

THE ADVANCE ON PEKIN

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JAPANESE NOTABLY ACTIVE

CHINESE STRONGLY ENTRENCHED AT YANG TSUN.

Belief That They Can Be Easily Turned Out of Their Position - Fear That They May Avenged Their Defeat on the Foreigners in Peking - Legations Safe July 23 - Word Received from Minister Conger.

London, Aug. 1, 4 a. m.—The allies now confront a most difficult and dangerous problem. Without doubt the ministers are held by the Chinese as hostages, and the outcome of the advance on Peking, in all probability already begun, will be awaited with anxiety.

To-day's dispatches show that the allies, notably the Japanese, have been pushing their preparations with feverish haste, organizing a service of pack carts, trains and junks. It is reported that the Japanese have been pushing their preparations with feverish haste, organizing a service of pack carts, trains and junks.

The Chinese are strongly entrenched at Yang Tsun, from which position, however, it is believed they can be ejected without great difficulty. The danger is that if defeated there the Chinese will retire on Peking and put the remainder of the Europeans to death.

It is also possible that the advance of the allies will be the signal for the Chinese authorities to compel all foreigners to quit the capital, in which event they might become the prey of the fanatical Boxers. The feeling of the newspapers here is that nothing should delay the advance and that no negotiations of any kind should be countenanced until the allied troops reach Peking and assure themselves regarding the fate of the foreigners.

The latest advices from Tien Tsin announce that the Russians and Japanese are scouting in the direction of Peking. The Japanese commander, Yamashita, expects Yang Tsun to be taken within three days.

Tien Tsin wires that General Sir Alfred Gaselee and staff, together with large foreign reinforcements, arrived there on July 28.

In the house of commons to-day, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, William St. John Brodick, announced the receipt of a dispatch from General Sir Alfred Gaselee, commanding the British forces in China.

Sir Alfred stated that he contemplated an immediate advance on Peking, and that he hoped to have the cooperation of the allied forces.

WASHINGTON'S HIGH HOPES.

About Certain Envoys Will Be Saved—Doubt About Reported Advance.

Washington, July 31.—Doubt has given way to a feeling akin to certainty that the legationers at Peking and the gallant marines who managed to reach the Chinese capital just in the nick of time were not only alive on July 22, but in all probability are still alive and likely to remain so until they are released from their state of siege.

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CUBAN INDEPENDENCE NEAR

Proclamation of Order for Constitutional Convention.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES THAT THE PEOPLE OF CUBA ARE NOW READY TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT AND ASSUME SOVEREIGNTY—QUESTION OF FUTURE RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES.

Washington, July 31.—The war department to-day promulgated the following order fixing the time of holding the Cuban elections for the selection of delegates to the constitutional convention:

"Whereas the congress of the United States by its joint resolution of April 20, 1898, declared: 'That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.'"

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And whereas, the people of Cuba have established municipal governments, depriving their authority from the surfrages of the people given under just and equal laws, and are now ready, like municipalities, to proceed to the establishment of a general government, which shall assume and exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction and control over the island.

Therefore, it is ordered that a general election be held in the island of Cuba on the third Saturday of September in the year 1900, to elect delegates to a convention to meet in the city of Havana at 12 o'clock noon on the first Monday of November in the year 1900, to frame and adopt a constitution for the people of Cuba, and as a part thereof, to provide for and agree with the government of the United States upon the relations to exist between that government and the government of Cuba and to provide for the election by the people of officers under such constitution and the transfer of government to the officers so elected.

The election will be held in the several voting precincts of the island under and pursuant to the provisions of the electoral law of April 18, 1900, and the amendments thereof. The people of the several provinces will elect delegates in number proportional to their population as determined by the census, viz: The people of the province of Pinar Del Rio will elect three delegates; the people of the province of Havana will elect eight delegates; the people of the province of Matanzas will elect four delegates; the people of the province of Santa Clara will elect seven delegates; the people of the province of Puerto Principe will elect two delegates; the people of the province of Santiago will elect seven delegates.

THE OREGON OFFICERS. Captain Wilder Asks Correction of Statements of Their Inefficiency.

Washington, July 31.—The navy department to-day received the following cablegram from Captain Wilder of the Oregon, which is in dry dock at Kure: "Kure, July 31. 'Secretary Navy, Washington: 'The Oregon has been the most efficient of inefficient officers on Oregon. No ship has more efficient officers.' 'Wilder.'"

"The dispatch from Capt. Wilder came as a surprise to the department, as there had been no disposition here to criticize either him or his officers for the mishap to the great battleship. The chief of the bureau of navigation states that Captain Wilder has aboard the Oregon an unusually competent and efficient complement of officers, and pleases to be taken in giving Captain Wilder's statement to the public.

HISTORIAN RIDPATH DEAD. Expired at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York Yesterday.

New York, July 31.—John Clark Ridpath, the historian, died in the Presbyterian hospital to-night at 6:30 o'clock from a complication of diseases. He had been a patient in the hospital since April 26. At the time of the historian's death his wife and son, B. E. Ridpath, were at the bedside. The body was taken in charge by an undertaker and removed from the hospital. John Clark Ridpath, L. L. D., historian, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, in April, 1841.

PRESIDENT TO LEAVE CANTON. To Reach Washington To-morrow—Will Remain Two Days.

Canton, O., July 30.—President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Corbin, will leave Canton Wednesday afternoon via the Pennsylvania railroad, reaching Washington Thursday, where he expects to remain two days. President McKinley's determination to go to Washington is not a sudden one, nor, it is said, is it prompted by any special business of state withheld from the public. He expects to be back to Canton by the latter part of the week.

A SON FOR PRINCESS CANTACUZENE. St. Petersburg, July 31.—Princess Cantacuzene, grand daughter of the late ex-President Grant, and daughter of Brigadier General Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A., gave birth to a son weighing eleven pounds July 27, and not a daughter, as at first reported.

Nelson Defeats Michaels. Boston, July 31.—Nelson defeated Michaels by fifteen yards in 33:03 1-5 in the twenty mile ride paced race at Charles River park to-night.

GOEBEL MURDER TRIAL

Former State Secretary Powers Now Under Cross-Examination.

CHICAGO BUCKET-SHOP RAIDS

Nearly Four Hundred Persons Arrested Yesterday.

Chicago, July 31.—Nearly four hundred persons, many of whom had never seen the inside of a police station before, were captured to-day in a wholesale raid on alleged bucket shops located in the down-town district, and carted off to the police stations. A dozen firms, some of them connected with the board of trade, were visited by the police. The raid was so perfectly planned that hardly a person succeeded in escaping. Conducted at the busiest hour of the day on 'change, it created considerable excitement.

The brokers on the board of trade practically abandoned business for the time to watch with interest the police as they gathered in their prisoners. One prisoner, whose name was not learned, attempted to end his life rather than face the humiliation of arrest. He tried to strangle himself with a towel, but was discovered and put into the patrol wagon. A panic ensued in the rooms of E. A. Wirsching & Co. when the police appeared, and several persons were trampled on in the rush to escape.

Chief of Police Kiple said to-day that to-day's action by the police was the beginning of a series of raids which, he said, will continue until every alleged bucket shop in Chicago shall be driven out of existence.

The places closed by the police included the following: John Dickinson & Co., E. A. Wirsching & Co., Chicago Commission company, N. M. Negley, C. Nohs & Co., Hotchins & Co., Brown & Co., and Wallace & Co. In nearly every instance the telephone and ticker wires were cut and the service rendered useless. The books and paraphernalia were also taken possession of by the police.

SULLIVAN WHIPS DIXON. Latter's Arm Said to Have Been Broken in Two Places.

Coney Island July 31.—The one time invincible George Dixon succumbed to Tommy Sullivan of Brooklyn here to-night in their battle at 122 pounds. The end came as the men shaped for the seventh round, when "Tom" O'Rourke, Dixon's chief second, admitted defeat for his team and "claiming that his left arm was disabled, refused to permit him to continue, which left no other alternative for the referee than to declare Sullivan the victor. An examination of Dixon's arm after the fight is said to have revealed the fact that it was broken in two places.

Dixon was getting all the worst of the body punching, each was administering to the other the close of the sixth round, was looking appealingly toward his corner. It looked simply a case of youth being served. As a matter of fact Dixon looked particularly big about the body. Sullivan was willing to mix it up on the slightest provocation, and it was the consensus of opinion that Dixon was licked and well licked. It was a popular victory and was greeted with wild cheers. A great volley of cheers greeted "Old Chocolate" when he entered the ring. Sullivan's adherents made themselves heard by a blast of tin horns, which they sounded upon the slightest occasion. The betting was 2 to 1 on Dixon and considerable money changed hands.

RUSSIAN OPERATIONS. Chinese Villages Burned and Several Krupp Guns Captured.

St. Petersburg, July 31.—Official reports have been received here that the Chinese again bombarded Blagovestchensk, capital of the Amur government, on July 26 and July 28. The Russian garrisons repelled and reinforced movements were not approaching. On July 28 a steamer arrived at Lu Cha Su towing three boats from Harbin with 1,500 refugees, including one hundred and twenty sick and wounded. A Russian force crossed the frontier at Abagatur on July 26. Work on the railway had been resumed there.

The Russian army burned some Chinese villages and expelled a Chinese garrison of two thousand from the fortress at Bajantun, capturing five Krupp guns which had not yet been mounted, the carriages of four naval guns and a quantity of ammunition. The Russian consul at Kuddja sends the following under date of July 27: "The governor of Kuddja received orders from the emperor to exterminate the Russians and the Chinese were preparing to execute the command, but since the arrival of Russian troops for the protection of the consulate matters have been quiet."

The Russian consul at Kashgar reports an alarming state of affairs there owing to the excitement among the Chinese troops.

THE BROOKS COMET. Picked Up by Prof. Swift of Mount Lowe Observatory, California.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 31.—At 12:30 o'clock in the morning Professor Lewis Swift of the Mount Lowe observatory picked up the comet discovered July 23 by Professor Brooks of Geneva, N. Y. It rises above the mountains at about midnight. It was observed with the 4-1-2 comet seeker. It is moving nearly north. The center of the line drawn from Alpha Arietis to Alpha Persei will be about five degrees above the comet or about right ascension, 2 hours 30 minutes declination north, 36 degrees by estimation.

Geneva, N. Y., July 31.—The Brooks comet was observed by its discoverer this morning, Professor R. M. Brooks. Its position was right ascension 2 hours 51 minutes and 30 seconds declination north, 33 degrees 23 minutes. The comet is now in the northern wing of the Musca, moving toward the land of Medusa and is a beautiful telescopic object.

COULD NOT FIND THE BY-LAWS. Case in Winsted Continued for a Week on This Account.

Winsted, July 31.—An unusual state of affairs was brought to light to-day when the case of Charles Newcomb, local agent for George Lilly, of Waterbury, was brought to trial. Newcomb was arrested a few days ago for throwing a dead dove into Mad river and was arraigned in the borough court this afternoon. After a half hour's search the court was unable to find the by-laws which prohibit dumping refuse matter into Mad river, and the case was continued for a week to allow further search for the missing by-laws, no record of which can be found anywhere.

STONINGTON BRAKEMAN KILLED. Stonington, Conn., July 31.—Michael Connors, thirty-five, a yard brakeman in the employ of the Consolidated road, while at work this evening about 8 o'clock, fell over a switch bar and under the train. His right leg was badly crushed and he was injured internally, so seriously that he died about an hour later. He leaves a widow and family.

CORBETT AND MCCOY MATCHED. New York, July 31.—James J. Corbett and "Kid" McCoy were matched this afternoon to fight before the Twentieth Century club on the night of August 30. The men will go twenty-five rounds under Marquis of Queensbury rules, to-morrow.

AT HOWE & STETSON'S

A Clean-Up in Parasols.

Clearance Sale of Petticoats

to-day—if you want one of these handsome petticoats that we are closing out at sacrifice prices. Such bargains will wait for no one. Why should they—could sell twice as many more if we had them.

MEASURING, counting and listing is the order of the day during this semi-annual stock-taking. Be on the look-out for many an old piece will be offered you, marked absolutely without regard to cost.

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THE POLICE BOARD'S MEETING

Charges Against Patrolman Doody Were Dismissed.

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A Clean-Up in Parasols.

Your choice of the handsomest parasol we have in stock for \$1.75

Do you realize what this means? Simply this—you may have parasols that have been selling as high as \$10.00 for the above ridiculously

low price. To you who know our parasols—the smartest styles of the season—this will be hard to believe. Come and see!

Others at 75c, 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.50, reduced proportionately.

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