

A Woman's Work.
Probably few people are aware of the fact that the first libraries introduced into prisons were placed there through the instrumentality of a woman—Linda Gilbert. A trifling incident that occurred when she was a mere child altered the whole tenor of her life. She was born in Chicago, and her home was near a small, gloomy prison which stood on the spot now occupied by the massive city hall and county buildings. Often the prisoners would watch her through the grates, and one day an elderly man begged her to lend him the book which she was carrying. The book was generously handed to the warden for him, and others soon followed. Naturally the sympathy of the child extended itself ere long to other inmates, and every book owned by her was loaned to the prisoners. The work commenced by the child has been carried on by the woman. She has succeeded in having libraries introduced and maintained in thousands of prisons. The libraries contain only such books as are healthy, entertaining and thoroughly wholesome. Her interest in the prisoners soon broadened beyond a mere desire for their recreation, and she was shortly directing her energies to the redemption from crime.

Dutch Steamer Wrecked.
New York, Aug. 8.—The Atlas Line steamer arrived yesterday from Kingston, Port Lima and Fortune Island, and brought Second Officer Johann Bauman and five sailors of the Dutch steamer *Prins William*. It, which was wrecked on Inagua on the morning of July 30.

Dizzy Spells and Headache

Weak, Nervous, and Run Down, with Shake with Nervousness—A Terrible Case—A Remarkable Cure.

Mrs. Chas. H. Jones, Pierceton, Que., writes: "For years I have been a great sufferer with my heart and nerves. I would take shaking spells and a dizzy, swimming feeling would come over me. Night after night I would never close my eyes, and my head would ache as though it would burst. At last I had to keep to my bed, and though my doctor attended me from fall until spring, his medicine did not help me."

"I have now taken five boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and it has done me more good than I ever believed a medicine could do. Words fail to express my gratitude for the wonderful cure brought about by this treatment."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food makes pale, weak, nervous men, women, and children strong, healthy, and happy. In pill form, 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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BATTLE AT PEITSANG.

Allies Said to Have Loss 1,200 Killed and Wounded.

PEKIN ADVANCE ANNOUNCED.

British Consul Makes Official Statement That the Force Left Tien Tsin on Friday Last—This Gives Color to the Report of Battle at Peitsang, Which Lasted Seven Hours.

London, Aug. 7.—(3.40 a.m.)—"The advance of the allied forces commenced to-day," cables the British Consul at Tien Tsin, under date of Aug. 4. This is the first official information received here that the attempt to relieve Pekin was begun. It is accepted as correct.

The British Consul does not mention any fighting, but the Shanghai correspondent of *The Daily Mail*, telegraphing Sunday, says: "The Peikin relief column is reported to have suffered a check. The Chinese are said to have adopted Tugela tactics, and, after several hours of fighting, to have retreated."

In the same cablegram, which was read in the House of Commons, the Consul at Tien Tsin says: "News from the Japanese Legation has been received up to Aug. 1." Therefore the edicts announcing the safety of the Ministers on that date are confirmed.

Yesterday the Chinese Minister, Sir Chi Chen Lo Peng Luh, communicated to Lord Salisbury a message from the Tsubu li Yamen, dated July 30, reiterating the statement that the Ministers were safe on that day, and recounting the friendly relations existing between them and the Yamen, as well as reporting the sending of supplies to the legations by the Yamen. The message contains this important statement: A successful termination of the conference with the Ministers for the conveyance under escort to Tien Tsin is expected, but on account of the recommencement of hostilities at Tien Tsin, code telegrams for transmission to the representatives are considered undesirable.

This appears to confirm the statement that the Chinese Government will endeavor to stop the march to Pekin by using the Ministers as hostages.

The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, publishing an interview with Li Hung Chang, quotes him as declaring emphatically that China must not, in any circumstances, cede any more territory to any power. In reply to a question why the rebellion was not put down, Earl Li is represented as having said: "I blame Prince Tuan, the Empress Dowager and the whole Pekin Government. But for their lack of energy the situation never would have become so serious."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of *The Daily Mail* says: "Active negotiations are proceeding between Russia and the United States, the probable outcome of which will be a resolution to uphold the integrity of China unconditionally."

A Shanghai special, dated Aug. 6, says: "Li Hung Chang has officially informed the Consuls that the Ministers left Pekin for Tien Tsin last Friday, Aug. 3, with Gen. Yung Lu in command of the escort. The Consuls are by no means disposed to credit Earl Li's statement. All the other reports that have reached London up to this hour indicate that the Ministers have not left Pekin."

BATTLE AT PEITSANG.

British Gunboat Fame Reports Heavy Engagement on Sunday.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Interest in the Chinese situation was intensified yesterday by the receipt of two despatches from naval officers at Chefoo, repeating unofficial, but apparently reliable, reports of active and extensive hostilities between the allied forces and the Chinese between Tien Tsin and Pekin. The despatches indicate unmistakably that the relief column has started in earnest, and that it is meeting with determined opposition.

The two despatches:

The despatches are as follows: Chefoo, Aug. 6.—(Bureau Navigation, Washington).—"British torpedo Destroyer Fame reports unofficial engagement at Peitsang Sunday morning, 3.30 to 10.30 o'clock. Allied loss killed and wounded, 1,200, chiefly Russians and Japanese. Chinese retreating." (Signed) Tausig.

"Chefoo, Aug. 6.—(Bureau Navigation, Washington).—"Unofficial report believed reliable. About 16,000 allied heavily engaged Chinese at Peitsang daylight of the 5th. (Signed) Remey."

Peitsang is the first railroad station, about three miles northwest of Tien Tsin en route to Pekin.

Tausig, who signed the first despatch, is in command of the Yorktown, which is at Chefoo. It is said at the War Department that there is no reason to doubt that an engagement has taken place. While no official information has been received, it is said that such an engagement was not unexpected.

BRITAIN HAS NO NEWS

As to the Reported Advance of the Allies on Pekin.

London, Aug. 7.—In the House of Commons yesterday Secretary Broderick said the Government had no information regarding the reported advance of the British or other relief forces towards Pekin, nor as to the present position of the foreign Ministers there.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Goschen, said the Colonial contingent in China would consist of 200 officers and men from Victoria, 300 officers and men from New South Wales, and a gunboat and 112

officers and men from South Australia. The cost, he added, would be partly borne by the Colonies.

Helps in the Congo Free State.

Answering another question, Mr. Broderick said the authorities of the Congo Free State admitted that British territory above Albert Nyanze had been raided by Congo troops, and that women and cattle had been carried off. The Congo Free State authorities apologized for the raid, and sought to punish the invaders.

COMMERCE IS IGNORED

By the Allies at Tien Tsin—Russians Seize the British Railway.

New York, Aug. 7.—The allies made a reconnaissance yesterday, starting with 4,000 men, against General Ma's army. Preparations for the advance on Pekin are being pushed forward. A large number of native boats have been commandeered, which will stop business with Tien Tsin. The combined forces are ignoring all commercial interests. This could not be avoided without detriment to the military operations. Land transport will be difficult, as heavy rains are reported to the north.

The Boxers are raiding villages south of Tien Tsin. One thousand Mohammedans were massacred. Chinese are said to be operating from Shan Hai Kwang to Tung Chow.

To Ransom the Diplomats.

It is reported that the Chinese have made overtures to ransom the Pekin diplomats, and close the war. The Emperor and Empress Dowager are believed to be still in Pekin. Their flight or death would produce a great change. The Chinese, now silent or nominally loyal will become progressive when they have nothing more to fear. The fate of those who have heretofore dared to utter pro-foreign sentiments terrifies even the semi-enlightened officials.

Chang Yen, son of a former Chinese Minister to Washington, is still exiled. Yung Wing is in hiding. The Manchu party once exterminated, the people will welcome reform.

Li Not at Tien Tsin.

Li Hung Chang has not put in an appearance at Tien Tsin. His former residence, where he received General Grant and other notables, is now occupied by Cossacks.

Quite large quantities of bar silver were taken from the native city. The Americans and the Japanese are said to have about a million and a half ounces each of the Government treasure. The Russians have placed their flag upon the salt piles.

Most of the English engineers on the railway have received notice to quit.

SHENG NOW HAS FEARS.

Says Li Ping Heng Must Be Suppressed to Save the Legations.

New York, Aug. 7.—Director of Telegraphs Sheng, at Shanghai, tells in an interview, cabled to the Journal and Advertiser, the story of two members of the Tsubu li Yamen, or Chinese Foreign Office, were put to death for alleged friendliness to the foreigners, and adds to the previous story the names of the officials and the circumstances of their deaths. He says the victims of Li Ping Heng's wrath were Hau Ching Cheng formerly Minister to Russia, and more recently, Imperial Director General of Railways, and Yuan Chang. They had been doing good work in suppressing the Boxers, and had supported the efforts of Prince Ching to save the foreign Ministers and restore order in Pekin. Unless Heng is suppressed, Sheng fears there is no hope for the legations.

The Situation Becoming Serious.
Paris, Aug. 7.—The French Consul at Chung King telegraphs, under date of Aug. 3, that the situation is becoming more serious on the Upper Yangtsiekiang. The English Consul, he says, has left with the custom house staff, and the French Consul intends to leave with his Japanese colleague. The mail service has been stopped.

Li Hung Chang in Trouble.
London, Aug. 7.—The anti-foreign party again has the upper hand at Pekin. According to reports emerging from Li Hung Chang's lodgings at Shanghai, his baggage is packed preparatory to his departure for Pekin. But, it is added, he has applied to the throne for 30 days' sick leave. Li Hung Chang claims that his representations to the Yangtse Viceroy, and Taotai Sheng will be denounced by Li Ping Heng because they are friendly to the foreigners.

Has Yuan Shi Kai Been Killed?

A News Agency despatch from Shanghai, dated yesterday, says it is rumored that the powerful Viceroy, Yuan Shi Kai, Governor of Shantung, who disapproved of Prince Tuan, has been killed.

China May Recall Minister.

London, Aug. 7.—China's diplomatic representatives in England are making ready for an exodus, which they are said to be convinced cannot be much longer deferred.

American Officer Drawn.

Shanghai, Aug. 7.—Past Assistant Surgeon Scott of the United States gunboat *Castine* was drowned here Sunday.

TO DISPUTE EVERY FOOT.

Tuan's Order is That the Advance of the Allies Must Be Opposed.

London, Aug. 7.—Correspondents at Tien Tsin are unable to get anything fresh, though a despatch from Shanghai, dated Aug. 6, says that the allies are making slow progress towards Pekin, on account of differences of opinion among the generals. The American, the British and the Japanese commanders favor one plan, this despatch affirms, and the Russians, the French and the Germans favor another plan.

Prince Tuan, it is added, seeks to inspire his army by proclamations, ordering every foot of the road from Tien Tsin to Pekin to be disputed. All the Chinese troops have recently been paid in full, and troops, money and supplies are going to Pekin on a much greater scale than during the defence at Tien Tsin.

A despatch received at the War Office from St. Petersburg, dated Aug. 4, Grodekoff, dated Khabarovsk, Aug. 4, says two squadrons, reconnoitering near Tchek, engaged 1,000 Chinese with two guns and 250 cavalry. After a stubborn fight the Russians were reinforced by another squadron, with two guns, and defeated the Chinese, killing 200. The Russian loss was eight men killed and eight wounded.

KRUGER WANTS TO GIVE UP.

Willing to End the War if Promised Personal Security.

Harismith Surrendered to the British.
Aug. 4.—The Canadian Regiment has joined Kitchener South of the Vaal River—Gen. Baden-Powell Relieved at Rustenburg—Road to Natal Has Been Re-Opened.

Pretoria, Aug. 8.—It is stated positively that President Kruger is willing and anxious to surrender, provided a satisfactory promise is given as to his ultimate destination.

Harrismith Captured.

Cape Town, Aug. 7.—Railway communication with Natal has been re-established by General Macdonald's capture of Harrismith. Heavy fighting at Eland's River commenced on Sunday and continued Monday. No details are obtainable, but it is believed that General Carrington and General Ian Hamilton relieved the garrison at Rustenburg, which is retreating to Zeeuwsdorp.

Lord Roberts's Report.

London, Aug. 7.—Lord Roberts reports to the War Office, under date of Pretoria, August 6, as follows: "Harrismith surrendered on August 4. The neighboring country seems to be quiet. Kitchener is with the force south of the Vaal River. He was joined yesterday by a strong detachment of Brabant's Horse, the Canadian Regiment. The Boers attacked the garrison at Eland's River on the morning of August 4. Information was sent to Carrington, who was on his way to Eland's River. Ian Hamilton, who reached Rustenburg yesterday, reported hearing firing in the direction of Eland's River. To-day the firing seems more distant, which looks as if the Eland's River garrison had been relieved and was retreating towards Zeeuwsdorp."

Col. Otter's Cable.

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—A cable from Lieut.-Col. Otter, dated yesterday, says that the corps is moving to Wolverloo.

BOER TREACHERY.

Sergeant of Strathcona Horse Shot Dead When Answering a Call to Surrender Near Standerton.

London, Aug. 8.—A party of Boers near Standerton notified the English officers commanding at Waterval of their willingness to surrender. Fifteen of the Strathcona Horse were sent to accept the submission of the officer in charge. When the Strathconas approached the rendezvous, in extended order, the Boers opened fire. A sergeant, who had raised a troop in Canada, rallied his men. Doing so, he rode among the Boers, and he demanded him to surrender.

"Never!" cried the sergeant, who, while turning his horse, was shot dead. The Canadians lost two dead and three wounded out of a party of 25.

Canadian Invalids at Arrived.

The Canadian invalids visited Arrand Castle yesterday, the seat of the Duke of Norfolk, by his special invitation.

At present there are 60 Canadians at Shorncliffe camp. When those absent on furlough return the force will be increased to 100. The entire party will sail by the *Parisian* on Thursday.

Another Rear Guard Action.

Kroonstad, Aug. 7.—Commandant Theron, who commanded the Boer Flying Patrol, that derailed and burned last week, near the railway, the train carrying United States Consul Stowe, and flying the Stars and Stripes, has suffered a loss of three killed and 10 severely wounded in a rear guard action near Kroonstad with the Mounted Infantry. The British sustained no loss.

Mr. Steyn is seriously ill.

APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS

Of Gold Commissioner Senkler in the Yukon Now Being Heard.

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—Yesterday afternoon Hon. Clifford Sifton heard the first of a number of appeals against decisions given by Gold Commissioner Senkler in the Yukon. The first case is that of Servin v. Irvine. This is a contest over the title to a placer mining claim, second tier, opposite the upper half of the left limit of claim No. 10 above Discovery on Last Chance Creek. Mr. R. V. Sinclair is acting for the appellant and Mr. F. H. Crysler represents the respondent.

The next case is that of Rehm v. McLennan, involving the title to claim No. 20 on Gold Run Creek. Mr. E. W. Shannon represents the appellant and Mr. J. Travers Lewis the respondent.

It is expected several days will be occupied in the hearing of the cases.

RAILWAY TRAINMEN MEET.

Grievance Committee Considering Reduction of C.P.R. Employees' Wages.

Toronto, Aug. 8.—The General Grievance Committee of the Order of Railway Trainmen met yesterday at the Palmer House, when several grievances of the employees of the Ontario and Quebec division of the committee were present, coming from

points between Barnham and Detroit. Recently the C.P.R. employees in the Ontario and Quebec division were subjected to a redistribution of wages, which, it is claimed, reduced the pay about 5 per cent. all round. The men gave notice to the company that the new arrangement was not satisfactory. The meeting will be continued to-day.

Motor Boats on Dead Sea.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Dead Sea, says United States Consul Winter, at Annaberg, in a letter to the State Department, is to have a line of motor boats. Owing to the continued increase in traffic and the influx of tourists a shorter route is to be found between Jerusalem and Kerak, the ancient capital of the land of Moab.

AN EXAMPLE OF NERVE.

Warden McClaughry's Experience With an Almost Escaped Prisoner.

"Speaking of nerve," said one of the detectives at headquarters, "reminds me of Chief McClaughry of Chicago. He used to be warden at the state penitentiary down in Joliet, and he had the reputation of being the coolest man in Illinois. He was as shifty as any of the men he had to handle and as quick and calm about it as a regular Sherlock Holmes. Nothing could faze him."

"One day McClaughry was sitting in his office at just about the time the men were being marched back to their cells from work. He was alone. There was a sound behind him, and, whirling round, he saw a convict who had passed the guard in some way creeping toward him with an ugly looking iron bar in his hand."

"Don't you stir!" the man whispered. "I'm going to get out of this if I have to kill you to do it."

"Oh," McClaughry said, "I thought you were going tomorrow! The thought you were going tomorrow!"

"Wot?" McClaughry simply looked at him as though he didn't care much and said: "They sent up your dismissal papers this afternoon, that's all. You've been such a model prisoner all the time that they decided to commute your sentence. You can go all right enough if you want to. You're not any prisoner any more. If you want to see your papers—why, I think—they're here in—in the drawer!"

And before the poor fool could lift the bar to strike McClaughry had snapped a revolver out of the desk and leveled it at his head."—New York Sun.

Where Ladies Coal Ships.

Mary Kingsley tells an amusing story about West African women. There was a beautiful black government official, in uniform complete, and fate ordained one day that he should be told off to superintend the coaling of a little gunboat. The coaling was being done by ladies. He, full of zeal and desirous of demonstrating it, shouted, talked and gave directions to those ladies as he stood, uniform and all, under the government flag on the government quay. They went on with their work merrily and paid no attention to him. Presently, other government officials, in uniform complete, and fate ordained one day that he should be told off to superintend the coaling of a little gunboat. The coaling was being done by ladies. He, full of zeal and desirous of demonstrating it, shouted, talked and gave directions to those ladies as he stood, uniform and all, under the government flag on the government quay. They went on with their work merrily and paid no attention to him. 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