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Marked Bravery of Japanese Soldier at Tien-Tsin

POWERS WILL NEED 60,000 MEN

With Smaller Force They Cannot Risk an Advance on the Chinese Capital

London, July 25.—The message of Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister at Pekin, dated July 4 and received yesterday, appealing for relief, is regarded in London as only a prelude to the absolute confirmation of the massacre. This is the opinion also of the Japanese minister here. The newspapers suggest that the British minister's dispatch was held back and released about the same time as Mr. Conger's undated message.

Although the American and British forces are working harmoniously, the question of means of communication between Taku and Pekin gives evidence of jealousies between the powers, and other dispatches from Tien Tsin show that the language difficulty has been hampering the military operations.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the admirals have decided that it would be useless to move toward Pekin without at least 60,000 men.

In an editorial referring to this statement the Daily Mail comments upon the American proposal to advance with 7,000 men. It says:

"We have learned in Africa how dangerous it is to despise our enemies, and in the interest of civilization we do not wish to see such a lesson read to the United States by the 'heaven Chinese'."

A whole batch of Tien Tsin dispatches are published. All praise the gallantry of the Americans and Japanese. The Standard's correspondent says that the Americans at first made a mistake in underestimating the fighting capacity of the Chinese, whose fire was really terrific. He expressed some doubt about the ability of the allies to hold the positions captured unless they are reinforced. It appears that large hauls of silver were made by the allies, the metal being carried away in buckets, and the Chinese calmly assisting.

Requests for mediation addressed to foreign powers are interpreted here to be a preparation for the acceptance of foreign aid to suppress the rebellion, and Li Hung Chang's statement that he could restore order with 20,000

white troops is looked upon as a subtle argument in favor of appointing him to the command of the allied forces, to the exclusion of a Japanese.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Times, telegraphing Monday, says:

"In an interview today Li Hung Chang reiterated his statement that if the Manchu party had been guilty of the horrible treachery involved in a massacre of the members of the legations, he would absolutely refuse to attempt to negotiate. He said the present intention of the tsung-li-yamen was to memorialize the empress dowager to revictual the legations and then to arrange to send them to Tien Tsin under the escort of Gen. Sun Yat-sen. He declared that the fighting had ceased and that foreign troops were holding a position south of the Yu Ho bridge, while Gen. Tung Fuh Siang's forces were on the north."

"Earl Li expressed the intention to wait for news of the movement of the foreign legations before proceeding northward. On receiving this he will be escorted by 10,000 troops, who are now mustering in this province."

"Obviously Li Hung Chang has not changed his views or his methods, while the puerility of his arguments is increasing with age. The impression is gaining ground here that the Manchus are temporizing, while preparing to retreat to Hsiao Fu. A confidential member of his staff says that Earl Li will not go north until he is convinced that the empress dowager has seen the folly of her present policy."

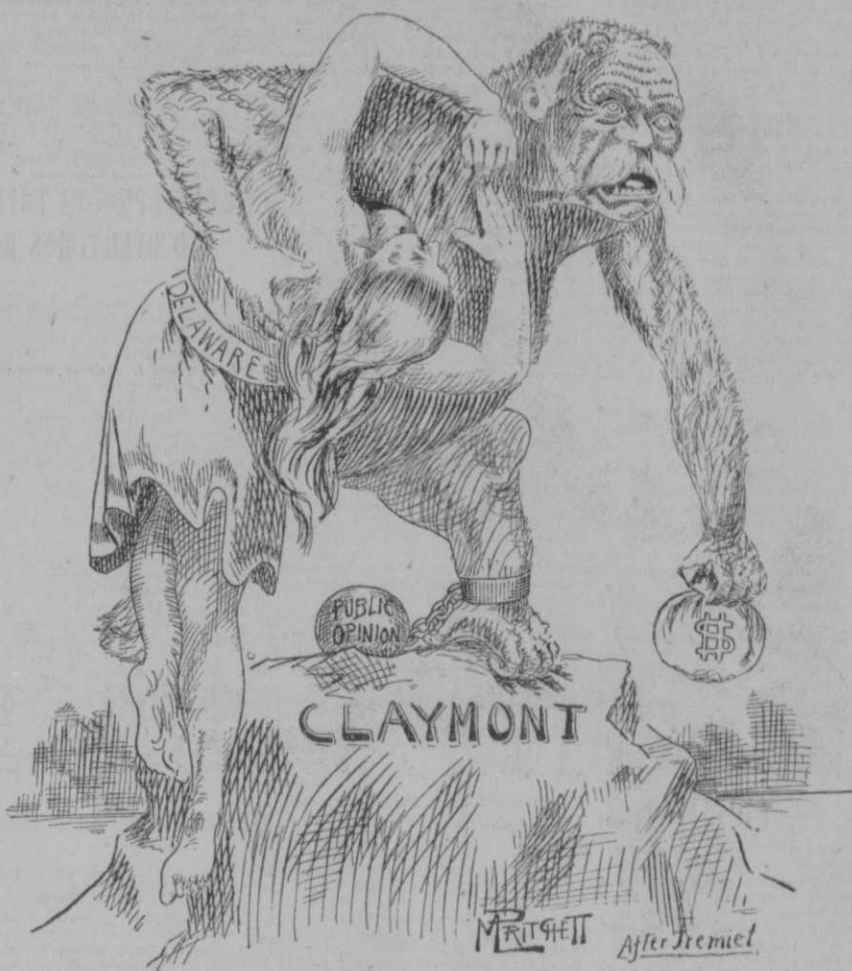
The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail records the gallant action of a Japanese soldier during the attack on the gates of the city of Tien Tsin. A dynamite train failed to explode. Seeing this, the soldier ran forward with a torch, causing an explosion, by which the brave fellow was blown to atoms.

The Standard's correspondent at Tien Tsin sends a curious statement to the effect that the Russians claim that their forces occupied Pekin two days ago and that all the foreigners were safe.

M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, has received a telegram from the French consul at Shanghai, dated July 23, which says: "Li Hung Chang has just assured me that M. Delcasse (French minister to China) is living, and he has agreed to transmit to him a message from me requesting a reply within five days."

A Chefoo dispatch says: Gen. Li, commanding the Pei Tang forts, near Taku, reports to the British officer commanding at Tong Ku that a runner who left Pekin on July 14 reports that Pekin was in a state of absolute anarchy, that the regular troops were fighting the Boxers, and that the latter were getting the better of the struggle; that the Maxim ammunition of the legation guards was exhausted, and that they were using their rifles

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SHALL THIS THING BE?

CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Enoch Williams, Colored, Held for Assault With Intent to Kill

Enoch Williams, colored, of near Newark, was yesterday held in \$1,000 bail by Magistrate Dean, of that place, on a charge of assault with intent to kill John Chalmers, a white man.

Chalmers was a former constable in Newark, and some time ago had trouble at a merry-go-round with several negroes, of whom Williams was one. Williams, who is employed on the farm of Frank Eastburn, near Newark, threatened vengeance upon the constable. As Chalmers was passing Eastburn's farm on Monday last Williams, who was working in a field, attacked him, throwing pepper in his eyes and hacking him with a knife. Chalmers finally succeeded in overcoming his assailant and took the weapon from him.

State Detective Walter Witsal was notified of the occurrence, and yesterday placed the negro under arrest. His bond of \$1,000 was furnished by Mr. Eastburn.

HOODOO GOLD WASHER

Unlucky Mining Outfit Left in Cape Nome Diggings

Murray W. Harman, of No. 368 West Thirteenth street, who went to Cape Nome last May for the purpose of putting up a gold washing machine, which was purchased from the J. Morton Poole Company by New York and Chicago capitalists, has returned to his home. Squatters had jumped the claim owned by the capitalists and refused to vacate. The machinery was left in Cape Nome.

The gold-washing machine which Mr. Harman was to supervise has had a peculiar history. It was first constructed for the Nevada Gold Mining Company, as an experiment, but the company failed to meet its obligations to the J. Morton Poole Company, who bought the machine in at sheriff's sale a few months ago. Finally negotiations were begun between New York and Chicago men interested in Cape Nome, and the machine was sold to them.

TWO POLICEMEN ARE KILLED BY A FUGITIVE DESPERADO

New Orleans, July 25.—A trifling incident here has begun a series of tragedies which may culminate in a popular uprising similar to the Italian lynching some years ago. Two suspicious negroes were hanging around a quiet neighborhood and somebody took the precaution to inform the police. Several officers went to the scene, and instead of making explanations the negroes showed fight. Pistols were soon in play, and Officer Mora was seriously shot. One of the negroes was arrested, but Robert Charles, who did the shooting, since said to be a desperate burglar and convict, got away, although wounded. The police organized a pursuing party and succeeded in locating the fugitive. Capt. John T. Day, commanding the precinct, led a posse of police to a shanty and tried to reach the refugee by a dark alley leading to it. They carried lanterns, and were easily distinguished, and when they got close enough Charles opened fire

CANTON INVADED BY MANY VISITORS

President McKinley Is Busily Occupied Receiving and Greeting His Friends

Canton, O., July 25.—Callers are rapidly increasing in number at the McKinley home in this city. Scarcely a moment passes from early morning until late at night but that one or more persons may be seen on the porch awaiting an audience. Those who come to pay their respects are still in the majority, but those asking attention on personal matters are rapidly increasing. As the president's time is largely taken up with matters pertaining to the Chinese problem his callers frequently have long waits.

Ohio state officials, Republican candidates and members of the Republican committees, headed by Governor Nash, are expected here on Saturday. Chairman Dick, of the Ohio state Republican committee, arrived yesterday afternoon to talk over a number of matters with President McKinley and to arrange for the visit. Chairman Dick's conference with the president lasted an hour. At the conclusion the former said they talked over matters concerning the campaign, but there was nothing to announce. Asked as to the coming of the Ohio officials, candidates and committee-men Saturday, Chairman Dick said the party will come if the president is here to receive them at that time, but there is a possibility that the president will then be in Washington on account of matters connected with the Chinese situation.

"Did the president intimate an early departure?" was asked. "No, it would be unfair to say that. But if he is to undertake mediation with the powers, it is likely that he will be at the capital for at least part of the week."

"How soon will the campaign in Ohio open?" "Right away. It is open now. I do not believe in waiting on anybody. The speaking will begin as soon as we can get the speakers. We will have plenty of them, and as strong as any state in the country."

WILMINGTONIAN'S VIEW OF PHILIPPINE STATUS

Lannis W. Hizar, formerly of Wilmington, but at present in the Philippine Islands, has written an interesting letter of his travels to Charles A. Rudolph, in this city.

The letter tells of Manila and the country in general, and Mr. Hizar thinks that it is rich in mining products, but unsafe to attempt to work the industry until after the present insurrection is quelled. He says:

"Life is much more tolerable here than anyone in the United States can believe. And if the American ever takes the trouble to add all that can be added from our fruits and flowers the result will surpass California, because there is more water here. We have had four days of rain, and it comes in gusts of wind and water that surpass anything I have ever seen. The rainy season commences soon, and so tempers all the weather of July, August and September as to make it more tolerable than it is in Delaware so far as the heat is concerned—but with the inconvenience of the water, of course. "I have met many of the most intelligent natives—and their intelligence and much talked of civilization is a veneer. Some of them talk well enough and look prosperous, wearing perhaps \$200 or more worth of diamonds and jewelry, but will be found to live in neap shacks, and so little removed from their primitive state as to eat with their fingers by preference. I have seen this done by them, including women that can play a piano beautifully and sing like birds."

Broke His Arm William Eberley, of Eighth and King streets, fell down stairs yesterday and broke his arm. The injury was attended by Drs. H. G. Buckmaster and G. W. K. Forrest.

POWERS SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO KILL GOEBEL

So Swears One Witness; Another Testifies That He Heard Him Say That the Democratic Claimant Would Not be Seated

DRAPER RESIGNS AS AMBASSADOR

His Private Business Constrains Him to Relinquish Italian Portfolio

Milford, Mass., July 25.—Gen. William F. Draper, of Hopkedge, has sent to Washington a letter tendering his resignation as United States ambassador to Italy. Gen. Draper made no

Eventful Day in the Big Kentucky Sensation

YOUTSEY WILL NOT BE CALLED

Finley Left Loaded Shotgun in Secretary of State's Office for Emergencies

Georgetown, Ky., July 25.—Yesterday was the most eventful day of the trial of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel shooting, since the hearing of the testimony began nearly two weeks ago. The testimony was nearly all corroborative. Among the possibilities for the witness stand today are Robert Noaks, whose cross examination was suspended last Saturday, F. Wharton Golden and McKenzie Todd, the latter private secretary to Governor Taylor. It was definitely stated last night that Henry Youtsey will not be placed on the stand.

Among yesterday's witnesses was Miss Ella Smith, of Barboursville. She told of a conversation between John Powers and herself on Jan. 16. They were regretting the Colson-Scott tragedy, which happened at Frankfort that day, and Powers said there would be more bloodshed at Frankfort if Goebel was seated. Witness was surprised at this statement, and said:

"Oh, Mr. Powers, you would not be willing to kill him, would you?" Then Powers replied that he would. Miss Bessie Hardin, of Frankfort, corroborated much of the evidence of the prosecution as to the arrival of the mountaineers.

James Fletcher, of Knox county, testified that he heard John Powers say in December:

"Taylor has been elected governor, and if any effort is made to count him out Goebel will never be seated."

John F. Dazier, of Knox county, testified that he heard Charles Finley, then secretary of state, tell Caleb Powers early in December that he would leave a shotgun loaded with buckshot in the office of the secretary of state and advised Powers to use it if any attempt was made to unseat him. The court excluded this testimony on the ground that it was not competent.

George Lockhart, of Knox county, told of Caleb Powers arranging with him to go armed to Frankfort for a month. Powers told him he would be paid if Taylor won the contest.

RAILROAD ROBBERS RUN DOWN; ELEVATOR DESTROYED BY FIRE

Gang Had Been Dealing in Stolen Brass for Nearly Two Years—Three-quarters of a Million Dollars Go Up in Smoke

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 25.—Railroad detectives stationed at Wilkesbarre, Williamsport, Elmira and Rochester have just succeeded in running down a gang that have been systematically robbing the railroads for nearly two years past. Within the last year large quantities of brass, valued at thousands of dollars, have been stolen from the Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley, Delaware and Hudson, Lackawanna and Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Last March the detectives in the employ of these roads held a conference, and it was agreed to make a concerted effort to run down the thieves. It was discovered that large shipments of the stolen brass were being made from Wilkesbarre, a great deal of it being sent to Rochester, N. Y. The party to whom the goods were consigned in that city was taken into the confidence of the detectives, and this caused the shippers to fall into a neat trap. The stolen brass, instead of going to its destination, was shipped to Williamsport, where it was taken charge of by the Pennsylvania railroad officials. The shippers, however, were none the wiser. They received the money just the same. In order to throw off suspicion a couple of shipments were allowed to go through to their destination, the detectives having learned that some brakemen were acting as spotters for the shippers.

John Fisher, a well known junk dealer of this city, was taken into custody yesterday and released on \$1,500 bail. Two other junk dealers, Anthony Steiner and Samuel Steiner, were held in \$500 bail. More arrests are expected to follow in Williamsport, Elmira and Rochester. It is said that one of the parties, who was a heavy shipper of the stolen brass, has made a confession which exposes the whole plot.

Buffalo, July 25.—Fire last night destroyed the Eastern elevator, which is situated on the island opposite the foot of Washington street. The elevator and its contents were valued at \$750,000, and are a total loss. The cause of the fire was not learned. There was no explosion preceding the fire. Carpenters and painters had been at work in the building, and it is possible that some one of them dropped a match.

The elevator was owned by the American Linseed company, who came into possession of the building only a few weeks ago. Their oil works are situated within 100 feet of the burned elevator. When it was seen that there was no chance to save the elevator the firemen turned their attention to saving adjoining property. Streams of water were played continually on the oil tanks and the buildings of the refinery. Fortunately the wind was blowing in an opposite direction, and this fact probably prevented a far more serious conflagration.

The fire was a difficult one to fight, as it started in the upper part of the elevator and gradually burned downward until the entire building was destroyed. The intense heat made it impossible for the firemen to enter the building, and the streams thrown up from the creek below had little effect in checking the flames.

Will Address Association Meeting In the Cedar Creek M. E. Church this afternoon the Rev. John Snape, pastor of Delaware Avenue Church, will address the meeting of the Cedar Creek Hundred Sunday School Association.

Once you smoke the 5-cent "Sporty Boy," you want no other.

ANOTHER YACHTING FATALITY; BORDER METHODS IN CHICAGO

Three Children Dead and Four Others Injured, One Fatally—Six Men and Three Boys Plan to Hold Up a Big Four Train

Syracuse, July 25.—Through the explosion of a steam tube connecting with the boiler in the steam yacht Trilby, owned and commanded by Fred L. Spink, of Scriba, Oswego county, three young children lost their lives, one more was frightfully scalded and three older people were more or less burned here at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The dead are: Eva Spink, 9 years old; Gladys Spink, 7 years; Fern Spink, 2 years. Wounded: Capt. Fred Spink, left arm and hand scalded; Mrs. Fred Spink, scalded about legs and abdomen; Herald Spink, aged 4, frightfully burned all over the body; Mrs. Jay Kelsey, slightly scalded from the knees down. Herald Spink's life is despaired of, but the others injured will recover.

The Trilby was about to pass through a lock near the city limits when the accident happened. Without the slightest warning a flue in the upper row of boiler tubes loosened, and the scalding steam forced open the door of the firebox, and carrying hot coal ashes and acids with it flew all over the passengers.

Chicago, July 25.—According to the police a daring attempt to hold up the Big Four passenger train due here at 6 p. m. was foiled Monday by the timely warning given the authorities. Six men and three boys, all armed with revolvers, waited several hours during the afternoon at the Drexel Park station. They were observed and the police notified. A wagonload of bluecoats hurried to the scene and were met with a brisk fire, which they returned. After a few minutes of fighting the police rushed at their opponents. They captured three boys, each armed with two pistols. The six men, three of them colored, had fled. The boys told the police the men had given them the revolvers and told them to shoot when their seniors did. The police declare that the men evidently intended to stop the train and rob it, hoping to escape easier in the streets of a big city than would be possible in sparsely settled districts.

Will Erect Dogwood Mill E. H. Helms will erect a dogwood plant at Carpenter's station, on the B. & O. railroad.

To Consider Ordinance At to-night's meeting of the Law Committee of City Council, the proposed fireworks ordinance will be considered.