

TABRIZ FIGHT WAS DESPERATE

Casualties Among Russians Said to be More Than One Hundred, and Those of Persians Still Greater

TABRIZ, Persia, Dec. 29.—A nine day siege of this city by the Russian troops has resulted in its complete occupation by the Russian forces and the dispersal of the combatants belonging to the constitutional and progressive party, or Fidas.

Numerous casualties were sustained by both sides, the Russians alone losing from one hundred to two hundred men, while the loss of the Fidas was more than that.

During the fighting an enormous amount of damage to property was done, and the American flag floating over the United States consulate was shot down by a Russian shell, which, however, did no further damage to the consulate.

No casualties were suffered by the foreign population, but many individuals suffered from lack of provisions while they were closeted in the buildings, and were unable to leave them.

The Russians alone were the object of the operations of the Persians, who displayed no resentment whatever against other foreigners. A collision between Russian guards and Persian constitutionalists, during the night of December 19, was the beginning of the disturbance. Two persons were killed in this affair, after which fighting became general throughout the city.

The principal battles took place around the palace, known as the "Ark." Russian soldiers in the camp replied by shelling the "Ark" with shrapnel and driving the Persians from their position. The following day there was desperate fighting in the streets, the rifle and maxim gun firing being continuous. At night the Russians made an attack on the Russian camp, to which the Russians did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the assailants.

Finally the Russian troops opened fire, repulsing the Persians with a heavy loss. The Russian position both in the camp and at the Russian consulate were at that time evidently in a precarious state. All communication between the camp and the Russian consulate was cut off for several days.

The first detachment of Russian reinforcements from Julfa, consisting of 800 men with four guns, arrived at the outskirts of the city on the night of December 26, after making a forced march of forty-eight hours from their camp 80 miles from Tabriz.

Without establishing previous communication with the Russian camp or consulate, the reinforcements shelled the city indiscriminately. The citadel was evacuated by the Persians on the following day, and the Russian troops occupied it, raising the Russian flag over the "Ark."

Just then the Persians made a final attack on the camp of the Russian reinforcements, who responded with a bombardment of the northern quarter of the city until midnight. The disturbance was a complete surprise to everybody, including the Russians, who, it is believed, expected to disarm the Persians a few days without further fighting.

It is reported that Shua-Ed-Dowleh will enter the town under Russian protection as the governor-general of the province of Azerbaijan.

Russian Report

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—Dispatches from Tabriz today say that after a two-days' bombardment of the official quarters of that city, the Fifth regiment of the rifle brigade effected their entrance into the town. Tranquillity has been practically restored.

The Russian government does not contemplate the dispatch of any further troops to Persia. The brigade of sharpshooters, consisting of four regiments and comprising about 4,000 men, with four squadrons of Cossacks and a battery of artillery, are considered sufficient to maintain order in the city of Tabriz. The force of Russian troops at present encamped at Kasbin totals 4,000 men of all arms.

The attack on the Russians which was recently made by the Persians at Rasht is considered by the military authorities as of minor importance. The Russian military commanders have been ordered by headquarters to co-operate with the Persian authorities in the punishment of the disorderly elements responsible for the attacks on the Russian troops at various places.

British Position

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The foreign office declares to be without warrant of the statement circulated in the United States that the British government had sent an ultimatum to Russia demanding the immediate cessation of the ravages of the Cossacks in Persia. The attitude of the British government has not changed since foreign secretary Sir Edward Grey spoke in the House of Commons on foreign affairs in November last and recognized that the action of Russia in Northern Persia was justified from the Russian point of view. On that occasion he also testified to Russian loyalty to the Anglo-Russian agreement in regard to Persia. The foreign office is of the opinion that it is unlikely to take any step that will embarrass Russia at the present time.

DESTROYER DAMAGED

U. S. Naval Vessel Struck by Schooner and Disabled—Letter Thought to have Sunk

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 29.—Looking as though she had been under fire, the torpedo boat destroyer Warrington, which was rammed by a schooner 20 miles below Cape Hatteras yesterday morning, reached the navy yard to-night in tow of the tug Mohaw and Mohana. Part of her stern was torn away.

Lieutenant Hunt, commanding her,

said, "The collision occurred when most of the men were asleep, and they were thrown out of their hammocks by the impact. I reached the deck in time to see the outlines of a schooner pulling away from us. She appeared to have all sails set. Gunner's Mate J. M. Stanley and Chief Gunner's Mate E. M. Boudner were injured.

"The bulkheads held perfectly, but after the revenue cutter Onondaga reached us, as the storm was still raging, we decided it would be better to take off the greater portion of our crew."

"Twelve members of the crew, Lieutenant R. W. Mathewson, Ensign J. B. Stanley and myself remained on board to work the pumps."

A three-masted schooner lies sunk about 14 miles off Hatteras, with nothing but her topsails showing. It is thought it may be the vessel that ran aground of the Warrington.

MUCH BELOW ZERO

Severe Cold Reported from Points in Montana—Snow Hampers Traffic

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 29.—The coldest spot in Montana today was at Chessman reservoir, 20 miles north of Helena, where the thermometer registered 26 below zero. At Helena it was 26 below, and at Havre 16 below. The mercury reported 18 below this morning, but the mercury rose slightly this afternoon.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 29.—The cold weather in Montana shows signs of breaking tonight. As far as reported, temperatures are lifting. Missoula reports 16 below zero. All trains from the east are from one to three hours late tonight. Reports received here from the northern Pacific points show that severe snowstorms are raging in North Dakota and are heading this way. The snow is drifting badly.

BRANDON, Man., Dec. 29.—Western Manitoba is today in the grip of the coldest spell of the winter. Thirty below was recorded last night at the experimental farm and a northwest gale aggravates conditions. All outside work is discontinued.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—Bitter cold continues, with the thermometer around thirty below this forenoon. Prince Albert recorded 42 below last night. Such cold spells are rare before January.

Lights of London Town

LONDON, Dec. 29.—As a result of the experimental lighting of certain of London streets with centrally hung electric and gas lamps it has been decided to adopt this system throughout the city, and contracts for ten years have been divided between the electric light and gas companies. When the new form of lighting is in complete operation it is estimated that the city's night-lights will be equivalent to 1,210,160 candle-power, nearly double the present illumination, notwithstanding which the cost will be reduced by one-third. Holborn also has been improved by street lighting, and altogether the competition between gas and electric engineers promises soon to make London's night almost as bright as its day.

King Solomon's Mines

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Before the members of the Royal Geographical society the other evening Sir Alfred Sharpe read a paper entitled, "The Geography and Economic Development of British Central Africa." "The idea that King Solomon got his gold from Mashonaland," said the lecturer, "has sometimes been ridiculed. We know that in those times fleets were sent out from the Red Sea periodically, which returned with gold, apes, ivory, and feathers—all products of Africa. Where would the explorers be likely to go first on leaving the Red Sea? Out into the Indian Ocean or down the African coast? They would, of course, follow down the land, and whether or not King Solomon's days he got his gold from East or South, it may be taken as certain that the whole East African coast was then known and frequented by traders."

MEAT TRADE CONTROL

Direct Evidence in Regard to Packers' Organization is Given by Its Secretary

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Direct evidence that a packers' pool was in existence from 1893 to 1906, and that after suspending operations for two years it resumed operations for the country's fresh meat business today in the testimony of the packers' trial by Henry Veeder, who testified that he acted as secretary of the organization.

This positive testimony was offered by the government regarding the existence of the old pool, which met under the name of "Post Office Box No. 247" every Tuesday afternoon on the sixth floor of the Continental building, Chicago, to fix the price of Chicago's fresh beef, agree upon the price to be paid for cattle and allot among its members the amount of meat to be shipped into the different centres of distribution.

Henry Veeder, who is a son of Albert H. Veeder, the veteran attorney for the packers, followed his father on the stand. The second witness called by the government, Henry Veeder, who testified that he acted as secretary of the packers' pool, was called by the government. He testified that he acted as secretary of the packers' pool, which met under the name of "Post Office Box No. 247" every Tuesday afternoon on the sixth floor of the Continental building, Chicago, to fix the price of Chicago's fresh beef, agree upon the price to be paid for cattle and allot among its members the amount of meat to be shipped into the different centres of distribution.

Seattle Sued

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The state industrial insurance commission, created by the last legislature, began suit against the city of Seattle for \$4,745 today, charging the municipal corporation with having refused to pay its assessments for the industrial insurance fund for workmen on its payroll of workmen prior to October 4. It is charged that prior to that date the city entered into contracts with various firms and corporations for labor of an extra hazardous nature, that the sum sued for is due and not paid, and the claim has been definitely rejected by the city. It is the city's contention that the contractors should pay the amount of the assessments.

PREMIER TROOP OF BOY SCOUTS

General Baden-Powell to Bring Over British Flag Presented by King George and Won by St. Catherines

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—General Sir R. Baden-Powell, organizer of the Boy Scout movement, is going to the United States for an official visit and will bring with him a British flag presented by King George to the St. Catherines' troop of Ontario for having the most King's scouts. This troop had twenty-four different examinations which enables them to be King's scouts.

The Dominion secretary of the Boy Scouts will leave for New York about the middle of January to receive the flag from General Baden-Powell, and will bring it to Ottawa for the Dominion council to make the presentation to the St. Catherines' troop.

The first Winnipeg troop was one man short of getting the flag, they having five King's scouts.

General Baden-Powell will be unable to visit Canada on that occasion, but may do so next October.

WILL BE LEFT TO CONVENTION

Form of Future Government of China to be Decided by Gathering Representative of Nation

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—The peace conference being held here between the representatives of the Peking government and the revolutionary party today agreed that the form of government ultimately to be adopted for China should be decided by a national convention, the decision of which should be binding on both parties.

It was agreed that pending the decision of the national convention the Manchou government was not to accept or attempt to raise foreign loans. The republican troops, meanwhile, shall neither advance nor occupy new places, pending such arrangements as may be made mutually. The Manchou troops are not to advance or attack the positions at Peking. It is understood that the national convention is to include the delegates at present in conference at Nanking, who have elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of the republic.

Tang Shao Yi today received a telegram from Peking saying that Yuan Fung, former director of the Szechuan railroad, and Wang Hing, the new minister of Chi Li, has arrived in the capital disguised as a coolie.

Dr. Sun's Cabinet

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A cablegram received today by the Chinese Six Companies from Dr. Sun Yat Sen, president elect of the new Chinese republic, contains the names of four men who will be members of the president's cabinet. Among them is Fung Chi Yuen, of San Francisco, who is the statesman in effect that the high cost of living was due chiefly to malaria, hookworm and alcohol, and said that he "acquitted the trusts of blame for the high prices." Professor Fisher declares that the dispatch misread his remarks and describes as "absurd" the statements he was said to have made. "I stated," says Professor Fisher, "that the causes of the world-wide rise of prices were a matter of dispute, and that therefore there should be appointed an international commission to make an authoritative investigation of that subject."

It is understood that General Wong Hing, who has for years been military trainer of the Young China party, will be vice-president and secretary of state. Wong Hing represented Dr. Sun Yat Sen in China while the latter was abroad, and is regarded next to the president, as the most influential man in the revolutionary movement. General Li Yung Heng is said to be slated for the portfolio of minister of war, in recognition of his services in leading the campaign against the Manchous.

Another revolutionist who will be given a high position in the new government is Ho Han Min, general secretary of the Hing Chong Hlew (Young China party) of southern China.

Ex-Ragets' Movement

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Daily Telegraph's Peking correspondent says the report that Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kai at the peace conference at Shanghai, has resigned proves incorrect, but that Tang is now openly a republican. He adds that the revolutionary cabinet is drawing up fresh proposals for armistice extension.

Continuing the correspondent says "The departure from the forbidden city at noon today (Friday), of the ex-tyrant Prince Chun, who was followed by a closed carriage-guarded by an escort of janitors, caused a report that he was removing his child temporarily from Peking. This report, however, has not been confirmed."

"According to the vernacular press, yesterday's conference between Yuan Shi Kai, the Dowager Empress and the princes of the Imperial clan caused dramatic scenes in the palace."

Doubtful as to Republic

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The correspondent at Tokio of the Times says public opinion there is pessimistic over the prospect of a Chinese republic. It is believed, he says, that it will take several months to organize the elections, and in the meantime there will be great difficulty in preserving peace and order.

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MASTERS WORK AT HIGH SPEED

Devote Time from Early in Morning Until Near Midnight to Consideration of Business for Session

ONTARIO LAWYERS' RESOLUTIONS. TORONTO, Dec. 28.—The Ontario bar association at a meeting here today, recommended that a law be passed abolishing the administration of the oath abetting in the courts. The establishment of a divorce court for Ontario was also suggested, but it was finally decided to recommend that the supreme court and not the senate be the tribunal to try all Canadian divorce cases.

Claims Self-Defence. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—James Lowrey, otherwise known as "Jimmy Johnson," the race track man accused of having killed Peter McBride Harvey at Leeds, England, on August 29, waived extradition proceedings today and consented to return to England. He claims he killed Harvey in self-defence.

PORT OF NEW YORK. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port, announced today that the customs duties collected here during the last year will aggregate \$126,873,850, as compared with total receipts in 1910 of \$122,998,260.

Exports of domestic merchandise at the port of New York amounted to \$776,391,619, an increase of about \$90,000 over the previous year. During the year, gold and silver imports were valued at \$26,538,810, as against imports of \$32,135,692 in 1910. Gold and silver exports, domestic, for the calendar year, amounted to \$59,287,725, as compared with \$51,121,746 for last year, while exports of gold and silver, foreign, were valued at \$5,414,411 as against \$8,452,364 last year.

Chief of Police Wounded. NORTH BAY, Ont., Dec. 28.—Chief of Police Robert McElroy, of Mattawa, was murdered by a man named Ernest Monette, a farmer, when he was arrested. Monette knocked the chief unconscious with a club in the back of the head, and escaped. He was recaptured. The wounded man will likely die.

Found to be Insane. MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—The police case in which Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux recently figured as a witness is not likely to go any further, as Lucien Jeannotte, the accused, is now in the asylum. Jeannotte was charged with obtaining money under false pretences by stealing, stating that he would secure a government position. He sent telegrams and letters to Ottawa and to various plants here asking for \$25 more to insure a position and signing the names of Rodolphe Lemieux and the government members. Thus he raised quite a sum seeking government jobs. Jeannotte has shown signs of insanity.

Charge Against Engineer. QUEBEC, Que., Dec. 28.—The council is investigating a charge that \$10,000 was paid to City Engineer Forester to influence him in awarding a contract for the new forty-inch water main pipes. Forester denies the charge under oath, and alleged the tender was in conspiracy and raised the price of pipe \$5 a ton.

Tariff at Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Revision of the iron and steel schedule will be the first thing on the tariff legislative programme of the House after congress convenes next week. Representative Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, made it known today that the committee would postpone consideration of the wool schedule until every feature of the tariff board's report on the subject had been thoroughly studied.

Will Live in Montreal. MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Hon. William Fugatey, ex-minister of public works, will take the examination in law so as to be able to practise in Quebec, and will live in Montreal.

Law Clerk's Suicide. TORONTO, Dec. 28.—Frederick Brooks Hill, a law clerk in the employ of Louis M. Singer, a barrister, committed suicide tonight by taking carbolic acid. Deceased was an Englishman.

Telegraph Tolls Inquiry. OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—The railway board has definitely fixed on January 8 as the date for the general inquiry into the tariffs of tolls of telegraph companies and the settlement of the proper form for telegraph companies to use.

Lower Cable Tolls. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The French Telegraph cable announced that beginning January 1, it would accept plain language cablegrams to England, France and Germany at half the rate of code messages, full rate business to take precedence.

Sir Charles Tupper. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The latest report regarding the condition of Sir Charles Tupper states that he is making good progress and the physicians have stopped issuing bulletins.

Bank Branch Destroyed. STONEWALL, Man., Dec. 28.—The Bank of Hamilton block was gutted by fire at 6 o'clock this morning. Very little of the contents were saved. The block was occupied by the Bank of Hamilton, with the manager's residence overhead, also the offices of W. W. Cotton, barrister, and the Leong court clerk.

The cotton industry of England employs many more women than men. The Thames Embankment cost \$3,550,000 to build. A Russian does not come of age until he is twenty-six. False teeth made of paper in Germany are said to retain their color as well as porcelain ones, and to be stronger and cheaper. Women carry some forty or fifty miles of hair on their head. The fair-haired may even have to dress seventy miles of threads of gold every morning.

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Students Strike. Unpopular Professor Causes Trouble in Medical Faculty of University of Paris

PARIS, Dec. 29.—For some time past the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Paris has been in a state of uproar and confusion owing to the opposition of the students to the lectures of Prof. Nicollas. Prof. Nicollas was appointed to the chair of anatomy from the Faculty of Science, and the appointment of a provincial professor to the post caused a considerable amount of jealousy as there were a number of Agrégés of the Paris Faculty who were not with official employment. The students have been in a state of rebellion with every kind of misdeed, even when the Dean of Faculty called in the police it was impossible to maintain order in his lecture room. The other day the scholars succeeded in surrounding the professor in his laboratory and preventing him from reaching his lecture room at the appointed time.

"You will be late," they cried. "Try an airplane!" Nor were they more respectful to the doyen, Dr. Louis Landouzy, who proceeded to the laboratory to ascertain the cause of the trouble. They allowed him to pass, and as soon as he had secured they again blocked the doors. The doyen tried to parley with them, at first in vain, but finally was released on pleading his word that he would not send for the police.

"Raise your right hand, and say I swear it," the young men cried, and he repeated the doyen, with a smile, as he raised his right hand. "Let our doyen pass, he is now sacred in our eyes," the bystanders shouted, and by dint of hustling they got him through the crowd. Afterward the young men handed themselves up to the police and were arrested until further notice.

National Fruit Exhibition. MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Montreal will next year probably be the scene of the national fruit exhibition on the same his scale as the one held at the exposition show at Vancouver. It is proposed that an exhibition of what is regarded as Canada's national fruit, the apple, shall be held here next November, when there will be exhibits from all apple-growing districts of Canada.

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