



KIH AND HSU PUT TO DEATH

The Condemned Boxer Chiefs First Treated to Champagne.

Both Died Where the Friends of the Foreigners Perished During the Siege—The Question of Property for Legations Again Considered

PERKIN, Feb. 26.—Kih Siu and Hsu Chang Yu, the two Chinese officials who were turned over by the Japanese to the Board of Punishments, were beheaded today on the same spot where the four members of the Tsin-shi-Yamen were put to death during the siege for favoring the foreigners.

A great crowd assembled to witness the execution. Before the executioner did his work, the two prisoners were treated to champagne. Kih Siu said to him: "I do not know what I have done to merit this death, but if by beheading me will make the foreign troops evacuate Peking and my Emperor return, I am satisfied to die. I will die a patriot."

Kih Siu and Hsu Chang Yu were taken to the place of execution by Japanese military officials. Both were dressed in their official costumes, but without marks of their rank.

The street in which they were beheaded was guarded by a detachment of Japanese work troops. Kih Siu's beheading was most dignified. He was apparently calm and fearless. Hsu Chang Yu seemed to be stupefied with opium.

Another meeting of the Ministers was held today. Mr. Rockhill, the acting American Minister, again precipitated the question of selling private property for the use of the various legations, and he vigorously protested against any such sale unless the property was paid for.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Pekin correspondent of the "Morning Post" says that Mr. Comer has arranged to start for Washington immediately. All the Americans expect his departure. They respect the courage, fidelity, and agreeableness he displayed while hampered by the mild measures devised in Washington, which were quite unavailing to stop the advance of the Chinese.

The State department received a telegram yesterday from an American attaché in London reporting that he had taken charge of Minister Comer's work at Pekin on February 25.

FRENCH ELUDED BY BOTH. The Boer General Successfully Imitates De Wet's Tactics. LONDON, Feb. 27.—The correspondents at Pretoria concur in stating that Gen. Lucas Meyer and not General Botha command the section of the Boers which General French is driving from the hills and from whom he captured large quantities of stock, etc.

General Botha is now stated to be between Ermelo and Middelburg, immediately in the rear of General French, communicating with the latter by means of a relay of messengers. The reports indicate that General Botha is not cornered, and that his camp is well supplied with provisions. He is generally successfully imitating General De Wet's tactics in the bush.

The entire absence of news concerning General De Wet is taken to indicate that he is in the hands of the British. Commander Kitzinger or Commandant Tetterton.

DE WET AGAIN DEFEATED. The General Once More Reported Beaten by the British. CAPE TOWN, Feb. 27.—It is rumored here that General De Wet's force has been smashed. The De Wet succeeded in making his escape.

LOSSES OF THE BOERS. Over Three Hundred Killed and Wounded in the Recent Fighting. DURBAN, Natal, Feb. 27.—It is stated here that in the recent fighting between the Boers and British in Transvaal and Cape Colony, the latter captured, in addition to the other supplies already mentioned, more than a ton of cyanide. The Boers are reported to have lost three hundred killed and wounded, and altogether about 400 prisoners were taken.

BRITISH OCCUPY CALVINA. The Body of a Kaffir Victim Buried With Honors. CAPE TOWN, Feb. 27.—The British have occupied Calvina, Cape Colony. The body of Esau, the Kaffir who was hanged and afterward killed by the Boers at that place, was found and buried with military honors.

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DEPUTIES AROUSED TO IRE

Scenes of Wild Disorder in the French Chamber.

The Debate on the Associations Bill Nearly Leads to a Blow—A Historical Reference Responsible for the First Outbreak of the Turmoil.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The debate on the Associations bill led to a tumult in the Chamber of Deputies today. M. Reille, Reactionist deputy, moved an amendment to the effect that the directors of any association must be Frenchmen. The whole Catholic Church, he said, was in arms against Prime Minister Waldeck-Rousseau.

Referring to the debate in the National Convention of the 17th of July, 1793, M. Reille, in which he described the threatened execution of the King as an assassination.

M. Deschamps, President of the Chamber, rang his bell continuously, but he was ignored. Amid the uproar M. Cadenat, Socialist deputy, advanced to meet him. They were just coming to blows when the ushers intervened.

Then there was a momentary lull. M. Reille, apparently enjoying the effect of his previous quotation, launched into another from Savary's speech. The frenzy again broke out. The members of the Left shrieked "Vive la Revolution."

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CUBA'S CHANGE OF FRONT

The United States Desired by Many to Remain Longer.

Numerous Papers Advocate the Continuation of Intervention—General Gomez Declares the Country Is Not Yet Ready for Self-Government.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—A new Havana paper, "La Realidad," an organ of the Conservative party, says that Conservative classes do not want the United States to withdraw from Cuba yet. It adds that everything is disorganized, and municipal administration is a perfect chaos.

Several prominent revolutionary papers in the country show a desire to have the American troops here longer. Gen. Maximo Gomez said today that if the Americans left the island the Cubans would be fighting within two months.

It is understood that the Constitutional Convention, at a private session today, approved the proposition that Cuba should not enter into relations with any other country that might limit her independence, and also that Cuba should not allow any portion of her territory to be used as a base of operations either against the United States or any other country.

It is claimed that the delegates do not believe the American Congress will support President McKinley in his demands for certain political reforms. It is thought that the adoption of such a clause would open the way to blackmailing some of the enterprises now under way in the island.

Administration leaders who saw the President yesterday expressed the firm conviction that the Cuban resolution reported by the Senate Committee would be adopted, and that an extra session of Congress would be convened.

It is believed that the President's decision if any was reached, was not announced. It is said that while the President is considering the Cuban resolution, it is important and desires its adoption, he will not consent to keep an eye on all candidates.

AN ACCIDENTMENT RESIGNS. City Officials of Puerto Principe in a Middle. HAVANA, Feb. 26.—The Ayuntamiento of Puerto Principe has resigned in a body, the members declaring that they cannot provide funds for the payment of the police. The resignation was accepted by the Governor.

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The body was found in the river bridge, and no attempt was made by the authorities to stop it. It was nearly 4 o'clock when the men and boys about the fire tried to renew it, and let it die down. Portions of the body were scattered on the city side and watched the fire burn. They made no attempt to drive the men and boys away.

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