# A Remarkable Oriental Experience

A THRILLING STORY OF CHINESE TREACHERY.

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Tientsin, Ist July.—I arrived here yesterday and am now the guest of Mr. Boasol, a German gentleman, to whom Mr. James Diesy furnished me with a letter of introduction. He is a gentleman with whom, from the first moment of meeting, I felt friendly; and having the assurance of my Shanghai friends that I could trust him to the ultermost, it was not long ere he was in possession of all that I, myself, knew regarding the quest upon which I am bent.

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He remembers, he says, having heard something, some eight or nine months ago, of the strange disappearance of an Englishman in Pekin; but he can have made no friends in Tientsin, for no one knew even his name, and the story appeared to have been of Chinese origin, and therefore was treated as a fable by the little colony.

Mr. Bonsel has accordingly set inquiries on foot to discover, in the first place, with whem this story had origin, and his Chinese boy, who seems a reliable fellow, has instituted a system of search amongst his fellows which I have hopes may be productive of some information within the next few days, though in the mean time my patience is sorely tried for I long to proceed to Pekin, to be on the spot, to be near this man, though I may fail at first to find him; for (if he be still alive) I can conjecture to myself the terrible nature of the prolonged suffering he must have endured in a solitary and apparently endless captivity, and my very presence, as seeking him, must surely, ty some hidden means, communicate with him and give him hope.

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and the satisticy to be found; and if he had by guide, then surely his boatmen, or his carters, or some others who accompanied him from Tientsin to Pekingmay now be in Tientsin.

I can not think that he has been kidnapped, as it were, by the men with whom he set out for the capital; for then no one had ever heard of him, and as it is there has been a whisper of his disappearance, and this whisper has had origin with some of the Chinese.

And yet, strangely enough, this boy of the Chinese, the content in search, and a syet there is no result in search, and a yet there is no result in search, and as yet there is no result in search, and as yet there is no result in search, and as yet there is no result in search, and as yet there is no search in search and as yet there is no search in search and as yet there is no search in search and as yet there is no search in search and as yet there is no search in search as a search that may have to remain for days in Tientsin without coming any nearer to the point at issue than I now am.

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by the guide's name had been discovered was, in the end, simplicity itself. The guide having made inquiries throughout Tientsin regarding his master subsequent to his disappearance, it was thus clearly recollected by certain of his friends that he had done so, and from this, so soon as those now inquiring upon the matter came upon these men, it was at once and easily established as a fact that the man for whose return to Tientsin I now wait was the guide of William Norris.

By what means the two became separated a year ago I can not as yet tell. Mr. Bonsel has suggested several ways in which it was possible for him to have missed his guide, and all are more or less probable; but the truth we can only ascertain when the guide himself returns, and how far this guide will be useful to me is questionable.

Will the irritation of the delay he now causes me by his absence be recompensed by the information he has to give me? It is extremely doubtful to my mind, for the man has himself long ago given up the search, and the story he has to tell must bear but indirectly upon the imprisonment of William Norris.

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I have written to acquaint my Shanghai friends of the annoying delay, which I yet feel it a necessity to bear, and I have asked them to write me, on the chance of the letter still reaching me here before I leave, to inform me whether either of them is acquainted with my host's Chinese friend in Pekin, Shan-min-yuen, and, if so, to what extent I may rely upon him, taking into account the fact that I shall naturally be somewhat reticent with a Chinese.

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Every step which I take, bringing menerer to my destination, seems to call to life within me renewed desire for haste in a way that I cannot explain.

Tientsin is a quiet town, and the settlement I am inclined to like, whilst all who live here are upon that footing of friendship which i inmediately arises from a temporary evile in a small remote town.

But it is too quiet for me in my present state of disturbed nervous excitement. Were danger before me, I should be cool and calm. It is the looking forward to what may come that is the trying point. I have been to-day in the native city—a city so vast as to change my opinion entirely of Tientsin. I had fancied it a small place: I found myself indeed mistaken.

It have been with considerable trouble that I have procured an equipage of any kind. What I have ultimately procured is a slope, a stream of water appears to be occasionally in the habit of coursing,—though all is now as dry as in the desert.

Many of the streets and roads are somewhat of the nature of dry rivulet beds filled by the summer dust, and along these progression is by no means of the most pleasant order.

Mr. Bonsel made a further suggestion to me, namely, that in order to lose no time, he should write to a friend of his in Pekin, a Chinaman of, I believe, highrank, who was at one time closely connected in some business or trade with my German friend. His propagal was that he should write to this read the matter. What is to be done without to make the matter of the probability of my him the closely connected in some business or trade with my German friend. His propagal was that he should write to this read to the matter of the probability of my should

the hope of discovering him now.

To a certainty, were I do so, we should pass each other on the road; for I understand there are many ways of transit be tween the capital and its port, and it is not at all a likely thing that he and I should meet upon the road.

Whilst I reached Pekin he might have returned to Tientsin; and as it has now become a matter of utmost importance that I should see this guide, I am now tied down to remain in Tientsin for, so far as I can see, an unitonited period of time.

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way to the Northern Court, in all probability to report himself and have his freedom ratified. Whether this comes anywhere near the truth or not, however, I can not say. I hasten to write to you at once, in order to catch the steamer, which will take my letter in a few hours' time from now, to ask you if you have any objection to my seeing this man, with a view to inquiring if he will endeavor to assist you as far as lies in his rower when he reaches Pekin (if he will endeavor to assist you as far as lies in his rower when he reaches Pekin (if he altimately intends going to the capital), for I feel confident that if there is one man in the whole world who can be of use to you it is this man, whom, from mere seeing, I have taken a liking to, and whom the Chinese call by the name Chin-chin-wa.

He is a tall man, dressed in the clothing of his adopted land; and what was strangerest to me, he bore himself like a king and what changer than the landed, as though seemingly conscious that his English blood gave him a higher right than was that of his adopted fellows; and this after, I believe, some seventeen years of solitude in Formosa, which do not seem in any way to have impaired his knowledge as to how to treat his fellows.

Very seldom have I seen a crowd so excited. The arrival of this extraordinary man, and, as it were, the glory of his bearing, seemed to influence one and all. I myself caught the fever, and a feeling came over me that if ever I looked upon a man who was a king by nature's right I looked upon him now.

Will you leave the matter in my hands, to do as I judge best? I have consulted James upon the subject; and had it not been for your express desire that we should do nothing until hearing from you, I should have already approached this Anglo-Chinee. I should like to sound him to ascertain if he can and will really be of any use to you; we can trust him, I am certain. If you doubt this, remember that he has suffered penal servitude at the hands of his countrymen, and consider whether it is not more

If you doubt this, remember that he has suffered penal servitude at the hands of his countrymen, and consider whether it is not more than likely that the old English blood rose to the top during those years. Though he is a Chinamen still to all appearances, we can not see his heart.

In what capacity I shall put the matter before him, as I propose to do with your permission, I am very doubtful. If he did in the end prove useful, could you offer a reward? I do not know but that he may be a poor man unless the Government have taken him up.

Now if, as you have conjectured, Norris is confined in the palace grounds in Pekin, this seems to me the truest and indeed the only means to ascertain the truth. Let me, as your ambassador, approach this man Chin-chin-wa, and you may rely I shall do my utmost to get him to agree with my views; and if he doos so—well, I feel that you will have a powerful ally.

Believe me to be, yours faithfully.

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To,

Herbert Vanscombe, Esq.,

c/o L. Bonsel, Esq.,

Tientsin.

The Liverals Beaten in Huddersheld, Which
They Won Last Time.

The Conservatives have won a signal victory by capturing Huddersheld, which has gone Liberal in 1885, in 1886, and in 1892. The contest was for the seat made vacant by the death of the late William Summers, Liberal. It was bitterly contested, and largely on the home rule issue, Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett having declared in a speech in behalf of the Conservative candidate, Sir Joseph Crosand, that any legislative body in Ireland would be controlled by those who in the past had threatened vengeance upon Ulster loyalists, and had threatened to tax British imports and establish Roman Catholicism.

Crosland was elected by 7,068 votes to 7,033 for Woodhead, Liberal. At the late general election Summers, Liberal, had 7,098 votes to 6,837 for Crosland.

In order that they may have no colour In order that they may have no colour-blind men in their service, the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company, Eng., have decided that all their servants holding responsible positions shall undergo the sight-test examination.

### ALL THE WORLD OVER.

The extensive premises of Messrs. Cantrell & Coohran, the well-known mineral water manufacturers, Nassau Place, Dublin, were completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The damage was very considerable.

British soldiers will wear seamless socks in future because they insure greater marching efficiency. The old style of seamed socks chafed the skin and made the soldiers footsore; the seamless socks do not. Tenders for the supply of 900,000 pairs, a year's estimated requirements have been invited by Government.

## TOLD BY A TIGER SLAYER.

Thinks no More of Killing Man Eaters than a Canadian Boy of Shooting Wood-

chucks.

For years Frank Leyburn has been known as the tiger slayer of Amoy. There is not a village along the coast of China, no matter how remote from the great centres of population, to which his tame has not extended. With him the killing of the great man eaters who infest the jungles is looked upon as a pastime, and he has shot them under almost all imaginable circumstances.

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