

Nothing but Rumors.

London, June 18.—There is not a cabinet in Europe apparently that knows what has been transpiring in Peking for five days or in Tien Tsin for three days. Nor is there any that knows what difficulties the small and inadequately equipped international column is contending between these cities.

The German foreign office upon learning of the report of the murder of Baron Von Ketteler, the German minister at Peking, sent a telegraphic inquiry to St. Petersburg, the Russian government, because of its wires to Manchuria, being supposedly in a better position than the other governments to obtain direct news.

By reply the German foreign office was informed that nothing whatever was known on the subject as communication with Peking was interrupted. The report spread world-wide from Shanghai, that the legations had been attacked and that one minister, probably the German, had been murdered, has been traced to the Tso-Tai-Sheng who, for a few days, as the Empress Dowager's agent, has been censoring telegrams at Shanghai.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says:

"Sheng, as head of the telegraph administration, pretended that the line connecting Shanghai and Peking was down since June 9, and that the wires to Tien Tsin were cut on June 15. Nevertheless, it is notorious that constant communications have been passing from Shanghai to Peking over the northern and western routes, although Sheng has refused to furnish details and to allow the reports of using the lines. It is known that last Friday Sheng received a message from either Peking or Tien Tsin.

His despatch said that General Tung Fu Shiang's troops aided the Boxers in an organized attack on the foreign legation, and that in the course of the attack some of the legation buildings were reduced to ruins and one foreign minister killed to pieces."

Why in the cables it should have been added that the murdered minister was Baron Von Ketteler was not explained.

According to another telegram from Shanghai dated June 17, at 7:25 p. m., Shen had fled, fearing that the authorities were about to arrest him because of his stoppage of telegrams.

June 13, 5 p. m. a third cablegram was received from Peking, the latest press message known to have left Peking. It continues as follows:

"A crowd of Boxers occupies Legation street, cutting off communication between the buildings. A few Boxers are regarding the city. Their separation in regard to foreign affairs is being captured. The officials of Tung Chau for redemption. Anarchy reigns at that place. The neighboring provinces have been advised to leave, but several have no means of doing so.

"A relief force is sent there is danger of a massacre of native Christians. A large Chinese army is ready to oppose the relief column on the way here. The Chinese government has been advised to adopt the policy of rigidly suppressing the Boxers or that of defying the world.

"The decision rests with the Dowager Empress. During the isolation of Peking and Tien Tsin, Shanghai is supplying a bewildering mass of reports and conjectures, most of them picturesque and threatening. Here is one:

"Miscellaneous armed crowds have been in progress north of the city. The forces around Peking are being completely swelled by these arrivals. Well informed Chinese here who are not unfriendly toward foreigners, declare that the forces now are upwards of 300,000 men outside the city gates, all of them armed, although in a more or less crude fashion.

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Changes in Trains and Conductors.

The change in running time of the trains on the Intercolonial Railway, as accompanied by quite a shake up among the conductors and their train crews. The management on this road went into effect at 6 o'clock this morning.

It gives an excellent service and St. John will have no less than 21 freight and passenger trains arriving and departing daily over the Intercolonial. In addition there are generally some special local freights every day. With the C. P. R. arrivals and departures, which will number about 14, the Union depot will be a busy place.

Some of the conductors and crews are benefited by the change inasmuch as they have been allotted better runs than under the old conditions. Conductor William E. Morgan, who has been in charge of the night accommodation from Montreal to St. John, will now have the morning and evening suburban runs and from Hampton. He will make his first trip at 6:30 this morning—the first train to pull out under the new timetable. After July 1 Conductor Morgan will transfer to the Point du Chene fast accommodation and will be succeeded by Conductor H. B. Gordon in charge of the suburban trains.

Halifax express, leaving at 7:15 p. m., will have the same crew as at present. Conductors Andrew Baine and W. Kelly making alternate trips.

Conductor R. A. Rainnie will again have the 10:30 a. m. freight. His partner will be Conductor W. L. Broad, who has been running opposite to Conductor Morgan on the night accommodation. Conductor Broad will be promoted from the C. P. R. to take the local freight running from Moncton to Truro.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Atlantic express will have the same crew under Conductors David McQuarrie, James Millican and two Halifax conductors.

The Point du Chene fast accommodation will be in charge of Conductor W. J. Campbell as at present. Running alternately with him will be Conductor Thomas Coffey, who has been promoted from special freights. After July 1 Conductor Campbell will be transferred to the Quebec express.

Conductor James Sprout, as for many years, will again be in charge of the Sussex train, which has now come to be named the Flying Yankee for the west.

To run the 5 o'clock Point du Chene freight, Conductors J. Henderson and Martin Daley have been promoted from freight specialties.

There will be no change at present in the Quebec express crew. Conductor G. Chesley will be in charge as now. After July 1 the schedule will be put on under Conductor W. J. Campbell.

Conductors James Daley and Ed. Thompson will have the 10:45 a. m. train for Halifax. They will be joined by Conductor H. A. Rainnie's 10:30 a. m. freight crew.

The new night train from Halifax, due at 6 a. m., will make its first trip from both ends of the schedule on July 1. It will be the train to connect with the Flying Yankee for the west.

"You must feel a certain satisfaction in being in the United States Senate," said the admiring young woman.

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "it's both fun and a glory to be concerned. But do you know from a business point of view, I sometimes think I'd rather be a member of the Montana legislature."

Washington Star.

Sue Brett. "Footlights" can't be such a much as you have never been divorced." Chicago News.

"There is a man whose vote in a presidential election could not be bought," remarked Senator Sorghum.

"Are you sure of it?"

"Absolutely."

"Well, your faith in human nature has increased considerably."

"Faith in human nature has nothing to do with it. He is a resident of the District of Columbia." Washington Star.

This missionary made a very adroit appeal to the sympathies of the natives. "You should suffer yourselves to be converted," he urged, "in pity for the civilized poor. For if you remain obstinate, you are likely to be the cause of illuminating oil being pushed up a point or two in price." Hereupon the savages yielded, for they were not unacquainted with the industrial conditions which obtain among us enlightened people.—Detroit Journal.

Practical Father.—"Yes, of course, that's always understood; but when did it first occur to you that he and you were made for one another?"

Sentimental Daughter.—"Oh, pa, it was long ago. It was upon an eventful evening when he and I discovered that we were both fond of the same kind of pie, and that neither of us liked beef. Could there have been any doubt after such evidence as that? No, pa, I am sure that in the case of the past it was decided that Harry and I should be one."

Practical Father.—"That may be so; but in the case of the present your father decides that you'll be two."

Treasurer H. D. McLeod of the convention funds has received \$774.70 from the participation in it. He is now in Halifax, N. S., and is being guarded by the police.

Death of a Prince. Paris, June 17.—Prince de Joinville, son of the late Louis Philippe, king of the French, is dead as a result of pneumonia.

Rev. Mr. Richardson Preached to Rothesay College Students--Memorial Service at St. John's--Foresters at Brussels Street Baptist.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The Independent Order of Foresters celebrated their 26th anniversary yesterday afternoon by attending divine worship in Brussels street Baptist church.

The units of the order in this city assembled at the Simond street hall and marshalled by Captain Aaron Hastings marched to the church, headed by the 62nd Fusiliers band via Main, Mill, Union and Brussels streets.

There was a large congregation at the church, the central portion of which was reserved for the Foresters. After hymn No. 181, God of My Life, to Thee Belong was sung, the pastor of the church, Rev. H. F. Waring, read the scriptures lesson from James 1:12 and he also delivered prayer.

A solo, The Golden Pathway, was sung by Professor Titus. Hymn No. 823, Bless Be Thee That Binds, followed.

The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Waring, who took for his text the Epistle of James, 1:27: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

The speaker said that there was no text more appropriate for the afternoon's service. The epistle in which this text is found is the epistle for the aged. He commended the aged and self-denial, church and condemned usurers and members of a church who were respecters of person. The key note of the whole epistle is given in the text. The preacher asked if the aged was not crying out for that epistle of the aged. The heart of humanity cries out for the aged. It cries out for undivided religion, but there are those who are preposterous. There are men in the church who are not what they should be. There are many men in business who on Sunday pray on their knees and on Monday prey on their neighbors, and there are some of these men whom a person is slightly suspicious of. The speaker then gave a number of cases which would make persons suspicious of religion by the doings of some men. He said there were some men who attended church who were more anxious for the sake of their feet than they were for the souls of their body but there is always something that says there is something wrong. No matter how bad a man is in the world he will admit that there is good in religion if it be genuine. We cry for a pure and undefiled religion and this is the cry of the Foresters. The Foresters is a religious society, not a society of the church, and if a man is a worthy Forester he is religious. The worthy Forester looks after the needs of the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and if he follows that line he is religious. If he is a worthy Forester and follows the results and cultured conduct for him he is a Christian even if he does not go to church. The cry when we have a man who is not a Forester, "have you seen a great man of high position?" but will be "have you lived right?" The society in which we are is also a religious one. He makes the most of his life who fills it by doing good deeds. This is not the man who just keeps himself from going to jail but who also does good works. Help the orphans and widows and a worthy Forester is one who aids the needy and one who will help and do it privately, not act like a hen when she lays an egg, go around telling about it. A religious man who helps his neighbors, good works, religious men are to share some of the Lord's blessings. You cannot separate religion from philanthropy. A religious man who helps his neighbors, good works, religious men are to share some of the Lord's blessings. You cannot separate religion from philanthropy. A religious man who helps his neighbors, good works, religious men are to share some of the Lord's blessings. You cannot separate religion from philanthropy.

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