

Details of the Late Massacre

Of Five Thousand Chinese at Blagovestchensk.

For Which Russian Authorities are Responsible—Italy Austria and France Said to Have Agreed to Russia's Proposal—The Attack on the Pei Tang Forts.

New York, Sept. 21.—Concerning the massacre of five thousand Chinese at Blagovestchensk by Russians, the Evening Post today contains an account from G. Frederick Wright, one of the faculty of Oberlin, Ohio, College, who was erroneously reported killed at Pekin. The letter is written from St. Petersburg, Siberia, under date of Sept. 6. Up to July 1 relations between Russians and Chinese were cordial. Then the families of the engineers on the Chinese Eastern Railway at Harbin, were forced to flee for safety. Troops gathered from every quarter to protect Harbin. As soon as the Russian troops went down the river on transports, July 14, the fort at Argun began, without warning, to fire upon passing steamboats, and on the 15th fire was opened upon Blagovestchensk, and some Russian villages were burned opposite the fort. The actual injury inflicted by the Chinese was slight; but the terror caused by it was indescribable, and it drove the Cossacks into a frenzy of rage. The peaceable Chinese, to the number of 3,000 or 4,000 in the city, were expelled in great haste, and being forced upon reefs entirely inadequate, were most of them drowned in attempting to cross the river.

THE RIVER BLACK WITH BODIES
The stream was fairly black with their bodies. "In our ride through the country to reach the city on Thursday, the 19th, we saw, every day, thirty villages and hamlets of the Chinese in flames," says Mr. Wright. "One of them was a city of 8,000 or 10,000 inhabitants. We estimated that we saw the dwellings of 20,000 peaceable Chinese in flames that awful day, while parties of Cossacks were scouring the fields to find Chinese and shooting them down at sight. What became of the women and children no one knew; but there was apparently no way for them to escape to a place of safety. On our way up the river, for 500 miles above the city, every Chinese hamlet was a charred mass of ruins. The large village of Motcha was still smoking, and we were told that 4,000 Chinese had been killed. The wholesale destruction, both of property and life, was thought to be a military necessity. Since we left we heard that Argun has been taken amid a great loss of life to the Chinese. Work in the mines is paralyzed, and the laborers driven out. Peace between the Russians and the Chinese has come to an end. Years cannot wipe out the enemy engravings."

MASSACRE THE ORDER OF THE DAY.
The Moscow correspondent of the Standard, reverting to the subject of the massacre, this morning says: "From a recent visitor to the Amur region I learn that massacres are the order of the day with the troops that are over-running Manchuria. The orders are issued by Gen. Grodoff. But it is quite certain that Emperor Nicholas must be ignorant of their nature. My informant has seen a series of telegrams from one Manchurian commander, every one of which he sees that he is allowed to spare peaceable citizens; but the Russian indifference to the lives of the common herd is still of a truly oriental type. The same correspondent telegraphs that troops by the wholesale continue to pour into Manchuria."

THE ATTACK ON PEI TANG FORTS.
Taku, Sept. 20.—Four thousand Russian, 3,000 German and 1,000 French troops, with a detachment of Austrian marines, began the attack upon the Pei Tang forts at daylight. The attack was answered briskly from the forts, the bombardment continuing until noon, when it was noticed the forts did not reply after 10 o'clock. The allies sent forward at noon to discover the reason of the cessation of the fire from the forts, and found the deserted, there being only four dead Chinese within the walls.

THREE THOUSAND CHINESE GOT AWAY.

The allies were much chagrined, as

they believed they had the place completely surrounded, making escape impossible, yet over 3,000 men got away in broad daylight. The Russian artillery fire proved effective, and the forts were badly damaged.

The British and Italian commanders had decided to join in the attack, but their troops had not arrived in time. The entire line between Tsin Tsin and Taku shows reinforcements were heading for the forts.

Three members of the allied forces were killed, and 50 were wounded through the explosion of mines laid along their line of march.

ADMIRAL REMEY'S DISPATCH.
Washington, Sept. 22.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Remy:

Taku, Sept. 21.—Force of Russians, Germans and Austrians advanced on Pei Tang forts last night. Fire opened by Chinese, and kept up all night at intervals. Forts evacuated this morning. Europeans hoisted their colors over forts at 11. Twenty-five Russians and Germans reported blown up by mine. Information from Commander Wise, who followed troops into forts. Only five Chinese killed. Remy.

GERMANY'S GAME.
London, Saturday, Sept. 22.—A. m.—It seems to be generally believed throughout Europe that Germany purposely proposed her demand that the anti-foreign leaders should be surrendered before negotiations were commenced with a view of delaying any general acceptance of her proposal until Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee should arrive in Pekin. A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Washington asserts that the United States has politely declined to agree to Germany's proposal on this very ground.

Li Hung Chang, both journeying northward, matters must soon reach a crisis. Berlin, Sept. 21.—The German foreign office has received replies from Italy, Austria and France, agreeing without reserve to Germany's proposal.

A dispatch received here from Shanghai, under date of today, Sept. 20, says that the German warship Hertha, with Count Von Waldersee, the commander-in-chief of the allied forces in China, on board, has arrived at Wou Sung. She will go to Kiao Chou tomorrow.

A Berlin dispatch says: From all the news that has arrived here, it seems that Germany's proposition is finding a favorable reception among the powers.

The relations between Germany and Russia are said to be very cordial. About 4,000 Russian troops and all the principal Russian officers met Count Von Waldersee at Chun Liang Chen, half way to Tsin Tsin. A long conference was held, at which no representative of any other power was present.

PEI TA CHU TAKEN.
Pekin, Monday, Sept. 17, via Taku, Thursday, Sept. 20.—Gen. James E. Wilson, the American commander, took Pei Ta Chu this morning. No details of the affair have been learned, but the British officials have received a dispatch announcing that "the temples were taken according to arrangement."

It is expected Gen. Wilson will cooperate in taking Pei Ta Chu, where the enemy was supposed to be in large force. The American commander, it was added, would attack from the west and the Germans from the east. The dispatch also said that Gen. Wilson would then take the San Hai Tien (San Kia Tien) arsenal.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
Washington, Sept. 21.—The state department this afternoon delivered to Minister Wu the reply of the United States Government to the Chinese request that Minister Conger be authorized to negotiate immediately with peace negotiations.

Telegraphing from Pekin on Sept. 16 Dr. Morrison says Gen. Chaffee had received orders from America to cease his preparations for wintering his troops in Pekin. This is interpreted to mean that America is contemplating a withdrawal of her troops, the abandonment of her interests in Pekin, and the transference to another power of the protection of the numerous converts who reached the American missions and survived the siege. The withdrawal of the German legation is capable of explanation, but a misleading is felt that America also proposed to withdraw her legation.

BITS OF CHINA.
The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post expresses the opinion that Germany's policy may yet lead to a rising in Central China.

The Standard has a Taku telegram asserting that as a means of averting punishment, the acting governor of Pao Ting Fu has issued a proclamation ordering the suppression of Boxers.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs the opinion of a high foreign official that the emperor will, under the pressure exercised by the viceroys, surrender Prince Tuan and the other anti-foreign leaders to the powers.

It is reported that Li Yu Kuen, viceroy of Nankin, alarmed at the prospects of the German fleet ascending the Yang Tse Kiang, is placing obstructions in the channel below the Kian Yan forts, and sending troops to the northeast of Kiang Su for fear the Germans may land troops there to attack the Sing Kian Fu.

THE KILLING OF CHRISTIANS.
Hong Kong, Sept. 21.—The French warship Avalanche, which has been investigating the killing of Christians in the Sannai district, near Canton,

reports that the crews of eight pirate junks, by the Sannai district, intend to destroy all the Christian villages on the Canton delta.

Washington, Sept. 21.—An official communication, sent through diplomatic channels, was brought to the attention of the state department today, giving information as to the atrocities in the province of Puen against Christian missionaries. In one case it is stated that a missionary had his eyes burned out, then a portion of his body was cut off, and finally a red-hot staff was driven through his back. In another case given in the report, a missionary was wrapped in cotton, the cotton was soaked in oil and the mass set on fire. The missionary was burned to death.

MESSAGE FROM DR. MORRISON.
Dr. Morrison, the Irish correspondent of the Times, writing on Sept. 15, says: "Owing to the increasing activity of the Boxers and to the fact that Christian families have been murdered during the last few days in the neighborhood of Pekin, a general order has been issued forbidding parties to go foraging without escort. The British forces are so reduced that the proposed punitive expedition no longer has been postponed. Only 400 foot and 50 sabres were available. Horror has been excited throughout China by authentic details of the massacre of missionaries in Shan Si province, where Hu Hsien was appointed governor. It is now known that when the Russian and Chinese authorities here that Hu Hsien had murdered 33 missionaries whom he had invited into his yamen, the Chinese Government, on July 14, invited the foreign ministers and their families to enter Tsung Li Yamen under a similar offer of protection. Fortunately the invitation was declined."

LI AT TIEN Tsin.
Li Hung Chang has arrived at Tsin Tsin, and is camped in his own yamen, under a Cossack guard. His reception here was a repetition of his reception at Tong Ku, only the Russian and Japanese officers calling on him instead of the other nations not taking part in it.

Li Hung Chang, according to Shanghai dispatches, has assumed the seals of the viceroyalty of Chi Li. His official seal, valued at \$200,000, of decorated and well armed veterans as a body guard.

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He had the best of medical attendance, but made very little progress towards recovery, and the doctor told him there was very little hope that he would be able to return to his former work. The trouble appeared to have located itself in his kidneys, and for eight weeks or more he had been in bed. He suffered greatly from constant pains in the back, his appetite became impaired, and his constitution generally appeared to be shattered. At this juncture he decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and got a half-dozen boxes. In the course of a couple of weeks he noticed an improvement in his condition, and he decided to try a second box, and he had taken some ten or twelve boxes, when he not only felt that his cure was complete, but also felt that in all respects his health was better than it had been for years.

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Chatham, Sept. 21.—Father Andreux, the oldest priest in the diocese, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his entry into the priesthood at Painscourt Wednesday and Thursday. Bishop McEvoy arrived Wednesday afternoon. At 7 o'clock one of the largest crowds that ever filled Painscourt Church assembled, including some 50 priests from Ontario points. Father Andreux was present, and a gold-headed cane by Mrs. Bourgeois, of Windsor; a set of gold vestments from the congregation, and a gold chalice from the Catholic clergy. Bishop McEvoy then addressed the crowd, and gave him the brief of archbishop of the diocese. A procession, headed by the school children, in white, marched to the church, where a thanksgiving service was held by the bishop. Farmer's Mass was sung by St. Joseph's Church choir, of Chatham.

Mr. Colin Rankin, of Mattawa, formerly chief factor of the Hudson Bay Company, was relieved of \$480 by some thief at the Ottawa fair.



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From Near-By Places.

On Wednesday morning, Emery Howe, of Belmont, died, in his 77th year. He was married to a Miss Dewar and moved to a farm on the town line, south of Belmont, where he resided 18 years. He moved to Belmont eight years ago. Four of his six children were Mrs. Elvett, of Clinton; Mrs. Robert Erwin, of Pickney, Mich.; James, of Clinton, and Emery, at home.

At an adjourned meeting of the ratepayers of Lobo, called to select a candidate for the county council, the following gentlemen were nominated: Mr. Arch McGowan, reeve; A. C. Attwood, D. A. Brown, Neil McKellar, Neil Graham, Mr. Nogie, Peter A. Graham, Dan Campbell and Neil Sinclair. A call was then given to all the nominees to address the meeting, to which all responded, and with the exception of Mr. McGowan all withdrew; the chairman then declared Mr. McGowan the choice of the meeting, and upon motion the choice was made unanimous by a standing vote. Mr. A. C. Attwood, a speaker, was requested to report the meeting to the press, giving each of the London and Stratford papers a copy. The meeting closed by three o'clock, after Mr. McGowan, the chairman, had been elected reeve.

Death came suddenly to Gabriel Manning, a highly-respected resident of Belmont, the result of a paralytic stroke. He was 72 years old and was born at Edmondville, Quebec.

EDMONDVILLE.
Edmondville, Sept. 22.—Residence changes will soon be made in plenty with us. Mr. John Prendergast has purchased Mrs. Muldrew's comfortable cottage, and will move into it in October. This is one of the most desirable properties in the village. Mr. Jacob Schmidt has rented his house to Mr. Thomas Colbert, who expects to occupy it soon. Mr. Schmidt goes to Manitoba to reside with his eldest daughter, Mrs. Docherty. His daughter Bella, who has

kept house for him for seven years, will likely accompany him. As they are highly esteemed residents, they will be much missed by our people.

Mr. David Chesney will soon vacate Mr. Thomas Hill's house and move to the one at present occupied by Mr. Thomas Colbert. Dame Rumor has it that Mr. and Mrs. Newell will go to reside in the house soon to be vacated by Mr. Chesney. Rev. Mr. Shaw is taking the remaining two weeks of holidays which he will spend mostly with his parents near Rodney. He is accompanied by Mrs. Shaw and Master Donald. Miss M. E. McLary, the highly-esteemed teacher of the second department of our school, has resigned. Our people have had the benefit of her valuable services during nearly eight years, and very much regret her resignation, as she has proved herself an excellent teacher. Mr. George Hills has been off duty for a couple of weeks on account of a severe attack of illness, but his many friends are pleased to learn of his progress towards recovery. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Kennedy have been visiting relatives in Woodstock. Miss Thomas, of the mantle department of Smallman & Ingram, London, has returned to her home here, and will care for her aged parents for some time. The Dominion political pot is beginning to boil furiously, and much froth is coming to the surface. What wonder that elections are sometimes corrupt, when leading politicians will deliberately lie about each other!

What is to be done about the cigarette smoking and tobacco spitting nuisance, which to many people is becoming almost intolerable? One cannot go into a crowd or on the street but the fumes of tobacco are poured down the throat. Returning from the Western Fair the other evening, the smoking fund was present in such numbers that the air was thick at times with smoke. Tobacco users in many cases seem to have no regard for the comfort of others.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westphal, of Cleveland, have lately been paying a visit to relatives and friends in our village. **BIRR.**
Birr, Sept. 22.—Mr. Will Walden, of Elmville, preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White and Mr. Charlie White, of Dawn, have returned home after spending a few days with Mr. Richard White. A meeting was held on Tuesday evening in the Methodist Church to make arrangements for the coming harvest home to be held on the church grounds on Oct. 2. The farmers in this vicinity are reaping the apple trees of their heavy burden this week. Misses Olive and Vera Walden sent Sunday at Birr. **GLENDAL.**
Glendale, Sept. 22.—The population is steadily on the increase. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoard have a young son, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown a new daughter. Mr. James Haldane has sold his farm and intends moving to the city. Miss Emily Egan is being congratulated on her success on obtaining a second-class certificate. She is now a bookkeeper for a London firm. The Ladies' Aid have lost an earnest worker in Miss Susie Haldane, who was recently married to Mr. McLaren, of London township. The society showed

their appreciation of her faithful services by giving her a valuable present.

MARINE MISHAPS
Two Vessels Ashore Off Key West—Barge Sunk in St. Clair River—Four Lives Reported Lost.

Sarnia, Sept. 22.—A large steam barge, name at present unknown, and the tow barge Yantic, came into collision in the rapids in St. Clair River, opposite Point Edward, about 3 o'clock last evening. The Yantic was sunk, and four lives are reported lost. A steam barge is ashore on the American side of the river. The sunken tow barge is quite close to the barge Fontana, sunk in the rapids some few weeks back.

TWO VESSELS ASHORE.
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 21.—A special from Key West, Fla., says it is reported that two vessels are ashore on one of the keys about 40 miles north of here. It is reported also that half of the crew of one of the vessels were drowned. Wreckers have gone to investigate.

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