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PART 1.

CAPTURE OF WEI HAI WEI

Official Report of the Japanese Admiral Who Took Part in the Fight.

Chinese Peace Envoys to be Given Full Power to Negotiate With Japan.

London, Feb. 9.—A Hiroshima dispatch says: "Official—The Japanese admiral says the Japanese lost no boats or men during the night attack at Wei-Hai-Wei on Feb. 17th, but on Feb. 18th, the enemy struck and sunk a torpedo boat, killing all on board. Another boat, after having been damaged by a Chinese ship, ran into some obstruction and was practically sunk under the enemy's fire. A Japanese lieutenant and two men were frozen to death on Feb. 18th."

Shanghai, Feb. 9.—The Chinese peace envoys have applied for permission to return to China, but their government ordered them to remain in Japan until the document clothing them with full power can reach them.

The United States consul at Chin King, in a report confirms the United Press dispatch about the detention of several members of the crew of the cruiser Concord by Chinese authorities near Chin King. The report says that the whole trouble arose from the accidental wounding of a Chinese boy by one of the Concord's apprentices and that the matter was settled by the payment of a small sum to the wounded boy.

A Chefoo dispatch says the Liu Kunz Two forts are still making some resistance to the assaults of the Japanese.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Admiral Carpenter in a cable to the navy department dated Chin King, Feb. 7, says: "The Japanese have taken possession of Wei-Hai-Wei. Three vessels of the Chinese fleet were sunk in the harbor by torpedoes. The Charleston has left for the purpose of going to the rescue of the distressed people beyond Hong Chow."

London, Feb. 8.—At daybreak on Sunday the Japanese fleet opened fire on the Lankester forts, which replied vigorously. The bombardment became terrific. The first Japanese division, including the flagship, directed its force against the eastern island batteries, while the second division shelled Fort Schip. The Chinese fleet soon came to the assistance of the forts. The "Hing Yuen" was hit but without effect, but succeeded in sinking one of the Japanese ships.

The Japanese fleet, however, fought well. There were many casualties. Two Chinese gunboats also assisted, but were not badly damaged. These four vessels fought desperately until dark, when the firing ceased on both sides. The Chinese forts, especially Fort Schip, suffered immense damage. The Chinese fire to wards evening indicated that the guns were disabled, that the gunners were killed, or that ammunition was becoming scarce.

The sea was rough on Sunday, but fearing that the Chinese would endeavor to escape, the Japanese fleet did not seek shelter, remaining to block the exits from the harbor.

During the night the Japanese learned from a prisoner who had been captured ashore that Admiral Ting, the Chinese naval commander, had ordered the captains of the various ships to remain inside the harbor, even if the islands should be captured, and to endeavor to destroy the Japanese fleet. Every officer was ordered to remain at his post until the last, under pain of dishonor or death. The bombardment was resumed to-day, Sunday's operations being repeated. The fire from Fort Schip continued weakly. The Chinese men of war were so repeatedly and badly hit that their guns were handled with difficulty and less spirit.

Towards the close of the fight the great battleships Ting Yuen and Chen Yuen were disabled. They gradually settled down and foundered, amid the shouts of the Japanese both on land and in the water. The other Chinese vessels were in distress.

The Central News correspondent in Port Arthur confirms the previous reports by that agency of the capture of Li Kung Tao and the sinking of the Chinese warships. He says that during the attack upon the island on Wednesday a Chinese shell exploded aboard the Japanese cruiser Tsukushi, killing and wounding eight men. To the list of Chinese vessels already reported sunk the correspondent adds these, but does not give their names. He denies the report of a Japanese attack upon Chefoo. The firing of the city, he says, was presumably by retreating Chinese troops. Admiral Ito is trying to ascertain the facts.

The Central News correspondent in Tokio says that Admiral Ito reports from Wei-Hai-Wei, under the date of February 7, "While we were bombarding the forts the enemy's torpedo fleet issued from the harbor. A flying squadron chased them, and disabled 12 of them, either by sinking them or driving them ashore. Captain Samessina reports that in passing Chefoo he witnessed a heavy cannonading directed toward the harbor, into which shells from land guns could be seen dropping. He presumed that this outrage was committed by the retreating Chinese. The English, French, German, Russian and American warships were in the harbor."

The same correspondent says: "Kai Fing reports mention cannonading in the direction of Ying Kow, where it is supposed new troops are drilling and making ready for the advance. The enemy's scouts frequently approached the Japanese advanced lines from two directions. There are no signs of a Chinese retreat. Evidently the enemy are in camp. More than thirty guns have been counted among them by the Japanese."

The Times correspondent in Yokohama, after confirming the report that China had telegraphed a statement of her intention to fully accredit her peace envoys, says that the documents will follow quickly and the negotiations possibly will be renewed in March.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Korean legation at Washington that Korea is independent, a fact that he had ignored in sending the Korean charge d'affaires a copy of the Chinese ultimatum for the current year. Ordinarily the presentation of a calendar might not be considered a matter of great importance, but the Chinese year is arbitrarily managed by the Emperor, who has arranged for this year to have thirteen months, including an additional month of May. This calendar is annually distributed to the subjects of the Emperor and to the rulers of vassal states, who are commanded to govern their dates by the Emperor's system. Heretofore the Koreans have used the Chinese year, most of their transactions being with China, and this has been considered by China a satisfactory proof of vassalage. When Yang Yu, the Chinese minister here, sent the Koreans an official calendar several days ago, it was promptly returned to him with a notice that they had no use for it, as heretofore they intended to count time as other civilized nations.

OVERDUE OCEAN LINERS.

The Angry Atlantic Has Delayed If Not Destroyed a Number of Them.

Anxious Enquiries for the Safety of the Teutonic and Other Steamships.

New York, Feb. 8.—A large steamer was reported to be in distress off Fire Island last night. It was impossible to make her out owing to the storm that was raging but her fog whistles were distinctly heard on shore. A proposition to put off to her assistance was made but up to an early hour this morning there was no definite information of the identity of the steamer or extent of the damage. At noon the steamer La Gasconne had not been sighted at Sandy Hook. The wind is blowing at the rate of 60 miles an hour, and nothing can be distinguished at any great distance from shore. Direct telegraphic communication with Fire Island is interrupted. The cable connection with the mainland has been broken by vast quantities of ice in the great South Bay. Should the La Gasconne, now five days overdue, be anywhere near the coast she could not be seen until she is close to Sandy Hook. Besides the White Star steamer Teutonic and the Red Star steamer Rhyndland several other steamers are included. The Bolivia from Gibraltar, the Landart City from Swansea, the Manitowish from London, the Wittekind from Bremen and Taormina from Hamburg. The probabilities are that when the weather clears all these steamers will be sighted off Sandy Hook and it is hoped La Gasconne will be among them.

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon nothing had been seen of the overdue steamer La Gasconne, the Teutonic and other steamers that are now due. Numerous inquiries have been made regarding the La Gasconne and Teutonic, and once it was stated that two large steamers were coming up to New York. At Sandy Hook the wind is blowing at the rate of seventy miles an hour, and it is with difficulty that observers can see the bar. Under such conditions no vessel would dare approach the coast. This would apply particularly to a disabled steamer in any of the straits. Pilots want to see land in entering the harbor, and with a buoy out of position or covered with ice, as many of them are now, no dependence can be placed on what, under ordinary circumstances, are guides to bring vessels safely to port. Until the wind abates and the weather clears no vessels can be expected to pass in at Sandy Hook.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 8.—The fishing schooner John B. McKenzie, which came in this afternoon from outside, reports a big ocean liner out in the bay trying to make land. She appeared to be endeavoring to take bearings from the light. The captain, by the name of Kozie believes he recognized the Teutonic of the White Star line, but is not certain of anything except that she is a strange craft in these waters.

Glasgow, Feb. 8.—Anxiety is expressed here in shipping circles in view of the severe weather reported by arriving steamers, on account of the non-arrival of the Anchor line steamer Anchoria, Captain Young, which left New York on January 26th for this port, and the Allan steamer Grecian, Captain Numan, from New York on January 29th for Glasgow. Both vessels were due here on Tuesday.

Fire Island, Feb. 8.—4.30 p.m.—A steamer ship has just passed here. It is believed to be the Teutonic.

New York, Feb. 9.—The overdue steamer Teutonic reached dock this morning. Her captain reports that on the evening of February 28th, while steaming outside Sandy Hook, waiting for the weather to moderate, he sighted the fishing schooner Reeves of New York off Long Beach flying signals of distress. The Teutonic steamed alongside, and the schooner's men, nine in number, put off the schooner's deck and were hauled on board. The Teutonic reports a very stormy passage.

The overdue steamer La Gasconne has not yet been sighted.

Southampton, Feb. 9.—The steamer Berlin arrived this morning. She saw nothing of the La Gasconne.

London, Feb. 9.—The steamer Etruria from New York arrived at Queenstown this morning. She saw nothing of the La Gasconne.

Halifax, Feb. 9.—Up to 9 o'clock no news of the La Gasconne has been received. The steamer Labrador arrived from Liverpool last night, she saw nothing of the La Gasconne. The Alpha, from Bermuda, has also arrived after a rough voyage without any tidings of the missing steamer.

A FORGER'S REVENGE.

He Attempts to Murder the President of the Nevada Bank.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—An attempt upon the life of I. W. Hellman, president of the Nevada bank, and one of the leading financiers of the city, was made at 9.15 o'clock this morning. A man named Holland, said to be a forger, fired two shots at the banker near the residence of the latter on California street, and then shot himself, inflicting a mortal wound. The shots fired at Mr. Hellman went wide of the mark.

Hellman was on his way to the Nevada bank at the time. He started down California street towards Polk. He was between Van Ness avenue and Polk when the shooting occurred. Hol-

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Question of Dissolution of a Session Will Probably be Decided Upon To-Morrow.

Judge Bole of New Westminster B. C. Interviewed Bowell at Ottawa To-Day.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—There was no meeting of the cabinet to-day, and consequently no decision was arrived at in regard to the election. A decision is expected to-morrow.

Bowell and Tupper arrived to-day from Toronto, having left there on Saturday night, but they were delayed on the way by a snow storm.

The much discussed question of dissolution is expected to be settled to-day or to-morrow at the latest, now that all the ministers have returned to the city. Judge Bole, New Westminster, B. C., had an interview with Bowell to-day.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The remains of F. J. Joseph, assistant law clerk to the Ontario legislature and registrar of the election court, who met death in Friday's awful accident on the Grand Trunk Railway near Weston, twelve miles from here, was found on Saturday by the men engaged in clearing away the wreck. Only a few charred bones were found. These were taken to Weston village, where an inquest will be held.

John S. Monahan, court stenographer, who has his leg broken in two places, is suffering intense pain at St. Michael's Hospital, but will likely recover. Engineer Charles Manning and fireman John Hess, both of Stratford, who were burned under the wrecked engine, were brought to the city yesterday. Manning is in the general hospital, and will probably die. Hess was sent to his home in Stratford. Judges Burton and Osler, Messrs. Osler, Aylesworth, Arkinson and others who were hurt, are progressing favorably.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The libel action instituted by E. A. McDonald against the World newspaper was finished on Saturday; verdict, \$1 and costs for the plaintiff.

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—Curlers are arriving to attend the great bonspiel. The Calgary contingent registered yesterday; also the Duluth men. More came to-day.

Regina, Feb. 10.—The date of the opening of the territorial exhibition is fixed for July 29.

London, Feb. 10.—The Hon. Mr. Justice of the Trent Valley canal, arrived here to-day to arrange with the department for calling of tenders for the Lakeland division of the Canal. Tenders were called for this division some time ago, McDonald & Hogan, of Montreal, being the lowest, but they were afterwards cancelled. Some change has been made in the route of the canal at this point.

FROST RUINING OYSTERS.

South Jersey Growers Fear That Much Damage Has Been Done.

Sea Isle City, Feb. 11.—The oyster growers throughout South Jersey are worried over the continued cold weather and say that unless it moderates gradually they will lose thousands of dollars. The bays in which the oyster grounds are situated are frozen solid, and the ice, reaching to the bottom, has caught thousands of bushels of bivalves. If a sudden warm spell should follow this extremely cold weather the ice will carry the oysters away and deposit them in the creeks and thoroughfares.

The Eastern War.

A Yokohama dispatch says: During the fight resulting in the capture of the fort on Liu Kung Tao island in the harbor of Weihaiwei, the magazine of Jisto fort was blown up.

A Shanghai dispatch says that the Chinese account of the fighting at Weihaiwei denies the report that the warships Ling Yuen and Ching Yuen were sunk and also asserts that the Li Kunz Tao fort has not been taken. The ships, this account says, were merely damaged. The same report says that there are no Japanese except a few scouts near Chefoo.

SEND TO-DAY.

Ladies and gentlemen, be alive to your own interest. There has recently been discovered and is now for sale by the undersigned, a truly wonderful "Hair Grower" and "Complexion Whiteners." This "Hair Grower" will actually grow hair on a bald head in six weeks. A gentleman who has no beard can have a thirty growth in six weeks by the use of this wonderful "Hair Grower." It will also prevent the hair from falling. By the use of this remedy boys raise an excellent moustache in six weeks. Ladies, if you want a surprising head of hair, have it immediately by the use of this "Hair Grower." I also sell a "Complexion Whiteners" that will in one month's time make you as clear and white as the skin can be made. We never knew a lady or gentleman to use two bottles of this Whiteners for they all say that before they finished the second bottle they were as white as they would wish to be. After the use of this Whiteners, the skin will forever retain its color. It also removes freckles, etc. The "Hair Grower" is 90 cents per bottle, and the "Face Whiteners" 50 cents per bottle. Either of these remedies will be sent by mail, postage paid, to any address on receipt of price. Address all orders to

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WASHINGTON WIRINGS.

Proceedings To Be Instituted Against Railway Stockholders.

Washington, Feb. 11.—In the senate to-day Hill offered a resolution which went over. It provides that the government shall direct its efforts to the establishment of a safe system of bi-metallic, but if for any reason silver shall not be maintained on a parity with the gold bonds of the United States, which by their terms are payable in coin, shall be paid in gold.

When the house met documents were laid before it by the secretary of the treasury giving additional information respecting Behring Sea seal herds.

In the senate Pettigrew introduced a bill directing legal proceedings to be instituted against the stockholders and directors of the Union and Central Pacific railroad companies for the recovery of an amount diverted to any unlawful purpose and foreclosure. The government mortgages, said he, would undertake to show that the methods of the railroad companies to rob the stockholders and bondholders have done more than anything else to affect the credit of the country.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

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U. S. Gov't Report

Making Under Cure

Lin orchestra were much surprised to find that Miss Powell's recitation merited approval. The soprano voice of Miss Russell to good advantage and she Mr. Bryant, the whistler, audience with many pretty Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. Rowlands, and Mr. Richardson were and appreciated. The songs were: Piano solo, Mrs. Rowlands; song, Mrs. Rowlands; whistling solo, Mr. Rowlands; "A Voice from the Sonio Powell; song, Mrs. Rowlands; song, Mr. Wallis; song, guitar and mandolin selection, Mrs. Rowlands; Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Carr, Jenns and Mrs. Miss Agnew; vocal duet, Mrs. Rowlands and Mrs. Rowlands; comic recitation, Mrs. Rowlands; Mrs. Rowlands; whistling solo, Mrs. Rowlands.

ing of the charges of gross assault preferred against forism took place before facre yesterday afternoon. in the full identification of and the entire substantiated charges. The magistrate remand in the cases until allow of an inquiry into the accused, at the request Elliott, Morrison made urbane at the city lockup and Jailer Mitten placed of the cages upstairs. He fight his way out of the was regarded as wise to be confined.

of Congregationalists was at 90 North Chatham te into consideration the organizing a Congregational city. The meeting was and considerable interest ed by those present. Mr. was appointed chairman and Snowcroft secretary. The instructed to write to Rev. of Winnipeg, for information on the subject and a composed to make inquiry table meeting place, after- table was adjourned, to be by the chairman on receipt ation required.

Introduced in the legislature Hon. Mr. Davie, the lieutenant-punch may divide the projects with convenient limits. It shall be called "petty acts," and may either be blished by the county clerk, or sub-divisions there- created independently of The executive may also on for systematic and between justices residing vision and for the organi- division, including the fixed places for meetings of the business, and trans- meetings and the notice e function required to be of justices of any portions may be assigned to the ling within the petty ses- in this matter may arise or require to be The justices of a division when holding a petty which purpose two shall n, shall have the powers of under the small debts act, regulations made hereunder es and boundaries of all tited shall be published a Columbia Gazette, and as when so published shall e of law.

hall was crowded last address was delivered by edge on "Evolution or Re- the lecture was an intellec- rise and the fall of some few nations of antiquity ed, and the causes of their sequent upon the violation of justice which must of all governments if they To save civilization from e nations of antiquity, he- ties which now exist be- and the poor must be Referring to the French argued that revolutions do- al and political injustice, tion is to invite revoluc- closing he said single tax eform which can effectual- in that position in which sidered free. The present overn the production and wealth, have produced a affairs in which man is in nate position than were e South. An in- sion followed, and the sed by a new song along es to the tune of "March- rtozin," the solo of which Mr. T. Howell. The an- in the chorus. Next meet- A. Cohen will deliver a "Elementary Principles of

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