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## BATTLE IN CHINA.

ALLIES SAID TO HAVE DEFEATED IMPERIAL TROOPS.

### ENGAGEMENT AT PEITSANG

Reports from Remey and Taussig—While These Were Unofficial, the Washington Officials Express the Belief that They Were Correct—The News was Apparently Confirmed by a London Dispatch.

Washington (Special).—From Chief Commander Taussig, of the Yorktown, cabled that he was unofficially reported an engagement between the allied forces and the Chinese had taken place Sunday morning. The Chinese retreated.

Loss of the allies in killed and wounded was given as 1200. The majority were said to be Russians and Japanese.

Following this came a cable from Admiral Remey stating that the unofficial report was believed to be true. It contained the further information that about 16,000 of the allies had been heavily engaged at daylight of the 5th.

A Shanghai dispatch to London says Li Hung Chang informed Consul there that the Ministers had left Pekin Friday. The statement was not believed.

Peitsang is the first station on the railway en route to Pekin from Tientsin, eight miles northwest of the latter place.

In official circles little doubt was expressed that reports of the Peitsang engagement were correct, since a conflict had been expected.

Opinion appeared to be divided as to the effect of the battle. The more optimistic were inclined to the belief that the defeat of the Chinese would hasten the end. Others thought it was the first of many bloody fights which would extend to the gates of Pekin.

The hopeful ones prophesied that after the Peitsang punishment had been administered the Chinese Government would send the Ministers from the capital and so check the advance.

Considerable apprehension exists at the reappearance in affairs of the arch anti-foreign fanatic Li Ping Hung.

The news was seemingly verified by a London dispatch, which referred to an engagement Sunday, in which the Chinese had retreated.

A dispatch from Shanghai, dated August 6, declares that the allies are making slow progress toward Pekin on account of differences of opinion among the commanders.

The American, British and Japanese leaders, it is said, are in favor of our plan, while the Russian, French and Germans are combined on another.

It is also reported from Shanghai that the anti-foreign faction has the supremacy at Pekin. Li Hung Chang is said to have applied to the throne for 20 days' sick leave. It is rumored that Viceroy Yuan Shi Ki has been killed. He disapproved of Prince Tuan. Earl Li may be denounced by Li Ping Hung on account of his friendliness to foreigners.

The French Consul at Chungking is authority, in a dispatch to Paris, for the statement that the situation on the upper Yangtsekiang is becoming more serious.

Charles' Victims Number Seven.—New Orleans (Special).—H. H. Bate, aged 65, an insurance solicitor, who was shot by the negro desperado Charles, on Friday, is dead, making a total of seven white men killed by the negro.

A special committee of the police board, appointed to investigate the conduct of the police officers who were detailed to assist Captain Day in the arrest of Charles, the negro murderer, has recommended that charges of cowardice be brought against Sergeant Aucoin, Corporal Trenchard and Officers Cantrelle, Pincon and Pernier, and of deserting his post against Detective Woodworth in the affair of Friday, when Sergeant Porteous and Officer Lally were killed by Charles.

King Alexander of Serbia was married in Belgrade to Mme. Draga Maschin.

General Baden-Powell was wounded during a recent engagement at Rustenberg.

Auguste Valette, a dangerous anarchist, was arrested at Abbeville, France.

General Christian de Wet is reported to be completely surrounded by the British near Rietzberg.

The question as to whether England is invulnerable to invasion provoked a debate in the House of Lords.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy sent a message of thanks to President McKinley for his expression of condolence.

The Vorwaerts, of Berlin, finds fault with Emperor William for his denunciation of the shipyard strikers.

Secretary Hay and Ambassador Holshen have signed the new commercial treaty agreed upon between the United States and Germany.

It is explained that the Shah of Persia is a fatalist; hence the coolness with which he acted when attacked by the assassin in Paris.

## DEMOCRATIC SWEEP.

Amendment Carried by 60,000 Majority in North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C. (Special).—This State has given more than 40,000 majority for the Democratic State ticket and the suffrage amendment. The Legislature is overwhelmingly Democratic, insuring the election of Chairman F. M. Simmons as Major Butler's successor in the United States Senate.

There were no disorders or rioting anywhere in the State so far as can be learned.

The colored people took little interest in the election, and this accounts in a large measure for the absolute quietude that prevailed. Many colored men voted for the suffrage amendment and scratched the Republican State ticket. The Democrats have made gains in every section of the State; in fact, the Fusionists have carried less than a dozen counties.

Senator Butler declined to comment on the returns.

Democratic State Chairman Simmons said he had figured that the State would go Democratic by 37,000 majority, but that the returns insured a majority of 50,000. He says if the present ratio of increase continues the majority will exceed 60,000.

"We have 80 members of the Legislature," Simmons said.

The suffrage amendment, which will have the effect of disfranchising the illiterate colored men, will receive a majority nearly as large as that given the State ticket. The vote for the amendment will run several thousand behind the vote given the State ticket.

## BUBONIC PLAGUE IN LONDON.

Surgeon Thomas Announces Four Cases and Two Deaths.

Washington (Special).—The marine hospital service has received the following telegram from Past Assistant Surgeon Thomas, announcing the outbreak of the bubonic plague in London:

London.—Surgeon-General, Marine Hospital, Washington.—There have been four cases of plague and two deaths from plague in London. Diagnosis confirmed by bacteriological examination. Do not think there will be further spread.

The dispatch from Surgeon Thomas gives no details as to the origin of the cases, nor whether they were on shipboard or within the city itself. The marine hospital service authorities say the instructions already given to quarantine officers safeguarding our ports against the disease are ample, and they express confidence that the disease is not likely to reach this country. At the same time, the bare possibility of danger through chipping coming from that port, or through possible communication of the disease in the event that the patients had not been under timely surveillance, is not overlooked and quarantine officers will be especially watchful in the enforcement of the regulations.

Receipts and Expenditures. A Deficit of \$4,024,493 for Month of July.

Washington (Special).—The July comparative statement of the Government receipts and expenditures shows that during the month the receipts amounted to \$49,955,160, and the expenditures \$53,979,653, which leaves a deficit for the month of \$4,024,493. One year ago the deficit was \$8,506,832. The receipts from the several sources of revenue are given as follows:

Customs, \$19,802,271; increase as compared with the corresponding month last year, about \$3,000,000.

Internal revenue, \$27,569,888; decrease, about \$762,000.

Miscellaneous, \$2,592,199; decrease \$168,000.

The total receipts, therefore, were \$1,909,902 in excess of July, 1899.

The expenditures by items are given as follows:

Civil and miscellaneous, \$12,203,509; decrease as compared with July, 1899 \$1,700,000.

War, \$18,845,124; decrease, \$846,000.

Navy, \$5,318,673; increase, \$228,000.

Indians, \$956,444; increase, \$384,646.

Pensions, \$11,916,344; decrease, \$1,000,000.

Interest, \$4,739,556; decrease, \$440,000.

The total expenditures during July were \$2,581,437 less than during July last year.

## REVERSE IN PHILIPPINES.

Worst for the American Troops in Two Months.

Washington (Special).—The first serious check which the American troops have met in the Philippines during the past two months is recorded in a dispatch received from General MacArthur. It is assumed that the little American command which suffered so severely was completely trapped, and was obliged to surrender or be exterminated. The message is as follows:

Manila, Aug. 4. "Adjutant General, Washington. "First Lieutenant Alstaetter, corps of engineers, U. S. army, with escort 15 men, attacked August 1, road between San Miguel de Mayuma (Luzon) and San Isidro (Luzon), by armed insurgents, reported 350 strong. Entire party killed, wounded or captured."

A special dispatch stated that Mr. Towne will withdraw from the Populist ticket in the next two weeks.

## THE TRAIN HELD UP.

BOLD ROBBERS IN COLORADO MAKE A HAUL.

### ONE KILLED WHO RESISTED

Woke Passengers Out of Sleep in the Pullman and Took Their Valuables—They Fooled the Conductor Into Opening the Door and Then Compelled Him at Pistol's Point to Do as They Wished.

Salina, Kan. (Special).—Union Pacific east-bound passenger train No. 4 which left Denver, was held up by two men several miles west of Hugo, Col., 90 miles this side of Denver. The passengers in the Pullman sleepers were robbed of their money and valuables. An old man named Fay, a resident of California, who had been visiting in Denver and was on his way to St. Louis, refused to surrender his valuables and fired a shot at one of the robbers but missed.

Thereupon the robbers fired, one shot entering Fay's mouth and coming out at the back of his head, killing him almost instantly. The robbers stopped the train, jumped off and escaped.

The robbers got on to one of the sleepers near Limon, and after the train had started the men made a noise at the door. The conductor, thinking they were tramps, opened the door to put them off. The robbers, who were masked, pointed a pistol at his head and ordered him to lead the way through the coaches. All of the passengers were asleep, and the conductor was ordered to wake them one at a time. The frightened passengers were told to keep quiet or they would be killed, and at the same time were asked to hand over their money and valuables. The robbers obtained about \$100 in cash and a number of gold watches and pieces of jewelry.

The robbers took place a few minutes before 1 o'clock. The body of Fay, who was killed, was taken off at Hugo and shipped to Denver. He was 68 years of age and a prominent Odd Fellow of California. The conductor, who was compelled to hold a bag while the robbers relieved the passengers, lost his watch, and asked that it be returned him in order that he might run his train on time. The robbers gave it back.

After ransacking the two coaches the men made the conductor pull the bell cord, but the train was going so rapidly that the robbers were taken to Hugo before it slowed up enough to enable them to jump. They compelled the conductor to get off ahead of the train so that if any of the passengers had been in waiting they would have shot him first. After the robbers had dismounted they ordered the conductor to return to his train.

Miss Shaw, of Denver, a passenger on the train arrived at Salina. She stated that when the men entered the car everyone was asleep, and very few knew anything of what was going on until they were awakened by the robbers. When the men came to her berth a pistol was pointed at her face and she was told to be quiet and hand over her valuables. With great presence of mind she opened her pocketbook, letting a number of bills fall out, and then handed the purse, containing some silver, to the robbers. She also managed to save her watch, which was pinned to her dress, by placing her arm over it.

YELLOW FEVER AT TAMPA.

Agent Weedon, of Florida Board of Health, Reports One Death.

Tampa, Fla. (Special).—Agent Weedon, of the State Board of Health, issued a statement to the effect that there has been one death at Tampa from yellow fever, and that there are two cases known at present. The death was that of George Sonnenberg, a German. He was a tailor, and had not been outside of the city for years. The only theory possible is that he contracted the disease from cleaning clothes from some infected point. Strenuous efforts are being made to locate the source of the infection.

Dr. Porter, State health officer, is en route here to take charge. The city is in a healthy condition, and little fear is entertained of a spread of the disease. The railroads have been ordered to sell tickets to no one for points inside the State. All who desire to leave can do so by going outside the State. So far there are no signs of a panic.

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King Victor Emmanuel III issued a proclamation in which he declared he would carry out the policies of his father and grandfather in maintaining the integrity of Italy.

## SITUATION IN CHINA.

General Li Ping Hong was appointed to command the troops in the north of the Chinese Empire.

The Governor of Moukden is reported to have urged the massacre of Christians. Nearly all the missions have been destroyed.

Rev. R. H. Bent, of Philadelphia, arrived at San Francisco, where he told a story of his flight with his wife and two children from Ching Chow.

A courier from the Japanese legation in Pekin brought a message stating that but five days' provisions were left and twenty-five rounds for each man.

The Belgian vice consul at Tien Tsin, M. H. Ketels, says that the Chinese in Pekin are fortifying their position outside the British legation.

There are indications that Germany is preparing another expedition to China. The Emperor and Minister von Buelow take different views of the situation.

Admiral Seymour telegraphed to the Admiralty that the Viceroy of Nankin had agreed to the landing of a force of 3,000 British troops for the defense of Shanghai.

General Chaffee's report to the War Department is said to have contained strictures on some of the military commanders at Tien Tsin for maintaining bad sanitary conditions.

A report having been circulated in Shanghai to the effect that Li Hung Chang had committed suicide, a foreign official sent a messenger to his residence, but an answer was refused.

The Chinese are reported to be fortifying the Yang Tse River, according to their statement, as a precaution against the Boxers. Chinese troops are being secretly brought to the treaty ports.

The Russians took the town of Saxhalien after an engagement with the Chinese in which their steamer suffered severely. The Transslesk detachment bombarded Aligum and sustained slight casualties.

Messages were received from Minister Genger and Secretary of the Legation Squires, dated July 21, saying that on that date all was well; that there had been no fighting since the 16th and there were enough provisions.

CYCLING NOTES.

Tom Cooper recently rode a mile in one minute and fifty-eight and three-quarter seconds.

John Nelson defeated "Jimmie" Michael by five yards in the twenty-mile pace race at Boston.

Teddy Hale, the cyclist, arrived in London, having traversed 32,436 miles in the allotted time of 313 days, thus eclipsing the record.

When dismounting in a street, keep the wheel in motion until you can make sure there is no vehicle coming along immediately behind you.

A shoestring is a small thing in its way, but when it happens to work loose while one is wheeling it is liable to cause a large amount of trouble.

According to a veteran dealer one of the crude devices of the modern bicycle which may prove troublesome is the cotterpin, which secures the crank to the spindle.

Riders of coaster-brake wheels should be particularly careful that the clutch is kept clean and well lubricated, as otherwise the friction generated will retard the speed.

Whatever the reasons may be, bicycles and their riders are not nearly so numerous this year as in years past. This is especially noticeable at the popular summer resorts.

A smoky lamp may be caused by the oil or the wick. If the former, a small piece of camphor dropped in the oil will brighten and clear the light; if the latter, the wick should be soaked in vinegar and then dried.

Sometimes a chain climbs sprocket teeth and runs off the sprocket with no apparent cause. In such cases a permanent cure can be effected by filing down each of the sprocket teeth a little, so as to allow the chain block to lie deeper than before.

Secretary Hay Ill.

Boston (Special).—A special to the Journal from Sunapee, N. H., says that Secretary of State Hay is ill, but not seriously. He contracted a cold on the way from Washington. A physician who was called in found Secretary Hay suffering from nervous exhaustion, due to his arduous labors at Washington.

Missouri Slayers Drowned.

Poplar Bluff, Mo. (Special).—Martha Hendricks, 17 years old, and Paul Verner, an eloping couple, lost their lives by drowning in the Current river while attempting to escape from the angry father of the girl.

Japanese See Peril.

Victoria, B. C. (By Cable).—A Tokio correspondent of the Japan Herald, copies of which have been received here, says:

"In spite of exultant articles in the foreign press, exhorting Japan to heroic endeavors, she does not enter the China campaign with pride. The nation at large condemns it. Japan, it is alleged, has been dragged into it."

The correspondent brings up accounts with Russia over settling up accounts in China. He says China would throw a her lot with Japan against Russia.

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