

# WAR NEWS

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JAPANESE WAR SKETCH—A CHARGE AT TAKU.

FROM A PICTURE IN THE TOYO SENSO JIKKI, AN ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN TOKIO, WHICH IS DEVOTED TO THE WAR IN THE ORIENT AND WHOSE ARTISTS AND CORRESPONDENTS ARE WITH THE FORCES IN CHINA. IT WILL BE REMEMBERED THAT WHILE THE WAR VESSELS WERE ENGAGING THE SOUTH PORTS ON JUNE 17 BRITISH AND JAPANESE MARINES CHARGED AND CAPTURED ONE OF THOSE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER. IT WAS IN THIS CHARGE THAT COMMANDER HATTORI OF THE JAPANESE NAVAL CONTINGENT, WHOSE PICTURE IS GIVEN ABOVE, WAS SHOT DOWN AT THE HEAD OF HIS MEN ALMOST AT THE MOMENT OF VICTORY.

## "SATAN REBUKING SIN"

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 24.—The Ikdam says the Porte is considering the subject of sending a Turkish force to China to co-operate with the powers. The Sultan, the newspaper adds, is greatly affected by the barbarous acts of the Chinese.

## ADMIRAL KEMPF THOUGHT HE WAS SLIGHTED

LONDON, July 24.—The Globe's naval correspondent at Taku writes: Admiral Kempff has raised a storm in a teapot on the salute question. He is second in command of the station, and made it difficult for them to distinguish the number of a delicate hint was intended. The Newark had the good taste to return thirteen.

## TIENTSIN THREATENED WITH PESTILENCE

SHANGHAI, July 23.—The following dispatch from the Associated Press correspondent at Tientsin reached here to-day, having been delayed twenty days in transmission: Tientsin, July 23.—Famine and pestilence are sure to strike the region of Tientsin soon. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese are leaving their homes in the districts which are being ravaged by the anti-Chinese forces.

## ORDERS TO RUSH WORK ON THE ALERT AT MARE ISLAND

VALLEJO, July 24.—Lieutenant Hirschinger of the United States marine corps has been ordered to China and will leave on the Hancock on Saturday. He will be accompanied by the Fifth Battalion, United States marine corps.

## SHENG SAYS MINISTERS WILL BE SENT TO TIENTSIN

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The Chinese Minister received a dispatch this morning from Sheng, the Director of Railroads and Telegraphs at Shanghai, stating that the foreign Ministers are to be sent from Peking to Tientsin under escort. Also, that the imperial Government has not only been protecting them but has supplied them with food.

## EARL LI'S PROMISE TO M. DELCASSE

PARIS, July 25, 12:30 a. m.—M. Delcasse, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has received a cablegram from the French Consul at Shanghai, dated July 23, which says: "Li Hung Chang has just assured me that M. Pichon (French Minister to China) has been holding the portion from the south gate to the east gate. The Russians occupy the towns and villages on the left bank of the Peiho and the Luta canal."

## WU INDORSES LI'S WARNING

DECLARES ADVANCE ON PEKING WOULD BE SIGNAL FOR A MASSACRE. Special Dispatch to The Call. CALL BUREAU, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, July 24.—Li Hung Chang's prediction that the sending of a relief column to Peking at this time will result in further atrocities on the part of the Boxers and an outbreak on the part of the imperial troops obtains indorsement from Minister Wu Ting Fang to-night.

## DEATH OF A JAPANESE

LONDON, July 24.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail records the gallant action of a Japanese soldier during the attack on the gates of the city of Tientsin. A dynamite train failed to explode. Seeing this, the soldier ran forward with a torch, causing an immediate explosion, by which the brave fellow was blown to atoms.

## SEEK TO ESCAPE DEATH ON THE GALLOWES

TEXAS PLEADS WITH THE GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCES OF CONDEMNED MEN. PHOENIX, Ariz., July 24.—Strong influence is being brought to bear by Governor Sayers and other prominent citizens of this city to have commuted the sentences of William and Thomas Halderman, convicted of murdering Constables Almsworth and Moore.

## YOUNG GIRL SHOOTS HERSELF ACCIDENTALLY

WHILE HER FATHER IS BREAKING CAMP, SHE CARELESSLY HANDLES A RIFLE, WITH FATAL RESULTS. REDDING, July 23.—Mamie Lawrence, a girl of 12, was accidentally shot and killed to-day at Lawrenceville, Cal. Her father, H. M. Lawrence, and family of Chico, were encamped near the Chinese gardens, four miles south of here, gathering fruit. A large field and brush fire, originating from a locomotive, threatened to overwhelm the Lawrence tent, and the family started to move. In gathering up the effects, Mamie seized a loaded rifle, mistaking it for a toy gun, and fired a wagon wheel and the rifle was discharged. The bullet passed through the girl's body, killing her almost instantly.

## RAIN DELAYS ADVANCE OF THE RELIEF COLUMN

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1900, by New York Herald Company. All rights reserved in the United States and Great Britain. LONDON, July 24.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from its special correspondent: "CHEFU, July 17, via Shanghai, July 23.—I am proceeding with Peking relief column. No immediate advance is possible, however, owing to rains."

## BELGIUM MAY SEND TROOPS TO CHINA

BRUSSELS, July 24.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. de Favreux, read a telegram from Lieux Kung Yi, Viceroy of Nanjing, declaring that the foreign legations were safe. M. de Favreux added: "Only a dispatch, however, from the Belgian Minister in Peking, can calm the legitimate emotion felt throughout Belgium. Meanwhile the Belgian Government has given the Belgians in China an

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