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CLASH AT TIEN TSI

Chinese and International Forces Engage in Sharp Fighting.

BATTLE FOR FIVE WHOLE DAYS

Eight Hundred Americans Are Among Defenders of Designated City—Shang, Director of Telegraph, Claims That Foreign Ministers Are Safe.

LONDON, June 23.—The silence of Pekin continues unbroken. Four thousand men of the allied forces were having sharp defensive fighting at Tien Tsin Tuesday and Wednesday, with a prospect of being reinforced on the day. This is the situation in China as set forth in the British government dispatch.

"Eight hundred Americans are taking part in the fighting at Tien Tsin," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express in his cable of last evening, "and they apparently form a part of a supplementary force of British, Germans and British after the conflict started. It is impossible to estimate the number of the Chinese there, but they had a surprising number of guns."

The information appearing to have been brought by the United States gunboat Nashville to the Foo and telegraphed thence to Shanghai. The Chinese are deserting Shanghai in large numbers and going to the interior. Reports from native sources continue to reach Shanghai of anarchy in Pekin. According to these tales the streets are filled day and night with boxers, who are wholly bent on the destruction of the Chinese troops and who are working themselves up to a frenzy and clamoring for the death of all foreigners.

The English consulate at Shanghai is said to have received from influential natives reports of a tragedy in the palace at Pekin, though precisely what it is is not defined. The consulate thinks that Admiral Seymour, commander of the international relief column, was misled by information from Pekin, and consequently underestimated the difficulties in his way and the Chinese power of resistance with Maxim guns and Mausers. The consuls at Shanghai still believe the foreign ministers at Pekin safe, although Japanese reports received at Shanghai allege that up to June 15 100 foreigners had been killed in Pekin.

The Daily Express says: "We understand that Mr. Reginald Thomas secretary of the British legation in Washington, is to succeed Sir Claude McDonald at Pekin and that the reason of Sir Claude's recall is the breakdown of his health." A special dispatch from Vienna says: "Li Hung Chang has wired the various Chinese legations in Europe directing them to inform the governments to which they are accredited that he is called to Pekin by the emperor as an intermediary between China and the powers to negotiate a settlement of the points at issue, and he instructs them to make the necessary arrangements for his mission by despatching to send further troops to China."

Sheng, director of telegraphs, wires from Shanghai to the Chinese legations in Europe that the foreigners in Pekin are safe. It is reported that the British government will send 1,500 marines to China, and possibly, according to some of the remaining papers, 10,000 of the regulars now with Lord Roberts.

STORMS DELAY TRANSPORTS.
Supposed that Logan Will Leave for Manila on the 24th.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Quarter-master General Ludington received a cable message from Colonel Miller, quartermaster at Manila, saying that the transport Hancock, which had been unavailable for service because of storms, had sailed on June 19 for San Francisco, and that the transport Warren, which had been ordered south by the major general commanding, would sail from Manila for San Francisco on June 1.

MAY MAKE TRIP TO HAVANA.

Proceedings for Neely's Removal to Cuba Are to Be Taken.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—It is understood that the United States attorney at New York will take action within the next day or two looking to the prompt removal of Neely, the alleged Cuban spy, to Havana for trial. Judge La-combe, before whom the case will be brought, expects to leave New York on Monday in his wish that the matter be disposed of before his departure. Some days ago the government sent to Havana for copies of papers wanted in the case, also for a certain number of articles of the old Spanish-Cuban laws against the crime of espionage. These papers have been received and forwarded to United States Attorney Barnett, who will prosecute the case.

There are two indictments against Neely, one for violation of article 401 of the Cuban penal code, and the other is under sections 33 to 57 of the Cuban postal code. The former case is said to be the stronger and it is probable that he will be tried first under the indictment for violating article 401. Officials here expect that Neely's counsel will take the case to the United States supreme court.

MORE TROOPS IF NECESSARY.
Miles Says the Government Will Care for Its Citizens in China.

CLEVELAND, June 23.—General Nelson A. Miles, who came here to receive a test of the republican state of Ohio, in an interview regarding the Chinese question, is quoted as saying: "Our government will be prompt to act in this matter as soon as the true situation is learned. This country will be equal to the emergency, and when decisive action is taken it will be of such a character as to be effective. The trouble in China is most serious and the result is most difficult to predict. What is likely to result from the uprising is certainly a very serious proposition."

"The United States will send enough troops to China to protect the American there and American interests. More troops than those already detailed will be sent to China speedily if the situation demands. The dignity and rights of the government will be upheld."

Blunder of Postoffice Department.
WASHINGTON, June 23.—It has been discovered that through an error committed in the state department the names of the postmaster for the position of postmaster at Honolulu. Several weeks ago the president nominated John M. Oats for the position of postmaster at that place and the nomination was confirmed by the senate. It is now learned that the man appointed is the brother of the one whom it was intended should fill the position. Joseph M. Oats was formerly postmaster at Honolulu, and his intention was to give him the office at Honolulu, but through an error the name of his brother John was sent to the senate. John M. Oats lives at San Francisco and has no desire to go to Honolulu. The commission will be cancelled and Joseph M. Oats will be appointed.

Are Holding Their Own.
CARACAS, Venezuela, June 23.—The Colombian revolutionaries have occupied Baucaramanga, on the Venezuelan frontier. Caracas, a town in the department of Santander, also on the Venezuelan frontier, continues in possession of the revolutionists.

Roosevelt Will Not Resign.
NEW YORK, June 23.—B. B. Odell, jr., chairman of the republican state committee, had his attention directed to the statement of an ardent partisan of Lieutenant Governor Woodruff that Governor Roosevelt will not resign. He is making way for Woodruff as executive officer, the expected result being the nomination of Mr. Woodruff for governor. Mr. Odell said that Governor Roosevelt will not resign. He will serve out his term as Governor Cleveland did when he was nominated for president. There is no reason why he should resign.

Must Pay Fare to Kansas City.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 23.—The executive officers of all the lines running into Kansas City have decided that no free transportation shall be issued to persons from Kansas City on account of the democratic national convention, July 4. This is imperative and no exception will be made under any circumstances. The railroads feel that very liberal concessions have already been made in the way of special reduced rates for the Kansas City convention and they cannot afford to carry anybody free.

CANDIDATES ARE NAMED

McKinley and Roosevelt Are Leaders for the Republican Party.

Feeling of the People Fades Van in Almost Riotous Outburst—Delegation and Spectators All Cheer—Work of the Twelfth Republican Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, June 22.—McKinley was nominated by acclamation at 12:44. The roll was called and each state voted for McKinley all the way down the roll.

FILIPINO PEACE PROPOSALS.
These at Manila Submit Terms to Mar- Arthur Which are Accepted.

COUNT MURAVIEFF IS DEAD.
Noted Russian Minister Stricken With Apoplexy.

Loss Pay for Fighting.
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—The impression prevails in the paymaster general's office, war department, that the Russian minister of foreign affairs, Count Muravieff, had just finished his morning cup of coffee and had ordered his lunch when he fell in an apoplexy, which he died in a few minutes, between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Fatal Fire in Round House.
BAKERSFIELD, Cal., June 22.—The Southern Pacific roundhouse at Kern county was burned and the remains of Patrick Quinn and Byrd Gilmore, employees, were found in the debris. They were killed by the explosion of an oil tank, which started the fire. The loss to the railroad company will amount to \$400,000. Twelve engines were destroyed.

Long Distance Wedding.
PRINCETON, Ind., June 22.—Robert Lockhart Covington, Tenn., and Miss Katherine Cline of Patoka, Ind., were married at noon today by long distance telephone. Covington is 30 miles south of here and has direct telephone connection. The marriage was set for today, but owing to business matters the groom could not leave home.

Rate Committee Meets.
CHICAGO, June 22.—An agreement entered into at the meeting of the presidents of the western roads on this city, the rate-making power of all lines will be vested entirely in the executive officers of the roads. No line party to the agreement will have power to issue a new rate sheet until it has been submitted to the local committee where the business originates and has the approval of the highest executive officer in charge of the traffic of the interested roads.

Japan's Secret Preparations.
LONDON, June 22.—The Daily Mail, in its second edition, published the following from Yachikawa, dated yesterday: "Great secrecy is maintained regarding Japan's military preparations. Fifteen large transports have already been chartered and eight warships are mobilizing. A field post service from Taku to Pekin is being organized here and will proceed immediately. Chinese military students are leaving Japan."

GUNBOAT AS TARGET

Chinese Efforts to Make Unsuccessful Attack on Monocacy.

LONDON, June 22.—The United States gunboat Monocacy was two miles up the Peiho river yesterday when the international fleet began the bombardment of the Taku forts. According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express it was shot through the bows. The correspondent says that Chinese riflemen on both banks of the river attacked it, but unsuccessfully. The scantiness of authentic information with regard to the situation confuses. Admiral Kempf's dispatch announcing that Tien Tsin was being bombarded was prominently used by the London papers and commented upon as a communication of the worst.

HE OWES HIS LIFE TO HIS HORSE
Oxford Will Have a New School Building—Loop River Bridges Near Burwell Are Lost in a Flood—Lightning Kills Young Man Near Osmund.

MISSING HIS BEARINGS
Young Farmer's Narrow Escape from Death Near Auburn.

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JACKSON, Neb., June 23.—An armed band of South Dakota farmers was on guard yesterday while a channel was cut through Rininger's neck, or as it is known on the maps, Bruighers Bend. South Dakota swooped down on Nebraska, switched the channel of the Missouri and now 200 Nebraskans are on an island in South Dakota made up of about 12,000 acres of the best farming land in the world, which has heretofore been the domain of the Antelope state.

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BERLIN, June 21.—The responsibility of the Chinese government for recent events in China is the official of the foreign office today, "is now clearly proved. It has been ascertained that 10,000 Chinese troops who deserted to the Boers did so under the direct orders of the Chinese government. The promotion to the highest positions of notoriously anti-European officials also points in the same direction. This is the war of China against all foreigners, including Germans, and the point now is to go ahead vigorously, quickly and resolutely, no matter what the final outcome may be."

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