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FALL OF KHARTOUM.

GEN. GORDON SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD.

ENGLISH FORCES IN A CRITICAL POSITION.

The first news of the fall of Khartoum received by Wolseley was brought by a messenger, who left the island where Col. Wilson was stranded and came on foot to Gubat. Two messengers were dispatched to Korti via Abu Klea and Gakdul. They reached their destination safely owing to the fact that the news of Khartoum's fall had not reached the desert. Intelligence of the disaster soon spread far and wide, and some of the tribes hitherto professing friendship for Eng and have declared for the Mahdi, and the Arab garrison at Metemneh received the news with salvos of artillery. When Wilson's flotilla reached Omdurman it was discovered that the enemy was in possession of the Island of Tuti just outside the city. The English still pushed ahead, but were dismayed to find that the garrison commenced firing upon them. No flags were flying from the public buildings, and the town appeared to be in undisputed possession of the enemy. The palace seemed to have been gutted. Rumors concerning the fate of Gordon are many, but all agree that the Mahdi captured Khartoum by treachery The most reliable reports say that Farez Pasha, being left in charge of the ramparts, opened the gates on January 26 and admitted the army. Some rumors state that the Mahdi, with a few Levantines, is cooped up in a church. Others say that Gordon has been seen wearing the Mahdi's uniform. A majority agree, however, that Gordon has been killed. Wilson had three steamers, two of which were wrecked in the Nile between Khartoum and Metemneh, but he and his party managed to reach an island in safety where they are secure. The third bearing Col. Wortley and party, brought the news to the British camp near Metemneh.

Sir Henry Gordon, brother of "Chinese" Gordon, says there is no further news of the general's fate. He is of the opinion that the Mahdi's regulars, who submitted to Gordon in December, mutineed and betrayed the garrison, Gordon's great fault was in placing too much confidence in the men. Unless the mutineers murdered him in the first step of their rebellion he has no fears for the general's safety, which will be simply a matter of money.

It is understood that Wolseley will march across the desert at once and

BESIEGE KHARTOUM

at the earliest possible moment. The Pall Mall Gazette referring to the capture of Khartoum, violently assails the procrastination of the government in starting the expedition for Gordon's relief, thereby sacrificing Khartoum. "Islam is now victorious," it continues, "and the revolt and fall of Khartoum will permeate the arch of the world, and unless the ministry display boldness and wariness equal to their former dilatoriness a worse catastrophe will follow. England dare not fly before an eastern foe. It would mean war and mutiny from one end of Asia to the other. She must reinforce her garrisons everywhere, including India, and even, if necessary, to call for volunteers. Gen. Earle must advance rapidly to Berber and Metemneh. Suakim garrison must be reinforced and the road to Berber cleared. Every nerve must be strained to prove that the Khartoum disaster has stiffened the resolution to hold England's flag aloft in the face of every foe. Our duty is not to flinch but to prepare for eventualities and relieve Metemneh by water. We have failed to save Gordon, we have now to save Stewart."

A native reports that the Mahdi had 60,000 men in the vicinity of Khartoum, and that he introduced a number of his emissaries into the city. These emissaries mingled freely with the native troops under General Gordon, and by bribes, threats, and working on their religious feelings induced them to mutiny. Seven thousand of the garrison deserted to the rebels, leaving Gordon with only 2,500 faithful soldiers With this small force he attempted to hold the city against the Mahdi's army, but after severe fighting, in which a large number of the rebels were killed, he was compelled to surrender.

The details of the massacre of Col. Stewart and party have been furnished by Hussein, a stoker on the steamer, who, with two sailors, two artillerymen and three Egyptians escaped. When Stewart's steamer left Khartoum there were on board, besides Stewart, European Consuls Power and Herbin, Hassan Bay, twelve Greeks and a number of natives. Two other steamers accompanied Stewart to Berber. The little fleet shelled Berber, but with what result is not stated Four nuggars joined the fleet at Berber and the party proceeded down the Nile to Abu Hamed. Here Stewart dispensed with his escort and continued the journey with his own steamer. A short distance below Abu Hamed Stewart's steamer ran upon a rock and became hopelessly fixed The crew disembarked to an adjacent island after spiking the guns and throwing the ammunition overboard. The party left the boat so hurriedly that they neglected to arm themselves. They were soon surrounded by a large crowd of natives, who made friendly protestations. An Arab presented a message to Stewart from Suleiman Wad Gamz, inviting the party to Suleiman's house as his guest. They accepted and Stewart and the two consuls and Hassan Bey were conducted to the house of a blind native, where coffee was prepared. While partaking of refreshment Suliemam gave the signal and two bands of his followers armed with spears and swords, entered the house murdered Stewart and the two consuls. Hassan Bey was wounded but escaped. The bodies were thrown into the river, and the money and valuables divided. While the bloody scene was being enacted at the blind man's house another party of Suleiman's followers attacked the balance of Stewart's defenceless comrades, but the hopeless struggle was brief, all except the narrator and seven who escaped, being killed or drowned in an attempt to escape. Hussein and the seven survivors were subsequently recaptured and made prisoners. Hussein was found at Birti when Earle arrived there. The other prisoners remain at Berber.

General Stephenson wires that 5,000 men will be needed to clear the road to Berber, as the news of the fall of Khartoum will induce the central tribes to join Osman Digna. Gen. Stephenson also advises that the present strength of the troops in Upper and Lower Egypt be maintained, and reinforcements be drawn from England and India. Gen. Wolseley has renewed a demand for an expedition to Suakim of 3,000 men under Gen. Greaves. It is reported that Wolseley commenced his advance from Korti to-day for the relief of the troops near Metemneh and that he sent orders to Gen. Earle to hasten his advance against Berber, in order to aid in the relief of Metemneh. The objective point of all his movements is now Metemneh.

The advance guard of Gen. Earle's column, consisting of a squadron of cavalry, under the command of Col. Butler, surprised a large body of the Munassir tribe under Wadgam, the murderer of Col. Stewart, encamped at the Shakosh wells. The cavalry charged the encampment and the enemy fled in every direction leaving behind thirty men killed and a large number of camels, cattle and many remington rifles.

Lord Wolseley telegraphed on Thursday "My orders were to relieve the commander and garrison of Khartoum Events have put that out of the question. My instructions are at an end, and the responsibility is wholly yours. I am at your disposal." In reply to a question asking what he advised, he said that his own theory was that to hold Gubat was dangerous, that to hold Abu Klea was a thing impossible; that it seemed best to withdraw the vanguard to Gakdul, which is on a hill, is watered and can be made impregnable. He said he could keep an open line between Gakdul and Korti. There is a belief that this will be done. General Earle meantime would continue, going round to the vicinity of Berber, arriving about in time to co-operate with a strong force sent across from Suakim. Then would follow a simultaneous advance down the river and across the desert to Metemneh and Khartoum. The difficulty of this plan is that in all probability the Mahdi has invested Gubat. It looks as if the little force now there must hold out unrelieved for nearly two months cut off from the rest of the world, until Gen. Earle gets around and reinforcements get across from Littoral. Gen. Wolseley meantime massing his strength at Gakdul.

SOCIALISTS IN THE STATES.

Likely to Become as Troublesome as Dynamiters in England.

The Chronicle of Pittsburgh, Pa., says it has come to the knowledge of some secret agents in that city that socialists have stored arms and dynamite in Pittsburg, and are ready for an outbreak and an attack on capitalists. Men from Hocking valley and elsewhere are said to be in Pittsburg ready for business. The paper alluded to says: "Within the past two weeks information has been obtained which shows that in Pittsburg there is smouldering a volcano ready to break forth at any propitious moment. Information is to the effect that dynamiters are armed, supplied with explosives and ready to cause an outbreak whenever a favorable opportunity presents itself. For several months Russian and English spies have been at Work at Pittsburg and vicinity endeavoring to learn who was in sympathy here with the Irish dynamiters. Men in mills and mines who believe in the doctrine of annihilation have been liberal in donations to the cause and at least two men worth millions have furnished money in considerable sums. There are at this moment the paper says, several thousand men in this country who would not stop at anything which would carry out the rights of poor men to the possessions of the rich. Dissaffected men of this class from Chicago, Hocking valley, and the coal regions in this state have been drifting into the city singly and in pairs for a month or more to take a hand in any movement of plunder and revolt against the law that may be organized Within the past three weeks from a thousand to fifteen hundred guns and revolvers have been received by these men. Arms have been put into the hands of those only whose character are known and who can be relied upon. A large quantity of dynamite have also been obtained by the revolutionists, and is stored in secret magazines, which are only known to the leaders of the movement. This, the paper asserts, is true. and is known to be true by persons who have interest at stake. The movement is against millowners and other capitalists. Several of these have been warned or have discovered the condition of affairs in part and have notified the police. That there is an uneasy, restless feeling among them can be readily proven. It is claimed that Her Most recently visited Hocking and Mahoning valleys, in consultation with the revolutionary spirits and that the military and police authorities are quietly making preparations for an emergency that may arise at any moment.

THE MASQUERADE BALL.

A Great Success.

To Messrs. Dunne and Stuart we extend our thanks for the courtesy received at their hands Tuesday evening, when we had the pleasure of not only witnessing but enjoying one of the most pleasant evenings it has been our lot to experience for many a long day. The advent of a masquerade ball in this our young city naturally caused some excitement, and many were on the qui vive for the approach of that evening. Judging by the number of ladies and gentlemen present we are not wrong in saying that they expected something entirely different; from the regal taste displayed by these gentlemen they however met with a most agreeable surprise, and testified their keen appreciation. Messrs. Dunne and Stuart evidently spared no pains or efforts to please their guests. One is led to wonder how so many good things should be vouchsafed to us, for everything in the shape of refreshments was both substantial and tasty, and coupled with the very effective and elaborate manner in which the decorations were carried out made us almost forget we were under a roof. A desire to penetrate down yon distant grove, lit up by dozens of Chinese lanterns, is only stopped, for we know 'tis but a painted scene, yet its realistic appearance carries us away for the nonce. The surroundings add to the enchantment and grace of the pose pastiques, with the varied and elegant costumes, forming a beautiful kaleidoscopic scene Fair ladies and gallant men, all blending in their gorgeousness, causes a restless desire to be always like this, but we must turn our attention to something more material for tis now the interval, and the guests troupe into the supper room with many exclamations of delight at the display of edibles. The strains of music have died out and all we catch now is mysterious whispers such as "No, the ham sandwiches, please," or again, "I prefer tea," and so the escorts hand the ladies and tend their every command. Everything goes as pleasant as a "Marriage Bell," (Miss M. Bannerman) till nature being satisfied a move is again made for the ball room, when the usual irksome restraint vanishes and everyone seems determined to make the balance of the evening pass off with eclat, and as a matter of course all those little incidents that to the onlooker is so interesting take place, for our argus eye catches sight oight of that Sailor Boy, (Mr. J. Robinson) in close and mysterious converse with Charles Surface, (A. McLeod). Is the sailor spinning a yarn, verily 'tis a school for scandal. We must inform the Captain of the Guard, (Mr. A. W. Rankin) and see what he thinks of it. What! is this another sailor; surely that is a U.S. Man-o'-wars-man (Mr. W. Rivers). Yes, we are right as we see on closer inspection, but does the department know you are in consort with the Sailor's Companion, (Miss Silverstone) eh? Fireside companian, yes, very interesting? But our obedience to you Earl of Rochester, would'st thou commune with King Henry the VIII? Alas, he is now but well nigh distraught with the fair Marguerette. But prithee, noble Earle, your Postillion beckons thee. Ah! now we are away over the borders a' bonny Scotland with the strains of Bonny Dundee, and right foremost is the Highlander, (D. Clark) with his bonny Highland Lassie, Miss English. Now we are away into France, and we are forcibly reminded of the old song of the schoolmaster:

> Oh! when he beats us he makes us dance
> Out of England into France,
> Out of France into Spain,
> Then he wallops us back again.

but we are not in such a hurry to come back again, for we are watching with interest the movements of the French Soldier, (Mr. Rutledge) marching around with Cigarette (Miss Ellis) vividly recalling the scenes during the Revolution, that Ouida so aptly depicts, and ever to be remembered. Ah! Louis XIV. eyes them askance but tackles the wrong man if he thinks the Buddist Priest, (Mr. J. Bannerman) can help him out. Mark yonder merry group where Night, (Mrs. W. Bonnerman) and Summer, (Mrs. Jas. Bannerman) are vieing with the Muleteer, (Mr. J. Innes) and Merchant of Venice, (Mr. Spencer Douglas) in depicting the glories of sunny Italy, that we are almost tempted to start for the Mediterranean. So occupied with this thought that we interrupt the Sailor (Mr. Sneider) in confab with a Blackfoot Chief (Mr. Geo. Murdoch) and ask him to sail us to the land of Olives, but the blackfoot has won the heart of the sailor and bids him stay where the cove of the Tepee dots the far reaching plains, better for you, sir, for yonder 'Pirate King,' (Mr W. Bowen) would overhaul you smartly did you presume to sail under the lee of the beautiful clipper 'Morning Star,' (Miss M. Lee), but 'tis a southern clime that attracts our attention, for verily there is 'Alladin,' (Mr. J. Lambert), seeking a match of the 'Free Lance,' Mr. J. MacKelvie, but where is your lamp, sir, or are you content to bask in the light of the 'May Queen,' Miss L. Hediger, but 'Mephistopheles,' Mr. Sansom, eyes you ferociously. beware for he is all potent with deviltry; but e'en succumbs to the winning grace of the 'Normandy Peasant,' Miss A. Cove and hides his tail for the 'Cow Boy.' Mr C. Browning, looks as if he meant rounding him in the corral, he takes the hint and seeks the shades of 'Night,' Miss Stewart, but darkness even will know him not, but what causes that slight sense of chill, is it those three blanket coated northerners from perhaps the Hudson's Bay? (Messrs. Parlow, Woods and Andrews) icy regions; we will speak to them perhaps they know something of Greely that will interest us, but all endeavors to speak Esquimo or dog latin fails, so leave them in pursuit of their own enterprises, and start to interview the 'Football Player,' Mr. J. Rodgers, surely he can tell us how Kingston College beat Montreal and graphically describe the art of giving your friend a gentle lift that stands him on his head, but as we listen openmouthed, to the stentorian voice of 'Dick Turpin,' Mr. D. McNeil, calling his flock together for the next quadrille, and while he is directing them in the art of gracefully advancing and turning, we seize the opportunity of taking a quiet weed, and whilst listening to the sweet music ponder on the luxury we are enjoying and the zest that can be given to life's innocent amusements by man's ingenuity, makes us feel grateful that we are allowed health and strength to participate in all such events; but time draws on apace and some are flitting off to dream of the fun over again, and soon where all was mirth and revelry we but hear the echo of our own footsteps as we likewise wend our way towards that well earned rest to awake to the stern realities of life's duties, with a hope to buoy us, that 'tis not the last we shall see and enjoy in our city, so with sleepy eyes we drop into oblivion.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The town council met last night in the council chamber. Present—the Mayor, Councillors Hogg, Millward and Clarke.

Minutes of last meeting read and passed.

Moved by Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that accounts of Shelton Yarlett and Linton be paid.

Moved by Coun. Millward, seconded by Coun Clarke, that the report of Chief Constable Ingram be received and passed.

Moved by Coun. Clarke, seconded by Coun. Millward that letter to the police for prison accommodation be read.

Regina, Feb. 9.

To Town Council, Calgary,—

In reply to yours that from now you be allowed accommodating in cells at the Fort premises, we would say that our present quarters are inadequate and cannot spare room.

Moved by Coun. Clarke, seconded by Coun. Hogg, that the communication be fyled.

Moved by Coun. Hogg, seconded by Coun. Clarke, that the declaration of office of C. P. Moore be fyled.

Moved by Coun. Clarke, seconded by Coun. Hogg, that by-law 21, relative to the salary of the Clerk of the municipality be at the rate of $550 per annum. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Millward that bylaw on drays and expresses be amended and that one horse vehicle be substituted, single $15 and double $25 for license.

Moved by Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Millward that public bylaw on licensing boarding houses, the word lodging house be substituted whenever occurring, Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hogg seconded by Councillor Clarke that vacant space between Barr's blacksmith shop and Drinkwater street be used for hay market, etc. at present Carried.

Moved by Councillor Millward, seconded by Councillor Hogg, that this Council appoint a town solicitor. Mr. Bleeker was appointed as such.

Millward Hogg: That a committee wait on Mr. Bleeker and ascertain if he will accept the position of solicitor.

Communication from Angus Sparrow that he will rent his scales until the 31st Dec. next at a rental of 50 per cent of the receipts, and that he will provide a man to conduct the same satisfactorily and keep the scales in proper repair Adopted.

Millward-Hogg: That the clerk be instructed to communicate with Sir Hector Langevin relative to his promises to assist the building of the Bow bridge.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR.

There is a matter I desire to speak to you of at the present time. Some may think it of to importance worth noticing simply because they have got use to it, but gentlemen, I am so constituted that I never could, can nor will get accustomed to oppression or injustice

I refer to our guests the N. W. M. P. I say guests advisedly. Two years ago I would have said masters, and very arbitrary and unjust ones too, but thank God, that time is past, and we are incorporated free men. If we only assist our freedom and protest against oppression I call them guests in courtesy to the masters whom they serve or should serve. Their power as policemen or constables are clearly laid down in the Dominion Statutes.

I in common with others who are giving voice to their sentiments, protest against their having more extensive powers within the limits of a municipality and more expressly this one, where we do not require them even as police, having all that is necessary in that line of our own: We have an elected board to regulate our civic affairs and pass by-laws to govern the same, then why, I say, do these men who besides being policemen have from force of circumstances and a lack of magistrates when required, been appointed Justices with full powers to try and convict the very men whom they have arrested, and acted as jailors upon.

We can fully understand and appreciate the time and circumstances when and where they required these tribunal powers. But it is neither here nor now that they are to exercise them. We are a body corporate with full powers granted us to regulate and govern our own sanitary and moral affairs. We do not want and will not tolerate outsiders' interference with them, they may stretch a point and claim the privileges of Justices of the Peace of the Territories for all that they do. but what we want is that they shall not exercise such functions in our private affairs. Let them attend to their legitimate business looking after horse thieves, Indians and whiskey pedlers, and even these we can attend to within our own limits if they will only look well to them outside of the same, which is the proper place for them to do so,

I feel confident that when the facts are made known to the proper parties that the matter will be righted.

I thought from their conduct since the incorporation of this place that common sense decency had induced them to refrain from meddling with our affairs, but habit is hard to curb. Our cosmopolitan gentlemen make a break and arrest a man for violating one of our local bylaws, and in that way compel us to take up arms in defence of our chartered rights. We have an officer under our orders and pay especially to attend to such matters, and the ordinance give us full power to deal with them within our limits, but these gentlemen, not knowing how to act in a courteous spirit towards this Council, it becomes the duty of the board to take such steps as will place it beyond their power to interfere with us in any manner whatever. Let us therefore by resolution memoralize the Government at Ottawa to legislate in such a manner by divesting them of all judiciary powers within chartered municipalities, then they will not be a parody but pure and simple policemen; the Police Act fully defines their powers and the corporation can supply men with brains enough to act as magistrates,

Moved by Councillor Hogg, seconded by Councillor Millward that the clerk be instructed to communicate with Minister of Justice, Ottawa, to take legislative action to give this corporation full authority to conduct their own affairs. Carried.

Council adjourned.