

## WAR IN THE ORIENT

Some Advices Brought by the Steamer Sikh.

### WAR NEWS HARD TO OBTAIN.

The Commander of the Japanese Warship Nanaiwa Kan Gives His Reasons For Firing on the Kow Shing—Reparation For That Act Already Made—All Manner of Outrages Committed.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 10.—The Northern Pacific liner Sikh, from Yokohama, brings interesting advices of the war in the Orient. The reason given by the commander of the Japanese warship Nanaiwa Kan, when asked why he fired upon the Kow Shing, seeing she was flying the British flag, is now given for the first time, and is certainly pertinent. "Because she was sailing under false colors; was carrying Chinese troops and had been sold to the Chinese government and fully paid for."

Notwithstanding this explanation, the same paper which gives it publicity announces the sum of \$750,000 has been agreed to by the Japanese government as reparation for the sinking of Captain Galworthy's vessel and compensation to those dependent upon the Europeans lost with her.

Both China and Japan are at present keenly alert for articles contraband of war, and to this the delay in the arrival of the Sikh is attributable. The government has declined to consider rice as contraband of war, but both belligerents claim it to be such and use every endeavor to intercept rice carrying vessels. The Sikh was delayed at Shanghai by a Chinese gunboat, which made an effort to gain possession of the rice portion of her cargo. The British consul objected and the merchantman was allowed to proceed.

It is almost impossible to get reliable war news anywhere in the east, even at Shanghai. This trip the steamer passed very close to the Foo-Chow forts and saw the Chinese garrison drawn up in line. They were all attired in flowing sack gowns of gaudy color and had high, three-cornered silk hats, and made a curious spectacle. These forts are in charge of an Englishman, the son of a naval officer, and are said to be exceedingly strong. One of their 80-ton guns burst some time ago, killing several men. It is generally understood this occurred through ignorance in handling it.

China is now hurrying an army of hundreds of thousands of men through northern China to Korea, but as they are subsisting on the products of the country through which they are passing and most of it is mountainous it is hard to say with what success they will meet.

Most of the men enlisted and drafted into the China army are coolies of the low order. The Chinese have been offering great inducements to Europeans and Americans to enter their service and have secured many. On the other hand, the Japanese have no outsiders in any branch of the service.

On the way over on the last trip to the Orient, the Sikh passed through a fleet of 30 Japanese ships. They were divided into four divisions with five ships in each division. They were well handled.

At the smaller Chinese ports all manner of outrages have been committed on resident Japanese, and in some places Portuguese have been robbed. At Tien-Tsin the child of the Japanese consul was abducted, and when he took his leave to return to his country, his legs and arms were tied and he was carried to the wharf with a bamboo stick through his arms.

### DIRECT FROM SHANGHAI.

Chinese Troops in Northern Korea Killing Their Ponies For Food.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 10.—It is reported that the Chinese forces are cornered in northern Korea without supplies and are killing their cavalry ponies for food.

All the foreign employes in the Japanese dockyards have been dismissed. This was done in order that the extent of the injuries to the warships of the Japanese navy should not become known.

The steel cruiser Yayayama Kan has been docked at Nagasaki to undergo repairs of damage she has received. The dock is closely guarded and no particulars in regard to her injuries are obtainable from the native papers.

The Japanese force north of Seoul are suffering from the effects of the rain. Much sickness is also reported to prevail in the Chinese camp.

It is rumored that 38,000 Chinese troops are encamped on the north bank of the river Imichin waiting for favorable weather to attack the Japanese position a few miles south of the Imichin.

It is reported on good local authority that the mikado of Japan, accompanied by the ministers of war and marine and his general staff, is proceeding to Heroshima, a point where the troops of Japan gather to embark.

London Times' Dispatches From Shanghai.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The correspondent of The Times at Shanghai telegraphs as follows: An extraordinary mission has arrived at Tien-Tsin, conveying birthday presents from the King of Korea to the Empress Dowager of China. The mission will proceed to Peking.

A collision between Chinese and Japanese forces occurred near Ping-Yan on Sept. 7. The result is not known.

The growing crops have reached such a height as to make military operations almost impossible.

A dispatch from Tien-Tsin says that the British minister has signed a convention with the viceroy providing for the connection of the Chinese telegraph lines with those of Burma and other parts of India.

The United States warship Monocacy has arrived at Tien-Tsin.

The war news which has been received at Tien-Tsin thus far is considered worthless.

### What a Paris Paper Says.

PARIS, Sept. 10.—The Republique Francaise says it regards the reports that it is the intention of the Japanese to attack Shanghai as proof that Great Britain is seeking a pretext to intervene in the war between China and Japan. But this, the paper adds, the United States, France and Russia will not permit.

### CLOUDBURST IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Unprecedented Amount of Rainfall in the Vicinity of Bethlehem.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 10.—An area of one square mile suffered from Saturday night's cloudburst. The flood reached the second story of the houses on Goeppel street, Spruce street, Old Bethlehem and Second street in South Bethlehem. The damage to private property is estimated at \$50,000 and to sewers and highways \$10,000. That no lives were lost is a miracle.

The people in the flooded districts are very poor and are suffering for want of assistance.

During the storm lightning struck the residence of President Wilbur of the Lehigh Valley, the municipal building and Troxwell's furniture store, doing little damage, however. Hailstones as large as walnuts fell.

The funeral cortege of the late Mrs. William Shimer was caught in the storm returning from the cemetery. The horses took fright at the pelting hail and ran away. Mrs. Jacob T. Shimer of West Bethlehem had her arm fractured, and Mrs. Curtis, who was picked up unconscious, is in a precarious condition.

### Damage Done by Lightning.

CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 10.—The box factory of John Hamilton was struck by lightning early Sunday morning, and was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 by fire and water. The worsted mill of Dailey & Messick was struck and a great hole knocked through the roof. The lightning also crippled the telephone service, 125 phones being burned out and 298 electric light wires were also damaged. Travel on the electric railway was stopped for more than an hour.

### Prolonged Drouth Broken.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Sept. 10.—The prolonged drouth that burned and parched vegetation and was the cause of great apprehension of sweeping forest fires here, was broken by a rain which began early Sunday morning and continued during the day and night at intervals.

### SEARCHING THE RUINS.

People Risk Their Lives Looking For Hidden Money.

COLUMBIA, Pa., Sept. 10.—During Saturday's storm the house of Jacob Garber, in Rapho township, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Mrs. Garber, who is insane, had for years been accumulating money without her husband's knowledge.

Her savings in notes, gold and silver were hidden in every available nook, and this fact becoming known, a number of young men began a search for the treasure. They found about \$400 and were still at work when the gable wall, two and a half stories high, fell. John L. Eisenberger and Ernest Houghtenberger were buried in the ruins. Eisenberger was instantly killed, but his companion escaped with a few bruises. Although the remaining wall is unsafe, the cellar is filled with an army of searchers.

### ALL DONE WITH GASOLINE.

A Little Girl Burned to Death, a Little Boy Fatally Burned.

DECATUR, Ill., Sept. 10.—A shocking accident occurred last night at the home of John W. Wilkins. While preparing supper Mrs. Wilkins placed gasoline in a pitcher to put in the tank. One of her daughters, thinking the pitcher contained water, poured the gasoline into the coffee pot to make coffee and put the pot on the stove, leaving some gasoline in the pitcher. Instantly both vessels were in a blaze.

The pitcher was thrown into the yard and the blazing vessel ignited the clothing of Pearl Wilkins and her little brother, who were in a swing. The girl was so badly burned that she died shortly afterwards. The boy was probably fatally scorched, and Mrs. Wilkins, Miss McCune and Mary Volk, who tried to strip the frenzied girl of her clothing, were seriously burned on the hands, arms and face.

### HAILED WITH DELIGHT.

Northwestern Iowa, Northern Illinois and Indiana Visited by Rain.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—A severe electric storm, accompanied by high winds, passed over northwestern Iowa, northern Illinois and Indiana yesterday evening, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning and torrents of rain and hail. Marshalltown, Clinton and Davenport, Ia., report considerable damage, numerous buildings and trees being struck by lightning and telegraph and telephone poles prostrated.

Similar reports come from Rochelle, Spring Valley, Bloomington, Galesburg, Elgin and other Illinois towns and from Columbia City, Fort Wayne and South Bend, Ind.

In this city numerous streets were flooded through the choking of sewers and numerous shade trees, and small outbuildings were blown down.

## FANNED INTO FLAMES

Forest Fires Again Break Out in Wisconsin.

### NO SERIOUS LOSS SUSTAINED.

A Change of Wind Followed by a Calm Saves Several Towns From Destruction. State of Affairs in the Burned Districts. The Fire Sufferers Being Properly Cared For.

DULUTH, Sept. 10.—Forest fires were renewed again yesterday in this region by a heavy southwest gale which steadily increased in force. The bright sun was shut out and the horizon again took on the sickly yellow coat of the fatal Saturday a week ago. There was great excitement here and everyone rushed to the telegraph and train dispatchers' offices.

The sensation was intensified by the breaking out of forest fires in the city limits. Fire crept around in the undergrowth at Onseta and caused some apprehension, for this is in the vicinity of the Mesaba ore dock. Then an alarm came in from Duluth Heights, a suburb at the top of the hill, which is surrounded by timber. The fire department sent up a detachment which, a little later, sent for a fire engine.

Then excitement was at fever pitch for news had been coming in of the sidetracking of a St. Paul and Duluth passenger train because of fires on all sides of them, and Mora, on the Eastern Minnesota road, was reported on fire.

At Kerrick the inhabitants put in the afternoon fighting the fire, but thought in the evening the danger was over.

Barrum, too, had a narrow escape all the afternoon.

At Kimberly, on the Northern Pacific, only a large gang of railway laborers saved the town.

There was a state of terror among the refugees at Pine City, when the St. Paul and Duluth limited passed through, for it was feared another cyclone of fire was at hand.

At 8 o'clock the wind shifted from southwest to northwest, thus driving back the flames, and at 11 o'clock had almost entirely died away. No danger is now feared unless the gale springs up again.

### MORA SAVED.

The Wind Gave Down and the Danger Is Believed to Be Passed.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 10.—A gale of wind was blowing in the neighborhood of Mora and Milaca, on the Eastern Minnesota road yesterday afternoon, and the smoldering forest fires were quickly fanned into a furious blaze, which, for a time, threatened Mora and Groundhouse, the latter place being particularly in danger. The wind, however, has since gone down, and for the present, at least, the danger is believed to be over.

A train crew is being held at Groundhouse to help in fighting the fires should they break out again, and to take the people to a place of safety if the fires get beyond control. During the afternoon the fires were raging on all sides of Groundhouse, except to the south, having come within half a mile of the town. The population is between 200 and 300, and all were out fighting the fires during the afternoon.

The sawmill and lumberyard at Soules, which is south of Milaca, were destroyed, notwithstanding the desperate efforts of the fire fighters, and the loss will be heavy.

The last report from Mora, in this city, was that the town was in no immediate danger, and a report from St. Cloud states that trains went through the fire territory between Groundhouse and Mora safely.

### CARING FOR THE SUFFERERS.

A Slight Difference Between the Relief Committee and Governor Peck.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 10.—Mayor Woodward and R. L. Belknap returned from New York yesterday, and in the afternoon a meeting of the relief committee for fire sufferers was held. One of the chief features of the meeting was the discussion of Governor Peck's manifesto to the effect that no outside help is required for fire sufferers so far as Wisconsin is concerned.

The general relief committee of this city, which is acting without state lines, criticized the action of the governor at their meeting yesterday and the opinion was expressed that he had acted without proper investigation into the requirements of the fire sufferers. Mayor Woodward's action in calling for help outside the state was unanimously approved and the various newspapers and others whom he had seen in the east were notified to that effect by telegraph.

Mayor Woodward last night telegraphed Governor Peck asking him if he had investigated the needs of the fire sufferers in this vicinity, and if so what steps were being taken.

Seventeen hungry and exhausted fire sufferers reached this city yesterday and were cared for. The cash contributions of the relief fund by Superior citizens is now more than \$4,000.

### IN THE BURNED DISTRICT.

How the Sabbath Was Passed at Hinckley and Vicinity.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 10.—A Hinckley (Minn.) special to The Pioneer Press says: Yesterday was a quiet and gloomy Sabbath. The searchers after the bodies of the victims of the great forest fires rested, but resumed their work this morning.

Coroner Cowan and party went to Sandstone yesterday where they buried 50 bodies. There were no religious serv-

ices here, no clergymen being present, and a number of the people went to Pine City to attend the memorial services in that city.

Five bodies were found Saturday night in a cellar on a hill just north of the Kettle river, and were buried where found. It is believed here that the death list in Pine county will exceed 500, as something like 100 are still unaccounted for according to Coroner Cowan's official statement.

### FOULLY MURDERED.

An Old Hermit Benten to Death and His Premises Robbed.

DETROIT, Sept. 10.—Charles V. Chauvin, 70 years of age, and a wealthy and prominent citizen of Grosse Pointe township, was found foully murdered in his home on the Grosse Pointe road northeast of the city, late Sunday afternoon. The murderers have not been caught, but officers claim to be close upon their trail. Chauvin lived as a hermit in an isolated place.

Joseph Groesbeck, a cousin of the deceased, called at his house late in the afternoon and discovered Chauvin's dead body on the floor. One his head were three terrible wounds, evidently inflicted by an ax. The murderers had ransacked the house, but probably found nothing of much value, as Chauvin kept little money with him. Persons in the vicinity claim to have seen two men go to Chauvin's cabin in the morning, and afterward start from there toward the city. The officers aver they expect to catch the murderers within 48 hours.

Chauvin had lived as a hermit for 18 years. He was once a member of the Michigan legislature, had held various local places of trust, was an intelligent student and is estimated to have been worth upwards of \$200,000. Three other attempts at robbing and killing him had been made, but it was quite well known of late that he kept nothing of value on his premises.

### RUMORS OF LYNCHING.

A Brute in Human Form Locked Up at Findlay, O.

FINDLAY, Sept. 10.—John C. West Saturday night drove to the farm residence of F. G. Clymer, near Benton Ridge, and inquired for Linnie Martin, a 15-year-old girl in the employ of Mr. Clymer, stating that her father, who lives at Bluffton, had been stabbed and was dying and that he had sent for his daughter. The girl, half frightened to death, got into the buggy. West drove about two miles and then assaulted her. The girl is a cripple and while attempting to defend herself, was roughly choked and otherwise injured by the brute.

After he had accomplished his purpose West attempted to drive on, but the buggy ran into a ditch and was overturned. The girl escaped and ran into an adjacent farmhouse. She told the story of her assault, and by daylight the farmer had organized a posse and gone on the trail of West. He was found at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon about six miles from the scene of the assault. He was taken into custody and brought before his victim, who identified him as her assailant. West was then brought to this city and lodged in jail. Rumors of lynching are talked of, but no violence is anticipated.

### SORROW AT THE STOWE HOUSE.

Thousands View the Remains of the Late Count of Paris.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—A lumber of persons visited the Stowe house yesterday to take a last look at the body of the Comte de Paris, the head of the royal house of France, who died Saturday morning. It became generally known that the public would be admitted to the house and had the effect of drawing many persons through curiosity, as Stowe house had not before, for many years, been open to the public. Numerous vehicles of all sorts and conditions carried visitors, while hundreds walked to the house up the long avenues. All were perfectly orderly and showed genuine sympathy with the afflicted family.

The body was lying upon the bed on which the count had died. In the hands, which were crossed upon the breast, was a large crucifix. At the foot of the bed was a tri-colored flag, partly furled. A priest and several members of the family watched over the remains.

### ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED.

Passenger Train Wrecked by a Freight Being Blown Out on the Track.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The St. Paul vestibuled limited on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad collided last night with a freight train, which had been blown by the severe storm from a siding partly onto the main track at Barrington, not far from this city. The engine, express and mailcars were badly wrecked and the other cars slightly damaged.

The following were injured: A. J. Bondreau, mail clerk, seriously. Thomas Green, baggage man, of Elroy, Wis., seriously. Miss Rachael Jeffries of Roseland, slightly.

A Mr. Bliss of Boston, left leg broken. The engineer and fireman jumped, and the fireman, J. McMahon, was killed. The engineer escaped without serious injury.

Other passengers than those named escaped with a severe shaking up.

### Troops Sent to Prevent Bloodshed.

MADRID, Sept. 10.—A dispatch from Havana reports that a riot has occurred at Villa Franca, near that city, owing to the discontent caused among the inhabitants by the sale of common land. A mob made an attack upon those who had purchased the land and did considerable damage to their property. Further trouble, leading to bloodshed is feared, and troops have been sent to prevent it.

## G. A. R. IN PITTSBURG

Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the National Encampment.

### OVER 100,000 VISITORS PRESENT

The City Gaily Decorated and Everything Being Done That Possibly Can Be to Entertain the Visitors—Railroads Condemned—Some of the Noted People Present—One Fatality.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 10.—This city has been completely taken possession of by the G. A. R. delegates and their friends to attend the 28th national encampment. All day yesterday, last night and this morning trains have been railroading the people by the thousands. It is estimated that there is now over 100,000 visitors in the city, and this number is being added to by thousands on the arrival of every train.

A copious shower fell yesterday afternoon, clearing the atmosphere and tempering the heat so that sightseers have had pleasant weather. This had the effect of crowding the streets to an extent never before witnessed in Pittsburg, which is rather a staid old town, and noted for its quietude on the Sabbath. The saloons were closed, of course, but other business was transacted in a way which made the average citizen imagine that he was away from home visiting some other place not so stiff in the observance of the blue laws.

The universal comment of the visitors regarding the decorations and display of patriotism, is that at no time in the past at an encampment has Pittsburg been outdoors. The display is lavish, and in the majority of cases new and tasty.

As the different visiting hosts arrive they are met by escorts detailed from the local regiments of the national guard, and with flying colors and bands playing are taken to the places assigned them, cheer to the echo by the throngs on the sidewalks. The work of the citizens' committee, though enormous, is being transacted in a soldier-like way and the ground is covered thoroughly.

The naval veterans are established in quarters off the river in steamers especially fitted up for their use. Old times are certainly being vividly recalled to them, for they are living under strict naval discipline on their "ships," and seem to be enjoying it to the full extent.

Among the noted arrivals yesterday were two men from Honolulu. They represent the full membership of the G. A. R. in Hawaii, and were determined to be present at the last encampment, which they will likely ever enjoy.

The Women's Relief Corps' headquarters is parlor No. 2, Monongahela House, and a place of great activity. As each member of the corps arrives she is taken to headquarters, and made to feel at home, friendships renewed, new acquaintances made, and plans talked over for the business meetings of the week. Among those of this corps already here are Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney of Detroit, national treasurer; Mrs. Amanda T. Newcomb of Vermont, junior vice president; Mrs. Jeanne Meyerhoff of Evansville, Ind., senior vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth De Arcy Kinnie of San Francisco, past national president, and Mrs. Julia S. Conklin of Evansville, chairman of the national flag committee.

About the only matter that might be called disagreeable in connection with the encampment so far, is the feeling of bitterness felt by the G. A. R. people at the action of the railroads in refusing a 1 cent a mile rate for nearby towns, thereby keeping down the number of visitors at least 20,000. It has cropped out that the subject will be introduced in the convention and a resolution offered, backed by the delegates from Pennsylvania and Ohio, to the effect that hereafter no encampments will be held, but that the delegates, 1,200 in number, meet and transact necessary business, at the expense of their respective posts, without asking favors from the railroads. The veterans can not understand why, in the past Columbus and Milwaukee were granted the 1 cent rate, and Pittsburg denied it. From what can be learned, the Cleveland people are leading the revolt. It is not known how the resolution will be received.

Interest in the coming commander-in-chief grows, and wires are being energetically pulled for the several candidates. The three names prominently mentioned for the succession are Judge Charles D. Long of Michigan, Colonel Ivan N. Walker of Indianapolis and Colonel Thomas G. Lawler of Rockford, Ills. Michigan and Illinois have both been honored with the office of commander-in-chief—Alger and Logan, and this fact may weigh against the chances of the candidates from those states, but a big combination is at work for Lawler. Colonel Walker's friends are hard at work, and express great confidence in ultimate victory.

The first fatality among the veterans to be reported is the sudden death of Comrade Louis Treaster of McClure, Snyder county, Pa. He was a member of Post 355. On arrival at the post quarters, Treaster was completely exhausted, and died of weak heart within five minutes after reaching the building. The remains were taken charge of by friends and will be sent to McClure.

### YELLOW FEVER FROM HAVANA.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The marine hospital service was yesterday informed of the arrival at the Cape Charles (Va.) quarantine station from Havana of an American bark with three cases of yellow fever on board. The vessel was sent to Fishers island, a portion of the quarantine station, for detention.