

WAS COLD BUTCHERY

Officer of a French Cruiser Describes the Sinking of the Kow Shung.

GOOD SHIPS IN VERY POOR HANDS

Thinks it a Shame to Give Such Good Ships to Such Cowardly Men.

TOOMAN'S CAPTAIN WAS A HERO

Laid By to Rescue the Drowning When He Might Have Escaped.

TORPEDO SENT HIM TO THE BOTTOM

War Ships Think as Bees Around the Entrance to the Chinese Harbors—Details Prepared to Give Them a Warm Reception.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 18.—(City Letter) Just received by a friend in this letter from Gustav Lefanu, one of the officers of the French cruiser Lion...

The lion, it will be remembered, was the gunboat instrumental in terminating the operations of the Chinese pirates...

The Japanese nation is reported to be affected with a mania for war. So fierce is the public spirit for war that the constitutional reform party is out with a manifesto...

Referring to Japan's formidable preparations for war, the London Standard says: "Nothing is more remarkable about the present complication than the quiet, businesslike manner in which everything has been arranged by the Japanese."

WERE WAITING DEVELOPMENTS. "We were anxiously waiting developments, but did not expect to see such an action, as much on account of the defenseless condition of the Kow Shung as owing to her flying the English colors."

"The saddest part of the affair is that in the excitement the Naui disappeared. Whether she, too, went under, or whether she escaped we do not know."

HOW WAR WAS DECLARED. VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 17.—Additional news of the war down to August 5, two days after the formal declaration of war by the Japanese government...

Text of the Mikado's Proclamation Officially Opening Hostilities. VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 17.—Additional news of the war down to August 5...

AS THING AS BEES. Later on in his letter M. Lefanu says: "Altogether there were about fifty saved from the Kow Shung, including Captain Galsworthy, the English commander. If he does not make it lively for the Japanese through the British government he deserves to lose."

HAVE CAPTURED THE PILOTS. CHINESE THIS DESCRIBED OF THE MEANS OF ENTERING THE HARBOR. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Admiral Skerret, who arrived today from Yokohama, did not have much to say about the war.

JAPAN INTRODUCED CORREA. COREA IS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY WHICH WAS FIRST INJURED BY JAPAN TO OPEN ITS DOORS TO FOREIGN INTERCOURSE...

RELIGIOUS RIOTS AT BELFAST. BELFAST, Aug. 18.—The celebration of the feast of the assumption has been the occasion for a series of riotous demonstrations...

LEONS SILK MARKET ACTIVE. LYONS, Aug. 18.—The silk market is tremendously active in view of the passage of the United States tariff bill...

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MORTON IN THE RACE

Talks of the Prospective Political Fight in New York.

NOT SEEKING THE PARTY LEADERSHIP

Will Accept, However, if it Appears Best for Republican Success.

WHAT IT MAY MEAN FOR THE FUTURE

May Make Him a Presidential Possibility in Ninety-Nine.

SAILED FOR HOME SATURDAY MORNING

His Health Not Satisfactory, but Friends Declare that it Will Not Interfere with Any Political Path He May Desire to Follow.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(New York Cable)—Special to The Bee.—Level P. Morton, accompanied by his two younger daughters, sailed by the steamer Normandie this morning...

AS TO MORTON'S HEALTH. Regarding his health, he said that it was entirely satisfactory to his family as well as to himself...

LOAN WOULD BE RAISED IN JAPAN. LONDON, Aug. 18.—The Japanese legation has received no news from Japan tending to confirm the report...

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SOLID FOR MACCOLL

Douglas County Republicans Pledged and Instructed to Vote as a Unit.

108 VOTES FOR THE MAN FROM DAWSON

Lively Scramble for Seats in the Band Wagon as it Passed.

WEAK TACTICS OF THE MAJORS MEN

Their Efforts to Avoid Instruction Painful to the Interested Spectators.

CLOAKS TOO THIN TO BE OF ANY AVAIL

Resolutions Pledging the Omaha Contingent to Support the Man from Lexington Carried by a Decisive Majority—Details of the Convention.

The Republican county convention to choose delegates to the state convention assembled at Washington hall yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock...

There were some disturbing elements in the convention. While the sentiments of Douglas county are for MacColl, a number of men who are personally for Tom Majors managed to get into the convention by representing themselves as MacColl men...

The delegates were instructed by formal resolution to vote as a unit for J. H. MacColl for governor and every man selected to attend the state convention accepted the position with the full and complete understanding that a majority of the men who voted for MacColl were MacColl men...

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It was 2:40 when Charles Untz, chairman of the republican county central committee rapped for order and requested all delegates to hand in their credentials.

The first roll call resulted as follows. For MacColl, 108; for Wheeler, 98. Mr. Wheeler took the chair and eulogized Jack MacColl, declaring that he was a man of the people and for the people.

H. M. Waring was made permanent secretary. Mr. Livingston of Chicago precinct offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, in unity there is strength; and Whereas, the Republicans of Douglas county, by a very large majority, have expressed themselves in favor of the nomination of Hon. J. H. MacColl for the office of governor...

Resolved, That the delegates chosen to represent this county in the state convention, do hereby pledge and instruct to cast the entire vote of Douglas county as a unit for J. H. MacColl through the chairman of the delegation until a majority of the delegates shall decide otherwise...

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather for Omaha and Vicinity. Increasing Cloudiness. Variable Winds.

1. French Criticism of Chinese Sailors. Level P. Morton is in the Race.

2. Tariff Tinkering Ended for the Session. John Quinn, Editor, Treats Edgewood's Grandstone Quarries.

3. Republican Outlets in South Dakota. Populists Hold Their County Convention. Dodge County is Divided.

4. Last Week in Omaha's Social Circles. Nights and Scenes in "San Francisco." Some London Stage Gossip.

5. Ready for the Saengerfest. Thurston Rides Can't Thrill Some. Two Davis Held for Murder.

6. Connelly's Trial. Local Matters. Edgewood's Grandstone Quarries.

7. Quincy Takes Another from Omaha. Zoegler After Zimmerman's Place. Harness Racers Making New Records. Tennis Club Ready for Its Guests.

8. What Some Noble Women Have Done. From Omaha's Latest News.

9. Among the Local Churches.

10. "Lord" by Emily Zola—Conclusion. Preparing to Abandon the Typewriter.

11. Woman: Her Ways and Her World. Sunday at the Penitentiary.

12. Editorial and Comment.

13. Carpenter on Corean Capital. C. L. Chaffee on Presidential Service. Congressional Reporters and Their Work.

14. One Night on Washington's Monument. Condition of Omaha's Local Trade. Commercial and Financial News. Live Stock Markets Reviewed.

15. Weekly Grist of Sporting Gossip.

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FRANCIS JOSEPH TRUE

Emperor William Proposes a Significant Toast at an Army Banquet.

AUSTRIA'S EMPEROR A FAITHFUL FRIEND

Fashionable Berlin Comes Out to See the Flower of German's Army.

RELATIONS WITH FRANCE ARE IMPROVED

For All That the Gaiety Would Accept a Chance to Avenge Themselves.

CHOLERA CONTINUES TO MAKE INROADS

German Sympathy is with Japan but for Commercial Reasons it is Thought Best to Aid the Chinese Financially.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—(Empire-William's first public appearance in Berlin since his return from England occurred today, when he reviewed the garrison on the Tempelhof parade grounds. For the first time Emperor William had the whole house troops, a magnificent body of 30,000 men, together, as usual, the whole of the fashionable world of Berlin witnessed the review...

His majesty this evening gave a banquet at the state palace, Potsdam. During the course of the banquet Emperor William proposed a health to the emperor of Austria. In offering the toast the emperor said: "I drink to the health of Emperor Franz Josef, faithful friend and ally. Hurrah for his majesty." The toast was received with enthusiastic cheers.

It is stated that the arrest of Schewe on August 12, who was wanted for larceny, and who fired upon and wounded two of the officers who pursued him, was a most important capture, made in accordance with the arrest of seventy other persons, all of whom are said to be desperate anarchists. These arrests, according to reports, frustrated a serious anarchist plot which was to mature today, and which was specially directed against Emperor William.

FEELING TOWARD FRANCE IMPROVED. The visit of the emperor to the ex-Empress Eugenie, after the recent review of the troops at Aldershot camp, England, is the theme of general press comments. The universal opinion is that the relations between Germany and France have been much improved, mainly owing to the emperor's various thoughtful acts of conciliation.

At the same time the newspapers recognize that France has not abandoned her desire for revenge, should a favorable opportunity offer itself.

The cholera commission is sitting again in order to consider the serious news that the scourge has not only spread to East and West Prussia, but a couple of genuine cases have been found at Cologne. In East Prussia where there has been over fifty deaths, and Lick and Allenstein. In West Prussia, Althoff and Thorn are among the towns where cholera now exists.

Although there is sympathy here with Japan, the financial and commercial community favor a loan to China as a safe investment which is likely to give impulse to German trade with China.

Rear Admiral Warner's book "On the Navy" is creating a sensation. The admiral declares the navy suffers from such a total lack of organization that in foreign countries it is held to be valueless, a state of affairs for which he holds Chancellor von Capri responsible. He complains that from reasons of false economy the flags of German vessels are dismantled, requiring classes to see them at any distance, while the smallest American, French or Russian craft, the writer asserts, carry gigantic flags, which impress the people.

Blackburn, Terrasch, Walbradt, Janovsky and Berger are all booked for the international chess tournament which is to take place at Leipzig in September.

PORTENUS' OPPORTUNITY. A local dispatch announces the impending arrival in Berlin of Miss Helen Carroll, who is described as a wealthy and pretentious heiress, and adds that all the German fortune hunters are consequently preparing for the war path.

Colonel Karwiese of Louisville, Ky., is here to place before capitalists and others the prospect of a new canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific in place of both the proposed Panama and Nicaragua canals.

The latest government report shows that eight persons have died from leprosy, three of them since Wednesday, in the district of Koenigsberg, and ten persons, the report adds, are now suffering from the disease.

RAINMAKER MELBOURNE MISSING. Suddenly Disappears from Cheyenne and His Friends Fear a Fool Plot.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 18.—There has been much speculation here over the mysterious disappearance of Melbourne, the "rainmaker." He came to Cheyenne three years ago with his brother, John, and at once commenced "rainmaking" experiments. He left here February 19 last, and has not been seen or heard of since. When he left he appeared to be in good spirits over the prospect of completing a contract for the production of rain in Laraine county. It has been suggested that he may have been killed by bunch steers in Denver, but the theory of suicide finds some credence. When he left for Denver it was understood that he was going to purchase some apparatus for use in his profession, and that he would be back on the following Monday.

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