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EXPLOSION AT INDIAN HEAD

Powder Magazine at Proving Grounds Probably Destroyed.

MANY LIVES POSSIBLY LOST

Tremendous Concessions Shake Buildings Twenty Miles From the Scene, After Which Flames of a Great Fire Were Seen—Several Distinct Shocks Felt.

Washington, Oct. 25.—An explosion occurred at the Indian Head proving grounds last night. A flash of light visible some distance accompanied the explosion, which was followed by a fire. The explosion shook the windows of houses in Alexandria, 19 miles from Indian Head. There is no direct communication with the proving grounds by which details can be had. The grounds are 25 miles down the Potomac river from Washington, and many of the big guns and much of the armor is tested there. It is believed the powder magazine was destroyed. The first shock was felt over a radius of 20 miles. A number of other explosions followed at recurrent intervals, illuminating the surrounding country. At Quantico, ten miles below Indian Head, one explosion after another was heard, and bricks were shaken from chimneys. Forts Hult and Washington, 11 miles north of Indian Head, were shaken by the explosion.

The tug Triton left the navy yard soon after the explosion for the proving grounds. There are several officers and a number of enlisted men and workmen at the place.

AFRAID OF REBEL FORCES.

Chinese General Attacks to the City—No Pitched Battles Fought Yet.

Canton, Oct. 25.—According to official reports, all the cities in the Hui Chow prefecture are still holding out, the rebels confining themselves to capturing villages and slaughtering isolated bodies of imperial troops. The rebels are also actively recruiting and are now estimated to number 10,000. There has been no pitched battle. The Chinese general commanding at Hui Chow is afraid to leave the city for fear of being cut off.

Powers Acting Independently.

Victoria, Oct. 25.—The steamer Kinshin Maru arrived yesterday with advices that late engagements, resulting in the occupation of Pei Tang and Lutal forts and other actions, have been made independently and show that the alliance of nations has been dissolved. Russia, Germany and France alone attacked Pei Tang and Lutal, giving no notice but simply communicating the result to the commanders of the other powers.

Skirmishes Between Russians and Chinese.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—Skirmishes continue between the Russians and the Chinese at various points along the Manchurian railroad. The Amur Gazette, which is published at Blagovestensk, capital of the Amur government, asserts that the Chinese bank of the Amur river will be offered to Russian settlers. It is reported that the construction of a railway between Blagovestensk and Tsitsikar has been decided upon.

Chicago Officials Lose Their Jobs.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—As a result of an investigation by the Chicago civil service commission, that body yesterday discharged Superintendent of Streets M. J. Doherty for alleged lack of executive ability and Chief Sidewalk Inspector John Panock, accused of incompetency. Superintendent of Sewers R. O. S. Burke and Superintendent of Special Assessments John A. May were censured for laxity in the conduct of their departments.

Decision in Bonaparte Dam Case.

Des Moines, Oct. 25.—The supreme court decided the famous Bonaparte dam case against the people and the fish and in favor of the Meeks, who own the dam under a state and grant contract. Action was brought by the state on account of the people above the dam to have it removed because being without a fishway it was a nuisance. This petition was dismissed and the supreme court affirmed.

Feeding-in-Transit Rates.

Denver, Oct. 25.—The Trans-Missouri freight bureau concluded a two-days' session in this city. The proposition to revoke feeding-in-transit rates on live stock was favored by a majority of the lines, but action was deferred in consequence of the strenuous opposition of the Colorado lines, on the ground that it would greatly injure trade in this territory by placing prohibitive rates on sheep.

Report on Union Printers' Home.

Indianapolis, Oct. 25.—The report of the treasurer of the Union Printers' home for six months ending Aug. 31, 1900, shows a balance in the treasury of \$10,008.72. Of this sum \$2,240.70 is on deposit in the Fletcher National bank, Indianapolis. Drexel & Co., New York, have \$13,832.40 of the funds. The expenditures in the six months were \$22,156.

Cape Town Welcomes Butler.

Cape Town, Oct. 25.—Sir Redvers Butler, who landed yesterday en route to England, was accorded a magnifi-

cent reception. The mayor of Cape Town presented to him an address in the presence of thousands of citizens, eulogizing his great services to Cape Colony and to the empire. Speeches in the same strain were made by leading public men.

SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER

Order of Eastern Star Listens to Reports of Its Officers.

Des Moines, Oct. 25.—The grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at its meeting yesterday received the reports of the grand secretary and treasurer and of the committee on constitutional revision. Addresses by the grand matron and grand patron opened the meeting at the Auditorium. Mrs. Olive E. Beckwith, worthy matron of the Des Moines chapter, delivered an address of welcome. Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, associate grand matron, responded. The report of the grand secretary showed a total membership in the state of 13,382, being a net gain of 1,885 since the last preceding report. There are now 230 chartered chapters and 31 chapters under dispensation, making a total of 261 chapters. Impressive memorial services were conducted by the grand chapter at the Auditorium last evening. The services were behind closed doors, as are all services of the chapter.

BOERS HARASS BRITISH

General French's Column Encounters Opposition—Roberts Offers Liberty to Those Surrendering.

Cape Town, Oct. 25.—Guerrilla attacks by the Boers are still giving great trouble. General French encountered continuous opposition in his march from Carolina to Bethel, his casualties numbering 30. After the arrival of Lord Methuen at Zerst there was a reconnaissance in force northward, which resulted on Sunday in the discovery of large numbers of Boers, who were only dislodged after artillery and rifle fire lasting four hours. The British had four killed and ten wounded. The Boers take shelter in farm houses, which are crowded with women and children. Lord Roberts is distributing a fresh circular, to the effect that Boers voluntarily surrendering who have never taken the oath of neutrality will not be expelled, but will be permitted to return to their farms at the conclusion of hostilities.

MONEY SCARCE IN SWEDEN.

Balance of Trade Against the Country and Drain is Beginning to Be Felt. Stockholm, Oct. 25.—The extraordinary scarcity of money, which has been growing more acute for a month, is so seriously affecting commercial circles as to threaten a crisis. The balance of foreign trade continues against Sweden and the repeated contraction of gold loans abroad fails to palliate the situation. Industries are daily launched, but adequate capital is not available and the newspapers are filled with appeals from manufacturers in desperate straits for money.

Establish Rural Service.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Rural free delivery will be established at Odell, Neb., on Nov. 1. The service will embrace an area of 40 square miles.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Georgia legislature convened Wednesday.

Governor Beckham of Kentucky has approved the non-partisan election bill passed at the extra session of the legislature.

A negro woman named Carrie Caldwell, who lived near Charlotte, N. C., killed her three children with a razor and committed suicide.

Joseph Chesser, a leading lumber dealer, was assassinated at Norton, Va., while going out of a hotel. The assassin has not been arrested.

Dr. Campos Sallos, president of Brazil, has arrived at Buenos Ayres. The object of his visit is to check the aggressive policy of Chile toward other South American states.

Articles of incorporation were filed at Santa Fe Wednesday for the El Paso, Pecos Valley and Eastern railway, extending from Roswell to El Paso, a distance of 175 miles.

The steamer Ambly, bound for Valparaiso, was gutted by fire and abandoned off Montevideo. One boat's crew was picked up, but the fate of the others has not been ascertained.

George Mulester, aged 17, was shot and instantly killed Wednesday by Arthur Anderson, aged 16, by the accidental discharge of a gun while the boys were out hunting near Murphysboro, Ill.

Advices from Omnicia confirm the report that the parties working on the Dawson telegraph line failed to connect, owing to an error in the survey, and that it will be impossible to complete the work before next summer.

The Loughlin shovel works at Martin's Ferry, O., employing 300 hands, closed indefinitely. President Glasser refused to confirm or deny the report that the American Axe and Tool company (trust) has bought out the plant.

William A. Paulson, convicted at Chicago of receiving a deposit in the Central Trust and Savings bank, of which he was president, while knowing the bank to be insolvent, Wednesday was sentenced to serve an indeterminate sentence in prison.

MISSION SOCIETIES MEET.

Proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal Council.

FAVOR RENEWED ACTIVITY.

Dignitaries of the Church Urge Increased Appropriation for Missionary Work. Woman Missionaries of the Methodist Church Assemble in Force at Worcester.

Louisville, Oct. 25.—Bishop Whipple presided at the second day's session of the missionary council of the Protestant Episcopal church. A resolution offered by G. K. Fairbanks of Illinois, endorsing the action of the board of managers, providing for an increased appropriation for missionary work, was adopted. There was a general sentiment in favor of renewed activity in missionary work.

The general topic for discussion was "Missions, the Vocation of the Church."

At noon there was a special prayer service, after which Bishop Holly of Hayti made a statement concerning his work. He was followed by Bishop William Mettee, who spoke of his work in Cuba.

At the afternoon session the topic was "Parochial Organization for Mission Work."

Bishop Tuttle spoke very pointedly, though good naturedly, on the failure of certain parishes to contribute to missions. Bishop McKim of Baltimore offered a resolution striking out the word "foreign" in the name of the official missionary society. The resolution provoked lively discussion. The point was raised that Christian missionaries could not be sent to Christian countries like Cuba and Brazil.

Woman Missionary Society.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 25.—The 31st annual convention of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church of the United States opened for a session to last eight days, in Trinity church yesterday. About 2,000 women were present, including prominent mission workers and missionaries from all parts of the world. The address of welcome was by Mrs. William Butler and the response by Mrs. M. S. Huston of Burlington, Ia. There were addresses by missionaries on the topic, "Incidents of Evangelistic Tours."

NEBRASKA SUFFRAGISTS.

Fifty Delegates Attend the Twentieth Annual Convention at Blair.

Blair, Neb., Oct. 25.—The 20th annual convention of the Nebraska Equal Suffrage association opened yesterday. About 50 delegates from all over the state are here, fully twice the number, Miss Gregg, state secretary, expected.

The national officers, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and Miss Hay, are here. Both addressed the convention.

The forenoon was taken up with routine business and the afternoon with papers. Miss Gregg of Omaha and Mrs. Cotton of Table Rock made the principal speeches, reinforced by Mrs. Dora Towell of Berwyn.

The state officers elected for the next year are: President, Mrs. Clara A. Young of Broken Bow; vice president, Mrs. Amanda J. Marble of Table

Rock; corresponding secretary, Miss Nellie Taylor of Broken Bow; recording secretary, Mrs. Ida L. Denny of Tekamah; treasurer, Mrs. George Sutherland of Blair. A fund of \$1,000 was raised in 30 minutes for the promotion of the work in Nebraska.

Root Speaks at Canton.

Canton, O., Oct. 25.—Secretary Root's meeting here last night was an impromptu affair. The Grand Army band and the Canton Republican league marched to the McKinley home to escort the secretary. An immense crowd followed and there was an enthusiastic invasion of the McKinley lawn. The president himself escorted the secretary to the carriage. Secretary Root delivered an exhaustive address, covering all the questions involved in the campaign. He was frequently interrupted by applause. At one point in his speech he renewed the charge that the hope of and a desire to aid in Mr. Bryan's election inspired a continuance of the fight in the Philippines.

Harvest Home Dinner at Marquette Club.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—The Marquette club held a prosperity harvest home festival at the Coliseum last night. Twenty-five hundred people sat at the banquet tables on the main floor, besides a number of spectators in the galleries. The immense hall was decorated with grain, fruits, pumpkins and other products of the farm, giving the appearance of the formal building of an old-fashioned county fair. The supper consisted of turkey, pork and beans, doughnuts, cider and other rural viands. James H. Wheldon, president of the Marquette club, presided, and speeches were delivered by Senator M. A. Hanna, J. K. Cullison of Kansas and Henry D. Estabrook of Chicago.

Irish Speaks at Nebraska City.

Nebraska City, Oct. 25.—John P. Irish of California began a campaign of the state here last night, speaking under the auspices of the gold Democrats of the state, but in the interests of the Republican national ticket. He was introduced by former Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton.

Fight for Control of Pacific Mail.

New York, Oct. 25.—The Mail and Express says that four transcontinental railroads are fighting to secure control of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, and the contest is going on in the open market. This fight is said to be between the Atchafalpa, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific to obtain absolute control of the steamship company.

Mayor Shows Caution.

Marseilles, Oct. 25.—M. Flatscheres, mayor of Marseilles, on being invited to participate in manifestations on the arrival here of Mr. Kruger, asked for time to reflect, explaining that he desired to know the exact nature of the demonstrations and declaring that he did not intend to take any action likely to create diplomatic difficulties.

Uneasiness at Constantinople.

London, Oct. 25.—"Great uneasiness was created in palace circles," says the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail, "by the report that an American squadron was approaching and the censor was instructed to forbid the press from mentioning the matter."



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