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JAPS AGAIN VICTORS

Reports of the Battle Between Land Forces in Corea Confirmed.

FLOWER OF CHINA'S ARMY DEFEATED

Regiment at First the Japanese Return to the Fray with Better Success.

BATTLE LASTED FOR FIVE HOURS

Japanese Claim to Have Captured a Large Amount of War Materials.

CHINESE LOS IN MEN WAS HEAVY

Celestials Completely Routed and Fled from the Field Toward the Ships, Evidently Intending to Embark for a Healthier Climate.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 4.—A dispatch has been received here which confirms the report that a second battle has been fought in the neighborhood of Yashan between the Chinese and Japanese. It is added that the Chinese were defeated.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Tokio says: It is reported there has been a fresh collision between the Japanese and Chinese troops in Corea. It seems that after their recent defeat the Japanese assembled their whole available strength and took the offensive, achieving a decided victory over the Chinese.

OKIO, Aug. 4.—The following is the official report of General Oshima, who was in command of the Japanese troops in the engagement:

"After severe fighting, during five hours, from 3 a. m. on July 29, we won a decisive victory. The enemy's entrenchment, Shan Yang, was captured and over 500 out of a total of 2,800 were killed or wounded. Our losses were five officers and seventy soldiers. "The enemy fled toward Shong Chow, and perhaps intends to embark in the Korean boats near Yashan.

"We captured many flags, four cannons, many rifles and much ammunition.

"We occupy the enemy's headquarters."

TO KEEP OPEN THE TREATY PORTS.

Gresham Said to Be Negotiating with Other Nations with This End in View.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: President Cleveland has practically decided to unite with Great Britain, Germany and Italy to preserve the neutrality of what are known as the treaty ports of China during the war. The Chinese government has been fully informed of this intention, and it is understood the emperor will submit without protest to the forcible occupation of his principal ports. It is not a question of pride with him, but of prudence. He realizes he is in no condition to resist the policy of the European nations, and that an empty remonstrance would do more harm than good. The Japanese government assents cheerfully to the arrangement, and has intimated that a similar occupation of his principal commercial ports would meet with no resistance. The plan was suggested by the British premier, but the negotiations have mostly been conducted in Washington by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador; Baron von Sauerma-Joltch, the German ambassador; Baron di Fava, the Italian ambassador, and Secretary Gresham. An attempt has been made to bring Mr. Paterno, the French ambassador, and Prince Cantacuzene, the Russian minister, into the negotiations, but under instructions from their governments these diplomats have kept away from Washington, the former at Cape May, and the latter at New London. Secretary Gresham has not answered the formal assent of the United States to the agreement, but all the conferences have been held in his office, the memoranda in his hands and he has so thoroughly committed this government that it would be impossible for him to withdraw now without the sacrifice of his dignity and the respect of those with whom he has been negotiating.

STORY EMPHATICALLY DENIED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—A strong denial is entered at the State department of the published story that the United States will enter into a treaty with European powers to forcibly occupy and keep open the treaty ports. It is also denied that any overtures to that end have come to us from other countries. When the conditions were such that the war was only threatened, the United States did use its good offices to avert the evil. It did so to carry out a settled obligation imposed upon us by the treaty with Corea, whereby we bound ourselves to protect Corea in the following terms: "If other powers deal unjustly or oppressively with either government the other will exert its good offices, on being informed of the case, to bring about an amicable arrangement, thus showing its friendly feeling."

This obligation was entered into in 1882 and it was under its terms that the president indicated to Japan that he would be pained should she inflict an unjust war upon Corea. That was as far as the United States could go in the interest of our good offices, and besides the shifting of the war cloud from Corea to China relieved us from the necessity of further action. It is said at the State department that the attitude of the present war will be patterned upon our course at Rio. We will side with neither China nor Japan, but, as was indicated by Mr. Bayard, our ambassador to Great Britain, who is fully aware of what is going on, the attitude of the United States will be one of "benevolent neutrality. This is in keeping with our traditions and its prudence and safety has been amply demonstrated in the past. As far as our own commerce is concerned we will accord it such measure of protection and immunity from interference as may be justly claimed as our rights, but the present disposition at the State department is not to do this individually, or not in concert with other European nations. In other words, while we may act as the other powers upon that point, we will not be a party to any joint treaty or combination the object of which is forcible operation in China or Japan. Doubtless it will develop that in many points we may act in accord with other commercial powers, but it is claimed for us at Rio to adopt a bold and radical course unexampled, so that it may be that in China or Japan we shall act independently upon a certain condition of affairs.

At present we are scarcely in a position to make much of a demonstration in Asiatic waters. The entire United States fleet there consists of two vessels, the Baltimore and the Monocacy. About a week ago orders were sent to Bering sea to have the Concord and the Petrel sent over to join the station, and that is all that has been done in that direction so far. Secretary Herbert, before leaving Washington for Alabama last night, said that he had given no further orders for reinforcements, and acting Secretary Meadlo has not moved in the matter today.

HIS OUTING IS OVER

Emperor William Returns from His Cruise Off the Norway Coast.

GERMAN SYMPATHY IS WITH CHINA

Empire Will Probably Maintain an Attitude of Strict Neutrality.

BI-CENTENARY OF UNIVERSITY OF HALLE

Kaiser Sends a Letter and a Present of Money to the School.

GERMAN TRADE RETURNS UNSATISFACTORY

Imports Greater Than Last Year, While Exports Have Decreased—Phil Armour Looking After His Meat Trade in Person.

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BERLIN, Aug. 4.—Emperor William returned from his cruise in northern waters looking bronzed and improved in health. He enjoyed his trip immensely, and, according to all reports, there was a very lively time on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. The maitre d'plaisir of the emperor was again Baron von Hubschen, a young army officer and art connoisseur, who endears himself to the emperor by his charming manners, vivacious talk and rare social talents, among which card tricks and sleight of hand are not the least.

Emperor William on his return had a long conference with Chancellor von Caprivi, and the chancellor is the guest of his majesty on board the Hohenzollern. One of the results of the conference was the dispatch of German warships to the far east. But German trade with Corea is small when compared with that of England, and there is no prospect of other than a neutral attitude. The sympathy of the people here is rather with the Chinese.

CELEBRATING ITS BICENTENNIAL.

Halle has been in fête this week in celebration of the bi-centenary of the university of that place. The streets have been decorated with flags, floral arches and festoons of flowers in profusion. Over 150 foreign professors were present at the celebration, including delegates from most of the countries of Europe and America. The strange robes, hoods and picturesque costumes of the different student corps, the elaborate decorations and the fine weather combined to form a most brilliant scene. Banquets and receptions followed each other in quick succession. From Norway Emperor William wrote a letter of congratulation to the authorities of the university, in which he dilated upon the speech as marking the progress of modern theology, philosophy and classical philology. This letter has been much discussed for its political bearings, which are decidedly of a liberal tendency. Prince Albrecht, who represented Emperor William at the celebration, announced that his majesty presented the university with his portrait and a donation of 36,000 marks. America was represented at the Halle fête by Prof. A. W. Jackson, the noted Orientalist, who appeared for Columbia, Yale and Harvard, and Dr. Zeiss of Allentown, Pa., and other noted men who had called Halle their alma mater.

TRADE RETURNS NOT ENCOURAGING.

The trade returns for the first six months of 1894 do not look encouraging when compared with those of the same period of 1893. There is a decrease in exports of 96,000,000 marks and an increase in imports of 151,000,000 marks, a 6 and 8 per cent respectively of the total. The increase in imports is mainly breadstuffs, and the decrease in exports is mainly textile fabrics. The lessening theater opened its doors on Wednesday last, but the performance and adaptation by Oscar Blumenthal of H. A. Jones' "Bauble Shop," under the title of "Die Sittenrichter," fell flat.

GEOURGE GOULD FELL INTO THE SEA.

Owner of the Vigilant Had a Narrow Escape from Drowning.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 4.—George Gould had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday when he met the Vigilant in a steam launch off the Spit Lightship. Just as Mr. Gould was walking across the plank held between the two vessels the launch gave a sudden lurch and Mr. Gould fell into the sea. He was wearing a mackintosh at the time and the garment flew over his head, and for a time Mr. Gould's situation was critical. However, he kept his head, and breathing water, threw his arms up, and just as he was sinking succeeded in getting the mackintosh clear of his head. Gasping for breath, he was hauled on board the sloop. Mr. Gould today was none the worse for his immersion.

WELLMAN DESERVES SUCCESS.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Henry W. Fielden, the Arctic traveler, writes that Mr. Wellman appears to have behaved exactly as it would be expected of a plucky American would do under the circumstances. If he succeeds, Mr. Fielden says, in reaching Gill Island, it will be a very interesting performance and will repay the Wellman party for the trials and anxiety they must have encountered.

AMERICAN WEDDING IN LONDON.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The marriage of James Daniel, eldest son of Colonel Leggett Daniel, and Mrs. Hastings, widow of Robert Paul

HASTINGS OF SAN FRANCISCO, took place in St. Peter's church, Eton square, today. Mrs. Mackey and Mrs. Goldsmith accompanied the bride, who was given away by Ambassador Bayard. A large number of Americans were present. The bridal pair departed for Switzerland this afternoon.

UNDER PROPER CONDITIONS.

With Deep Water and a Wind the Cap Defender Wins Easily.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 4.—George Gould's yacht, the Vigilant, has redeemed the promise of her sailing master that, given deep water and a strong wind, she could defeat the prince of Wales' crack boat Britannia. The race today was fifty miles, twice over the Queen's course, from off the castle at Cowes westward to and around East Tepe buoy, leaving it on the starboard hand and then westward, passing near the west Bramble buoy and around the Warner light ship.

The prize was £100 and the race the fourth between these two boats, of which the Britannia had won ten.

The Britannia and Vigilant were officially measured at Southampton yesterday preparatory to today's race and the Britannia's time allowance was reduced to two minutes and four seconds.

The start was in a stiff westerly breeze. A large crowd watched the first half of the race from shore, but about the time that it was completed a drizzling rain set in. Some seconds advantage was with the Britannia in the end-off at 10:40, but the Vigilant quickly overcame it and was put in the lead, which she held to the finish.

PRETTY RACE FOR A TIME.

There was great excitement as the two yachts, with ordinary topsails and medium jibs and foresails glided gracefully along, pointing eastward until they passed the flagstaff, which, out of compliment to the Americans, was flying the stars and stripes, opposite the Royal Yacht Squadron's castle, when both swung around virtually together in order to pass the line. The yachts looked beautiful, powerful and swift as they sped along, beam for beam, with the Britannia on the Vigilant's port side and holding the weather position. Their sails were well filled and nothing prettier could be imagined than the sight they presented as they went on the starboard tack toward the opposite shore, sailing through an immense fleet of yachts and affording all on board the latter a splendid view of the two racers before the real struggle was commenced. But the fact that the two cracks were engaged to three, their way through the fleet of pleasure craft prevented the Vigilant from getting out as readily as she wished. When the boats got into less crowded water, however, the Vigilant opened out and soon drew level.

Then, for half a mile, it was first one boat's bowsprit and then the other showing in front. At the Lepes buoy the times were as follows: Vigilant, 10:55:05; Britannia, 10:56:00. As they ran back for the Warner lightship the Vigilant was still only a minute or two behind the Britannia, but the latter was now being overtaken by the Vigilant. A long reach brought the yachts back to Cowes for the completion of the first round, the time being as follows: Vigilant, 12:37:15; Britannia, 12:41:05. The Vigilant's lead here was 3 minutes 50 seconds, only twenty seconds more than her time allowance on her rival. The wind had hauled around slightly southward and the Vigilant was now leading the Britannia by nearly half a mile. Running eastward the Vigilant forged ahead rapidly, but in beating back against the wind the Britannia gained slightly, and she passed the pier on the return from the Warner lightship only a minute or two behind the Vigilant. 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