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Hundreds Are Slain

Chinese Left Many Dead on the Field in Sullung Pass Fight

Germans on the Other Hand Had Only One Man Wounded

Denial of Report That Russians Have Landed Marines in Korea.

Berlin, March 12.—The war office has received the following despatch from Count von Waldersee:

"Peking, March 11.—In the fight west of Sullung Pass we had only one slightly wounded. The Chinese left 250 dead on the field.

"Our cavalry, with quick-firing guns, pursued the Chinese 20 miles. A battery remains at Pen Ping and westward from the great wall to prevent a return of the Chinese troops."

Official circles in Berlin declare that it is impossible to judge here exactly what leads to the Chinese activity around the great wall.

The Russian papers are spreading reports that the movement is engineered by Gen. Tuang Fu Hsiang and Prince Tuan for the reconquest of Manchuria. It is to the interest of Russia to circulate this view. On the other hand, it is believed in Berlin that the Chinese troops near the great wall have but slight power of resistance. In authority of Col. Ledebur's engagement seems to indicate that the Russian movement against the allies before the capture of Peking.

The statement that Russia insists upon China's signature to the Manchuria convention rests upon Chinese authority; but Germany has not yet suppressed this information, and the fact remains that the agreement has not yet been signed. Nothing is known here as to the published report that German capitalists are negotiating with high Chinese officials for the erection of arsenals at Nanking, Woo Chang and other points, but the rumor is not believed in Berlin.

The statement current that 600 Russian marines with guns have landed at Sana San Pho (near Fu San), the terminus of the railway running through Korea, on the Straits of Korea, or Brounstrait, which adjoins the Strait of Korea, and which with Korea is regarded as unoccupied. In authoritative quarters here it is pointed out that the agreement between Russia and Japan pledges the latter to refrain from Korea without notifying Japan.

London, March 12.—The Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, writing Saturday and giving details of the storming of a gate in the great wall by Col. Leber's column, March 8, says: "The Germans captured the Chinese Cung pass, between the provinces of Chihli and Shansi, after seven hours' fighting."

"The Chinese held an apparently impregnable position on the great wall at all the highest parts of the mountain. It had several thousand troops, and artillery of all descriptions. The Germans attacked them with 600 infantry and two howitzers. The turning movement was over an almost impassable country, occupied seven hours and was completely successful."

"The Chinese fled into the province of Shansi, leaving at least 100 dead and several howitzers. The Germans will have an excellent moral effect, as the Chinese believed their fortified mountain was impassable."

JOHN TOUGH DEAD.
He Was Manager of the Sheddian Co.

Montreal, March 12.—John Tough, manager of the Sheddian Forwarding Company, and a well known citizen of Montreal, died in Toronto this evening.

ELECTRIC LINE SOLD.
Montreal Park & Island Railway Changes Hands.

Montreal, March 12.—The sale was effected of the Montreal Park & Island railway to-day. It operates 30 miles of electric lines. The consideration was about half a million.

CABINET TROUBLES.
Dutch Minister of War Resigns Because Recommendation Ignored.

The Hague, March 12.—A partial ministerial crisis has arisen through an adverse vote in the second chamber of the states general to-day. The chamber ignored the recommendations of the minister of war in regard to length of military service for recruits and in consequence the minister resigned. The crisis is generally expressed, however, that this adverse vote will be disregarded by the cabinet.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.
A. L. Sifton Chosen by Banff For the Legislature.

Winipeg, March 12.—(Special)—A Calgary despatch says Mr. A. L. Sifton, brother of the Minister of the Interior, who succeeds Mr. J. H. Ross on the Northwest executive is elected by acclamation for Banff. Messrs. R. B. Bennett and A. C. Stuart are the candidates for West Calgary. Bennett resigned last year to contest Alberta for the Dominion House. For Grenfell, R. S. Lake and A. Campbell were nominated. Lake contested East Assiniboia in the last election, ending the Grenfell "war." A stiff fight is expected in the Calgary and Grenfell divisions.

LOUIS PAUNEFOTE, Minister at Washington Appointed Member of Privy Council.

London, March 12.—Lord Paunefote, the British ambassador at Washington, has been appointed a member of the Privy Council.

NAVY ESTIMATES. An Increase of Two Million Pounds Over Last Year.

London, March 12.—The British navy estimates for 1901-02 amount to £20,875,500, an increase of over £2,000,000, chiefly for shipbuilding. There is an increase of 3,745 in the number of officers and men.

KING AND QUAKERS. His Majesty Expresses Hope of Peace and Mutual Help.

London, March 12.—Replying to the Quakers' delegation to-day, His Majesty said he prayed that his reign would witness the widespread acceptance of their principles, the establishment of peace among nations and the growth of mutual help among the people of Great Britain.

TAX ON GRAIN. Westminster Gazette Says Import Duty Will Be Imposed by Britain.

London, March 12.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon says it hears that there are rumors of imported grain being made to pay a portion of the budget, and says it would take the form of the redimption of the shilling restriction charge, abolished by Mr. Robert Lowe, when he was chancellor of the exchequer.

British Not To Be Bluffed

Russians Try to Keep Them Off Railway Company's Lands.

London, March 12.—(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 some years. According to despatches from Tien Tsin, the Russians assert that this land is part of their new concession, and therefore Russian property. Mr. Knicker, manager of the railway, endeavored to make a siding, but was stopped by the Russian authorities. He appealed to Gen. Barrow, British military attaché 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. Gen. Wagasaka, Russian commander, protested and said the work would not have been done if the Russians had had any troops in the vicinity. It was stated that such matters should be left to diplomacy.

Mr. McDonald, again communicated with Gen. Barrow, who telegraphed: "Continue the siding."

Gen. Wagasaka very indignantly appealed to the Russian minister at Pekin, M. De Giers.

FRENCH AND BERBERS. An Engagement Fought in Which the Losses Are Heavy.

Algiers, March 12.—A despatch has been received here from Gen. Serviere, announcing that an engagement has been fought between the French punitive expedition, consisting of French Algerian troops and Moroccan Berbers in the district of Timimoun, in which the Berbers were dispersed with great loss. The French captured two French officers and twenty-three men, including four Frenchmen killed and many others wounded.

NO MOVE FOR THE PRESENT

U. S. President Will Test Senators Views Before Presenting Another Treaty.

London, March 12.—Lord Camborne, the under secretary for foreign affairs, in the House of Commons to-day, referring to Great Britain's reply to the United States Senate's amendment to the Hay-Paunefote treaty, added that the British government was not engaged in negotiations with any other power on this subject.

Washington, March 12.—No step has been taken by either side since the delivery of the British note treating with the amendments to the Hay-Paunefote treaty, and it is understood that none will be taken in the immediate future. The treaty expired on March 5, and it is stated that at this moment the United States government is undecided as to whether or not it shall attempt to draw a new treaty with Great Britain. It is said that before anything of this kind is done the administration will take steps to learn the views of the senators and the party leaders in congress. There will be no treaty submitted to the Senate except upon a pretty clear understanding that it is strong enough to secure the vote of two-thirds of the body. It is understood at the state department that the British contention submitted yesterday will not be given out for publication for the present.

Military And Naval

Motion for Inquiry Into Retirement of General Colville Defeated.

Balfour Objects to Parliament Constituting Amateur Court on the Subject.

New Warship Programme Includes Building Five Submarine Boats.

London, March 13.—In the House of Commons last evening the debate was continued on the motion introduced on Monday by Mr. Charles Douglas (Liberal), calling for inquiry regarding the retirement of Major-General Colville, by Lord Roberts for alleged inefficiency in the field.

Gen. Colville's friends contend that he has never been opposed to a competent tribunal. Those opposed to him—among them Mr. Winston Churchill—asserted that he had been improperly dealt with. Mr. Churchill exclaimed: "I shall pin my faith to Lord Roberts. A more damaging charge than that of Sanna's Post, as described by the secretary for war, was scarcely ever put forward."

Mr. Balfour, the government leader, objected to parliament constituting itself an amateur court to deal with military and strategic questions. He declared that the commander-in-chief was the only adequate and proper judge in such questions.

The motion of Mr. Douglas was rejected by a vote of 262 to 148.

The new ship-building programme provides three battleships, three armored cruisers, two third-class cruisers, ten torpedo-destroyers, five torpedo boats, two sloops of war and five submarines.

On some of these vessels work was begun in 1900. All the ships will be completed by the end of the year.

Under the heading of submarine boats, the admiralty report says: "The boats have been ordered, the first of which will be delivered next autumn. What the nature of these boats may be in naval warfare can only be a matter of conjecture."

The year arrangements will be made with nearly all the great steamship companies by which their finest vessels will be held at the disposal of the admiralty for the purpose of the service, when required. To the lines of the Oceanic and the Pacific companies, eighteen of the swiftest passenger ships of these lines will receive an annual subsidy. Thirty other steamers have been placed at the disposal of the admiralty without further subsidy.

ADMIRALTY AWARD. German Steamer Valencia Gets Eight Thousand Pounds.

London, March 12.—The admiralty court to-day awarded the German steamer Valencia, which served the Cunard liner Carthage, the services of which were rendered to the British navy, was wrecked on the Haytian coast last May.

WANIS HIS PAY. Turkish Minister at Madrid Gives the Sultan a Time Limit.

Constantinople, March 12.—The Turkish minister at Madrid, Ismet Pasha, who, on February 21, tendered his resignation to the Porte, owing to the non-payment of his salary, has been temporarily notified his government that he will leave his post unless his financial claims are settled within a week.

A NOVELTY. Electric Light Used to View Niagara Falls at Night.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., March 12.—Exposé of the General Electric Company, with a new power apparatus, tested the electric light at night. The falls were seen in a magnificent view of the falls under electric light operated by power of the falls itself. Last night's work, in spite of disadvantages and the scope to be covered, was successful and demonstrated its practicability.

SULTAN AND KHEDIVÉ. Differences Between Turkey and Egypt Not Settled.

Constantinople, March 12.—Ahmed Sheik Bey, the Khedive's secretary, who was sent here to settle the differences between the Sultan of Turkey and the Khedive of Egypt, will return to Egypt to-day. It is understood that his mission has failed. The Sultan stipulated, as a preliminary of the settlement, that his brother-in-law, Mahmud Pasha, who has sought refuge in Egypt, after his flight from Turkey last year, must be returned to Constantinople. The Khedive, however, regarded the guarantee for Mahmud's welfare as being unsatisfactory.

TURKISH COURT MARTIAL. Bulgarians Accused of Plotting Will Be Tried.

Constantinople, March 12.—The Bulgarians imprisoned in Salonica in connection with the Macedonian troubles, will be tried by a military court martial under the presidency of Gen. Turhan Pasha, specially sent from here for this purpose. Seventeen of the prisoners, including a doctor and a priest, are specifically indicted for plotting against the integrity of the empire with the object of securing the annexation to Bulgaria of the provinces of Salonica, Monastir and Uskub, or of converting them into an autonomous province. The penal code provides sentence of death or imprisonment for life for this offense.

THE PHILIPPINES. A Skirmish—Customs Returns for Month of February.

Manila, March 12.—Lieut. Watson, of the 45th volunteers infantry, while scouting near the hamlet of Bado in Camarines province, Southern Luzon, killed five insurgents and destroyed 15 of the enemy's thatched barracks.

The transport Egbert will sail for Taku, China, on March 14, to take on board freight and the remains of the United States soldiers who have died in China. From China the Egbert goes to Seattle.

The total receipts from the Philippine customs for February were \$160,000. The internal revenue for the first quarter exceeds the similar period during the Spanish regime.

CONTINENTAL ROADS. Convention of Railway Men Opens in Chicago.

Chicago, March 12.—Delegates to the annual convention of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance Workers' Association, which represents fourteen railways, with a total track of 175,000 miles in Canada, the United States and North America, are expected to arrive to-night or to-morrow. The primary object of the association is to bring about a uniform condition in the railway industry.

The opening session President J. P. Wallace delivered his annual address, in which he related the growth of the industry and the notable progress made in improving the roads by using better ballast and heavier rails.

Harrison Is Dead

Lawyer and Soldier Who Became President of the United States.

He Passes Away in His Indiana Home Quietly and Painlessly.

In Washington General Regret Is Expressed at His Death.

Indianapolis, March 13.—Gen. Benjamin Harrison died at 4:45 this afternoon without regaining consciousness. His death was quiet and painless, there being a gradual sinking until the end came, which was marked by a single gasp for breath, as life departed from the body of the great statesman. The relatives, with a few exceptions, and several of his old and tried friends, were present at the president's bedside when he passed away.

The general's condition was so bad this morning after a restless night, that the attending physician had understood that the end could not be far off, and all relatives sent out from the sick room were to this effect: "The family and friends were prepared when the final blow came. The gradual falling of the remarkable strength shown by the patient became more noticeable in the afternoon, and a few moments before the end there was an apparent break down on the part of the sufferer. The relatives and friends, who had retired from the sick room to the library below, were quickly summoned to the bedside of the general before he passed away."

News of the death spread quickly throughout the city and several of the more intimate friends at once hurried to the residence. The word was flashed from the bulletin board of newspapers and thus communicated to the people on their way home in the evening. The announcement produced the greatest sorrow. Within a few moments the flags on all public buildings were at half-mast, and business blocks were hoisted at half-mast, and other outward manifestations of mourning.

General Harrison had been unconscious for hours before his death, the exact time when he passed into a comatose state being difficult to determine. He spoke to no one to-day, failing to recognize even his wife. The greater part of Tuesday afternoon he was in a comatose condition, although he in a semi-conscious state recognized those at his bedside. He spoke to Mrs. Newcomb, and also to Mr. Miller, his clergyman, the latter, however, being very indistinct. The last words he uttered were addressed to his wife.

One of the most pathetic incidents of the funeral occurred before he became unconscious. The general's little daughter, Elizabeth, was brought into the room, and offered him a small apple, which she herself had made. Gen. Harrison smiled his recognition of the child and her gift, but the effort to speak was too much, and he could do nothing more to express his appreciation. To-day he was slowly dying man to unconsciousness, and he died without a word of regret to those who surrounded his bedside.

The funeral will take place next Sunday afternoon at 10 o'clock. The service will be held in the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Harrison was a member for nearly 60 years. Rev. Dr. M. L. Hulme, pastor of the church, will have charge of the service. The bier of Gen. Harrison will lie in state in the rotunda of the state capitol all day.

THE END NEAR. General Harrison's Death a Question of a Few Hours.

Indianapolis, March 13.—(2 a.m.)—Gen. Harrison is now lying in an unconscious condition. He is constantly being kept in a comatose state, and it is believed that his death will occur for several hours at least.

PISTOLS FOR TWO. French Duellists Must Not Make Faces at Each Other on the Field.

Paris, March 12.—The seconds of M. Anlier Buffet, in his dispute with M. Paul Deroulde, M. DeCassagnac and M. Deramel, and the seconds of M. De Villiers, met in Paris to-day and deliberated over the proposed duel, after which the following statement was issued: "Messrs. Barres and De Villiers agreed that M. Buffet is the offending party. The weapon chosen is the pistol. Two bullets will be exchanged at the word of command at 25 paces. The place, day and hour will be fixed later. The weapons, place and direction of the duel will be drawn for by lot. The undersigned undertake to call the attention of the principals to the invariable rule of the duel, which is that a gesture or a word being exchanged on the field between the combatants. The statement was signed by the four seconds."

LIVELY LEGISLATURE. Hawaii's New Senate Row Over Statehood.

Honolulu, March 5, via San Francisco, March 12.—In the Senate to-day Gen. Brown, senator from Honolulu, called for a vote on a motion to table the resolution asking congress to grant Hawaii statehood. When the votes were counted it was found that President Russell had voted in favor of the resolution, while the majority of the Senate voted against it. Brown accused the President of acting in an arbitrary manner and refused to surrender the floor, and the sergeant-at-arms was introduced to arrest him. The men would have come to blows had not a motion to adjourn prevailed.

Salisbury And Trade

Does Not See Necessity of a "Despondent Feeling in Britain."

He Recommends Study of Living Languages Before the Dead Ones.

And Believes Parliament Meddles Too Much in Matters of Commerce.

London, March 13.—Lord Salisbury, speaking this afternoon at the banquet of the Association of Chambers of Commerce, after alluding to the many of parties during the months of the struggle from which England is suffering with her strength unimpaired, referred to trade questions. "I do not find," said the Premier, "that the spectre of Germany has affected our commercial world, although a despondent feeling exists which is due rather to the necessity for printing issues rather than any real foundation in fact. Still, there is a note of discouragement in a certain portion of public opinion and the public press."

"This is perhaps the national pessimism which attends to great success, but I trust we shall give our whole attention to meeting any dangers that might be pressing upon us."

After recommending a more general study of foreign languages, and asserting that Englishmen ought to know French and German and possibly Spanish, before thinking of learning Greek, Latin and Hebrew, he said that education should be of utility. "I do not largely believe in the decadence of British commerce, but if it is true it is due to parliament, which meddles too much!"

NEGRO BURNED

Texas Mob Carries on Lynching Without Slightest Interference by Law.

The Court House Square in Corsicana Used for the Purpose.

Corsicana, Texas, March 13.—John Henderson (colored), who assaulted and murdered Mrs. Younger, a farmer's wife, living just outside this city, several days ago, was burned to death in the court house square here to-day. The mob, which had gathered in the square, was dispersed by the police, and Henderson was captured by the sheriff, and taken to the jail. He was burned to death in the court house square here to-day. The mob, which had gathered in the square, was dispersed by the police, and Henderson was captured by the sheriff, and taken to the jail. He was burned to death in the court house square here to-day.

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