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GLOOMY ENOUGH.

The Chinese Outlook as Viewed by an American.

Chinese Children Impaired by Lan-
cets—Murder and Pillage—
Allies Cannot Adminis-
ter Affairs.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The latest mail from China, says a Washington special to the Tribune, has brought to the state department new proofs of the terrible and perhaps irretrievable conditions which exist under the foreign military rule in north China, involving a situation not hitherto fully realized, even in Washington, and utterly unappreciated in the United States generally. The character of the information which has now come into the administration's possession is summarized in the following extracts from a communication written by one of the most trusted officials in the service abroad and mailed from Peking a month ago.

"The question of raising the indemnity, though one of the most serious for the Chinese government, is not paramount. All the people who are likely to know, declare that the Chinese peasant can stand no greater burden of taxation than in the past, so the question resolves itself largely to reducing the expense of collection, which in China involves radical reforms. Another proposition for meeting the indemnity is to grant lucrative mining industrial concessions to foreigners, but that means bartering their independence and laying up endless trouble for the Chinese, who are quick to recognize the fact.

"If the whole horror of the murder and pillage done between Tien Tsin and Peking comes to be understood in the United States and in Europe, the crime of it is so great as compared to the number of Christians who have suffered at the hands of the Chinese, that, rightly or wrongly, the Chinese are likely to be held the injured party. Lancers wantonly impaling little children by the wayside in the streets of Peking are some of the least of the well authenticated horrors, and to some foreign soldiers a dead Chinese Christian is just as satisfactory an evidence of no quarter as a dead Boer. They neither know nor care for such trifling distinctions.

"The allies, even if they could agree, could not set up an administrative machinery of their own for the empire. They must restore the power to the native party, and the quicker they do it the better for China. The Chinese estimate that one million of their people have lost their lives by violent death or starvation about Peking and Tien Tsin, since the allies came. Well informed foreigners, long residents here, do not regard the estimate as exaggerated. The North China News, of March 23, endeavored to tell why such a situation as the one alleged can exist, says:—

"Simply because Chinese civil authority has been suppressed, driven away and nothing substituted for it. The country between the sea and Peking has been devastated and the people have been killed indiscriminately or driven out of their homes to become bandits. We should have thought that one of the first acts of the foreign administration after Peking was relieved would have been to strengthen the Chinese civil authority and make it responsible for the preservation of order. But what magistrate can be expected to remain at his post, and exert himself to put down opposition to foreigners when at any moment a foreign lieutenant with a handful of troops may come to him and demand a sum of money on pain of having his town or village burned down in case of refusal?"

The above story, in so far as it relates to the conduct of soldiers, does not at all agree with the statements of U. S. Minister Conger, who has just returned from China. In an article in Leslie's Weekly he says:—

"The reports of cruelty on the part of soldiers have been grossly exaggerated, though I am sure that there was plenty of brutality on the part of individual soldiers. As an army, the allies were exceedingly well behaved. . . or were the stories of unrestricted looting true. In Peking the soldiers took what they needed, of course, just as we would have seized anything that we needed while we were caged up in the compound, had we been able to fasten upon anything that would help us to withstand the siege. As for the stories of missionary looting, they are undeniably false. The missionaries did not loot."

SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The report that a force of Boers is concentrating under Delarey at Hartbeestfontein is regarded with a feeling of satisfaction in London, according to the Tribune's correspondent. The Standard expects as a result to hear of a Boer surrender on the scale of Pretoria. The British force should for outnumbered by Boers, and as the latter must by this time have lost practically all their guns, Delarey cannot have any artillery with him. The fact alone should place him at a great disadvantage.

GERMAN MINISTRY.

BERLIN, May 6.—The new ministry is gazetted as follows:—Baron Rheinbaben, minister of finance; General Fockelsch, minister of agriculture; Baron Von Hammerstein, district president of Metz, takes the portfolio of the interior. Herr Moller, minister of commerce; Herr Kraetke, director of the imperial post office, becomes secretary of state of that department.

CIVIC COMMUNICATIONS.

John Wilson Will Proceed Against the City for Not Being Allowed to Vote.

At the meeting of the common council, this afternoon the following communications were received: The Imperial Oil Co. presented a proposition to furnish lubricating oils and grease to the city, quoting prices. Alex Lang and Denis Coblenz asked to be heard as to the reason they were not appointed on the board of portwardens. Hilram Nice applied for a position on the ferry staff. H. A. McKeown drew the attention of the council to the fact that John McCrea was hurt by being thrown from his shed on Main street on account of its bad condition. Mr. McCrea asks for a reasonable recompense.

William Swatridge asked for appointment on the board of portwardens. C. W. Stewart called attention to the state of Hanover street extension, which makes traffic to his place of business impossible. Fred. R. Pitfield, Robert Clarke, James Duffy, E. K. Harrington, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, C. M. Campbell, W. J. Agate, T. Traynor asked to be heard in regard to taxes. E. D. Dibble asked that allowance be made him for improvements on the property he occupies provided the city sells the same. The James Fleming Co. called attention to the fact that the retaining wall on Dorchester street had fallen to the injury of their new coal shed. H. C. Page called attention to the unfinished state of the work commenced in 1899 on Prospect street. Randolph & Baker asked for a rental lease of lots 7 and 9, Green Head, for twenty-one years. A. W. Chisholm asked for a position in the city employ as a teamster. W. H. Lambert stated that his boat had been damaged by the sunken wreck near the west channel, which the council had allowed Mr. Lantaulm to place there. E. J. Ring, west side, asked that water pipes be extended to his house. E. H. Robinson asked for appointment as a lumber surveyor. Hustin & Porter state that they have been retained by John Wilson to bring action against the city for illegally depriving him of his vote at the last election. The International Steamship Co. asked permission to extend their coal shed at Reed's Point. Neil J. Morrison, secretary of council No. 2 of the National Association of Marine Engineers, presented a petition largely signed, asking that the council take into consideration a plan to establish a school in St. John, to teach the technical parts of the different trades. Samuel B. Evans asked to be appointed blacksmith in the public works department.

The city auditors, J. A. Magilton and I. Clive Thomas, reported that they had audited the accounts and vouchers of the chamberlain for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1900, and found them correct. There was a balance at the close of \$129,677.45 in Bank of New Brunswick, as follows:

General account	125,679.19
Sinking fund account	3,909.64
Water construction account	88.54
	\$129,677.45

ST. JOHN SCHOOLS.

What It Cost to Run Them Last Year—The Board's Financial Statement.

At the meeting of the common council this afternoon the report of the auditors of the board of school trustees was received. The auditors, J. A. Magilton and Chas. Campbell, report that the books and accounts proved to be correct.

The total cost of the schools for the year was \$34,620.56; total cost of management, \$2,022.52. The sinking fund now stands at \$7,000. The bonded indebtedness is \$405,400. At the beginning of the year the outstanding debentures were \$365,100, of which \$54,590 were redeemed during the year, and new debentures for \$240,500 were issued. Expended on capital account during the year \$107,340.53, on current account \$100,451.64.

The cost of schools was as follows:

Sandy Pt. road	\$302.35
Millidgeville	438.44
Spar Cove	187.03
Alexandra	4,051.77
Newman street	2,128.79
Douglas avenue	2,567.53
Elm street	2,741.26
St. Peter's (boys)	2,768.54
St. Peter's (girls)	3,364.77
Winter street	5,644.95
Aberdeen	3,012.25
Centennial	4,836.59
St. Vincent's	2,589.52
High school	2,785.90
Leinster street	5,965.65
St. Malachi's	3,019.83
St. Joseph's	8,842.81
Victoria and annex	673.27
Queen street	265.91
Brittain street	5,909.15
Albert	1,554.61
Mason Hall	2,612.00
St. Patrick's	\$76,511.65

Other incidental expenses bring this total up to \$48,658.48.

The assets are in real estate \$302,700.67, and furniture \$29,726.50. There is a total of insurance on furniture, buildings and improvements of \$305,528.50. One school, Elm street, was damaged by fire last year. The loss was covered.

GRANTED A LICENSE.

At the time the commissioners decided upon those who were to receive liquor licenses the Hotel Edward, James Driscoll, proprietor, on King square, was not quite ready and had not been inspected. Since that time the necessary requirements have been complied with, and Mr. Driscoll has received a license. His hotel makes the seventh on the list this year, as the Queen, which was formerly licensed, is at present without a tenant.

The sum of \$22.65, contributed in St. John in aid of the Coportage Mission of Algoma and the Northwest Mission, gratefully acknowledged by Geo. Buskin, missionary.

AUSTRALIA.

Enthusiastic Reception of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall.

Twelve Thousand Troops in Line—Eighty Thousand Visitors in Melbourne.

MELBOURNE, May 6.—The Duke and the Duchess of Cornwall and York landed from the steamer Ophir at two o'clock this afternoon. They were received at the pier head by Lord Hopetoun, governor-general, and state and federal ministers. The party passed down the quarter of a mile of carpeted pier and entered carriages and proceeded a distance of seven miles through brilliantly decorated streets, bordered with almost continuous lines of stands filled to their utmost capacity. The entire street was lined with demonstrative crowds amid elaborate decorations. Opposite the town hall the procession passed beneath the Queen's arch, occupied with the royal colors and sheltering a golden statue of Queen Victoria. Twelve thousand troops were in line. There are eighty thousand visitors in Melbourne. The drive terminated at government house.

DROWNED HIMSELF.

Rather Than Be Called "Tatters" by Sunday School Boys.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Henry Kreis, eight years old, of West 38th street, and Thomas O'Neill, six years old, played at home to go to Sunday school. When the O'Neill boy returned alone the Kreis boy's parents asked for an explanation. The O'Neill boy said that they had gone to the river at the foot of West 40th street, where they were playing on the barges there, when suddenly he heard a splash and when he looked around Kreis was nowhere to be seen. The Kreis boy's father is confident that the boy was drowned. The father says that he has had very little work during the past winter and times were so hard, that he was not able to buy his son suitable clothes, and he was very ragged. On several Sundays the boy stayed away from Sunday school because he could not face the comments of his companions.

A FOOLISH STRIKE.

NEW YORK, May 6.—William H. Treadwell, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, when asked yesterday about the strike of the company's employees at Scranton, said:—"I understand that all the men employed in the car repairing, blacksmith and paint shops, to the number of 1,000, struck because we would not employ them. Their action was very unjust, because the men Hicks grossly disobeyed the rules in quitting work and leaving the grounds without a permit. I am not informed whether the men will go back to work or not. If they do not their places will probably be quickly supplied. Their going out will make no real hardship for us for several weeks to come, because our rolling stock is just now in first class condition."

A BIG COAL DEAL.

CLEVELAND, O., May 6.—A special to the Plain Dealer from Columbus, says one of the largest deals in the history of the coal financial world is now on, and the indications are that it will be brought to a successful close before the end of another week. The deal includes all the leading mines in the Hocking valley coal fields, and a number in the Sunday Creek district. The transfer has been engineered by agents of J. P. Morgan.

CHILD'S HORRIBLE DEATH.

MONCTON, May 6.—A distressing accident occurred at Albert Mines on Thursday, by which the one year old child of James Woodworth lost its life. Its mother was working about the mine and the little one had crept up behind her when a pot of boiling water was accidentally upset, drenching the child from head to foot. It lingered in terrible agony for three or four hours when death ended its sufferings.

J. J. HILL ONCE MORE.

NEW YORK, May 6.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, denies the report that a plan was formed three years ago by J. Pierpont Morgan, the Goulds, the Vanderbilts and himself for the consolidation of the great railway systems of the country, and that it is about to be carried out. Mr. Hill, who is at a hotel here, said: "The story is ridiculous and entirely unworthy of any serious attention from any one."

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

In consequence of a dispute regarding their hours of labor the dockmen at Genoa, Italy, have gone on general strike, except at the San Benigno landing.

"In view of the favorable development of events here," says the Pekin correspondent of the Lokal Anseiger, Berlin, "it is possible that Count Von Waldersee will return home about the middle of June."

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J. NEWTON SMITH.

LET'S DECLARE WAR.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 6.—An official circular has been issued notifying the members of the diplomatic corps that in future only distinguished visitors accompanied by a diplomatist will be admitted to the Selamluk.