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FIRE ON THE CYMRIC.

A White Star Liner Had a Blaze in Her Hold.

CARGO IN FLAMES.

Fought for a Day and a Half Before it was Controlled--Boat Little Damaged, but There Will Be Heavy Loss in Freight--Passengers Landed.

New York, Aug. 13.—The White Star liner Cymric, which came up to her dock in this city today and landed her 373 passengers, had a disagreeable experience while crossing the Atlantic. At noon Sunday, Aug. 5, when 19 hours out from Queenstown, fire was discovered among the cargo in the forward hold and it raged 30 hours when it was believed to be under control. The damage caused by fire and water to the cargo is considerable. The loss was not seriously injured.

The loss on the cargo was so heavy that Agent John Lee, of the White Star line, notified the consignees of the cargo that they would be expected to pay their pro-rata share of the loss.

Captain H. St. G. Lindsay, of the Cymric, tonight told the experience of the men on the vessel fighting the fire. The fire could not be located and deadly chlorine gas which poured out of the hatchways made it impossible for the men to remain long at work. The officers of the vessel headed the men and after man after man was lifted unconscious from the hold, time and time again. The captain was carried out four times and once it appeared as though breathing had stopped.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by the spontaneous combustion of hay in which earthenware was packed.

LOGS MOVING SLOWLY.

The Last of the Corporation Drive Will Not be in Before Next Week.

Fredonia, Aug. 13.—(Special)—The remnants of the corporation drive was at Peed on Saturday and on account of the low state of the river was not making very rapid progress. Contractor Atkin, who drove down from Woodstock yesterday, does not expect to have the balance of the drive into the boom limits before the middle of the next week.

CHURCH CONTRACT.

A New Presbyterian Place of Worship to be Built in Chatham.

Chatham, Aug. 13.—(Special)—The contract for building the new St. John's church (Presbyterian) was let to Mr. James Troy, Newnam. The new building is to be situated on the corner of Wellington and Cunard streets and is calculated to seat about 800 people.

Who are United States Ships Are.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Senate, bringing home the sick and wounded from China, sailed this morning for Guam, which will be her first stopping place on her homeward trip. The Glacier has sailed from Cavite, P. I., for Sydney. The Texas is at Bath, Me., and the Kentucky and the Massachusetts are at Siquirre Island. The New York will sail tomorrow from Portland, Me., for Newport. The Fruitie arrived at Newport yesterday. The Albany arrived at Naples, Italy, this morning. The Monongahela has sailed from Portsmouth, Eng., for Havre. The Potomac and the Nantuxet have sailed from Port Royal for the League island yard. The Dixie, recently returned from the Chinese station, has been ordered overhauled at New York and a board appointed to determine the cost of the work.

Bandit Killed.

Santiago, De Cuba, Aug. 13.—Parejita, the well known bandit, was killed this morning at Palmas Soverio, 20 miles from Santiago by a corporal of the Rural Guard under command of Col. Vallant. This outlaw, a Cuban mulatto, had been terrorizing the country several years. In his possession was a Springfield rifle, identified as the property of a private of the Rural Guard recently murdered.

Died in Prison.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 13.—John McAdams, who was serving a 15 years sentence for holding up conductors at the Portsmouth car barn a year ago, is dead at the Rhode Island prison. He was known as Joe McCabe, and was one of the most desperate men the police hereabouts ever ran across.

Killed by an Express.

Cordaville, Mass., Aug. 13.—John Wheeler, an employe of the Brigham Milk Company of Boston, was run over by an express train today and killed. He lived in North Brookfield, Mass.

Ended His Life to Avoid Sickness.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 13.—Lorenzo Dow Richardson, 82 years old, committed suicide by shooting today. He had been in failing health and was despondent.

BODY FOUND IN PIECES.

Joseph Schaefer, a Farmer, Evidently Murdered.

LIMBS CUT OFF.

Arms, Legs and Head Cut From the Trunk--Last Seen in the Company of a Negro--His Money Taken--Been Missing Since February.

Baltimore, Aug. 13.—The dismembered body of Joseph Schaefer, a farmer, has been found in the Patuxent River, near Woodstock, Md. The police are confident that murder has been done. Schaefer disappeared from home in February last. On Saturday the head and trunk of his body were found in the river by boys. Today both legs were found near the same spot and the police say an examination of them indicates that they were cut off near the hips with a blunt instrument. They were still covered with portions of the trousers Schaefer wore when he left home and in the pockets were six cents, all that was left of a considerable amount of money Schaefer had with him when last seen. Schaefer started from home to cut wood, accompanied by a negro. Neither of them has been seen since.

A FATHER'S SAD MISSION.

English Clergyman Arrives at Yarmouth to Have a Monument Put Over His Son's Grave.

Halifax, Aug. 13.—(Special)—G. Graham Tarn, D. D., pastor of Harrogate Yorkshire Baptist church, one of the leading Baptist churches of England, arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday. Mr. Tarn has come for the purpose of erecting a monument over his son's grave at Sandford. The son was a victim of the Planet Mercury disaster, his body having been picked up on the beach at Sandford.

RESCUED BY LIFE-SAVERS.

Two Men Caught by an Inflowing Tide at Chatham Inlet.

Chatham, Mass., Aug. 13.—Prompt assistance from the Chatham Life Saving Society saved Light Keeper Charles Hammond and Joseph W. Nickerson from possible drowning at Chatham inlet crossing today. The men started to drive across at high tide, but the current took the horse off his feet, and horse, wagon and men were being rapidly swept down stream with the tide when the life savers reached them.

Zionist Congress.

London, Aug. 13.—The fourth Zionist congress was opened today with 50 delegates present. Professor Max Nordau, reviewing the situation, gave an appalling account of the persecution in Roumania and paid a tribute to Emperor William of Germany for his attitude towards the Jews of Pomerania and east Prussia. The American delegates are well represented on the committee. Dr. Hertz, formerly of Johannesburg, is a conspicuous member of the congress.

Are Now Americans.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 13.—The Northern Italian League of this city has voted to take no part in the coming celebration in memory of King Humbert. One of the members said: "We are American citizens and we hold that we should respect our naturalization papers and the great republic to which we look for protection."

With Intent to Kill.

Lynn, Mass., Aug. 13.—Hugh Reilly and his brother John, who were accused by Hugh Scollans of breaking into his house Sunday morning and assaulting him with bottles while he was in bed, were arrested today and will be arraigned in court tomorrow on the charge of breaking and entering and assault with intent to kill. Mr. Scollans is at the hospital.

Voluntary Advance in Wages.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 13.—The 300 employes at the factory of Marshall Bros. were granted an increase in wages of 25 p. c. today. The increase was a voluntary one and was given to the employes who are working on a government contract. The factory has government work on hand which will keep the 300 employes at work for the next six months.

No Extradition.

New York, Aug. 13.—Judge Lacombe, of the United States circuit court, today refused to sign the writ of extradition for Charles F. W. Newby, on account of the action of Judge Wallace, granting an appeal to the United States supreme court in the habeas corpus proceedings.

A Cargo of Cars.

Santiago de Chile, via Galveston, Aug. 13.—The Chilean congress today voted \$2,500,000 Chilean currency, for a cargo of cars, the greater portion of which will be bought in the United States. The cars have been invited for building the great iron bridge over the river Maipo.

BRITISH, AMERICANS, JAPANESE, TWENTY MILES FROM PEKIN.

A Telegram from the American Commandant, General Chaffee, Which Will Cause Rejoicing in Europe and America—Americans Fired Upon by Their Friends—The Russians Took No Prisoners.

London, Aug. 14.—3.50 a. m.—The British consul at Canton, says the Daily Telegraph correspondent there, has received the following message, dated Aug. 6, from Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister in Peking: "Our situation here is desperate. In ten days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved, a general massacre is probable."

The Chinese offer to escort us to Tien Tsin, but remembering Canton, we refuse the offer. There are over 200 European women and children in this location. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, writing yesterday, says: "The allies, at noon Saturday, were within 20 miles of Peking."

A Yang Tsun despatch, dated Aug. 7, giving details of the capture of that place, says the Russians and French held the left, the British the left-center, the Americans the right-center and the Japanese the extreme right. The British and Americans advanced on the village at a rapid rate for 5,000 yards under a severe shell and rifle fire. The Russians opened and the British, having nine killed, 62 wounded and several missing. The Bengal Lancers unsuccessfully attempted to cut off the Chinese retreat.

Another Yang Tsun special says: "Owing to a mistake British and Russian guns shelled the Fourteenth United States battery during the night, wounding ten." Commenting upon this occurrence the Standard says: "It is melancholy to learn that the losses of the Americans, who seem to have borne themselves with conspicuous gallantry, were increased by a deplorable error, in consequence of which one of their regiments was pounded by Russian and British cannon. The incident emphasizes the necessity of that close co-operation which is not easily obtainable without a single commander and a general staff."

Official advices from Yokohama, dated yesterday, say that the allies proposed to advance on August 7 to Nan Tai Tsun, between Yang Tsun and Wu Sing. The Japanese suffered no casualties at Yang Tsun, but official reports say they had 300 at Pei Tsang. The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that the taking of Aigun, has sealed the fate of the rising in northeastern Manchuria.

He adds: "No prisoners were taken by the Russians. Wholesale massacre was the order of the day and when the battle was over, the Cossacks rode over the field, killing all the wounded with the butt ends of their rifles." Once more the press of England remarks upon the ability of the American government to secure news ahead of the rest of the world. "It is a dispatch which has thus far been issued by the war office."

APPROACHING PEKIN.

Gen. Chaffee Announces the Capture of a Town but Thirty-three Miles from the Capital.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The American commander in China, in a despatch of just three words, received at the war department late this afternoon, sent a thrill of exultation and expectancy throughout official quarters, by announcing his arrival at Ho Si Wu, only 33 miles from Peking, last Thursday. The last heard from him before this was at Yang Tsun, which had been captured after a hard fight and word of his movements since then had been eagerly awaited. Thursday he was 18 miles beyond Yang Tsun. Lang Fang, the place where the ill-fated Seymour expedition met its fate and turned back, was fought on the sixth and the advance on Ho Si Wu was accomplished on the ninth day, a march of 18 miles in three days. This was four days ago and at the same rate of progress Chaffee is even now fairly within striking distance of the walls of Peking. It was a consummation which the war department had awaited calmly, and stirring as the news was that the American force was now nearing the gates of the imperial city, Secretary Root and Adjutant General Corbin evinced no surprise, as it accorded with calculations, although the advance has been more rapid than was expected.

The despatch from Chaffee, conveying so much in so few words, is as follows: "Che Foo, Adjt. Gen'l., Washington: 'Tenth arrived Hopiwu (Ho Si Wu) yesterday.' (Signed) 'CHAFFEE.'"

Word of the advance soon spread throughout official quarters. In the enthusiasm of the moment a report got out that this was the day for the actual arrival at Peking. But the war department had not a word of the advance beyond Ho Si Wu. It was deemed hardly likely the march to Peking could have been made since last Thursday. At the rate of progress six miles a day, made by Yang Tsun, Ho Si Wu, about 23 miles, would have been covered in the last four days and up to today this would still leave the international forces nine miles from Peking. Viewed from any standpoint, the advance on the Chinese government, brief as it was, was of the utmost importance, not only strategically, but also in showing that communication was open and in the face of the expected opposition from Chinese forces had not been sufficient to prevent the steady forward movement and in the influence it would exert upon the Chinese government. Brief as the march was, it conveys much information beyond that specifically contained in its few words. Although it is not stated what force has arrived the war department accepts it to mean that this is the international force which first took Pei Tsang and then Yang Tsun. It has gone steadily forward along the left bank of the Pei River, keeping on the main road, which skirts the river bank. At Pei Tsun the railway crosses the river and branches off to the west. Now that the forces have left the railway far in the rear, they are depending upon the high way and the river. Ho Si Wu is a place of considerable size and the largest town between Tien Tsin and Ching Chia Wan. The river here and Yang Chow are the two cities of considerable size in the line of advance after leaving Ho Si Wu. It is surrounded by orchards and gardens and the Chinese are busy preparing for the opportunity for strong defense. It is the highest point on the Pei River where the river water is dependent on, as the native Chinese say, upon the sky. As it has taken five days for General Chaffee to report the advance to Ho Si Wu, it is evident that the march has been a hard one to the front. This was hardly to be expected and the safe arrival of the message at least shows that a certain amount of information has been received. One of the chief sources of congratulation among officials is that the fancied hordes of Chinese have not materialized or at least have not prevented the international column from drawing close to the gates of Peking.

Shortly after this despatch arrived, another message from General Chaffee, far more lengthy, gave the melancholy result of the fight at Yang Tsun. The casualty list is given in detail, with the added information that the dead had been buried at Yang Tsun, and that the wounded had been sent back to the hospital at Tien Tsin.

The reply of the United States government to China's overtures of peace was made public early in the day, showing the firm and final position that had been adopted. White communication is open. One of the chief sources of congratulation among officials is that the fancied hordes of Chinese have not materialized or at least have not prevented the international column from drawing close to the gates of Peking.

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Berlin, Aug. 13.—At the Chinese legation in Berlin the correspondent of the Associated Press was informed today that the Chinese minister had declared that his intention to leave Peking and to transfer her corps to another city before the allied forces reached the capital. Lu Hai Houan, the Chinese minister, has been learning of this intention, telegraphed to both the Empress Dowager and the emperor, not to leave Peking, but quietly to await the arrival of the allied forces.

The German foreign office still believes that the allies have not begun the advance on Peking, the rainy season being unfavorable. It believes that further forward movement will be postponed.

The Chinese protest against the landing of troops at Shanghai has been officially dismissed here. A foreign office official, discussing it, said this afternoon: "The protest is here, but who pays any attention now to Chinese protests?"

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A NEW BOER CAPITAL.

Barborton is the Latest Seat of the Unesay Government.

FIRE IN BOTHA'S CAMP.

Report That Boers Have Contributed to Bryan's Campaign Fund is Not Taken Seriously--Many St. John Men Invalided--Sick, Wounded and Dead.

London, Aug. 14.—The Boers have left Machelodry, according to the Lorenzo Marquet correspondent of the Daily Mail, and occupied Watervalouder in force. A considerable portion of Commandant General Louis Botha's camp and stores at Dalmanthus was destroyed by fire on Sunday.

According to another special despatch Barborton has been proclaimed the new seat of the Transvaal government.

Getting Fat in London.

Truro, N. S., Aug. 13.—(Special)—Pte. W. E. Trueman, the only Truro man in the first Canadian contingent in South Africa, is spending two months in London. He was in the battle of Paardeburg and afterward passed through the fever hospital. Since recovering from the fever he has gained twenty pounds weight.

New Brunswick Invalids.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Among those reported invalided to England are the following: Corp. J. Pringle, 71st; H. L. Wainwright, 74th; W. J. Raymond, 3rd; C. A. J. B. Pascoe, 62nd; Corp. H. Miller, R. C. R.; P. Simpson, R. C. R., all of "G" company. Corp. E. Stevenson, 1st; Leinster; Sergt. S. Dooey, 62nd; D. J. Ryan, 66th; W. J. Trueman, 78th; G. James, J. H. N. Anderson, 66th; G. D. McCallum, 63rd; W. A. Walker, 66th; D. Woods, 63rd; T. S. Brown, 30th; J. J. Wilson, A. Murray, D. T. R. C. H.; Sergt. D. G. Gustall, 63rd, all of "H" company, and Corp. W. Downey, 62nd, of "I" company.

Fit for Duty.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—The Star's special cable from the London war office reports that Col. Otter, formerly of the 1st Canadian contingent at Paardeburg, is fit for duty and has joined the provisional battalion at Stormhoek. Pte. A. E. Coggins belonged to "G" company, first contingent, formerly of R. C. Dragoons. Pte. Wm. McMullen belonged to "G" company, first contingent, formerly of the English Hussars.

Canadians in Africa.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—(Special)—The militia department has received a cable stating that Lt. Col. Otter and the first contingent, on the 11th inst., were with forces operating against DeWet.

Alfred Milner cables as follows: "Cape Town, Aug. 13.—Following dangerously ill at Cape Town: 7400, Canadian; 7915, Corporal Combs, Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry; Bloemfontein, 339, Sandercock artillery; 8183 Smith, Canadian Regiment Infantry; Kromstad, 7555, Turner, second Canadian Regiment of Infantry. (Signed) Milner."

Lord Roberts cables as follows: Ermela, August 12—403, Trooper G. Arnold, Strathcona Corps, death from wounds, 11th August. (Signed) Roberts.

No Boer Help for Bryan.

New York, Aug. 13.—Touching a despatch from Pretoria and printed in London, under date of Aug. 10, in which it was stated that President Kruger is contributing between \$250,000 and \$375,000 to the election of William J. Bryan; and also that Webster Davis had received \$125,000 from the same source, as a contribution for the Democratic campaign fund, Charles L. Pierce, consul general and treasurer of the Boer relief fund, and P. Lanier Vesquez, special commissioner of South African republic, of this city, today gave out a denial of both statements, adding to the denials the following: "The Boers have other and better use for their funds. England is in desperate straits for the 'sinews of war' when she will resort to such desperate means to influence the American people against the Boer cause, when fully 95 per cent. of the American citizens are in our favor."

McKinley, Dewey and Sampson.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 13.—W. P. Chadwick, chairman of the state committee living in charge of the arrangements for the presentation of the tablets to the battleships Kearsarge and Alabama, on Sept. 18, announces that Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Sampson have sent him positive acceptances of invitations to participate in the ceremonies of that day. President McKinley has also accepted an invitation.

Arguments Today.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 13.—The hearing of testimony in the case of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers was concluded today and tomorrow the argument before the jury will begin.

Victim of Cancer.

New York, Aug. 13.—Phillips H. Morgan, former United States minister to Mexico, died in this city today of cancer, aged 75 years. Mr. Morgan was born in Baton Rouge, La. During recent years he practiced law in New York city.

THE FIRST CONTINGENT.

Col. Otter's Diary for the Week Ending July 6.

PARADE STATEMENT.

Four Hundred and Thirty-three Were Effective--Prompt Reports as to Deaths--No Statement of Sickness to Prevent Alarm of Parents.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 13.—(Special)—Lieut. Col. Otter, commanding the first contingent, sends his diary and letter for week ending July 6. The battalion was then at Springs. Col. Otter gives the strength of the regiment on date mentioned as follows: Effective, 433; sick and at various camps, 383; at convalescent camp in Cape Town, 81; command, 27; making a total of 934 at present in South Africa.

There have been sent to England 113; killed in action, 33; died of disease, 23; transfer, 13. This accounts for 133 men out of the first contingent, of whom 103 went out with the regiment last October; five were sent enlisted and 100 added as reinforcements.

Dealing with the complaints made in parliament, of lack of prompt and complete reports as to the condition of sick and wounded, the commanding officer says that he has been most particular in reporting regularly and transmitting every matter of importance as promptly as possible. He adds: "On the other hand I have been careful not to say anything about the illness of non-commissioned officers or men for fear of unnecessarily alarming their friends."

"Of illness of Charles Wallace's son, I was aware, and on four different occasions visited him and others in hospital at Bloemfontein, and further went to the trouble of writing Mr. Wallace personally as to his son's illness."

Col. Otter deprecates the fact that parents and friends of soldiers have been unnecessarily alarmed by reports respecting the sick sent out from other sources. As for himself, he declares that he did his best to locate or learn the condition of every man as soon as possible and thinks that he succeeded. He says that he was in the field and hundreds of his officers and men were scattered from one end of the country to the other, and he was unable to get the movements of the battalion. Col. Otter forecasts its attachment to the 10th brigade, the "fighting 10th," as it has since been termed in recognition of its splendid achievements on the field.

In conclusion with his report of the previous week of Lieut. Blanchard's death, he says: "I, yesterday, received a memo stating that he died in an ambulance on the 14th June, when en route to Kroonstad."

In regard to announced appointment of Lieut. Pelletier as second in command of the 8th Dragoons, Col. Otter writes: "I am sorry to say that Lieut. Pelletier, on receiving notification of his appointment, decided to resign and has forwarded through me his application for leave to do so. He has not therefore joined the imperial service, but is still doing duty with second B. C. R. As Lieut. Ogilvy has performed the duties of adjutant during, I may say, the whole period of our service in South Africa, to my great satisfaction, and as a vacancy exists through Major Macdonald's transfer to the staff, which practically places him on the special service list, I would very strongly recommend Lieut. Ogilvy for the vacancy with the rank of captain."

Referring to the condition of the battalion, Col. Otter says: "You will see by the parade state that some 80 non-commissioned officers and men have been sufficiently fit for garrison duty. One list of sick and unit for regular duty has been thus sensibly diminished. Capt. Barker has again reported for duty."

TRAGEDY AND ROMANCE.

Officers of the Law Spoil a Wedding Programme.

Columbus, O., Aug. 13.—Roslyn Ferrell, the confessed murderer of Express Messenger Lane, will be taken tomorrow morning to Marysville, Union county, in which his crime was committed, for trial.

At noon yesterday a quartette rehearsed the music for Ferrell's wedding. He was present and complimented the singers. At that very hour the detectives were preparing the programme for his capture.

A FLYING PASSAGE.

The Kaiser Wilhelm Crossed the Atlantic at a 22.70 Knot Clip.

Boston, Aug. 13.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, Captain Borgstrom, which sailed from New York August 7, for Bremen, has made the record passage of any steamer sailing from Sandy Hook to Cherbourg, covering 3384 knots in five days, 19 hours and 44 minutes. Her average speed was 22.70 knots per hour. The vessel's daily runs were as follows: 69, 241, 532, 532, 531 and 22 knots.

To be a Banana Boat.

Boston, Aug. 13.—The steam yacht Spylades, which was badly damaged by a fire in her hold, while off Highland Light and which was said for salvage last week, will be fitted for the Central American Coasting trade by the United Fruit Company. The same corporation has also bought the steamer Slocum, plying between Boston and Lynn, for the same purpose.