

News of the Far East

How Hongkong Came to the Front When Volunteers Were Wanted.

Many Offered Their Services at Manila—'Li' on the Philippines.

According to news received by the San Francisco last evening Hongkong also came to the front when the volunteers were wanted to fight for her. About fifty of the Hongkong volunteers signed a circular offering their services to go to the Transvaal. The offer was, however, not accepted by the London war office. The China Mail says: "Nearly all of the staff of one large firm have signed the circular, but it is not reasonable to suppose that firm is so."

Struck With the War Fever that they are willing to stop business for any length of time. Others have volunteered in the expectation that on their return to the colony they will be able to resume their old duties in the office. It would appear, however, that the patriotism of several prominent residents is of a very substantial character, for these gentlemen have agreed, in the event of the colonial government refusing to deplete the defences of the colony to supply the detachment with guns and equipment, and also to contribute a large share, if not the whole, of the cost of the enterprise."

A large number also offered their services at Manila. A Japanese paper referring to this says: "It has been estimated that there are at least 2,000 British subjects (not naturalized Americans) now serving in the army of occupation in the Philippines. Some have been in the British army, navy, Cape mounted police, and other organizations of a similar kind. It is satisfactory to know that up to the present all have given general satisfaction, a very small percentage having been court-martialed for any serious offences. Several of them are known to have 'jumped' the British service, but as to whether they had gained or thought they had gained, anything by the change it was impossible to ascertain."

Li Hung Chang in an interview given to an American correspondent at Peking on the Philippine question, blamed the States severely for leaving their traditional policy, asserting the officer that had Grant lived, the country would never have entered upon a policy that he (Li) prophesied would be

Disastrous to the States. When asked if China would object to America enlisting several regiments of Chinese mercenaries to fight the Philippines, Li replied China would not object if they were enlisted in the Philippines and with the knowledge and consent of the Chinese consul there. But, he said in conclusion: "You had much better sell them (the Isles) to Japan for the sum you paid Spain for them, and then clear off home and attend to your own business." He suggested if that course was not pursued, the next best plan was to buy Aguinaldo out.

News is given of A Strange Feud now being carried on at Huang-jen. It is a case of missionary against missionary, Roman Catholic vs. Protestant. A letter to the Shanghai Mercury by the Protestant missionary there tells the story of the trouble as follows: "Just after the Tongsan-deo riot of a few days back when the Romanists broke into and pillaged our chapel and members' houses, they had two boat loads of hired armed men waiting for Hammond and I, but it so happened that when we returned to the mission we went by another way, unobserved under the guidance of the local, and outwitted those who laid in wait for us."

Ing Vanteh, the proscribed teacher, was betrayed by two notorious bandits to those place he had been decoyed. They will get the \$1,000 owed for his head, but if they do not clear out of this district, their lives will not be worth a cash. He was taken to Haimen to the Yamen of the Ch'ientai, where he was well treated. Large numbers of people, many carrying incense, went to the Ch'ientai with petitions, and he fearing a disturbance, went together with the prefect of T'iehchei outside the town wall to receive them.

The people went down on their knees to plead for the imprisoned teacher, when someone shouted "Don't go to the prefect; he is a Roman Catholic," and immediately they turned to the Ch'ientai. One one Sin-sang offered himself and his sons to bear the punishment of Ing Vanteh and his sons. After the gathering dispersed, and the wooden bridges around Maimen were broken down to prevent any attack on the place, and the Ch'ientai placed Ing Vanteh, his sons and his brother on a gunboat off Haimen for safety.

Notwithstanding the petitions, however, the people of Haimen were awakened three days later by the sound of firearms and found that Ing Vanteh and his brother Ing Vanling had been executed. They had been beheaded. Their heads were taken to the gate near the mission and fixed up on poles. The people were greatly excited and the prefect and the Huang-jen magistrate who are with the Romanists are deeply hated. The magistrate fears assassination should he leave the city.

On the afternoon of the day of the execution, a Chinese gunboat, the Chaowen, arrived to take the already dead prisoners to Hangchow for trial.

ONE HONEST MAN.

Men who are weak, nervous and debilitated from any cause will find it to their advantage to write to Mr. D. Graham, No. 437 1/2 Richmond St., London, Ont. Mr. Graham has nothing to sell, but has something to say which is worth knowing.

Japanese vs. Russia

News of Rumors of War Between Two Powers in the Far East.

A Strange Incident Which Recently Occurred at Port Arthur.

Steamer Saint Irene which arrived last evening from Yokohama brought news that when she left great excitement prevailed in the Orient because of the fast recurring rumors of war between Japan and Russia. The North China Daily News, copies of which were received by the steamer, says: "So greatly excited were the Chinese of the north by rumors of an impending war between Russia and Japan that many merchants, both Chinese and Japanese, who are doing business in Newchang, Port Arthur and Chefoo, have sent their families to Shanghai and elsewhere in the south for safety."

A Tientsin mandarin visiting Hongkong gives the following story of an incident which occurred at Port Arthur while he was in the north. Two Japanese cruisers were in the Gulf of Pechili and at one time appeared before Port Arthur. As the cruisers had the appearance of intending to steam inside the port, the Russian officer at the outer signal station hoisted a signal implying that the port was closed to foreign ships of war. The Japanese officer in command, however, pretended not to understand the Russian signal and steamed straight for the harbor. At a point nearly half way inside, and surrounded on all sides by forts, the Japanese leading cruiser was met by a steam launch with a Russian official, who boarded the vessel and verbally communicated the intelligence which had been indicated by the signal outside the harbor, and at the same time warned the Japanese captain that further penetration into the harbor would be resisted. To emphasize the declaration a commotion was observed by those on board in the land forts, and soon it was seen that menacing preparations were being made. Russian warships inside the basin were also observed to be hastily getting up steam, and altogether matters looked decidedly unpleasant. The Japanese captain then simply hove to and his Russian visitor, the cruisers retired, and an incident from which a war might have started, ended in peace. All of the officers of the Saint Irene are a suit on the fact that war between the two far eastern powers


Cannot Be Long Deferred. It has been coming for years. Without a shadow of doubt had Japan been stronger at sea she would have fought Russia in 1895 or 1896. Russia has deliberately placed herself across the path of Japan. She has placed a limit of "thus far shalt thou go and no further" on the rising power of the eastern seas, the limit being insular. The attempt to overrun Korea seems to have been the last straw, and the day is not considered to be far distant when Japan will cross swords with her Muscovite foe. The time is now, she has her navy ready and the trans-Siberian railway is not complete. The Japanese navy to-day is second only to that of Great Britain. With well over a hundred vessels, some of them without superiors in their class, she has formidable sea strength, and at a short notice she could raise an army of 300,000 to follow up what blows she struck with her navy.

The Bone of Contention just now seems to be Masanpo, between Fusan and Tashima, and a very important place from a strategic point of view. Russia wants it badly for it would furnish a very convenient naval base connecting Vladivostok and Port Arthur. Some months ago Russia proposed to buy some portions of the land there from the natives, and has been carrying on negotiations with the Korean government. In the meantime, however, some Japanese succeeded in obtaining the land. Russia was disappointed and sent a protest to the Korean government against allowing the natives to sell it to the Japanese. But they obtained it in a fair and legal manner and the Korean government was entirely free from any blame whatever concerning the transaction. It therefore replied to the Russian protest, stating the course of the matter. Russia, however, was not satisfied with this reply, and, on the 4th inst., her representative in Seoul, acting on instructions from her own government, sent a further protest to the Korean government.

The Yordun, a leading Japanese paper, referring to the matter, says: "It remains to be seen what reply the Korean government will give to this communication, which almost amounts to an ultimatum. There are reasons to doubt if Japan has not been secretly backing Korea against Russia in this affair. Unless backed by some strong power—and that power can be but Japan—the weak and vacillating government in Seoul would never have taken so definite and firm an attitude as it has, when it received the letter of protest from the great northern power. Will Japan again back Korea against Russia's new and threatening protest? The question will shortly be solved and will show how far Japan is determined to support Korea against the Russian advance."

If Korea gives in to the Russian demand, that means that Japan does not like to come into conflict with Russia, at least for the present. On the contrary, if she dares to reject it, that is the same as declaring that she can rely upon help from Japan in this matter. Which course will she adopt? It is evident that our government is very much concerned about the affair."

In the opinion of the Japanese press it is the Friendliness of Great Britain and Japan that has kept Russia from encroaching in Korea and threatening conflict with Japan, but now that Britain is engaged elsewhere, it seems that



Autumn Medicine.

Change of season often affects the health more or less perceptibly. Prudent people take "Spring" medicine—but Autumn medicine is just as needful. The effect of the hot summer weather on the blood makes itself felt, now that the weather is changing; you feel bilious, dyspeptic and tired; there may be pimples or an eruption on the skin; the damp weather brings little twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia, that give warning of the winter that is coming. If you want to be brisk and strong for the winter, it is **NOW** that you should build up the blood and give the nerves a little tonic.

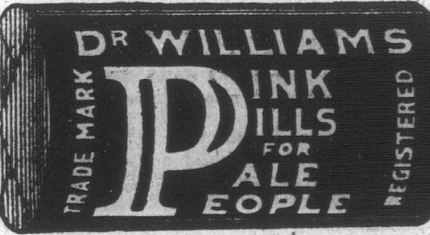
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Following is the statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the patriotic concert given in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening in aid of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the war-stricken orphans of the men engaged in the South African campaign:

To admission fees and collections at the Drill Hall	£493 6s
By Colonel P. & P. Co., actual cost of programmes, tickets and advertisements for street cars	11 00
Expresses on flowers from Inver-tawish Nursery and return	1 00
Exchange for £100 sterling remitted through the Bank of B. C. to London	481 80
Total	£493 6s

Since the concert several small subscriptions have been received, and the committee will continue the work of adding thereto, an account having been opened in the Bank of B. C. Mr. Ridgeway Wilson is chairman of the committee, and Mr. T. E. Pooley secretary.

Mr. George Gillespie, manager of the Bank of B. C., addressed the following letter to the committee yesterday, which is self-explanatory:

"In respect of £481.80 received from you to-day we have cabled our London office to pay, as its equivalent, the sum of £100 stg. to the treasurer of the Mansion House South African Fund for soldiers' widows and orphans as a contribution from the citizens of Victoria, B. C."

Manager Christie, of the C.P.R. Telegraphs, and Mr. Hosmer, general manager kindly gave the committee free transmission of instructions to London, and to them, and to Mr. Gillespie, the committee extend their thanks. They also wish

to thank Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. for the loan of a piano; Mr. Thomas Alexander for conveying the piano to and from the Drill Hall; Messrs. Whitelaw, Richdale, Spurrier and Cave for their services at the door of the hall, and Sergeant-Major Mulcahey and Messrs. Clark, Winsky and Ireland for their assistance in the work of decoration, and also all those who kindly offered their services in any capacity in which they could be utilized.

Yielding to many requests received it has been decided to give another entertainment along similar lines, the feeling being general that an evening favored with finer and clearer weather would have resulted in the receipts being very much increased, and it being altogether likely that under such conditions a second concert would be even more successful than Thursday's. As Mrs. Tomkinson, whose services are well nigh indispensable, is leaving for Southern California early next month, the second concert will probably be held at an earlier date than was first thought of. When the date is decided upon the amplest publicity will be given.

CHARITY BALL
In Aid of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

The arrangements for the annual ball in aid of the Royal Jubilee hospital are now complete. The ball will take place on Tuesday next, November 16th, at 8.30 p.m., and is under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Melanes, Rear-Admiral Beaumont, commander-in-chief of the Pacific station, and Mrs. Beaumont, and His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Redfern.

The decorations are in charge of members of the Women's Auxiliary Society and are becoming most effectively carried out. Contributions of flowers and loans of palms and pot plants will be gratefully received on Wednesday next. The band of H. M. S. Warspite has been graciously lent for the occasion by the admiral. There will be a reception committee of ladies, where the army, navy and city will be well represented, and of gentlemen, under the management of the president and board of directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital.

The supper is in the hands of a number of ladies, who have banded together to attend to it in full detail. The women of this society feel that, as the ball is given in aid of their work, it behooves them to leave no stone unturned that they can dignify by personal effort in any hands but their own.

All contributions for the supper may

be sent to the Assembly rooms at the View street entrance on Thursday, as early as convenient. Tickets may be obtained at Hibben's, Redfern's, Challoner & Mitchell's and the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., and all those possessing tickets are particularly requested to present them at the door.

On Friday there will be held a Cinderella for children and young people at the Assembly rooms, from 6 to 12 p.m. Fancy dress for the little ones is optional, and will greatly add to the beauty of the scene. Entrance, adults and single children, 50 cents; two in a family, with mother or chaperone, \$1 inclusive.

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DOMINION FINANCES.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Nov. 10.—Financial returns made up by the department of finance for four months ending Oct. 31st last, shows an increase in revenue on ordinary account of \$1,202,000 over the same period of last year. The expenditure for the same period shows an increase of \$658,213, making a betterment of over half a million dollars. For the month of October the increase in revenue was over one million. On the capital account there was a decrease in expenditure of nearly two million dollars.

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