

CHINESE DEMORALIZATION.

Li Hung Chang's Movements Hampered—Soldiers Utterly Without Supplies—A Terrible Tale.

Large Body of Japanese Troops Landed—Bloody Scenes on the "Chen Yuen."

LONDON, Oct. 1.—A Shanghai dispatch says the appointment of Prince Kung, the emperor's uncle, and the presidents of the foreign boards of admiralty as co-directors with Li Hung Chang in the conduct of affairs, is looked upon in the nature of a coup d'état. The victory is certain to be hampered in his conduct of operations against the Japanese. The imperial council is disorganized, and the corruption which has prevailed in the commissary department for years has left the troops with no suitable clothing and a scanty supply of food, cannon, rifles, and other munitions of war. The immense camp between Tientsin and Taku is filled with raw levies of troops who are without arms and in many cases without sufficient clothing to cover them. Disorder in the camp is rampant. Excursions take place daily, the lawless conduct of the law being punishable by the loss of the offender's head.

Bung Kwei, the emperor's father-in-law, has started for Shan Hai Kwang, on the road to Peking with five thousand picked Manchurian soldiers. The emperor's better defence of Peking are being urged. Twenty-five thousand troops are being massed at Tung Chow near Peking. No Chinese soldiers are now in Korea, all of them being concentrated in the vicinity of Mong Tan and Hung Chang. It is reported that Tao Tai Chen has been found to be implicated in furnishing information regarding Chinese movements to the Japanese authorities.

A dispatch from Shanghai says the Japanese have occupied Wai without opposition on the part of the Japanese troops. European residents of China are taking refuge in the treaty ports under protection of the warships of their respective nations. A large number of Chinese merchants are also seeking safety in flight and in many cases men of large means have been plundered of every vestige of property they possessed. Most of these have also made their way to the treaty ports. The troops stationed at Canton have been ordered to Formosa.

The Pall Mall Gazette publishes a dispatch from Shanghai stating that the Japanese troops are reported to be rapidly nearing Moukden. A Chee Foo dispatch dated today says: "Japanese troops are sighted here daily, and an invasion is hourly expected. It is reported an uprising has occurred in the province of Chai Lung." The Daily News prints a dispatch under a Vienna date stating that the Chinese government is removing its Manchurian troops and treasures stored there and taking them to Jehol whither the Emperor Yin Jue fled in 1860 because of his being pursued by the English and French armies.

A British naval squadron, attached to the Chinese naval squadron which was engaged in the fight off the Yalu river has written to the Graphic. In this letter the writer gives a detailed account of the fighting and says: "On board the warship Chen Yuen the fighting was fearful. The decks and the space around the guns were strewn with human fragments and three out of five men working a four ton gun were blown up by a shell from the Japanese warship Naniwa. The Chen Yuen arrived at Wei-Hai-Wei the day after the fight in a damaged condition in which she left the battle. No attempt had been made to wash the blood from her or to remove the corpses which strewed her decks." The writer expresses the opinion that if the European powers could have seen the decks of the Chen Yuen they would have foreseen war hereafter and forever.

The Times will print a dispatch from Shanghai to-morrow stating that a report is in circulation there that 35,000 Japanese troops have been landed on the Shan Tung coast between the Yellow river and Tientsin. Sir Halliday MacArtney, secretary of the Chinese legation, has written a letter to the Times in which he declares that the reports of the battle between the Chinese and Japanese at Ping Yang are not as yet confirmed. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—A private letter just received from Mrs. Dearborn, widow of Captain Dearborn for years one of the Pacific Mail's passengers gives a vivid picture of the troubled state of affairs in China. Mrs. Dearborn has resided in China for many years with her daughter, the wife of an attaché of the British customs service. Since the war with Japan began the native residents of Chinese cities have apparently been filled with an especial animosity toward foreigners and it is unsafe for them to go about unattended, while when they have native attendants, they are called all sorts of names in Chinese, and are not infrequently insulted and even stoned. Hordes of half barbarians are crowding the city from all sides and the authorities seem to exert no restraint to protect foreign residents. It is expected that the various foreign legations would soon take steps of self defence and blue jackets stationed at Peking. Great anxiety is expressed as to what may happen should the Japanese begin an advance on the Chinese capital.

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THE COAL TRADE.

NANAIMO, Oct. 1.—(Special)—Misleading reports have been sent out with regard to the striking of another seam of coal in the Protection Island main slope. As a matter of fact nothing of the sort has occurred. The truth is that in driving the slope a "fault" was encountered, that has been worked through and the original seam again reached. It has also been stated that there is a probability of another shaft being sunk at what is known as "Jenny's point" to connect with this seam. This statement is also incorrect. False reports of this kind are productive of more harm than good. It is very satisfactory that such good progress is being made with the Protection Island mine and it is hoped that before long it will be again in full operation. At present three sailing vessels are in for coal cargoes, and three more are on the way up from San Francisco. The s.s. Crown of England will also be up again within a few days. The steamer Montserrat, too, is expected by the end of the week. She has been tied up for a long time and the fact that she has again been chartered is a good sign. Since the reduction of the tariff special efforts have been put forth in the direction of securing a market for Nanaimo coal on the Sound. The s.s. Rapid Transit took over a small cargo to Seattle last week, and agents of the N.V.C. Co. are doing their utmost to push sales. With the assistance of the N.V.C. Co. in San Francisco and the possibility of obtaining new markets on the Sound, the prospects for busier times during the next few months is good.

A company of artillery is being formed in this city.

NEW WESTMINSTER ITEMS.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 1.—(Special)—Jimmy, the Lillico Indian, who was struck over the head with the butt of a gun and dangerously injured on Monday, September 3, by Henry Godfrey, a Pitt River Indian, is reported to be dying. The hammer of the gun pierced Jimmy's skull, and though it was thought at the time the injured man would pull through it now appears his recovery is hopeless.

Steamer Tropic arrived from Tacoma yesterday morning and loaded 80,000 cases of canned salmon for shipment East over the Northern Pacific.

E. B. Eddy, of Hall, Quebec, well known as one of the largest manufacturers, arrived in the city today accompanied by Mrs. Eddy. They are guests of J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P.

The Indians say the crop of cranberries is under the average this year, and reports from other parts of the coast indicate that a similar shortage exists. Last year the crop was heavy and dealers who bought at the usual price lost money.

Steamer Rainbow arrived in port last evening and left for the west coast of Vancouver Island this morning with live stock, the implements and household goods of a Cloverdale rancher who is moving to that section.

The catch of coho salmon last night was very uneven. While some of the boats got from 60 to 70 fish others came in with less than a dozen. The result of the night's fishing was much smaller than had been anticipated.

NANAIMO FIRE.

NANAIMO, Oct. 1.—(Special)—Friday morning's fire, serious as it was, promises to be not entirely an ill-wind. It has strongly emphasized the fact that steps of a practical nature must be taken at once to guard against future outbreaks, and to secure efficient means to cope with fires when they do occur. The fire, which broke out at 10:30 a.m. in a small building on the waterfront, was limited by law and was not a great loss. It is also fairly certain that active measures will be taken to improve the water supply and, possibly, a move will be made in the direction of obtaining the services of a skilled fireman to superintend and instruct the volunteer brigades, the members of which are to a man capable of doing good work if properly directed. The theory that an incendiary was at the bottom of Friday morning's fire has greater credence now that the fire has been extinguished. The poor Patrick Magee was not responsible for the outbreak. One of the inmates of the Royal hotel at the time the fire broke out passed Magee's room twice and is positive that no fire was there. The least sign of smoke or flames was not seen until the fire spread to the next building. The fire spread also tends to show that it was the work of design and not an accidental occurrence. The inquest into the death of Magee, which will be continued this week, will, practically, inquire into the fire, and it is expected that evidence will be adduced to show a serious laxity upon the part of the night-watchman and the police constable on duty that morning. Another matter that will be brought up is the urgent need there exists for the adequate supply of fire escapes, at present non-existent in Nanaimo.

ORE SHIPMENTS.

(Nakusp Lodge.) This week's ore shipments from Nakusp total up in round numbers to 310 tons, an increase per day being the rate at which it is received. This affords ample traffic for both Lytton and Kootenai. The ore all comes from the Alpha mine, on Four-mile creek, and is consigned to Quesnel, N.B. About 400 tons of ore have been shipped, and there are yet over 400 tons to come in, making the total shipment over 1,000 tons in all. When the returns come in from the consignment Messrs. McKnight and McKnight will have enough funds in hand to pay up the bond on their property, in the purchase of which they are well satisfied. At the conclusion of the Alpha shipment it is believed there will be enough traffic for the road for several weeks to come. Arrangements will be made for the handling of a large amount of ore from the Sloan Star, Mountain Chief and Fisher Maiden properties.

The value given above, which comprised the shipments between September 13 and September 2