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ALARM OF FOREIGNERS

Demeanor of Pekin Populace More Unfriendly as Troops Depart.

THE DEFENSES NEARLY FINISHED

Consist of Thick Brick Walls Loopholed For Rifles—Ministers Wish to Avoid Irritating Chinese—The Situation in General.

PEKIN, Aug. 5.—American and European residents assert that the demeanor of the Pekin populace is constantly becoming more unfriendly and that as the allied troops depart the Chinese resume their old habits of jostling and cursing foreigners in the streets.

The legation defenses are now approaching completion. Generally speaking, they consist of brick walls from fifteen to twenty feet high and from three to four feet thick, loopholed for rifles. The ministers of the powers ignored the plan for a uniform system of defense submitted by the generals and consequently the governments are working independently. It is the policy of the ministers to avoid conspicuous work of defense, lest these should prove an irritant, provoking instead of preventing hostilities. Most of the engineers have recommended stronger defenses than the ministers will sanction. Major Edgar B. Robertson of the Ninth Infantry, who commands the United States legation guard, has written to Mr. Rockhill to protest against what he calls "the defenseless position of our legation," representing that it is exposed to attack on four sides. Mr. Rockhill has replied that it is not intended to maintain a fortress, but merely a wall for protection against unexpected mob violence. The wall is made of brick, out of deference to Chinese pride.

The French and Italians still remain here. The non-fulfillment of the agreement to evacuate public places in a fortnight causes some inconvenience to the military authorities. Only the German barracks have been completed. The French barracks have hardly been begun. The troops are grumbling over being compelled to give up comfortable quarters and to find temporary camps.

STRIKERS REMAIN FIRM.

Will Not Yield to San Francisco Employers' Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—Whether the local labor trouble is to be terminated or whether it is to be extended to other unions and possibly to other coast cities will probably be determined tomorrow afternoon. The directors of the Employers' association are to meet then and decide on their final position. Should they decide to make no concessions the union leaders assert that they will issue orders for extreme measures. Andrew Furuseth, secretary of the labor council, said today:

"We have done everything in our power to meet the employers half way, but through their attorney, Mr. Michael, they have expressed a desire to treat with us only on one basis—that of the disruption of labor unions in San Francisco."

One Train in St. Louis River.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Aug. 5.—The first ore train over the new Stony Brook cut-off of the Eastern Minnesota railroad went through the bridge over the St. Louis river, just above Stony Brook, fifty-two miles from here.

Jerry O'Reilly, head brakeman, was killed and four other trainmen were badly hurt.

The engine and sixteen cars went through the bridge and are now in the St. Louis river. The bridge was 300 feet long and forty feet above the water. It was built of timber.

Ads Only in Friendship.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 5.—Ex-Senator J. M. Thurston of Nebraska said the published statement that he had tendered his professional services to Admiral Schley is incorrect.

"As his warm friend and admirer," said the senator, "I wired him a message indicating my friendship and desire for his complete vindication, but nothing in the line of professional assistance was suggested or thought of."

To Learn Germany's Way.

BERLIN, Aug. 5.—A commission from the French chamber has arrived in Bremen for the purpose of studying Germany's canals and harbors.

RICH HARVEST IN NEBRASKA.

State Has Escaped Devastation and Will Have a Good Crop.

OMAHA, Aug. 5.—Hot winds and dry weather of July have been succeeded by a cooler atmosphere and the backbone of the drouth has been broken by good local showers in sections of Nebraska where they did the greatest good to suffering crops.

Estimates on corn at this time are unreliable, but basing last year's yield at 219,000,000 bushels on an acreage of 8,900,000 with present indications and favorable weather to follow it seems fair to anticipate at least a good half crop or an average of nearly twelve and one-half bushels an acre. Estimates at this time are subject to change and the one given is conservative.

The reduced crop will be materially changed by the corresponding higher price to be realized by the amount yielded. It must be remembered that the corn producing belt of Nebraska is confined to the extreme eastern and northeastern part of the state.

The Nebraska wheat crop escaped the drouth, as it was out of danger before the hot winds made their appearance. The increased acreage, together with the excellent yield per acre, assures a harvest in bushels in excess of last year.

Perhaps the crop which has been damaged more than any other by the drouth is the potato crop. Districts heretofore yielding from 200 to 250 bushels per acre report yields this year of from ten to fifty bushels only.

The hay crop in the range districts west and northwest will be far in excess of any past season.

The oats crop will be light. The yield per acre will be nominal in some districts, not to exceed ten bushels per acre.

Excellent crop reports come from the irrigated districts in the state.

COLOMBIAN TROOPS THERE.

An Army of Rebels Defeated by the Venezuelans.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Aug. 5.—The Venezuelan government announces that a force of invaders under General Rangel Garbras, including twenty-five battalions of the Colombian army, was repulsed by the government troops and compelled to fall back across the frontier after twenty-eight hours' fighting July 28 and 29.

It is officially asserted that the invaders lost 300 men, the government troops losing 300. The government has sent reinforcements to the frontier.

Gen. Grant in Vienna.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times telegraphs at length an interview he has had with General Frederick D. Grant of the United States army, who is now in Vienna on his way from Russia, where he visited Princess Cantacuzene, his daughter.

"General Grant takes a hopeful view of the speedy pacification of the Philippines," says the correspondent, "although there is no question, in his opinion, that the humane principles now governing the conduct of the military operations greatly increase the difficulties of suppressing guerrilla warfare."

Husband and Wife Whipped.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Aug. 5.—John J. Moore was aroused early this morning by masked men who overpowered him and his wife, dragged them to an orchard, bound them to an apple tree and gave them an unmerciful beating. After lying in an exhausted condition more than two hours the victims returned home, where Dr. Helton attended them.

During the whipping the leader's mask fell and he was recognized by Moore, who was warned under penalty of death never to file a complaint or disclose his identity.

Inspector Closes a Bank.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 5.—Bank Inspector J. M. Logan today closed the First National bank of this city. Alleged excessive loans are said to be the cause of the inspector's action. The state of Texas is said to have about \$75,000 on deposit in the First National. Total deposits of the bank are reported to be over \$200,000. No official statement will be issued pending the arrival of the chief inspector.

With Letters From Steyn.

KROONSTAD, Orange River Colony, Aug. 5.—Two Boers came into the British lines today under a flag of truce with a letter from former President Steyn.

IT'S A MUSHROOM CITY

Lawton, Okla., Assumes Broad Proportions in Single Day.

HAS TEN THOUSAND INHABITANTS

They Flock in From El Reno After Land Lottery Is Concluded—Four Hundred Business Houses, Bank and Newspaper in the List of Enterprises.

FORT SILL, Okla., Aug. 3.—A town of 10,000 people, to be known as Lawton, has grown up just outside the fort limits within a night. Following the close of the land lottery yesterday at El Reno thousands of home seekers who drew blanks started for the three points picked out by the federal government for town sites in the new country, namely Anadarko, Hobart and Lawton. A majority of the people favored Lawton, which is twenty-five miles inland, and tonight thousands are camped in and about the proposed townsite awaiting the sale of lots August 6.

Already Lawton has 400 temporary business houses, including a grocery firm and a newspaper, and three streets have been projected. Every form of gambling known on the frontier is being run wide open, side by side with fake shows of various kinds, and to add to the picturesque scene 1,000 Comanche Indians have pitched their tents nearby.

EL RENO, Okla., Aug. 3.—After the last of the 13,000 names were drawn from the wheels last night the great boxes containing the 154,000 names of unlucky applicants were taken to the school house. There the work of drawing was continued, but no record other than numbering the envelopes and notifying the owner of the name therein is being made.

It is thought no less than 20,000 names a day will be drawn from now on. The last numbers giving a homestead to their owners were drawn in the El Reno district by C. H. Halbrook of Portland, Mich., and by Harvey P. McLaughlin of Arkansas City, Kan., in the Lawton district. The closing scene was tame and unmarked by any kind of demonstration. The streets today are lined with prairie schooners laden with household goods and all are headed south. The town which last Monday accommodated about 40,000 visitors is nearly deserted today. Last night's and this morning's trains have carried away hundreds who remained for the close of the drawings. The commissioners who will have charge of selling town sites will leave today or tomorrow for their districts. The sales will begin on August 6.

ANSWER TO THURSTON'S BRIEF.

It is for Rejection of Application for Renewed Lease of Land.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—An answer to a brief filed at the interior department by former Senator Thurston, representing the Cherokee Oil and Gas company, seeking a renewal of valuable oil leases in Indian territory, has been filed by R. C. Adams, representing the Delaware Indians. About 11,520 acres of valuable land are at stake. A hearing which had been set for August 11, when the question of renewing the leases was to be taken up, has been postponed until September 11 and the Delaware Indians will seek further postponement until after congress meets. The brief of the Delaware asks the rejection of the application of the Cherokee company in its entirety and claims that the company does not present a fair reason "why it should have eighteen sections of land, covering the homes and improvements of persons who have prior and permanent rights."

Hold Up Harvest Hands.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 3.—A special to the Star from Arkansas City, Kan., says: "Two highwaymen held up eleven harvest hands in the railway yards here and secured \$105, seven watches and some other jewelry. The harvesters had been in Oklahoma and were on their way to work in the Kansas fields. They were asleep in an empty freight car. The highwaymen forced them at the point of revolvers to stand up and be searched."

Kruger May Visit America.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 5.—People who are in close association with Mr. Kruger say that up to the present it has been decided that the Boer statesman will visit the United States.

SAYS THE BOERS MURDER.

Kitchener Reports More Alleged Atrocities of the Enemy.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Pretoria today, says:

"French reports that he has received a letter from Kritzinger (a Boer commander) announcing his intention to shoot all natives in British employ, whether armed or unarmed. Many cases of cold-blooded murder of natives in Cape Colony have recently occurred."

Another dispatch from Lord Kitchener from Pretoria, dated today, says: "On July 28 an officer's patrol of twenty yeomanry and some native scouts followed two carts and a few Boers fifteen miles from the railway at Doorn river, Orange River colony, where they were cut off by 200 Boers, and after defending themselves in a small building they surrendered when their ammunition was exhausted. Three yeomanry were wounded. After the surrender the Boers made the native scouts throw their hands up and shot them in cold blood. They afterward shot and wounded a yeoman. The remainder were released. The Boers gave as a reason for shooting the yeoman that they thought he was a Cape 'boy.' Evidence on oath has been taken of the murders."

BOXERS POSTING PLACARDS.

Call Upon the Government to Make War Upon the Foreigners.

CANTON, Aug. 2.—Violent anti-foreign placards emanating from the Boxers have been posted on the Christian chapels. The placards protest against the imposition of the house tax, saying it is only exacted in order to meet the indemnity to be paid to the powers, and proceeds: "If money can be obtained, why not make war on the foreigners? China is not yet defeated. It is only the government's eyes which are blinded by disloyal ministers. If we refuse to fight, then it is a case of being too greedy to live, yet fearing death. How can the steadily studied military arts be used except against foreigners? How can we otherwise employ our regiments? During 1901 much money will be collected through lotteries, gambling and general taxes, but they will never be satisfied. Therefore, should the house tax be collected, we will demolish the chapels and drive out the Christians."

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR EXPENSE

Announcement of Cost Greeted With Irish Cheers.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—In the house of commons today Lord Stanley, the financial secretary of the war office, replying to a question, said the cost of the war in South Africa from April to July 31 was £35,750,000, partly chargeable against the deficit of last year. The actual cost in July was £1,250,000 weekly. The statement was greeted with ironical cheers.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, said if the war continued at the same cost for the next three months it would necessitate spending the whole of the reserve he had provided for financing the third quarter, but he had reason to hope that this would not be necessary.

Loaded Can at Zola's Door.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—A small tin can, containing several cartridges and with an unlighted fuse attached to it, was found yesterday evening at the door of the apartment house in which Emile Zola, the novelist, resides when in Paris. The police who examined the can say that even if the fuse had been lighted it would only have produced a detonation resulting in no damage. The officials regard the matter as a practical joke.

Defeat the Revolutionists.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Senator Don Augusto F. Pulido, charge d'affaires of the Venezuelan legation, received a telegram from the Venezuelan consul general in New York, General E. Gonzalez Esteves, confirming the report that the 5,000 revolutionists were defeated in San Cristobal on July 29.

Major Wm. E. Ainsy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Acting Adjutant General Ward has received a cablegram announcing the death of Major William E. Ainsy, Porto Rican regiment, at San Juan today, from appendicitis.

Kimberly Is Excused.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The navy department has granted the request of Rear Admiral Kimberly that he be relieved from duty on the Schley court of inquiry. His successor has not been announced.

TRY TO ROB A TRAIN

Five Masked Men Halt Baltimore & Ohio Flyer Near Chicago.

THEY BLOW UP TWO MAIL CARS

Miss Express Department Because of Its Unusual Position—Robbers Threaten to Take the Life of the Engineer for the Mistake Made.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The Baltimore & Ohio passenger train from the east, which was due to arrive in the Grand Central depot, Chicago, at 9 o'clock last night, was held up by five masked men at 8 o'clock between Edgmore and Grand Calumet Heights, Ind., thirty-one miles out from Chicago.

One of the mail cars, which contained no money, was wrecked with dynamite. The attempt at robbery was made after the two mail cars had been detached from the train and run a quarter of a mile ahead. The failure of the robbers to make a rich haul was due to the fact that the express car, which contained the train's treasure, was in an unusual place. It was the third car in the train. After wrecking the mail car and obtaining no booty the robbers disappeared in the darkness without attempting to rectify their mistake. The only loot that they carried away with them as a result of their adventure was the gold watch of the engineer.

The train was the New York and Washington vestibule limited. Most of the trainmen were shot at and had narrow escapes from the bullets. No person was injured, either by the dynamite or firearms.

Just before climbing into the cab the three men commenced to fire with their revolvers to frighten away all assistance. The shots produced the liveliest kind of a panic in the sleeping cars, where the passengers made every effort to hide their money and valuables before the robbers could get at them. No attempt, however, was made to rob any of the passengers.

After mounting the cab of the engine the robbers, covering the engineer and fireman with their revolvers, made them step down and go back the length of two cars. They ordered the men to uncouple the first two cars, which was done. They then hustled the two trainmen back into the cab and, still keeping the engineer covered with revolvers, directed him to pull up some distance from the rest of the train.

Engineer Collins ran up 200 feet and was then directed to stop. He did so, and while one of the men remained to guard him the others jumped off, and hurling dynamite at the door of the car which they judged to be the express car, burst open the door. Hastily climbing in to get at the safe, they were astonished to find that they had broken into a mail car. They threatened the engineer with death for not telling them that the cars which he had uncoupled were not express cars, and ordered him to return at once and uncouple the next behind the baggage cars. Climbing once more into his cab Collins backed his engine down, coupled on to the third car, which the fireman was made to uncouple at the rear end, and still with the muzzle of the revolver at his head Collins was ordered to run down the track as before.

He drew away from the balance of the train about the same distance as on the first occasion, and the robbers still leaving him under the charge of one of their number attacked the other car. When they reached it they found to their great wrath that they had opened another mail car and that it contained no money. The train had been delayed now fully thirty minutes, and, fearing that if they delayed any longer, help would be coming to the train crew, the robbers gave up their attempt to rob the train and ran into a thicket of scrub oaks at the side of the track and disappeared.

Kentucky Drouth Ends.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 1.—The drouth in Kentucky was broken last night and this morning, when there were heavy rainfalls in Frankfort, Owingsville, Danville, Paducah, Shelbyville, Paris, Carlisle, Lancaster, Nicholasville, Burgin, Versailles and Hopkinsville.

Siege of Buenos Ayres Ended.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The state department has received from the United States legation at Buenos Ayres telegraphic information to the effect that the state of siege declared in that capitol on July 5, by reason of political disturbances, has been raised.

IMPROVEMENT FUNDS SHORT.

Missouri River Commission Complains of Shortage of Funds.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The annual report of the Missouri river commission was received at the war department today. For last year the sundry civil act carried \$250,000 to preserve existing improvements and to prevent threatened damage at Rulo, and other points and \$146,000 to complete the lock and dam at Osage river, Missouri. The committee in its report complains of the inadequacy of appropriations for accomplishing useful results on the Missouri river, or for making progress toward an ultimate improvement. The fact that there is little commerce on the river the commission attributes to the condition of the river, which is such that it is hazardous to run boats and impossible to obtain insurance at reasonable rates. No commerce of consequence can be expected until the river is put in navigable condition and opened to the mouth.

The completion of the work from the mouth of the river to Jefferson City, the report says, would demonstrate that the commerce would spring up and in addition millions would be added to the valley by preventing destruction caused by the river. The commission estimates that this result could be completed for \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000, and recommends \$1,000,000 for this work during the next fiscal year. For the Osage river \$50,200 is recommended.

WOOD'S STAY TO BE SHORT.

Expects to Return to Havana as Soon as His Health Will Permit.

NEW YORK, July 31.—General Leonard Wood, military governor of Cuba, accompanied by Mrs. Wood and their three children, arrived here today on the steamer Morro Castle from Havana. General Wood said to a reporter at the quarantine station:

"I am feeling much better. I have not had any fever for ten days and have an excellent appetite. I intend going on board the steam yacht Kanawha for a short trip along the New England coast, where we hope to enjoy a spell of cool weather. I expect my stay to be brief, as I intend to return to Havana at the earliest possible moment."

"When I left Havana everything was remarkably quiet. I am highly gratified by the kindness shown me by the whole Cuban people during my illness. Mrs. Wood and family will remain in quarantine until August 5 as the guests of Health Officer Doty and wife, after which Mrs. Wood will probably join me on a visit to friends."

General Wood left the Morro Castle at quarantine and went on board the Kanawha.

TOO MUCH LIVE STOCK.

Philadelphia Yards Jammed With Unsaleable Cattle.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—The amount of live stock received this week breaks all records. Every stock yard in the city is jammed to the doors and cattle have to be killed almost faster than they can be taken care of for lack of room. Meat prices are dropping and threaten to go to unknown depths. The cause of all this congestion is the recent drouth in the west. Nebraska, Kansas and Texas are simply packing up and sending to the east so large an array of cattle that the most experienced men in the trade can think of no way to work it off.

Strike on in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 31.—The labor trouble in this city reached a crisis today and as a result maritime traffic and labor along the shore are almost at a standstill, and industry is almost totally paralyzed. The order for a general walkout of the City Front Federation was made effective this morning. The City Front Federation comprises fourteen unions and organizations with a full membership of about 15,000.

Payne Returning Home.

MILWAUKEE, July 31.—Friends of Henry C. Payne, national republican committeeman of Wisconsin, received advices by cable today stating that Mr. Payne is at Nuremberg, not Berlin, and that he will sail for home from Cherbourg.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$176,978,982; gold, \$98,650,698.