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SEAMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY.

Missionary's Report for the Month of February, 1901.

In presenting my report for this month I have no special change to mention further than the usual growth of the work. Our religious meetings are increasing in interest and have been well supported. A number of the men have expressed a desire to lead a better life. The different churches have been very faithful in assisting at the meetings.

Our tract and visiting committee seem untiring in visiting the different ships, distributing tracts, etc. We have given away forty-five packages of reading matter to out-bound ships. Shipping has not been very brisk during the month. Only one or two large ships being in port, hence our trade has been with the coasting schooners, none of which stayed any length of time with us.

Thirty sailors have registered with us. Twenty-two of these we shipped; one being sick, we let him have money to go to his home. Another unfortunate sailor, who was blind, we took care of until he was otherwise provided for. Another had the misfortune to fall, injuring his leg, and had to go to the hospital.

The ladies of the room's committee have been busy replenishing the stock of bedding, thus supplying the lack caused by having to draw on the Home for the shelter.

A large number of men have been provided with food and lodging at the shelter. Many of the poor unfortunate men must have suffered during the cold winter, had it not been for the Water street shelter. Our wood yard has been an interesting part of the work, as it has been the means of weeding out the professional loafers, and thus saving our citizens from being

imposed upon by unworthy tramps who are not willing to work for their living, and would rather feed to other cities than face a buck-saw.

We wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the following presents sent in by our friends:

H. L. & G. T. McGowan, paint to the value of 75c.

Gibbons & Co., one load of coal.

W. C. T. H. McDonald's Point, Queens Co., 14 pairs socks and one suit of underclothing.

Miss Lovett, one pair overshoes and one coat.

Mrs. McNichol, one pair shoes.

Chipman Smith, clothing.

Barnee & Co., stationery.

Also, the following persons have given us papers, books and magazines, for which we wish to express thanks:—Miss Dotchon, C. F. Kincaid, Rev. J. de Boyras, Mrs. Carmichael, W. C. Cross, St. Stephen's church S. S., King's Daughters, E. Cosman, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. D. Jamieson, Mrs. Thomas Corey, Mr. Carr, J. McClure, J. Chambers, Mrs. L. J. Almon, Arthur Best, G. H. Colwell, Mrs. James, Miss E. P. Phelps, G. Sidney Smith, A. J. Trueman, F. C. Wesley, Thos. Phelps, Mrs. Thos. Graham, Mrs. W. J. Parcell, Lady Thiley, Thomas Logan, Salvage Corps (a fine assortment of magazines), and Miss Parks.

Your missionary,
 H. H. COSMAN.

BY ARBITRATION.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Germany's responsibility for the troubles that occurred in Samoa two years ago and resulted in the killing of American and British officers and men and the partition of the Samoan islands will be determined by King Oscar of Norway and Sweden, according to a special to the Herald from Washington.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Fear of Serious Friction Between England and Russia.

Disposition of the Troops During the Summer—Germans Defeat the Chinese.

LONDON, March 13.—The afternoon papers express some alarm over the friction which has arisen at Tien Tsin between the British and the Russians over a piece of land alleged to have belonged to the railroad company for some years, which they consider may possibly lead to unpleasant complications. They think the incident proves that the harmony of the nations is liable at any moment to be disturbed.

LONDON, March 13.—4.30 a. m.—Friction has arisen at Tien Tsin between the British and the Russians over a piece of land alleged to belong to the railway company and to have been in possession of the company for several years. According to despatches from Tien Tsin the Russians assert that this land is part of their new concession, and therefore Russian property. Mr. Kinder, manager of the railway, had begun to make a siding, but was stopped by the Russian authorities. He appealed to Col. McDonald, who referred the matter to General Barrow, British chief of staff in Pekin, who replied "carry on the siding with armed force if necessary."

Guards were put on the line by the British, and the work was continued. General Wagsak, the Russian commander, protested, and said the thing would not have been done if the Russians had had as many troops as the British, adding that such matters should be left to diplomacy. Col. McDonald again communicated with General Barrow, who telegraphed: "Continue the siding." General Wagsak, very indignant, appealed to the Russian minister to Pekin, M. De Giers.

Count Von Waldereer has informed General Chaffee that the troops under his command will be disposed as follows during the summer months: England will have 1,000 men at the summer palace, a small detachment in the hunting park and 3,000 near Chang Chow, on the Pei Ho. Germany will send the troops now in Pekin to a village northwest of the summer palace, in the mountains, while the German troops at several points will be located in the mountains west of the city. Italy will withdraw her troops from that part of the summer palace which some of her forces now occupy. Japan and Austria will leave their fortified mountain belt impenetrable.

LONDON, March 13.—The Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, writing Saturday, and giving details of the storming of a gate of the great wall by Col. Leebur's column, March 8, says:—"The Germans captured the Shang Shun Pass between the provinces of Chi Li and Shan Si, after seven hours fighting. This result was brilliantly achieved by the Bavarian battalion, which marched 125 miles from Pei Ting Fu in four days, through mountains and other difficult mule tracks. The Chinese held an apparently impregnable position on the great wall, at the highest part of the pass. They had several thousand troops and artillery of all descriptions. The Germans attacked them with six hundred infantry and two howitzers. The turning movement, over an almost impassable country, occupied seven hours and was completely successful. The Chinese fled into the province of Shan Si, leaving at the least a hundred dead and four Hotchkiss guns. The victory will have an excellent moral effect, as the Chinese believed their fortified mountain belt impenetrable."

BERLIN, March 12.—The war office has received the following despatch from Count Von Waldereer:—"Pekin, March 11.—In the night west of Suling Pass we had only the slightly wounded. The Chinese left two hundred and fifty dead on the field. Our cavalry with four quick fiers, pursued the Chinese twenty miles. A battalion remained at Pei Ping and westward from the great wall in order to prevent the return of the Chinese troops."

GEN. HARRISON.

The Ex-President of the United States is Dying.

Oxygen Treatment to Prolong Life—An Eminent Soldier and Statesman.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 13.—11.30 a. m.—The patient is gradually sinking from exhaustion. Respiration somewhat easier, but more rapid and shallow. Pulse feeble and rapid.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 13.—At the home in North Delaware street of former President Benjamin Harrison, last night was a long, anxious vigil to the watchers at the bedside of the dying statesman. The gloom emanating from the sick room spread over the city, the state and the nation. Thousands of telegrams, telephone calls and personal inquiries and expressions of grief and sympathy poured in, while in the streets before the newspaper and telegraph offices crowds watched anxiously for the bulletins that told of the fight against death. In these bulletins there was no hope extended of recovery, and it was apparent after 8 a. m. that General Harrison was not expected by the physicians to live more than a few hours.

It was hoped the patient's breathing might be eased to such an extent that the affected portion of his lungs might be relieved of the strain which deepened the inflammation, so that he might recuperate somewhat, was administered regularly. While the oxygen did not bring results that were at any time encouraging, it enabled the general to prolong the fight. General Harrison gave no signs during the night that he recognized those about him or that he was suffering greatly.

A feature of the general's illness, while a source of annoyance to the physicians and to the family, is the large number of offers and solicitations from all sorts of quacks and cranks who are ready to guarantee that they have remedy or system of treatment which would cure him. One went so far as to wire that he was en route to Indianapolis at his own expense to administer his treatment.

A deep gloom lay over the household because of the probability that neither Russell B. Harrison nor Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee, the general's son and daughter, would be able to reach his bedside before the end should come. A telegram received last night from the former stated that he would leave Washington at one o'clock this morning. This should bring him into this city about midnight. A message from Mrs. McKee, at 7:30 p. m., N. Y., contained the information that she could not leave the bedside of her two children, who are seriously ill. Today the Harrison home was closed to newspaper men. Last night the house was practically besieged by representatives of the local papers and correspondents for foreign papers, until it was apparent that a change of arrangements for furnishing bulletins would be necessary. Accordingly, it was arranged to give the bulletins only by telephone. Newspaper men who called at the house today were courteously informed that they could not gain admittance, but that any information they might want would be given them by telephone.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Gen. DeWet Reported to be en Route to Pretoria.

To Join Botha and Discuss Peace Terms With Kitchener and Milner.

NEW YORK, March 13.—A special despatch from Pretoria says: Pending the arrival of Gen. De Wet, a general armistice has been declared. Gen. Botha has been in conference with Gen. Kitchener and Sir Alfred Milner for several days, and all three desire to come to Dewet. Dewet is hurrying north through the Orange River colony in obedience to Botha's summons. He passed Brandfontein last night. On his arrival a conference will be held near here. There is joy today in the hope that the last gun has been fired in the Boer war.

LONDON, March 13.—It is understood that the cabinet at its meeting today considered among other things the negotiations proceeding between Gen. Kitchener and General Botha, and formulated instructions for Gen. Kitchener, which defined on broad lines the terms on which a peace settlement might be effected.

MONCTON.

John Jolie, an Assyrian, Is Wanted on Serious Charges.

Said to Have Raised American Express Orders from \$10 to \$50.

MONCTON, N. B., March 13.—Detective Smith, a Pinkerton man from Montreal, is here looking for an Assyrian named John Jolie, who, it is alleged, has been guilty of raising orders on the American Express company, from \$10 to \$50 to such an extent that the Bank of Montreal at Quebec is out \$750. Jolie was in the habit of buying \$10 orders at Levis, and after raising them to \$50 he would have them cashed at the Bank of Montreal in Quebec. The alleged forgeries were committed about the first of the year, and the detectives are just running him down.

Jolie has been in Newfoundland since the orders were raised, and was in Moncton on Monday purchasing a second-class ticket for Boston.

Smith visited members of the Assyrian colony here, representing to them that he was a ticket agent and that Jolie had paid too much money for his ticket. His object was to get Jolie's address in Boston, but in this did not succeed, though it is said the detective learned of the address at which Jolie sometimes stayed when in St. John. Jolie has been in Moncton a good deal off and on, but never lived here steadily. It is unlikely that he will much longer keep clear of the officers.

A TREASURE SHIP

Has Arrived from Africa With a Pirate's Hoard of Gold.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The yacht Kwansel, of New York, has arrived at the mouth of the Mississippi river. The precious cargo, according to a special from Columbus, Ohio, to the Herald, is an iron chest containing treasure recovered from an island on the west coast of Africa. The treasure was buried there by pirates and the secret of its hiding place was told to B. Campbell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who organized the expedition. Mr. Spenny, secretary of the Ohio Debutante Company, who was one of the syndicate backing the undertaking, told the strange story:

"About the first of October last," said Mr. Spenny, "the men interested in this expedition met and formed a small syndicate to hunt for treasure which we had been informed was buried on a small island off the coast of Africa. E. B. Campbell, of Cincinnati, an old sea captain, who had formerly been a pirate, and employed him as captain.

"Our expedition sailed on October 27 last, on the yacht Kwansel, in command of Capt. C. W. Skinnedson, the syndicate was represented by my cousin, W. C. Spenny, and Mr. Campbell, of Cincinnati, who, with the captain, were the only persons outside of the crew aboard the yacht.

"The expedition was gone a little over four months and reached New Orleans in safety a week ago."

Mr. Spenny declined to give the amount of the recovered treasure. He said that it was all in bullion.

AN AWFUL FATE.

BLUFFTON, Ind., March 13.—A girl of four years caused a gas explosion here yesterday that wrecked a house and cost the life of the child and that of her two-year-old sister and the fatal injuring of her mother, Mrs. William Huffman, the wife of an employe of the Standard Oil Co. Mrs. Huffman was at work in the kitchen, while her two young daughters were playing in an adjoining room. The elder pulled the gas connector from the stove, and the gas filled the room; ignited and exploded. Mrs. Huffman rushed into the blazing room, where she grabbed the younger child, burned herself so severely that there are no hopes for her recovery. The child died shortly after. The house was destroyed. When the explosion occurred the elder girl crawled beneath the bookcase. Only her skull was found among the ashes.

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RELIGION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, March 13.—Mgr. Chapelle, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, stated to the Associated Press today that he would not leave the Philippines until several important matters concerning the church and the American government should have been settled satisfactorily. The time required for this is not known. Mgr. Chapelle thinks the rumors that he will be succeeded by Archbishop Riordan are unfounded.

THAT FRENCH DUEL.

PARIS, March 13.—In the arrangements for the duel between M. Paul De Roulede and M. Andre Buffet lots have been drawn for the selection of weapons and choice of position by the gentlemen having charge of the affair. In each case M. De Cassagnac, representing M. Buffet, won the choice.

Are you drinking Red Rose tea?

OTTAWA.

Nova Scotia Gets \$671,000 for Its Eastern Extension Claim.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 13.—The award has been filed by the arbitrators in the eastern extension claims, and Nova Scotia gets \$671,000 without interest in settlement of all demands on the dominion government.

THE SHOOTING OF KELLER.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The Hudson County grand jury has brought an indictment of assault with intent to kill against Thomas G. Barker, who shot Rev. John Keller, at Arlington, Feb. 2. Mr. Keller, it is said, was not a witness, his physician advising the jury that his condition was such that it would be dangerous for him to leave his home.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Canal boats are being made ready for the opening of the Erie canal, which is expected to be about April 20.

LONDON, March 13.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon announces that the Herreshoffs have been commissioned by a ship builder of Glasgow to design a 65 foot racing yacht to be built on the Clyde.

WILLIS—"Pop says he had because it's bred in the bone. Bobby—'Till then it's 'pooe when you're good it's 'cane in the stomach."