers, who have caused the American sentries much trouble.

One of the German officers drew his sword and charged an American soldier, who brought his bayonet to "charge," whereupon the officer desisted. Subsequently a German soldier charged past the sentry, who fired, hitting another German soldier near the German legation, a quarter of a mile off. This fortunately was only a light flesh wound. The sentry was placed under arrest and Major Robertson has instituted an investigation.

The attitude of Dr. Mumm von Schwartzstein, German minister, representing the civilians, and Count von Weldersee, representing the military, as well as that of other high officials has been particularly friendly toward the Americans, which make all the more pronounced the unfriendly feeling evinced by a majority of the German officers and men. This unfriendliness is attributed to the American attitude in retaining control, with the legation guard, of one entrance to the Forbidden City, which the Germans consider a reflection on their national honesty.

Today's meeting of the ministers of the powers was devoted to closing up details of business independent of the indemnity question, although the military authorities of the various powers seem to consider a settlement in sight, as general preparations are being made for the evacuation of Peking in the early future.

Two German marine battalions have left for Tsing Tau and British transports have been ordered. Count von Weldersee expects to leave about the middle of June.

Emperor Kwang Hsu has instructed agents to prepare the palaces for occupation by the court as soon as the troops depart.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Officials here attach no importance to the disturbance between Germans and an American sentinel at Peking. Such affairs, while regrettable, it is said, are to be expected, especially where the difference in the languages spoken might lead to a misunderstanding of orders. No report of the incident has been received at the war department.

## HAWAIIANS TO HAVE A CHANCE.

Civil Service Examiner and Commissioner to Examine.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Chief Examiner A. R. Servon of the civil service commission left here tonight via New York for Honolulu, where he and Civil Service Commissioner Rodenburg, who will join him en route to Kansas City, will look into the civil service in Hawaii. They expect to sail from San Francisco June 6, reaching Honolulu on the 14th and during the following two weeks an opportunity will be given citizens of the United States residing in Hawaii to be examined for a number of positions in the classified service there and at Washington. Hawaii is entitled to fifteen appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington and five in the apportioned government printing office.

## Popular Band Concerts.

OMAHA, May 27.—The famous Bellstedt band of Cincinnati, which delighted thousands of people at the Trans-Mississippi exposition, has been secured for a month's musical festival in the Nebraska metropolis, commencing June 1st. Entertainments will take place both afternoon and evening. All old favorites of the band are still with the organization and some new ones of pronounced accomplishments have been added. Several noted singers will be heard in solos during the month, and all in all those who visited the musical festival will be privileged to hear music, instrumental and vocal, that few sections of our country are favored with.

## PILED IN A HEAP.

Hundred Street Car Passengers Caught in Albany Collision.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 27.—Electric cars racing for a switch while running in opposite directions at the rate of forty miles an hour cost five lives this afternoon by a terrific collision, in which over forty prominent people were injured, some fatally and others seriously.

The lobby of the local postoffice filled with dead and wounded, hysterical women and children looking for relatives and friends, surgeons administering temporary relief and ambulances racing through the city taking the wounded to hospitals, were the early intimations of the accident.

The scene of the accident was a point about two miles out of Greenbush, on the line of the Albany & Hudson railway. The point where the cars met on the single track was at a sharp curve, and so fast were both running and so sudden was the collision that the motorman did not have time to put on the brakes before southbound car No. 22 had gone almost clean through northbound car No. 17 and hung on the edge of a high bluff, with its load of shrieking, maimed humanity. One motorman was plunged into the smashed front of the southbound car with both legs severed and killed instantly, while the other one lived but a few minutes.

## OFFICERS SENT TO PRISON.

Men Engaged in Commissionary Frauds Begin Sentences.

MANILA, May 27.—The gates of the Bilbid prison, Manila, swung open and admitted a mule wagon bearing three former United States officers, who reluctantly alighted and began to serve sentence in expiation of crimes in connection with the commissionary scandals. The sentences which were read to the convicted men were promulgated. Capt. Frederick J. Barrows, late depot quartermaster of the department of southern Luzon, is sentenced to five years' imprisonment; Captain G. W. Reed, late depot commissary at Manila, to three years' imprisonment and Lieut. Frederick Boyer, late depot commissary at Calamba, to one year imprisonment. Lieutenant Boyer protests his innocence and seems vindictive toward Captain Barrows, who, he alleged, was alone guilty of misappropriating bacon.

## EXONERATES CAPTAIN HALL.

Accused of Cowardice, But Declared Not Guilty.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The record of the court-martial in the case of Captain Newt Hall, United States marine corps, who was charged by Minister Conger with cowardice in connection with the defense of the legations at Peking, has just reached Washington.

Admiral Remy has promulgated the finding in a special order which completely exonerates Captain Hall from the charge, and finds that the only matter of substance sustained in the charges is an error of judgment in connection with the withdrawal of his troops at a critical moment from the Tartar wall.

## Mary Ellen Lease Bankrupt.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Mary Ellen Lease, the lecturer, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court today. The liabilities are \$3,247 and assets \$2,293. Much of the indebtedness was incurred as endorser on mortgages given by her husband, C. L. Lease. The assets named by the petitioner consist of debts due and are either for money loaned or for lectures delivered by Mrs. Lease.

## Union Pacific Contracts.

NEW YORK, May 27.—The discovery has just been made during the night that Director Adams of the Northern Pacific has sold his Northern Pacific stock, the holdings of the Deutsche bank, to the Union Pacific, giving the Union Pacific control of the Northern. J. P. Morgan is reported to be furious at the discovery, and charges some of his best friends with treachery.

## Cheap Rates to Bellstedt.

OMAHA, May 27.—Railroads of Nebraska have decided to give reduced rates to the Bellstedt musical festival in Omaha during the month of June. This will enable all who desire to hear the celebrated band without great cost. There will be two entertainments each day, afternoon and evening, for the entire month of June.

## WAS MILDAY A LOOTER

Chaffee's Insinuations Bring Ministers to Lady McDonald's Defense.

## SAYS SHE TOOK ONLY A ROSE

There Were Those With Her Who Swear She Appropriated Nothing of Value—The Same Charge Against an American Gentleman's Wife.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Peking says: The last general meeting of the diplomatic corps was the scene of a more acute phase of the controversy over looting. The question was raised by the diplomats friendly to Lady McDonald, who thinks a great injustice was done her by the supposed reference to her in one of General Chaffee's letters upon the subject of looting.

Ministers of two European countries arose successively and made statements as to Lady McDonald's behavior on the day of the first visit of the allies to the Forbidden City, which were practically identical. They were with her throughout the day and declared that she left the palace without any plunder except a yellow rose plucked in the empress' garden.

"But," they say, "we did, however, witness one scene of looting, which, together with Lady McDonald, we tried, but unsuccessfully, to prevent. In the palace we met the wife of an American, accompanied by an American curio dealer. We suggested that the reception was exclusively for the members of the diplomatic corps, but she persisted in taking the curio dealer, whose expert opinion she wanted upon some of the empress' ornaments."

"Reaching the pavilion the curio dealer said: 'Here, I am informed, most valuable porcelain is concealed.' "In spite of the protests of Lady McDonald and ourselves the wife of the American tried to open the cupboards. Finally she called an American soldier, who pried a cupboard open with his bayonet, whereupon, not wishing to assist at a scene we could not prevent, we withdrew."

The American representatives at the meeting made no reply.

## MINORITY REPORT DEFEATED.

Cuban Constitutional Convention Turns It Down Nineteen to Nine.

HAVANA, May 25.—The minority report of the committee on relations was today defeated in the constitutional convention by a vote of 19 to 9. Tomorrow the majority report will be read and discussed.

The conservatives believe the final vote on the latter report will be taken Monday, but they do not expect to hold the full strength shown today. Senor Zayas, in a speech, said the minority report was too conservative and that he could not accept it. It is believed that Senor Zayas may possibly carry two other delegates who today voted with the conservatives.

The merchants and clubs of Havana have been contributing liberally for the relief of the Jacksonville sufferers. Persons socially prominent in Havana will give a benefit, the proceeds to be devoted to relieving Cuban orphans and helping Jacksonville. The produce exchanges tonight subscribed \$500 to the latter end.

## HAY ON INDEMNITY.

Says Government May Yet Present Acceptable Plan to Powers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 25.—In an interview with a representative of the Bulletin, Secretary Hay said: "It seems to us that our plan for a modification of the demands for indemnity has been rejected by the foreign powers, but what will be the next action of the United States government in the affair has not yet been decided."

"The indemnities demanded by the European powers seem to us to be excessive. It is possible that this government may yet put forward a plan for the reduction which will prove acceptable to the other powers interested."

## Uniform Lumber Inspection.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Reports of the lumber inspection bureau and other committees of the National Hardwood Lumber associations were presented at today's session. The inspection bureau reported that the New York and Boston lumber markets had not indorsed its work, and recommended that steps be taken to have the system of inspection made uniform.

## PASSING OF JOHN R. TANNER.

Former Governor of Illinois Dies Suddenly from Rheumatism of Heart.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 24.—Former Governor John M. Tanner died here suddenly in his hotel at 2:45 p. m., from rheumatism of the heart. He had been confined to his room since his return from Chicago last Saturday, but the case was not considered in the least serious. He felt much worse in the afternoon and Dr. J. N. Dixon, the governor's physician, was called about 2:30 and found the governor dying.

Governor Tanner has held various positions besides that of governor, the principal one being a member of the Illinois house, United States Marshal of the southern district of Illinois, state treasurer and assistant at the United States sub-treasury at Chicago, and he was for many years a member of the republican state central committee and chairman of the same. He was a candidate for United States senator this year against Senator Cullom. He leaves a widow, one son, Col. J. Mack Tanner, Springfield, colonel of the Fourth infantry, Illinois national guard, and one daughter, Mrs. John A. Barnes of Chicago.

Governor Tanner was 57 years old and a private in the Forty-eighth and Sixty-first Illinois infantry regiments, and a state senator, also former member of the railroad and warehouse commission.

## ROCKHILL WILL BEAR DOWN.

Is Unable to Get Others' Approval of 5. Indemnity Plan.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Mr. Rockhill has confirmed the news from Peking to the effect that the foreign ministers have declined to accede to the suggestion of the United States that the total of the indemnity to be collected from China shall be limited to \$200,000,000.

It is expected that he will continue his efforts in the direction of keeping down the maximum of claims, even while abandoning, for the sake of harmony, the figures named, and it is believed that the outcome will be a compromise on a figure between \$200,000,000 and the maximum of \$337,000,000 claimed by the powers. In the effort to keep down the total, Mr. Rockhill looks for support to the estimates submitted by Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister at Peking, and Sir Robert Hart, commissioner of imperial customs, whose report upon the ability of China to pay an indemnity of about \$200,000,000 is now before the state department.

Until the question of grand total is settled the matter of interest to be established on the loan and the method of guaranty are expected to remain open.

## Last of Troops Leave.

PEKIN, May 24.—The last of the American troops here, with the exception of the legation guard, left Peking at 7 o'clock this morning. The headquarters staff departed at 10 o'clock. In spite of the early hour and the long distances they had to march, all the bands of the British troops escorted the Ninth United States infantry from the temple of agriculture to the depot, where a Japanese band awaited the troops. All the British generals and their staffs and all the officers off duty were present. The scene was one of great enthusiasm.

## Will Allow Consolidation.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 24.—By a vote of 109 to 60 the southern Presbyterian general assembly today adopted a substitute offered yesterday by Dr. Wynn of Petersburg, Va., reciting that while the general assembly may not approve the wisdom of the step, it interposes no bar to the consolidation of the northern and southern Presbyterian theological seminaries in Kentucky. The matter has been under discussion for three days.

## Battle With Tramps.

YANKTON, S. D., May 24.—Citizens of Volin gave battle to a crowd of tramps this afternoon who have been terrorizing the town for several days. A number of citizens were hurt and several tramps badly used up. A telephone to Yankton for help brought the sheriff and a posse and the tramps were overcome and seven of them lodged in jail.

## Much Talk But No Vote.

HAVANA, May 24.—No vote was taken at this afternoon's session of the Cuban constitutional convention on the Platt amendment. Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez spoke for nearly three hours against the amendment.

## NO MERCY FOR CHINA

Powers Do Not Favor the American Idea of Decreasing Indemnity.

## BRITAIN FAVORS A REDUCTION

Foreign Ministers Will Consider the Matter Further at Another Meeting—The Present Policy, It is Feared, Will Produce Indefinite Delay.

PEKIN, May 23.—The foreign ministers' meeting was very unsatisfactory. No power was willing to accede to the Americans' idea of reducing the Chinese indemnity £40,000,000, though Great Britain recognizes the advisability of some reduction. There will be another meeting tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The president and Secretary of State Hay have been in constant communication with Washington during all their journey west. Dispatches from our foreign embassies have been constantly received and the China situation has been continually considered. The president has been anxious lest the difficulties thrown in the way of an agreement by the representatives of some of the powers might lead to indefinite delay and a consequent increase of the indemnity to be exacted. The points to be settled are: First, the total amount of the indemnity and the share of each power. Second, the method of payment.

In regard to the first point the president has constantly endeavored to moderate the demands of the powers to an amount which China might pay without financial ruin or territorial dismemberment. He has thought that \$200,000,000 was the maximum amount indicated by the best authorities consulted and he has proved the willingness of this government to make every sacrifice in the interest of the integrity of China and the restoration of normal relations, by cutting down our already moderate claim one-half if other powers would make proportionate reduction. These propositions have not been accepted by the other governments, though Great Britain has shown a disposition to a considerate treatment of the matter.

As to the method of payment it is understood that there are various propositions before the conference of ministers in Peking. One is a loan to be contracted by China guaranteed by the powers, which it is thought might be floated at 4 per cent with a commission of 5 or 6 per cent. Another is a loan, not guaranteed, which would probably require an enormous commission and a heavy rate of interest, some 7 per cent.

Neither of these propositions was accepted by the president. Two weeks ago he showed that each of the powers should accept for its share of the indemnity the bonds of China at par and with interest at 3 per cent, provision for meeting the interest and for eventual payment being taken from the salt duties, and increased import taxes. Mr. Rockhill has now been instructed to urge these views anew upon the attention of his colleagues. The attitude of the British government, as set forth in the recent speeches of its representatives in parliament, indicate that Great Britain in moderating the demands of the powers is inclined to accept measures which, if adopted, may bring the negotiations to a conclusion.

## WITNESS QUICK WITH GUN.

New Mexican Trial Ends in Fatal Shooting Affray.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 23.—William Park was shot and killed at Central, Grant county, in the office of Justice of the Peace Joseph Crowley during the preliminary examination of May Esmond, charged with a serious crime. James A. Wiley had given damaging testimony in which he used Park's name. The witness was just concluding when Park jumped from his chair, leveled his gun and commenced firing at Wiley. Wiley rose, turned half around, pulling his six-shooter as he did so, and returned the fire. Several shots were fired by both men, as well as others in the room. One of the bullets entered Park's right side, coming out of the left near the heart. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death at the hands of parties unknown.

## Bresci Takes His Life.

ROME, May 23.—Bresci, the assassin of the late King Humbert, has committed suicide at the penitentiary of Santo Stefano.

## STORM CENTERS OF STRIKE.

Cincinnati and Pacific Coast Points Most Affected by Machinists.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The storm centers of the general strike of machinists throughout the country are in Cincinnati, O., and on the Pacific coast. The number of firms that have signed agreements was augmented today by about a hundred, which brings the aggregate of the establishments making the concessions to 1,000 in round numbers during the past three or four days. Save in one or two instances, as at Scranton, the allied trades have not yet been affected. It is claimed at the general headquarters of the machinists, however, that where agreements are not effected by this afternoon or tomorrow many of the men in the allied trades will go out in the individual shops where the machinists are already out. The estimate of President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists, as to the number of strikers today remains at 50,000 approximately, the same figure as given yesterday. The executive board of the association is in session here watching the progress of the strike.

President O'Connell this morning said: "The reports from all sections are very favorable. The indications are that the great majority of firms will have reached agreements with the men today or tomorrow. The dispatches coming in from various cities indicate that conferences will be held today with a large number of firms. Many men who were working yesterday went out today. The additions made last night and this morning to the list of strikers and the number that will return to work this morning with their demands granted will about balance each other."

## BOUTELLE'S SUFFERING ENDS.

Death Releases Former Maine Congressman from Suffering.

BOSTON, May 22.—Former Congressman James A. Boutelle of Bangor, Me., died today at the McLean asylum, Waverly, where he had been confined for a year with brain trouble. Death was due primarily to pneumonia, which developed last Sunday. Mr. Boutelle's daughter Grace, who has been at the head of the household since her mother's death in 1892, was at the bedside today.

Mr. Boutelle was 62 years of age and on his retirement from congress last winter was placed on the retired list of the navy as a captain, an office to which he was eligible by reason of civil war and congressional committee service. Three daughters survive.

Mr. Boutelle's illness dates from December 22, 1899, when he was seized by a fit of unconsciousness while at a hotel in this city. He was carried to his room and later became delirious. At midnight it was announced that Mr. Boutelle was suffering from an attack of congestion of the brain, which it was hoped would be only temporary.

## MRS. MCKINLEY RESTS EASY.

Reports Are to Effect that She is Steadily Growing Stronger.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Reports from the Scott mansion this morning are to the effect that Mrs. McKinley is resting easily and growing stronger.

President McKinley reviewed the school children of San Francisco on Van Ness avenue yesterday. Thousands of gaily decorated children bearing bouquets and flags and streamers of the national colors lined up on either side of the avenue and enthusiastically cheered the president as he drove through the long lines. The president was accompanied by the cabinet, congressmen and many other notables. The children were very enthusiastic and the party was frequently assailed with showers of bouquets. President McKinley was visibly pleased at the reception given him by the children.

## Funeral of Mrs. Gage.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 22.—The remains of Mrs. Lyman J. Gage arrived from Washington early today, accompanied by Secretary Gage, his daughter, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Pierce's sister, Mrs. Hendee of Yonkers, N. Y., D. H. Burnham and Rev. N. D. Hillis, who officiated at the funeral services in Washington yesterday and who will conduct the rites at the grave in Rose Hill cemetery tomorrow. The body was placed in the receiving vault.

## Honor for an Omaha Physician.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Dr. J. C. Whinnery, Jr., of Omaha, Neb., has been appointed a dental surgeon in the army with the rank of first lieutenant. He has been assigned to the Philippines.