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## DID LI PLAY A DOUBLE GAME?

Now the Chinese Viceroy is Accused of Duplicity.

### PEKIN PALACE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A Missionary Says Li Promised to Order the Execution of Certain Murderers Who Had Been Convicted of Killing Converts, and Then Sent a Letter to the Officials of San Ho Forbidding Them to Execute the Men.

Pekin (By Cable).—The palace of the Empress, which has been occupied by Count von Waldersee and his staff, was burned to the ground. Major-General Schwartzkopf, Count von Waldersee's chief of staff, has disappeared. With the exception of military papers everything in the palace was destroyed. Trustworthy Chinamen report that troops in large numbers are massing in the Province of Shansi, near the frontier in Pechili. Well informed natives prophesy further trouble. It is impossible to ascertain whether the court is playing a double game or its authority is insufficient to prevent the Chinese generals from acting in a manner likely to provoke hostilities.

Probably a great deal will depend upon the present Franco-German expedition against General Liu-Kuan-Ting inflicting a severe defeat upon the Chinese who have transgressed the agreement by entering into the sphere of the allies. If these offenders are thoroughly punished it is regarded here as likely to produce a decided effect.

The ministers of the foreign powers view with alarm the expedition sent against General Liu-Kuan-Ting. They believe he will retreat, probably laying waste the villages he traverses and killing native Christians, and that such actions will be used as an excuse by the military for further aggression, which would probably lead to the taking of Tai-Yuan-Fu, capital of Shansi Province. Captain Reeves, who is attached to the American Legation here, accompanies the expedition to observe happenings on behalf of the United States.

At Wednesday's meeting of the foreign ministers the question of indemnities was considered. It is now estimated that \$350,000,000 will cover all claims.

Rev. Charles A. Killie, a Presbyterian missionary, has returned from Sanho, where Christians were burned to death in December. He reports to General Chaffee that some time ago several of his converts were killed. Mr. Killie had the guilty persons tried in the Chinese courts, where they were convicted and sentenced to death, subject to Li Hung Chang's signature. The missionary came to Peking and saw Li Hung Chang, who, Mr. Killie says, said the men should be executed immediately.

Upon going to Sanho three weeks later the missionary found the men alive. He spoke to a judge of the Chinese courts on the subject and the judge showed him a letter from Li Hung Chang giving explicit instructions that the men must not be executed, as they had been convicted only on the testimony of Christians, consequently the evidence was untrustworthy.

### BANK SWINDLER'S REUSE.

He Made a Rich Haul in Toronto by Raising Checks.

Toronto, Ont. (Special).—A clever bank swindler made a rich haul in Toronto Saturday, the total amount of which will not be known until the tellers and ledger keepers in various banks check up business. A stranger asserting that he lived in Halifax opened an account in the Imperial Bank Saturday morning, depositing \$50. Shortly afterward he presented a check for \$20, which was marked by the ledger keeper. Shortly before 1 o'clock, during the rush preceding the close, this check, raised to \$2455, was presented to the teller and cashed.

The same procedure was adopted at the Bank of Commerce, where a check raised from \$20 to \$2900 was cashed. It is believed several other banks were similarly victimized.

### Against Compulsory Education.

Jefferson City, Mo. (Special).—Governor Dockery has vetoed the compulsory education bill, entitled "An Act to enforce the constitutional right of every child in the State to an education; to provide for truant or parental schools and attendance officers in cities of 10,000 population or more, and to prohibit the employment of children during school hours." Governor Dockery declared that the Act interfered with the personal rights of parents and savored

### Porto Ricans Ask for Relief.

Washington (Special).—Santiago Iglesias, a representative of the Federation of Labor in Porto Rico, who came to this country recently with a petition signed by 6000 Porto Ricans praying for relief from the distressing conditions alleged to exist on the island, presented the petition to the President today.

## SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

### Domestic.

Archbishop John J. Keane was invested with the pallium at Dubuque, Iowa. Cardinal Gibbons conferred the pallium. Archbishop Ireland made the principal address.

Five hundred employees of the Onondaga Pottery, in Syracuse, N. Y., went on a strike in sympathy with the girl strikers.

Minister Loomis arrived at New York from Venezuela. He denies that he criticized President Castro.

Fifty-one Indians and negroes received diplomas and certificates at the Hampton Normal School.

Alexander Agassiz was elected president of the National Academy of Science.

Mrs. Anna Sheldon Andrews died at Slatersville, R. I., aged 100 years.

Code Denny, a B. & O. brakeman, was killed at Lamira, W. Va.

Ex-Congressman Melvin R. Baldwin killed himself at Seattle.

Harry Taff died suddenly at Martinsburg of heart disease.

Eight hundred longshoremen struck at Newport News.

Dr. S. H. Scruggs, Jr., was assassinated near Nashville.

One thousand men went on a strike at the Natalie colliery, near Shamokin, Pa.

Sam Smith died at Point Pleasant, W. Va., after eating 22 hard-boiled eggs.

The principal shipping companies at Newport News, Va., refused to grant the increase of wages demanded by the longshoremen, and a strike of 500 men may result.

At York, Pa., John P. Pfeiffer, of Reading, Pa., was convicted of forgery and sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary.

Rev. George B. Resser, pastor of Emmanuel Reformed Church, fell from scaffolding at Hanover, Pa., and was killed.

The famous hat trimmings case, which has been seven years in United States courts, was settled at Philadelphia.

Charles Smith and William Johnson were killed at an election riot near East St. Louis.

Bishop J. J. Esher, of the Evangelical Church, died at Chicago, aged 78 years.

The Red Lion Match Company went into the hands of a receiver at York.

High water has caused much damage on the Rappahannock River.

A general jail delivery occurred at Georgetown, Del., from the Sussex county prison. Nine of the prisoners, all of whom were awaiting trial, made their escape by sawing the bars of their windows and making ropes out of their bed clothing.

Half of the employees of the W. De-wees Wood plant of the big steel combine, at McKeesport, went on a strike. It may be the beginning of a fight between the Amalgamated Association and the United States Steel Corporation.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decided that members of the American Federation of Labor had no right to entice a glass manufacturer's apprentices to join the union.

The transport Thomas arrived at San Francisco with officers and men of the Thirty-fifth and Twenty-eighth Volunteer Regiments.

The Shamokin Silk Mill Company, in Shamokin, Pa., started up, the girl strikers being told that their union would be recognized.

Gen. A. C. McClurg, head of the publishing house of A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago, died at St. Augustine, Florida.

Forty bars of silver bullion, valued at \$1200, were stolen from the steamer Lido, while lying off Newark, N. J.

### Foreign.

The South African blue book was issued in London, containing a letter from Sir Alfred Milner, in which he says affairs in South Africa are worse now, from a British point of view, than they were a year ago.

An unexplained explosion in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Michael, in Berlin, caused a panic, and several persons were injured by flying debris.

The ministers in Peking have accepted Mr. Rockhill's proposition for a foreign loan to take the place of Tsung Li Yamen.

The palace of the Empress in Peking, occupied by Count von Waldersee and his staff, was burned to the ground.

Yi Kon Ho, the Korean minister of justice, was condemned to death for plotting against the Empress.

The claims against China for indemnities are now estimated to amount to \$70,000,000.

A French girl is puzzling physicians of Paris, who have extracted hundreds of needles from all parts of her body. She says she swallowed them years ago.

The American Consul General at Yokohama says business men and statesmen in Japan fear a financial panic in that country.

The engagement of Miss Daisy Leiter to Spencer Eddy, second secretary of the American legation in Paris, is reported.

Liverpool receipts of sugar are enormous in expectation of the imposition by the British government of a duty on it.

## BAIL OPPOSED FOR CAPTAIN CARTER.

Solicitor General Richards' Argument at Washington.

### PRISONER IS SOUND PHYSICALLY.

Sentence, He Says, Has Been Sustained by Three Civil Courts and Five Judges, Not Counting the United States Supreme Court, Which is Now Considering the Case—Carter's Methods.

Washington (Special).—Solicitor-General Richards filed with the United States Supreme Court a brief in opposition to the application for bail filed about ten days ago in behalf of former Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, now confined in the United States Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., upon conviction of fraud in connection with harbor improvements, etc., at Savannah, Ga. After reviewing the history of the case, the Solicitor-General says in part:

"The validity of Carter's conviction and sentence by the court-martial, which alone could try him for crimes committed as an officer of the United States Army, in violation of the articles of war, has been sustained by three civil courts and five judges, not counting this Court, before which the matter is now pending for the third time."

Mr. Richards says that the investigations of the Government reveal the loss of an aggregate of \$2,109,159 through Carter's operations, of which he (Carter) received one-third, with traveling expenses added. In view of these facts, Mr. Richards asks:

"Is it any wonder that Carter wants to get out on bail? Is it any wonder that he desires to be put in a position where he can personally handle the sines of war which he obtained by fraud from the Government that educated him and gave him his standing and reputation?"

Describing the method of Carter's operations, Mr. Richards says:

"The division of this 'swag' was attempted to be by Carter personally. When the time came to make a payment under the contract, Carter, who was located at Savannah and had charge of the work on behalf of the Government, would give to the representatives of Greene and the Gaynors locally in charge at Savannah a Government check sufficient to pay for the labor and materials which actually went into the improvement, and then he would draw a Government check for the excess of the contract price, representing what gamblers would call 'the velvet'—the fruit of the fraudulent conspiracy—and putting this in his pocket, would go to New York.

"There he would meet Greene and the Gaynors. Then the division would take place. Carter would be specially allowed out of the amount \$75 for traveling expenses; and the balance would be divided into thirds—one-third going to Carter, one-third to Greene and one-third to the Gaynors. In this way Carter drew out of the conspiracy \$722,528.02, and of this amount the records of stock brokers in New York show that he invested in stocks and bonds \$690,301.85.

### AMERICAN BOER PRISONER.

Randolph Martinsen Among the Boer Captives at Lisbon.

Paris (By Cable).—"Among the Boer prisoners who recently arrived in Lisbon from Lorenzo Marquez," says a special dispatch from the Portuguese capital, "was a young American, Randolph Martinsen, who described himself as a son of the president of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad. He was captured by the British but released as an American on promising not to fight again. Subsequently he was arrested in Lorenzo Marquez at the request of the British authorities under suspicion of being a Boer agent.

"Mr. Martinsen, on being brought here, secured his release through the American Charge d'Affaires, and his father sent him money to pay his passage home.

### Korea Arms Against Japan.

London (By Cable).—The Government of Korea, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg, has decided to build thirty-two coast fortresses to resist a possible Japanese invasion. According to the same correspondent the Korean Government has promulgated a law enforcing the death penalty for opium smoking.

### Tax Unconstitutional.

Washington (Special).—In the United States Supreme Court an opinion was handed down in the case of Fairbanks vs. the United States. The case involved the constitutionality of the war-revenue law imposing a tax upon export bills of lading. The Court decided against the government, holding that provision of the law unconstitutional. The opinion was handed down by Justice Brewer, and Justices Harlan, Gray, White and McKenna dissented.

## DIVORCES ARE NOW INVALID.

Supreme Court Decision as to Dakota Cases Causes Much Anxiety.

Fargo, S. D. (Special).—As a result of the U. S. Supreme Court decision declaring invalid divorces granted in this State in which residence was not bona fide, there came a flood of telegrams from those likely to be affected. It is believed that, owing to the practice of rushing home immediately after decrees were granted, less than 10 per cent of the divorces allowed during the recent divorce period would be found valid if contested.

But of those secured a large percentage were agreed cases, where appearance was made by both parties. Comparatively few had bitter contests, and only in those can the question of residence be raised. Many of the latter class, however, included distinguished Easterners and foreigners. A majority of these have remarried, and the decision of the court not only affects their present status, but the legitimacy of many children born subsequently to second marriage. This makes the court's finding far reaching and creates great anxiety.

### MRS. NATION HEAVILY FINED.

The Sentence Suspended While She Stays Out of Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who was arrested Sunday charged with obstructing the street, was arraigned before Police Judge McAuley, fined \$500 and given until 6 o'clock to leave the city.

The Judge told Mrs. Nation that if she was found in the city after that hour she would be arrested and put in jail. She agreed to leave town and 15 minutes later boarded a street car for Kansas City, Kan.

Mrs. Nation appeared in court early accompanied by her brother and a woman friend. The courtroom was literally jammed by a curious crowd. Several cases were called before Mrs. Nation's and she watched the proceedings with manifest impatience. When Judge McAuley finally asked Mrs. Nation what she had to say to the charges she delivered a tirade against police and court.

Judge McAuley then gave his decision and warned Mrs. Nation not to come to this city again. The fine was suspended. It will be held over Mrs. Nation in case she should return, and until she is released from the court's order she is practically barred from visiting Kansas City.

Mrs. Nation pleaded that she wished to go to Liberty, Mo., within a few days and asked if she would be permitted to pass through Kansas City enroute. Judge McAuley answered in the affirmative, but warned Mrs. Nation not to stop off here.

### KILLED A CHIEF OF POLICE.

Frank Major Pays Penalty of Crime in Meadville, Pa.

Meadville, Pa. (Special).—Frank Major was hanged at 2.06 in the afternoon. Major's crime was the murder of Chief of Police Daniel McGrath, of Titusville, Pa., on November 11, 1899. He was a member of a gang that blew open the safe and robbed the Titusville Railroad ticket office and later went to a house on East Spring street, where they intimidated and robbed the inmates. They were tracked to this place by Chief McGrath and Policeman Sheehy. The gang opened fire at once and Sheehy fell dangerously wounded. McGrath grappled with the man at the door, and after he had received his own death wound shot and killed one of the burglars.

### Colonel Musick Dead.

Omaha, Neb. (Special).—Colonel John R. Musick, author, journalist and politician, died of heart failure at his apartments in this city. Injuries received while rescuing the injured after a cyclone at Kirksville, Mo., were causes which led to his death. Colonel Musick devoted a great part of his life to writing historical stories for young people.

### Another Bullion Theft.

Newark (Special).—It has been discovered that forty bars of silver bullion, valued at \$1200, have been stolen from the Lido, now lying at Balback's Dock. No clew to the thieves has been obtained. The police believe the bars were stolen by river thieves, who operated from a boat and secured the bars while the watchman on the dock was enrazed.

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