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Troops Rested One Day After Defeating the Chinese at Tien-Tsin and Then Moved Forward.

ADVANCE BEGAN ON MONDAY

AND HIS COLUMN MAY HAVE BEEN RESCUED ON TUESDAY.

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Over Two Hundred Wounded, and that He Was Hampered in His Movements by Sick Foreigners.

LARGE ARMY OF JAPANESE

THIRTEEN THOUSAND ALREADY LANDED ON CHINESE SOIL.

And Twenty Thousand More to Be Sent Soon as Possible—Thirty-Five Transports Engaged.

LONDON, June 28, 3:30 a. m.—The composite brigade of 2,300 men, who raised the investment of Tien-Tsin and pushed on to help Admiral Seymour, has probably saved him, but the news has not yet reached Che-Foo, the nearest river point.

The British consul at Amoy telegraphed this morning that the Europeans at Peking are reported to be safe.

The German consul at Che-Foo confirms the contents of a message from Vice Admiral Seymour which reached Tien-Tsin on Monday, saying he was then eight miles westward of that city, terribly harassed, could only hold out another two days, and had sixty-three men killed and over 200 wounded, and adds that the admiral asked for the dispatch of a relief column of 2,000 men. This column left Tien-Tsin during the morning of June 25, under Russian command.

A dispatch from Tien-Tsin, dated yesterday, says the Protestant mission at Wei-Hsin was burned by rebels on Monday night last.

The French consul general at Shanghai, telegraphing to Paris under date of yesterday, announces that the allied troops have entered Tien-Tsin. He states also that the foreign ministers have departed from Peking for the north, accompanied by a Chinese escort. It is supposed they are headed for Shanghai.

The allied forces opened with several of the "Terrible" 47 naval guns, six field guns and numerous machine guns, the firing being at long range. They continued to advance steadily, the Chinese artillery replying.

The guns of the allies were more skillfully handled and put the guns of the Chinese out of action one by one, the Chinese retreating about noon. There was keen rivalry among the representatives of the various nations as to which would enter Tien-Tsin first, and the American and British went in neck and neck. The Russians stormed the arsenal, thereby sustaining the largest losses.

Several thousand Japanese have left Taku for Tien-Tsin and, altogether, 12,000 Japanese have landed. The international troops now aggregate nearly twenty thousand, and Japan is preparing to send 20,000 more.

With British, American and other troops ordered to go, probably sixty thousand men will be available in a month. The Tong-Shan refugees and the foreign engineers at Che-Foo estimate the Chinese troops now in the field as 25,000 drilled troops at Lutai, 25,000 at Shang-Hai-Wan, 15,000 driven off from Tien-Tsin, and 150,000 at Peking.

The dispatch received by the Foreign Office stating that the foreign legations were requested to leave Peking within a specified time is interpreted in some unofficial quarters as tantamount to giving ministers their passports and to a declaration of war, but as China does nothing like other countries, the official opinion is that there is nothing to do but to await the course of events and to see what the ministers themselves say when they are rescued.

All the students at the foreign hospitals in Canton are leaving. Women missionaries are returning from the West river ports. There was a slight disturbance at Wo-Chou on Tuesday, while the women were embarking. The crowd shouted: "Kill the foreign devils!"

According to advices from Shanghai, the Chinese officials, by direction of the southern viceroys, are asking the consuls to agree to conditions "insuring" as the Chinese say, "the neutrality of Shanghai and other coast cities." They are also asking that foreign ships shall not sail or anchor near the forts nor go to ports where there are no warships now, that their crews shall not go ashore and that the protection of foreigners be left to the Chinese authorities. These conditions are considered at Shanghai to be virtually an ultimatum from Viceroy Liu Kung Yih and Chief Chih Tung. The consuls desire a sufficient naval and military force to back up their refusal to comply with these demands. The total naval force there now consists of 369 men with thirty-two guns. The Chinese have six thousand men, with six guns in the forts and ten thousand outside Shanghai with modern rifles and machine guns.

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LINCOLN, NEB., TO BE A MECCA

FOR THOSE WHO KNEEL AT THE SHRINE OF THE ARCH POPOCRAT.

Ice-Trust Croker, "Me-Too" Murphy and the Awful Sulzer to Confer with Mr. Bryan.

DESECRATION OF THE FLAG

DELEGATES AT KANSAS CITY TO WEAR THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Four-inch "Old Glories" to Be Attached to Badges, and Independence Day to Be Made Bryan Day.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 27.—Representative William Sulzer, who is being boomed for Vice President on the Democratic ticket, and Richard Croker and ex-Senator E. G. Murphy, of New York, will have a conference at Lincoln, Neb., with William J. Bryan before they come to Kansas City to attend the national convention.

Stirling Price, of Texas, who has opened headquarters here for Mr. Sulzer, to-day received a telegram from that gentleman saying he had left New York for Lincoln at noon to-day. Another telegram says Messrs. Croker and Murphy will be in the Nebraska capital this week. Mr. Sulzer hopes to be on the ticket with Mr. Bryan, and it is said the latter expressed a desire to confer with him. Further than this Mr. Price would vouchsafe nothing.

President O'Connell, of the Sons of Liberty, the oldest organization in New York, is on his way to Kansas City and will open headquarters for Sulzer to-morrow evening or Friday, and Fred Feigl, editor of the "Tammany Times," another Sulzer boomer, will arrive Friday.

The city is beginning to take on a gala appearance in anticipation of an early arrival of delegates. A good sized contingent of Eastern newspaper reporters have already arrived, but a general inflow of people is not expected until Friday. Ex-Governor William J. Stone, national committeeman for Missouri and vice chairman of the national committee, is expected Friday night with other members of the subcommittee, which will hold a meeting on Saturday.

James Boyle, district leader of Tammany, will arrive on Saturday with about a dozen of his colleagues. They come to prepare the way of the Tammany delegation, which will reach Kansas City Monday evening on two special trains. Sunday the state delegations will begin to arrive. The Pennsylvania delegation, made up of one hundred people, and the Montana delegation, headed by W. A. Clark, are due Sunday morning and the Kansas delegation in the evening. On Monday the Northeast delegates from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, with George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, their vice presidential candidate, will reach the city, and on the same day the California and Missouri delegations will arrive. The greatest rush of delegations will be on Tuesday. Nearly all of the States not mentioned are booked to arrive on that day.

A convention innovation, the reading of the Declaration of Independence from the platform, will be introduced at the first session on July 4, and according to the present programme the music and decorations of that day will be selected with a particular idea of commemorating the national holiday.

The badges for the delegates have been received. They are an elaborate affair. There is an oxidized silver bar for the pin, below which hangs a silk flag about four inches long. To the flag is attached a medallion of gold or oxidized silver.

The United States Monetary League, which will meet here at the Auditorium on July 2 and 3, will be addressed by W. H. Harvey, of Kansas; Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota; William Sulzer, of New York, and others.

Will Not Support Bryan.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 27.—"If Sulzer is eliminated from the platform this year will Mr. Bryan receive the support of those Democrats who declined in 1896 to accept the Chicago platform?"

This question is answered in the negative by ex-Secretary J. Sterling Morton, who says that if Bryan is again the nominee of the Democratic party they will use, with slight variations, the words he uttered at Richmond in 1896. "We will not come back."

He asserts that if the gold standard was a vicious thing in 1896 it is equally deserving of condemnation this year, and that it would be an act of infamy for Bryan to compromise with those whom he once charged with conspiracy.

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Their Platform of Principles for 1900 as Virulent as Any Adopted in Previous Years.

BUT ONE ISSUE SET FORTH

THEIR CAMPAIGN TO BE CONDUCTED SOLELY AGAINST LIQUOR.

President McKinley Denounced in Strong Terms as a Wine Gazer and Drink Promoter.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS CARTEENS

CALLED TREASONABLE AND VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Administration Also Arraigned for Not Barring Liquor from Our Island Possessions.

WOOLLEY FOR PRESIDENT

RADICAL EDITOR OF THE NEW VOICE MAY BE CHOSEN.

Rev. S. G. Swallow Also a Leading Candidate—McWhirter Boomed for Vice President.

CHICAGO, June 27.—The Prohibition party will make its national campaign this year upon a platform of a single issue, the liquor traffic, all other issues being subordinated to this one question. Upon this platform it is probable that either Rev. S. G. Swallow, the "fighting parson" of Harrisburg, Pa., or John G. Woolley, of Chicago, editor of the Voice, the Prohibition national organ, will be nominated for President.

The national convention of the Prohibition party met here to-day, and in three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening—cleared up all business except the nominations for President and Vice President, which will be made to-morrow morning.

The convention, in point of numbers and enthusiasm shown, is considered one of the greatest ever held by the advocates of cold water. Thirty-seven States of the Union were represented when Chairman Oliver Stewart, of the national committee, called the convention to order at the First Armyory to-day, nearly 700 delegates being present, while scores of others are expected to-morrow, when the party names its national candidates.

The platform as adopted by the convention bears solely on the question of the suppression of the liquor traffic. In connection with this, however, the administration and President McKinley in particular are bitterly arraigned for the position taken on the anti-liquor law, the action on this being denounced as "treasonable."

A bitter fight took place in the committee on resolutions, the "fighting parson" finally prevailed on the members being sharply divided over the question of a single issue or "broad" platform. The advocates of woman suffrage were particularly emphatic in demanding a suffrage plank, but after a session lasting for several hours the matter was compromised by reporting a separate resolution favoring the granting of the franchise to women, and in this form the report of the committee on resolutions was adopted by the convention after considerable discussion.

Expressions of various state delegations to-night rather indicate the nomination of Woolley for President and H. B. Metcalf, of Rhode Island for Vice President. The voting strength of the three prominent candidates for the presidential nomination, H. B. Metcalf, of Illinois, apparently decreased rapidly during the day to the gain of Mr. Woolley, and it appears probable that the contest to-morrow will be narrowed down to Mr. Woolley and Rev. Swallow. The latter's friends, however, confidently assert that his nomination is assured, and a brisk contest may take place before the question of leadership is settled. The Indiana delegates are booming Felix M. McWhirter for Vice President.

Text of the Platform. Samuel Dickie is permanent chairman and C. B. Chever, of Tennessee, permanent secretary of the convention. The platform, as read by Secretary Hopkins, of the resolutions committee, follows:

"The national Prohibition party, in convention represented at Chicago June 27 and 28, acknowledging almighty God as the supreme source of all just government, realizing that this Republic was founded on Christian principles and an entire unity of mind and body, and that the national interest would be promoted in any other way than by the sure and just prohibition of what is wrong and permitting only what is right, hereby records and proclaims:

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OF COURSE, IT IS ABSURD.

"Collars and Cuffs" Murphy Ridicules the Idea of His Nomination.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Ex-Senator Edward Murphy, Jr., was asked by a reporter if he were a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Vice President. "I am not a candidate," he replied, "and I do not see how my name comes to be mentioned in connection with the nomination. Certainly I have done nothing to warrant the idea that I am a candidate."

"In case, however, you should be nominated, would you accept?" he was asked. "That question is absurd," he replied. "There is absolutely no reason to consider my name with the nomination."

"Will Tammany present the name of George B. McClellan?" "Tammany has no candidate—none at all."

"Are you in full accord with Mr. Bryan on the platform on which he is expected to be renominated—opposition to imperialism, opposition to trusts and advocacy of free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1?"

"I am unqualifiedly with Mr. Bryan in the position in which he stands before the country. We have seen the idea of territorial expansion run mad, and there is bound to be a reaction. As to the silver question what else can the Kansas City convention do but to reaffirm the Chicago platform on that point?"

Did Not Instruct for Hill.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 27.—The Democratic state convention to-day adopted a platform which reaffirms the Chicago declaration of 1896; favors strict observance of the Monroe doctrine; declares for government construction and ownership of the Nicaragua canal; denounces trusts and indorses the last Legislature of Arkansas for passing the anti-trust act; condemns the "death-dealing" policy of the Republican administration in the Philippines; insists upon giving freedom to Cuba and demands the same rights for the Philippines and demands national legislation against trusts. Ex-Governor James P. Clarke was elected delegate to the Kansas City convention. Resolutions instructing the delegation to vote for David B. Hill for Vice President were withdrawn.

Campau for Vice President.

DETROIT, June 27.—Daniel J. Campau, chairman of the Michigan Democratic State central committee and a member of the national committee, in receipt of many letters from various States urging him to become a candidate for the vice presidency before the Kansas City convention. Mr. Campau cannot be called even a receptive candidate. He declares himself only as anxious to see the vice presidency go to a State which can draw the most doubtful votes to the ticket.

Mr. Campau's political secretary declared this afternoon in positive terms that Campau's name would be presented to the Kansas City convention as a vice presidential candidate.

Belmont in a Special Car.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Former Judge Augustus Van Wyck, accompanied by Henry W. Walker, secretary of the Aqueduct Commission, started to-day for Kansas City. They go first to Chicago and from there to Springfield, Mo., where a reception will be tendered to Mr. Van Wyck. He will arrive in Kansas City on Sunday morning. Richard Croker will visit ex-Senator Murphy at the seashore to-morrow and on Friday will start for Kansas City. Oliver H. P. Belmont, who is still spoken of as a vice presidential candidate, will go to Kansas City in a special drawing room car with a party of friends.

Rosling Will Nominate Towne.

DULUTH, Minn., June 27.—L. A. Rosling, chairman of the Democratic state central committee and delegate at large to the convention at Kansas City, will make the speech placing the name of Chas. A. Towne before the convention as a candidate for vice president. Mr. Towne was informed by Mr. Rosling to-day that he would accede to his request to do so. The nomination will be seconded by a number of men prominent in the party from other States.

Texas Want Hill.

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 27.—William Capps, district delegate to the Kansas City convention, to-day denied that the Texas delegation favors William Sulzer for the vice presidency. He says he has letters from five of the delegates who want D. B. Hill first, last and all the time. James W. Swain, delegate at large, favors Carter Harrison for second place.

JAPANESE ANGRY.

Wroth Over the Secret Execution of Two Korean Officials.

YANCOOVER, B. C., June 27.—According to advices by the steamer Empress of China the Japanese government is very angry at the secret execution of Gen. An Kyung Su and Kwon Yung Chin, former Cabinet ministers of the Korean government and leaders of the Progressive party, who were privately strangled in the Seoul prison as traitors on the night of May 27. Both were concerned in the plot which culminated in the assassination of Queen Min at