

BATTLE BETWEEN REBELS AND IMPERIAL TROOPS

Soldiers Driven From Their Positions But Revolutionaries Exhaust Ammunition and Are Forced to Fall Back on Wu Chang.

Hankow, Oct. 18.—The first battle since the arrival of the imperial troops from the north was fought to-day on the north bank of the Han river...

The engagement continued several hours, while the combined land and ships force of the imperials were driven some distance back and the rebels retiring, re-crossed the river to Wu Chang.

Some of the rebels applied to the foreign consulates to learn whether they would be protected if they entered the concessions. The foreign forces, however, concerned with the protection of foreign interests only.

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Overpowers Guard and Escapes From Georgia Penitentiary—Two Gain Freedom

Milledgeville, Ga., Oct. 18.—"Old Bill" Miner, the notorious robber who has held up trains all over the United States and Canada...

Miner was serving a twenty-year sentence for holding up a Southern railway train near Gainsville, Ga., on the night of February 18 of this year...

Winnipeg, Oct. 18.—C. P. R. secret service men to-day began plans to aid in the recapture of Bill Miner, the notorious Canadian robber who escaped from a Georgia prison yesterday.

Despite their rather unconvincing attitude, however, they decided to hold another investigation, and should it result in other than barrenness they themselves will probably be the most interested in the question.

This statement appeared to incriminate the city clerk and his subordinates, and therefore they took the opportunity last night in a written statement to the council of denying absolutely the charges inferred against them...

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METHODIST DELEGATES CONCLUDE LABORS

Ecumenical Conference Closed—Statistics on Strength of Methodism

Toronto, Oct. 18.—The fourth parliament of Methodism was dissolved at noon yesterday, and the new house will not meet for ten years.

The Ecumenical Conference has lasted fourteen days. There have been 42 regular sessions in addition to a number of special meetings and many special events.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA ENTITLED TO FIVE MORE MEMBERS

Based on Census Figures Will Have Twelve Representatives in House of Commons—Returns Give Victoria Population of 31,620.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, last night gave out to the press the first official statement of the result of the census taking, which is now practically complete.

As compared with the increase of population in 1891, 1901 decade figures are satisfactory. In ten years preceding 1901 Canada's population increased by only 538,076.

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STRONG FEELING AGAINST JAPAN

IS SUSPECTED OF INTERFERING IN CHINA Accused by Rebels of Aiding Government—Anti-Japanese Boycott Inaugurated.

Tokio, Oct. 18.—Despite the assurances given both by the Chinese government and the rebel leaders in the central Chinese provinces that the rights of foreigners would be respected...

Some feeling against Japan has been noted at Peking, where Chinese merchants and financiers have freely asserted that Japan incited the revolutionaries in order to create a crisis which would prevent the American-European loan.

The city solicitor, however, jumped from the city solicitor to the city engineer and it is said that the matter could be settled in a minute by the production of the report.

It is declared in official circles that the Peking government made advances to Tokio with a view to securing assistance against the revolutionaries, but Japan refused to do so.

Dispatches from Manchuria seemed to indicate that the province has thus far shown no signs of uprising. The utmost caution is being exercised, however, by officials from Mukden northward.

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OFFICER SHOTS HIMSELF

Leavenworth, Kas., Oct. 18.—Captain Winifred B. Carr of the army service school at Fort Leavenworth, was found shot dead to-day by a maid who entered his quarters to clear up.

KILLED BY AUTO TRUCK

Portland, Ore., Oct. 18.—Benny Schmitzer, aged five years, was run over and instantly killed here yesterday by a heavy truck.

NEW CHIEF NOT SELECTED

Winnipeg, Oct. 18.—Inspector Duncan of Toronto, and Deputy Chief Neston of Winnipeg, are the influential candidates for police chief in Winnipeg.

M'NAMARA NOT LIKELY TO TESTIFY

WORK OF SELECTING JURY MAY OCCUPY MONTH

Defence Will Stand Pat on Theory That Explosion Was Caused by Gas

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HITCH OVER IRISH HOME RULE BILL

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TRAINS COLLIDE

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