

# Just Sparring To Gain Time

## Little Progress Made in Settling the Chinese Trouble.

### Women Behave Bravely in Face of Awful Peril at the Pekin Siege—Many Missionaries Reported Missing Have Been Massacred.

London, Saturday, Oct. 6.—4:10 a.m.—It is reported in St. Petersburg, according to the correspondent of the Times at the Russian capital, that the Chinese fleet in Formosa Strait attempted to engage the Russian armored cruiser Rurik, but the latter's speed frustrated the plan. The correspondent says it is probable that the allied squadrons will force the Chinese fleet to capitulate or will destroy it.

#### SPARRING TO GAIN TIME.

Shanghai telegrams announce that the imperial edict, dated Sept. 30, ordering the court to be removed to Si Chuan Fu, was issued owing to the famine at Tai Yuan Fu. They also express the opinion that the object of the recent edicts regarding the degradation of Chinese personages of high rank is merely to gain time, and to enable China to be in a better position to defy the powers as the new capital will be virtually inaccessible from the coast. He says that the Chinese firmly believe in the existence of a Russo-German agreement, under which Russia will take all the territory north of the great wall and Germany the provinces of Chi Li and Shang Tung. The Times representative at Shanghai says he is believed here that highly inflammatory edicts are being issued secretly, and that the recent public edicts are only intended to hoodwink the powers.

#### THE FRENCH PROPOSALS.

Paris, Oct. 5.—The following official note was issued this afternoon: "The foreign minister has instructed the representatives of France to sound the powers whose troops are co-operating with ours in the extreme east regarding the adoption of a common program for the first expedition with China. Our representatives acquitted themselves of this mission and left with the various foreign ministers a copy of the following note:

"In sending their forces to China the powers proposed, first, to deliver their legations. Thanks to their union and the valor of their troops, this aim has been attained. It is now a question of securing from the Chinese Government, which has given Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang full powers to negotiate and treat in its name, suitable reparation for the past and serious guarantee for the future. Penetrated with the spirit which inspired the previous declarations of the different governments, the government of the republic believes it sums their real sentiments in the following points which it submits as a basis for negotiations, to be entered upon immediately after the usual verifications of the powers.

"First—The punishment of the principal culprits, who will be designated by the representatives of the powers in Pekin.

"Second—The maintenance of the prohibition of the import of arms.

"Third—Equivalent indemnities to states, societies and individuals.

"Fourth—The formation of a permanent guard for the Pekin legations.

"Fifth—The dismantlement of the fortifications.

"Sixth—Military occupation of two or three points on the road from Tien Tsin to Pekin from the sea.

"Presented collectively to the representatives of the powers, supported by the presence of the international troops, it appears impossible to the government of the republic that these conditions, which are so legitimate, would not be accepted by the Chinese government at an early date.

#### TRAGIC SCENES AT PEKIN'S SIEGE.

New York, Oct. 6.—The New York Times has received a communication from Rev. Dr. Wm. Alexander Parsons Martin, the aged president of the New Imperial University of Pekin, reciting the story of the attack and fall of Pekin as he saw it. Dr. Martin says:

"The rescue was the work of Christendom, aided by Japan, which deserves to be admitted into that honored brotherhood.

"The first visible sign of our great danger was the burning of churches, missions and legations in exposed places. On the day after our flight they set fire to two imperial buildings adjoining the British legation, believing that the flames would overtake the wall, and so they would have done had

not our people repelled them by tearing down outlying structures and by pouring on floods of water. So imminent was our peril that even women and children passed buckets from hand to hand.

#### BRAVERY OF THE WOMEN.

"Not only were our men at their post of danger night and day, but the women were equally diligent and equally brave. They made sandbags in great numbers (over 10,000), using curtains of silk and satin, as well as other costly materials.

#### BEGGED TO BE SHOT.

"The cheerfulness of our women did much to encourage the men. All knew that the enemy would give no quarter and that women falling into their hands would suffer a fate worse than death. Young women requested their friends in that event to shoot them; and a mother of six resolved to shoot her children and then to kill herself. During an attack one woman broke down and went into hysterics and another went mad. There were solitary instances of weakness. In general calmness and even hilarity prevailed.

"Our provisions were running low when our troops approached. Horses and mules had been eaten, and dog meat was threatened. On Monday, Aug. 13, a soldier waked us up to listen to the machine guns of our deliverers. No music could be so charming. Women fell on each other's necks and wept for joy."

#### 56 MISSIONARIES MASSACRED.

London, Oct. 5.—A Shanghai dispatch to the Times says it is reported on good authority that 56 missionaries in North Shensi, who have hitherto been reported as missing, have all been massacred.

#### ADMIRAL SEYMOUR COMPLI- MENTED.

The Gazette this evening, in publishing Vice-Admiral Seymour's report of the first Pekin relief expedition, as dated Sept. 6, and Rear Admiral Bruce's report of the taking of the Taku forts, June 17, gives a letter from the lords of the admiralty, warmly complimenting Admiral Seymour on his tact and judgment in directing a force composed of so many nationalities, and adds that Lord Salisbury entirely concurs in the expressions of approval.

#### RUSSIA'S COURSE.

Berlin, Oct. 5.—The following dispatch from St. Petersburg has been semi-officially issued here: "The Russian Government assents to the proposals in Count Von Buelow's note of Oct. 1, and the Russian minister at Pekin, has been instructed in that sense."

#### A BOY'S GRAVEY.

London, Oct. 5.—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily News tells a peculiar incident of the German-Japanese expedition to Selyung. The advance guard of the expedition saw a Boxer who was partly concealed by a mound of earth, persistently waving a red flag. The fire of the troops was concentrated on this spot, and presently the flag went down. On arriving at the mound the troops found the body of a Chinese boy. He was hardly ten years of age, was dressed in a new Boxer uniform and wore a toy sword. He had fallen dead upon the flag which he had waved. The correspondent describes this as a "remarkable evidence of the shocking fanaticism of the Boxers."

#### BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The British Government has authorized Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister at Pekin, to enter into relations with the Chinese officials. It has left its minister discretionary power to pass upon the sufficiency of the credentials of Li Hung Chang, Prince Ching and other Chinese envoys.

Although the formal response to the last German proposition had not been returned by Lord Salisbury, the United States Government has been informed that Sir Claude MacDonald will be instructed to make inquiries relative to the punishment of the Chinese ringleaders that have been committed to Mr. Conger.

The latest French note is a distinct movement towards the initiation of negotiations for a settlement, while this question of punishment is still pending.

#### How Are Your Nerves?

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## FROM HON. MILLS

### The Minister of Justice Objects to the Signing of Pledges by Parlia- mentary Candidates.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—About 30 delegates, representing local labor unions, were in attendance at the meeting of the People's party, held in Richmond Hall, last evening. President James Wilson occupied the chair, and in a few remarks explained that the chief business of the meeting was to form the delegates into a campaign committee. Short addresses were then made by the candidates, Messrs. Hugh Stevenson and Dr. H. G. Hargrave.

During the meeting the following letter from the Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, was read by Dr. Hargrave: "I have your letter of the 24th ult., in which you quote a declaration of the People's party, which their candidate is called upon to sign. In reply to your communication I beg to say that I am not aware that there is anything illegal in signing such an enunciation, although the principle it affirms is greatly at variance with the principle of parliamentary government. I think it would be greatly to the advantage of this country that the spirit and principles of the English parliamentary system should be adhered to. I am perfectly sure that the moral stamina of electors of the country would be strengthened, and that our system of government would be made pure if this were done. I cannot see a more important instrument in the hands of any body of men without destroying a proper sense of responsibility, and if he be a man of moral courage he will occasionally come to where the road parts, and where he must choose between disregarding the improper engagement into which he has entered or disregarding what he feels to be his duty to the country."

No representative ought to put himself in that position. Our system of parliamentary government is one most consistent with the judgment and moral sense of man that has yet been devised, and all such pledges as are made by candidates are a fundamental principle of the People's party are at variance with it. The government of which Lord Howick was a member declined to give to the king a pledge that they would not at some future time recommend Catholic emancipation, as they declined to bind themselves not to give that advice which, if they thought it best, their oath of office required they should give. No representative ought to bind himself not to do that which the highest public interest might require at his hands. I have gone further than your inquiry called for, but we have had of late years a number of parties coming into existence, whose principles are at variance with our system of government. The Patrons of Industry adopted a platform well enough suited to the constitutional system of the United States Government, but it was wholly at variance with the English constitutional system, and party platforms that originate in the same way are not free from danger. They become disturbing factors for the time being, prevent a free expression of public opinion upon those questions which emanate from the life of the state, and with which it is the special duty of parliament to deal."

At the conclusion of the meeting the committee held a private session.

## SAVED THEIR BOY

### HE HAD BEEN WEAK AND AIL- ING FROM INFANCY.

As He Grew Older His Trouble Seemed  
to Increase and His Parents Thought  
him Doomed to an Invalid's Life—  
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Him  
When Hope Had Almost Departed.

[From the Post, Toronto, Ont.] Mr. James Dabaud and wife are two of the best known residents of the town of Thorold, where they have passed many years. In their family they have a little son, who, although but 10 years of age, has experienced much of the same trouble which has plagued his father. He has been a large circle of friends to sympathize with his bereaved wife and family.

Harry Davey, of the St. Marys Argus, was married on Wednesday to Miss Davis, Mitchell, Ont. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Rev. B. Davey, of Waterford. Probably the oldest resident of North Easthope died at the home of Mr. Caspar Berdeaux, Nithburg, on Tuesday, in the person of Jas. McDermid. The deceased had reached the advanced age of about 93 years.

A quiet wedding took place in Essex recently, the contracting parties being Joseph Mansell, M. C. R. agent at McGregor, and Miss Carrie Paul, daughter of H. B. Paul, of Windsor, but until recently a resident of Essex.

There is not a criminal case on the docket of the assize court that opens at Sandwich next Monday before Justice Richard Meredith, and for the first time in years Sheriff Hill will precede the justice with a pair of white gloves.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Murray to Mr. John D. McKenzie, both of Woodstock, was celebrated at Buffalo on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. M. MacLeod, in Oakland Place. Mr. Philip M. MacLeod, of London, gave the bride away.

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Charles John Kingstone died in Toronto Monday evening of heart failure. He was a resident of Elkhart, Warwick township, Lambton county, from 1854 until recently, when he went to Toronto to reside with his brother, Mr. F. W. Kingstone. Deceased was 63 years old.

The Windsor Review notes that a lady in Colchester township has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband's name was Robbins, the second Sparrow, and the third Qualls. There are five children, two young Hobbins, one Sparrow and two Qualls.

While walking in the country about a half mile west of Ridgeway on Tuesday night, a man named Jackson was suddenly set upon by three men, who demanded his money or his life. One of the men struck Jackson in the face, and the two grappled; but Jackson being no match for the three men gave up his money, which, fortunately, amounted to but a trifle.

The 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Warnock was celebrated at their residence in Galt on Wednesday. Among those present with their families were Mr. Wm. Hespeler, M.P.P., Winnipeg, and Mr. Jos. E. Seagram, M.P., Waterloo.

Air and Mrs. Warnock have been residents of Galt all their lives and are held in the very highest esteem.

One of the prettiest weddings ever held in Aylmer occurred Wednesday at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Clark, being the marriage of their daughter, Nettie E., to Mr. W. Harold Barnum, B.A., of Dutton. Rev. Geo. Cross officiated, while the bridesmaid and the groomsmen were Miss Nellie

## THEORIES ABOUT CATARRH.

### Peculiar Ideas Regarding a Common Disease.

Mark Twain's cure for a cold in the head was simple, but he claims very effective in his own case. He went to eat nothing whatever for twenty-four hours, or presumably until the trouble had disappeared.

Although not able to speak from personal experience as to the effectiveness of this treatment, it certainly has the merit of extreme economy, but it occurs to us that the application of it to a case of nasal catarrh might be attended with difficulties.

Catarrh, as everyone knows, is a chronic cold in the head and Mr. Twain's treatment, if it should become a fad, would make of us a nation of fasters, an army, emulating the example of the immortal Tanner, who achieved world-wide fame by fasting forty days.

Catarrh is certainly becoming a national disease, and there is little doubt but that errors in diet, particularly over-eating, is a very common cause.

Most people, however, are more interested in the cure of the trouble than in the cause, and modern medical science has produced more effective and less heroic remedies than Mr. Twain's. Guaiacol is a new remedy, very effective in some forms of catarrh. Eucalyptol is another, which on account of its antiseptic properties, is very valuable, while many severe cases of chronic catarrh have been entirely cured by the sanguinaria, or extract of blood root alone.

Within a year an enterprising chemist has combined all of these remedies in tablet form, in a palatable and convenient, and the superiority of this tablet over other catarrh remedies is so apparent that all druggists now carry them in stock to supply the popular demand.

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## Western Ontario.

The customs collections at the Windsor office for September total \$20,479.

The population of Brantford has increased by 99, being now given as 16,311.

Rev. J. M. Millar has sent in his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll.

Mrs. White, wife of Charles White, manager of the Imperial Bank, Ingersoll, died suddenly Wednesday.

Lieutenant Duncan Campbell, a Canadian officer in the imperial army, who had acquired a high credit, is a Simcoe boy.

Typhoid fever has become alarmingly prevalent in Windsor. There are said to be nearly 100 cases in the city, and new ones are developing daily.

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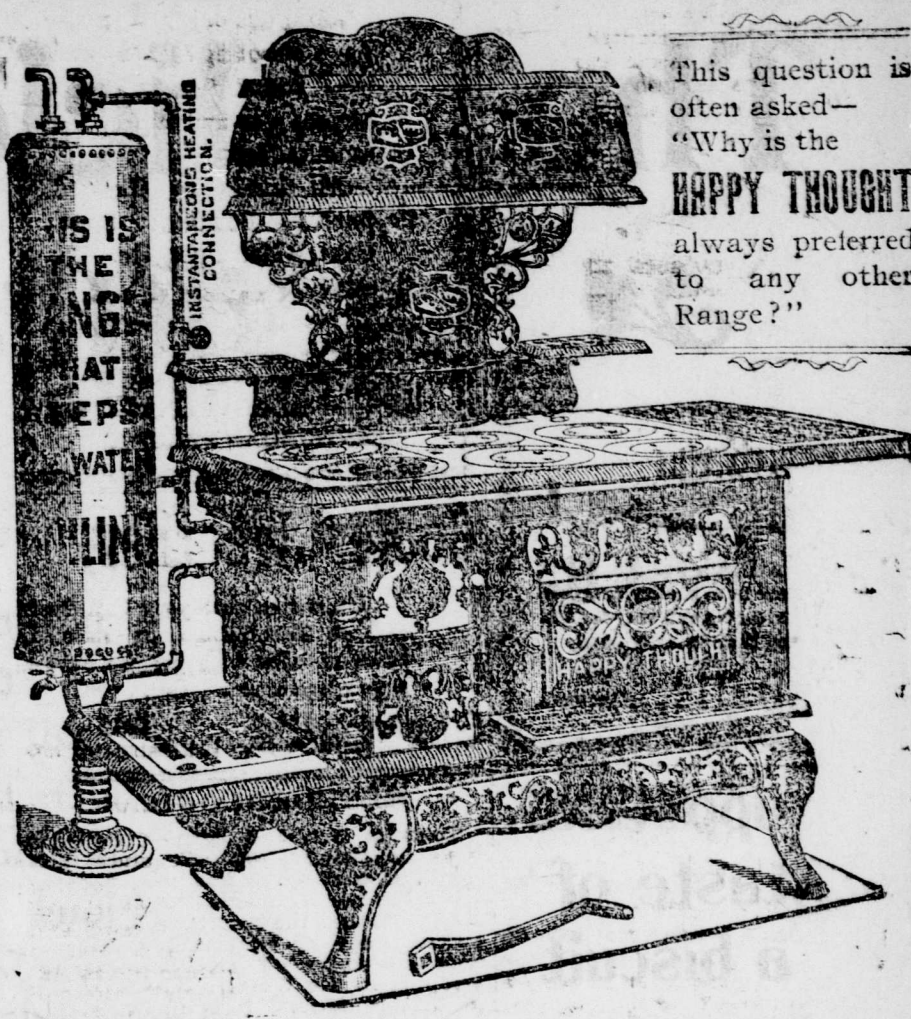
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Mrs. Mary Burwell, wife of Mr. Thomas Burwell, Fingal, died on Monday, aged 71 years. Besides her husband she leaves one son, John, of Fingal, and five daughters—Mrs. Duncan McTavish, Dunwich; Mrs. John McTavish, Southwood; Mrs. Nersworthy, Chicago; Miss Louisa, London; Miss Emma, at home. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

After lying unconscious for over two months, Mrs. Isabel Garner died at Chatham Thursday, the result of paralysis. Deceased was a prominent worker in charitable institutions in the city. Her husband was the original owner of the Garner House block.

Chatham's leading hostelry and business block. Mrs. Garner was credited with being Chatham's leading philanthropist and most wealthy citizen.

The death occurred on Monday evening at his residence, St. Thomas, of John McKellar, teamster. In the 33rd year of his age. Death was due to congestion of the brain, caused by sunstroke. Deceased leaves a widow and two children. He also leaves four brothers and one sister—Alex., Washington; Elmer, Manitoba; Walker, Belmont; Nicol, Dakota; and Miss Effie, Belmont. Deceased was born in Westminster, and had resided in St. Thomas twenty years.

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