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PLUCK WITH BRAVERY WON FOR SEYMOUR.

Little Army Withstood the Attacks of Thousands of Heathen and Retreated to Tien Tsin.

CABLEGRAM FROM SEYMOUR.

The Chinese Casualties Amounted to Hundreds--Were Within Twelve Miles of Peking.

LONDON, June 30, 3 a. m.--The adventures of the hard fighting allies, under Admiral Seymour, their reaching Anting, twelve miles from Peking, the decision to retreat, the capture of rice and immense stores of modern arms and ammunition, affording material for a strenuous defense, until relieved--all this is told in a dispatch from Admiral Seymour received by the admiralty at midnight, which runs as follows: "TIEN TSIN, June 27, Via CHE FOO, June 29, 10:35 p. m.--Have returned to Tien Tsin with the forces, having been unable to reach Peking by rail. On June 13 two attacks on the advanced guard were made by the boxers, who were repulsed with considerable loss to them, and none on our side. On June 14, the boxers attacked the train at Lang Yang in large numbers and with great determination. We repulsed them with a loss of about one hundred killed. Our loss was five Italians. "The same afternoon the boxers attacked the British guard left to protect Lofa Station. Reinforcements were sent back and the enemy were driven off, with a hundred killed. Two of our seamen were wounded. "We pushed forward to Anting and engaged the enemy on June 13 and June 14, inflicting a loss of 175. There were no casualties on our side. "Advance by Rail Impossible. "Extensive destruction of the railway in our front having made further advance by rail impossible, I decided on June 16 to return to Yang Tsun, where it was proposed to organize an advance by the river to Peking. After my departure from Lang Yang two trains left to follow on, were attacked on June 13 by boxers and imperial troops from Peking, who lost from four hundred to five hundred killed. Our casualties were six killed and forty-eight wounded. These trains joined me at Yang Tsun the same evening. "The railway at Yang Tsun was found entirely demolished and the trains could not be moved. The force being short of provisions and hampered with wounded compelled us to withdraw on Tien Tsin with which we had not been in communication for six days and our supplies had been cut off. "Skillfully Retarded the Advance. "On June 19 the wounded with necessities, started by boat, the forces marching alongside the river. Opposition was experienced during the whole course of the river from nearly every village, the boxers when defeated in one village, retiring to the next and skillfully retarding our advance by occupying well selected positions from which they had to be forced, often at the point of the bayonet and in face of a galling fire difficult to locate. "On June 23 we made a night march, arriving at daylight opposite the imperial army above Tien Tsin. Where, after friendly advances, a treacherous heavy fire was opened while our men were exposed on the opposite river bank. The enemy were kept in check by rifle fire in front, while their position was turned by a party of marines and men under Major Johnson, who rushed and occupied one of the salient points, seizing the guns. The Germans, lower down, silenced two guns and then crossed the river and captured them. The army was next occupied by the combined forces. Determined attempts to re-take the army were made on the following day, but unsuccessfully. "Immense Stores of Supplies. "Having found ammunition and rice, we could have held out for some days, but being hampered with large numbers of wounded, I sent to Tien Tsin for a relieving force, which arrived on the morning of June 25. The army was evacuated and the forces arrived at Tien Tsin on June 26. We burned the railway. "Casualties to date: "British killed, 27; wounded, 55. American, killed, 4; wounded, 25. French, killed, 1; wounded, 10. German, killed, 12; wounded, 62. Italian, killed, 7; wounded, 3. Japanese, killed, 5; wounded, 2. Austrian, killed, 1; wounded, 1. Russian, killed, 19; wounded, 27. "Nothing Authentic from Ministers. "There is absolutely no authentic word as to the whereabouts of the members of the legations, although abundant reports from Chinese sources say that they were safe a few days ago. The Legation at Shanghai correspondent, late sailing yesterday, says: "The imperial decree has been sent to the foreign ministers, advising them that the foreign ministers were safe in Peking. It is added, and affirming that the Emperor would protect them. This is a very curious official, having been a high Chinese official, having been of command from the Legation at Shanghai by cable to Peking and thence by telegraph. "There is no doubt that the Chinese

PROTECTION GUARANTEED BY VICEROYS.

Our Citizens in Southern China Given Guaranties of Safety Under Certain Conditions.

CABINET REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION--WANT ALL MEN OF WAR WITHDRAWN FROM TREATY PORTS AND ACQUIT CHINA.

PARIS, June 29, 3 p. m.--The minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, informed the cabinet council to-day that the viceroy of Yunnan had telegraphed that M. Francois, the French consul, and his party, who left Yunnan-Sen, June 24, had reached Tong-Hai, half way to Tonquin, June 27, safely. "The viceroy, it was further announced, had caused the ring leaders of the mob which attacked the Francois party June 7, to be beheaded. "The French government, M. Delcasse further said, was in receipt of a cable dispatch saying the viceroys of Nankin and Hankow guaranteed the safety of foreigners in the central and southern provinces, where order, it is asserted, has thus far been undisturbed. "Undertake to Protect Missionaries. "Later, it was announced that the Chinese legation here had communicated to the French government the text of a document cabled by the viceroys of Nankin and Hankow, June 27, which is an agreement between the viceroys and consuls at Shanghai, whereby, subject to certain conditions, the viceroys undertake to protect the missionaries and foreign merchants in South and East China. The document which was sent for ratification by M. Delcasse, consists of nine articles. "INTERNATIONAL ARMY That Will Fight the Chinese Consists of 80,000 Men. "PARIS, June 29.--A representative of the Associated Press was informed to-day that as a result of negotiations between the powers, an agreement has been arrived at which provides for the maintenance of the status quo, as regards spheres of influence and commercial agreements, and also respecting the nature of the guarantees and compensations which will be demanded from China. "According to the understanding the international army of occupation will consist of 80,000 men. Russia and Japan will provide 12,000 each; Great Britain will provide 10,000 men; France, 8,000; and Germany, America and the other powers, 5,000 each. "The Russian army corps in Siberia, which has just been mobilized, will only cross the Chinese frontier in the event of the crisis being aggravated. "AMERICAN GOVERNMENT Acquainted With the Terms of the Agreement--Cabinet Refuses. "WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.--The state department also was made acquainted with the terms of the agreement between the consuls and the viceroys looking to the protection of foreign interests in the southern provinces in China. The first step to be taken was indicated in secretary Hay's cablegram of last Wednesday to the American consuls in China, authorizing them to take direct action instead of waiting on possible communication with Minister Conger. Thus authorized, Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, and probably several others in the south began negotiations with the viceroys and Taotais of their respective districts. The outcome was the nine articles of agreement. The text is withheld here from publication, but it is understood that its general purpose is to make neutral the Chinese treaty ports at Nankin and Hankow. "Would be Under Protection of Chinese. "The neutralization would involve the withdrawal of foreign men of war from the treaty ports and also of any foreign troops or sailors, leaving to the Chinese authorities and the residents of Shanghai and the other ports the preservation of order. At Shanghai, the foreign settlements have organized a very effective home guard, so that this port would be much safer as a refuge for foreigners than any other in that part of China, in the event that the neutralization scheme is put into effect. The agreement is believed to have come to the state department through Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister here, and is probably one of a number of identical notes addressed to the European powers and to the United States. Before it can become effective, it must receive the formal approval of the government here, and to that end the matter was laid before the cabinet at to-day's session. As already stated, there is opposition to the neutralization of the treaty ports in time of war, but the conditions were never quite similar to those now proposed. "Failed to Ratify Agreement. "The cabinet failed to ratify the agreement at to-day's meeting. In fact the document in its inception and various stages of development was regarded as properly open to such doubt as to warrant the belief that the foreign consuls, as a body, certainly never entered into the agreement. In addition to the subjects above mentioned as forming part of the agreement, it appears that the consuls bound themselves to acquit the Chinese government of any responsibility for rioting, murder and pillage

MANY MORE NEW WELLS IN OILDOM.

The South Penn Company is at Last Rewarded in "Dry-hole" Greene County, and

THE FIND IS IN THE GUSHER

Class--The Bear Influence Has Not Been Lifted, and Higher Prices Are Not in Sight. "There is no diminution in activity in the great southwest district from which regions come the bulk of production. The volume of new work has not fallen off to any material extent, nor from present indications is there any likelihood there will be soon. Results have been above the average the last week, although not up to the high water mark recorded in the past two weeks. Since our story of the doings last week a very important discovery was made in dry hole Greene county, Pennsylvania, which will undoubtedly lead to tangible results. In making this discovery the South Penn Oil Company has had a long and tedious hunt and the experiment has been a costly one, too. The venture in question belongs in the category of gushers, but it will have to produce big oil for a long time to even up their dry hole account. And if this late discovery turns out like other gushers found in the past in Greene county, no great amount of new territory can be reasonably looked for, and the important results will be found only in the size of the wells that may be struck. This is the history of Greene county territory and seldom have the bright prospects given by the advent of a big well been made good. "Big Pool Was Expected. "This was the case with the discovery of the big wells years ago on the Emma Woods farm. It was thought when the first gusher was found it would open up a big pool, but after a number of fortunes had been spent in drilling the result was only two or three big wells, confined to a small area of territory. This very important find is the sole property of the South Penn Oil Company and is located on the J. Devine farm and one mile to the east of the old Bristolia development. When first struck the new venture started off at a twenty-five-barrel per hour gusher and has since shown remarkable staying qualities. It must be admitted that the well's location and size invest it with more than ordinary interest and importance and the talent will be kept speculating until the drill has told the whole story. If this new discovery turned out different than did the big wells found in the past, then Greene county's oleaginous history will be reversed, and an altogether new chapter recorded. The South Penn Oil Company is monarch of all it surveys in this particular latitude of Greene county, and will, as soon as possible, test the territory in the vicinity, at least in part of it. They have already started two or three more wells, but as the territory is deep and, if drilling hard, some time must elapse before the drill finds the level of the pay struck in their big well. "Bear Element on Deck. "It was hoped that everything oleaginous was in the downward course, that no more big wells in new territory would be found, but it seems that the brilliant record of the past three or four weeks must be maintained for a longer time. Its natural tendency will be to weaken values and the bear element of the trade will avail themselves of the opportunity presented. Just now things are not looking as rosy as they did in the Wallace district, where the big Whitman farm well performed, the opinion became widespread that a large scope of territory existed here, and local in its nature you would find in any reasonable distance from the gusher, failure could not be possible. But here the drill has again verified the old adage, "All is not gold that glitters." The South Penn people last week completed a trunk duster, located only 2,000 feet to the northeast from the Whitman farm gusher. The venture was considered well located by all well informed southwest operators, and a paying producer was at least confidently looked for. "Results Completely Changed. "This result has completely changed the aspect of the Wallace pool and if an outlet is to be found from the big well on the Whitman farm, the hunt must be prosecuted for it in another direction. Just where the pool will be found remains for the drill to determine, and it will not be many days until more definite information will be forthcoming, as there are several wells awaiting completion in different directions from the gusher. The Whitman gusher has a daily record of over five hundred barrels and is over three months old and in the aggregate has placed its account over \$50,000. "Jumping Off Place Not Reached. "Wolf Summit, one of the best little pools of the southwest, was thought to have been clearly defined some time ago, and that its halcyon producing days were past. But from the way J. M. Guffey's test well, located on the Strothers farm, has turned out, the jumping off place has not yet been reached. This well is the most advanced producer in the northeast section, and when first struck made a production of 125 barrels, if the pipe line gauge is to be relied upon. It has practically given Wolf Summit a new

OREGON RUNS ASHORE

On the Island of Hoo Kie--Assistance is at Hand. "The United States battleship Oregon is ashore on the island of Hoo Kie, in the Niao Tao group, fifty miles north of Che Foo and that a steamer of the Indo-China steam navigation company has gone to her assistance. "Corroborated by London Times. "LONDON, June 30.--The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The United States battleship Oregon went ashore in a fog off Hoo Kie island thirty-five miles north of Che Foo. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company are sending her assistance."

WAGE SCALES

The Cause of the Close of Many Furnaces--Delay in Adjustment May Effect Prosperity for Some Time. Wheat Failure May Cause Europeans to Buy Corn. "NEW YORK, June 29.--R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say: "The country begins to feel the effects of its new tariff among the nations. The influence affecting its business during the week ranged all the way from a boycott at St. Louis to a war in South Africa, and from a sugar strike in the West Indies to a coal and iron strike here. The latter part before, but none can quite foresee all the results of defending American rights in China. Political influences have been the cause of current opinion about most things in presidential years. All these and other influences work together to create a state of uncertainty until the contest is over. The long effort to hold nominal prices for iron at Pittsburgh has ceased, and the associations now recognize an open market. The price of iron has advanced to \$18 and billets at \$25, with grey forge at \$17. Scarcely a single transaction is reported, buyers abstaining even more than when prices were higher. In cents contracts waiting for a safe basis in cost of material, the problem is a rather difficult one. Over thirty properties are said to have gone out of blast, and while some have been stopped for repairs, many more will be idle for a time until wage scales for the coming year have been settled with labor organizations, and with a proper adjustment of supplies and prices to the actual demand a heavy business is possible, but delay at this season may affect prosperity for some time to come. With steel plates quoted at 1.30 at Pittsburgh, and No. 27 sheets at 2.25 cents, no general gain in business results from the sudden decline in structural shapes. "Wheat Will be Short. "Neither official nor unofficial accounts have removed doubts about the wheat crop, and if it proves as low as an estimate, 400,000,000 bushels, the extent to which wheat will be displaced, in European consumption by corn will be seriously touched. "The exports of wheat and corn were 429,000,000 bushels in 1899, and 400,000,000 in 1900, and have been about 300,000,000 bushels of wheat and 200,000,000 bushels of corn in the crop year 1900, but never as large before. In 1892 when 225,000,000 bushels of wheat went abroad, there were only 70,000,000 bushels of corn. But all recent estimates of production have been high, and it is scarcely possible to see how a crop of wheat of good size so early in date, and the census this year will show how unworthy of reliance the estimates have been. In four weeks of June Atlantic exports of wheat, flour included, have been 10,900,704 bushels, against 8,244,625 last year, and Pacific exports 3,733,778 bushels, against 2,445,749 last year, while corn exports in the four weeks have been 11,586,244 bushels, against 11,484,596 last year. After rising to 1.10 cents a bushel, wheat closed at 1.05 for the week, and corn only 1/2 cent higher. "Four Cents Decline in Price. "Another general yielding in prices of wool of 1/2 to 1c on many grades would apparently reduce the average of one hundred quotations by Coates Brothers about 1/2 cent, making 4 cents decline since February 1. "Failures for the week have been 207 in the United States, against 131 last year, and 21 in Canada, against 22 last year. "BIG STEEL COMBINE. "Effected by Representatives of 90 Per Cent Tool Manufacturers. "PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 29.--Representatives of 90 per cent of the crucible of tool steel manufacturers of the country have been in session here for several days, completing arrangements for a combination of all the interests into one concern. The result of this meeting is the announcement that within thirty days (unless something unforeseen occurs) the combine will be effected. It will be known as the Crucible Steel Company of America, will operate under a New Jersey charter and be capitalized at \$50,000,000. "Purchases a Hotel. "PIEDMONT, W. Va., June 29.--John Wilson has purchased the Randolph hotel, at Elkins, W. Va., from the West Virginia Central Railway company, for \$15,000. "Movement of Steamships. "LONDON--Montevideo, Montreal, NEW YORK--Phoenicia, Hamburg, QUEBEC--Pennland, Philadelphia for Liverpool.

THE FLAG SHALL WAIVE

And the Law Does Not Forbid Attaching Candidates' Names to It. "LONG BRANCH, N. J., June 29.--Mayor P. Hall Packer, of Seabright, has won his fight against General Ferdinand P. Baur, of New York, who had earlier looked the mayor to task because he tacked on the names of McKinley and Roosevelt to an American flag and swung it across the streets of Seabright. General Earle maintained that the mayor was desecrating the flag. An act of Congress, he said, had been passed to put an end to the using of the flag for campaign purposes. Mayor Packer to-day, in order to satisfy himself on the subject, telegraphed the following inquiry to Attorney General John W. Griggs: "I have swung across the street an American flag bearing the names of McKinley and Roosevelt on the belt. Democrats ordered names off, claiming that an act of Congress forbade it. Have I violated the law? "Attorney General Griggs replied as follows: "Bills concerning use of American flags were introduced in this and other sessions. None of them has become law. "Mayor Packer said to-night that the flag would wave until McKinley and Roosevelt were elected. "LEUT. DRAPER DROWNED. "Sad Death of a Gallant Young Officer Who Came Up from the Banks. "WASHINGTON, June 29.--General MacArthur has absolved the war department the following account of the death of Lieutenant Draper: "Manila, June 29.--Second Lieutenant Paul Draper, Twenty-third Infantry, drowned on morning of June 25, while on ferry near San Antonio, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, body not yet recovered. "MAYOR Packer said to-night that the flag would wave until McKinley and Roosevelt were elected. "LEUT. DRAPER DROWNED. "Sad Death of a Gallant Young Officer Who Came Up from the Banks. 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