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EMPEROR ABETS THE "BOXERS"

China's Ruler Winks at
Murder of Foreigners.

SITUATION IS ALARMING

Minister Conger Advises Washington
Officials—Subject of Defense Will
Be a Delicate One.

A cable dispatch from Pekin, China, says: The most alarming reports are constantly arriving from the country, especially from Pao Ting Fu. The telegraph wires from Pekin to Pao Ting Fu are cut and all news comes via Tien Tsin.

A serious crisis exists at the palace. The ultra-conservative party advocates not taking repressive measures, urging the dawager empress to allow the "boxers" to finish the work of driving the foreigners out of the country, the moderate party, led by Prince Ching, representing the serious danger of provoking a conflict with the powers.

It is impossible to confirm or deny the report, but significant indications of the leading of the government toward foreigners are contained in the attempt to arrest Lin, Chinese manager of the Pekin syndicate; Kia, chief of the Shan Si commercial bureau, and Fan, a leading banker of Shan Si, on the ground that they were "dangerous characters," but in reality, because they are concerned with new British enterprises. Fortunately all of them were absent and they have not yet been arrested. The British minister, Sir Claud MacDonald, has addressed a note to the tsung li yamen, demanding why the arrests were ordered.

A Shanghai dispatch says: A number of desperadoes, disguised as passengers, have pirated the British Yang Tse steamer Kutwo. They committed wholesale robberies, terrorizing the passengers, who were quite unable to offer resistance.

RIGHT AMERICANS MISSING.

Further advices from Tien Tsin state that two more of the party of foreigners who fled from Pao Ting Fu have arrived there. One of them was badly injured. The relief expedition has returned. The mounted Cossacks, who started in pursuit of the refugees, returned Sunday evening. They reported that they had a fight with the "boxers" at Tuli, killing sixteen and wounding many. Lieutenant Bleusky, Dr. Hamilton, a trooper and a civilian were wounded.

It is reported from Pao Ting Fu that eight Americans and three members of the China inland mission are missing. The missionaries are in great danger.

It was reported that Pao Ting Fu was attacked Sunday night. Mr. Robinson, of the north China mission, not Mr. Stevenson, of the Church of England mission, as cabled previously, is missing and five native Christians have been murdered at Tung Ching. Mr. Norman, of the same mission, has been captured at Wu Chia Ying, two miles from Yang Ching, and is in great danger.

The British cruiser Endymion and the torpedo boat Hart have arrived at Taku.

CONGER SENDS ADVICES.

The following cablegram has been received at the state department from United States Minister Conger at Pekin:

"PEKIN, June 4.—Outside of Pekin the murders and persecutions by the 'boxers' seem to be on the increase. The Pao Ting Fu railway is temporarily abandoned. Work on the Pekin and Hang Kow line is stopped. All foreigners have fled. The Chinese government seems either unwilling or unable to suppress the trouble. The troops show no energy in attacking the 'boxers.'

"CONGER."

Grave as these advices are, they have not induced the state department to vary the line of action it has laid down. The naval force of the United States near Pekin, now represented by one vessel, the Newark, has not been strengthened, but if occasion should arise Admiral Kempf might be reinforced to almost any extent likely to be needed in three or four days, from the numerous American fleet still at Manil and vicinity.

Owing to the peculiar character of the Chinese coast naval vessels of formidable type are unable to approach the populous provinces in China, and especially are these boxer-afflicted communities inaccessible to naval vessels. The state department does not contemplate the use of the United States troops and it would be difficult to spare any from the force now operating in the Philippines, even if they were found expedient to employ the military arm.

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VETERANS ADJOURN.

Next Reunion of Battle-Scarred Confederate Heroes Will Be Held in Memphis.

The Confederate reunion was brought to a close at Louisville Friday night. The next gathering of the old veterans will be at Memphis, Tenn. The struggle for the reunion by the Tennessee city was not a very hard one because it had been conceded that the reunion would go there next year if New Orleans did not ask for it. The candidates were Memphis, Jacksonville and Buffalo.

Friday was to have been the biggest day of the reunion, but an almost continual downpour of rain precluded the possibility of the grand parade, which caused a feeling of distinct disappointment in Louisville.

Briscoe Hindman, of Louisville, was elected commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Veterans by acclamation Friday morning after Walter Colquitt, of Atlanta, the retiring commander, had refused to accept a re-election.

An interesting incident occurred when the report of the committee on resolutions was read. Among the recommendations was one that "the Confederate veterans recognize with appreciation the language of General Daniel Sickles at the recent reunion of the army of the Potomac at Fredericksburg, and reciprocated the feeling shown; that the reunion of Union soldiers or Confederate soldiers attended by the president of the United States and his cabinet showed that there is no sectionalism in recognition of valor of the American soldier; that a copy of these resolution be forwarded to the Society of the Army of the Potomac."

When the vote was called on this there were cries of "No."

General Gordon declared the resolutions adopted, but hearing the "noes," resubmitted the question.

W. H. Buryn, of North Carolina, who presented the resolutions, made a strong speech urging the adoption of the resolutions. J. H. Shepherd, of Virginia, secured the floor and announced that he was opposed to the resolution and asked that it be voted down. He said:

"I want no coqueting with those Yankees who defeated us. For God's sake don't accept anything from Union soldiers. Vote it down, my comrades, vote it down."

The hall was instantly in an uproar, men calling "vote," "question," "no," "yea" and yelling indiscriminately. There were loud calls of "Gordon!" "Gordon!" The commander came to the front and was greeted by frantic cheers that for several minutes prevented his voice from being heard. When silence was partially restored he said:

"I trust the day will never come while I stand on sothern soil among the chivalrous men of the south when I will refuse to send a message of cordial greeting to an enemy. (Cheers.) I know the sender of this message. On the heights of Gettysburg he stood gallantly in my front and it was my bullet that sent him to the rear with a leg off, and for me, I am going to reciprocate the kindly message of the northern soldiers."

Wild cheers greeted this speech, and on a vote the resolution went through with a rush.

CARPENTERS QUIT WORK.

Atlanta Contractors and Employees Have a Strike on Hand.

The carpenters and joiners in Atlanta, Ga., went on a strike Friday. Six hundred men walked away from their jobs to return no more, they say, until their organization is recognized by employers and their demands complied with.

These demands are for a day of eight hours work; a uniform price of 25 cents per hour for their work, as a minimum wage, or \$2 per day, with half price of minimum wage for overtime and double time for legal holidays and Sundays; recognition of their organization by the employment of none but union men by contractors, builders and planing mill managers.

DECREASE OF PUBLIC DEBT.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business, May 30, 1900, the debt less cash in the treasury amounted to \$1,126,688,811, a decrease for the month of \$2,193,774, which is accounted for by the redemption of bonds.

KEMPF LANDS TROOPS.

Admiral Notifies Department of His Move at Peking, China.

The situation in China was almost the sole topic of discussion among the officials of the state department Thursday.

The following cablegram has been received at the navy department from the senior squadron commander, Admiral Kempf:

"Tong Ku (Taku), May 30.—Secretary of Navy, Washington: One hundred men landed and sent to Tien Tsin yesterday. Fifty of these go to Pekin today. Other nations landed men."

KEMPF.

PAPERS OF INDICTMENT

In the Neely Affair Sent from Washington to New York.

Papers were sent from Washington to New York which charge Neely, the alleged defaulter postal employee, with the embezzlement of a sum approximating \$300,000 through conversion into cash of the \$400,000 worth of "surcharged" Cuban postage stamps which were ordered destroyed and so certified by Neely.

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BRITISH ENTER JOHANNESBURG

The Boer City Capitulated Without Resistance.

ROBERTS WAS WELCOMED

Burgher Officials Were Requested To Retain Their Places—British Flag Hoisted With Great Ceremony.

A cablegram was received in London Saturday from Lord Roberts dated Johannesburg May 31st, but which was not dispatched from there until 8:30 a. m. of June 1st, which says:

"The occupation of Johannesburg passed off quite satisfactorily, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Dr. Kraus, the Transvaal commandant here, and order prevailed throughout the town.

"Dr. Kraus met me on my entrance to Johannesburg and rode by my side to the government offices, where he introduced me to the heads of several departments, all of whom acceded to my request that they would continue to carry on their respective duties until they could be relieved of them.

"Johannesburg is very empty, but a good crowd of people assembled in the main square by the time the British flag was being hoisted. A royal salute was fired and three cheers were given.

"At the end of the ceremonies the Seventh and Eleventh divisions marched past with the naval brigade, the heavy artillery and two brigades divisions of the royal field artillery.

"General Ian Hamilton's column and the cavalry division and mounted infantry were too far away to be seen in the ceremony. The troops looked very workmanlike and evidently took keen interest in the proceedings."

According to delayed dispatches reaching Pretoria, Johannesburg was formally handed over to the British at 11 o'clock on the morning of May 31st, in an orderly manner. Lord Roberts was accompanied by a small force. The banks are being guarded. There was a slight engagement outside Johannesburg, and some Australian scouts were shot in street fighting.

After this a message was sent to the nearest British general notifying him that the town would not be defended.

Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Orange Grove, June 2d:

"Johannesburg is quiet. The people are surrendering arms and ponies. Only three Boer guns were left in the fort. The Queenslanders shipped May 30th, a Crusoe, with eleven wagons of stores and ammunition. Commandant Botha, of Zonkopberg, his field cornet and one hundred prisoners were taken in the fighting around Johannesburg, some belonging to the foreign contingents and the Irish brigade. The Thirteenth Yeomanry were attacked May 29th between Kroonstad and Lindley. There were some casualties."

A BRIEF CIVIL BILL.

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An amendment was incorporated providing for the beginning of the work on the memorial bridge between Washington and Arlington cemeteries, to be erected in memory of the dead of both the Union and Confederate armies. While the bill carries only \$200,000 for the project, it is expected ultimately to cost about \$5,000,000. An amendment also was added to the measure providing for an adjustment of certain claims of the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, Oregon, California and South Carolina.

TO CONVENE IN RALEIGH.

Date Fixed For Gathering of Commissioners of Agriculture.

A Washington dispatch says: Senator Mason introduced the following resolution Monday:

"The United States hereby expresses the hope that the war in South Africa may cease at an early day upon terms of fairness to both England and the Transvaal."

Envoy at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Boer envoys and their party received a number of callers at Cleveland, O., Monday morning. At 1:30 p. m. they gave a reception, several hundred people attending.

FOUR ARE DEAD

And Seven Injured By Terrific Explosion of Nitro-Glycerin.

At Whipple, just east of Marietta, O., Thursday, in shooting a well on the Kelly farm there was a premature explosion of fifty quarts of nitroglycerin. Four were killed, four are dying and three others are crippled for life.

Everybody on the ground was either killed or injured; and it was next to impossible to get a reliable description of the terrible explosion.

Car Sheds Are Guarded.

Every power house and car shed of the St. Louis Transit Company is being guarded by Sheriff Pohlman's posse comitatus. In all, about 900 men are on duty. A force of from fifty to sixty men has been stationed at each power house to remain on guard duty.

Richmond Plumbers Dissatisfied.

The Journeymen Plumbers of Richmond, Va., are on strike pending negotiations with the employing master plumbers. They demand \$3 per day and a nine-hour day.

AIMS AT PECK.

Our Commissioner At Paris Is Charged With Dereliction As To His Duties.

The issuance of a bench warrant at Frankfort, Ky., Friday, by Judge Cantrill was the first official notice that an indictment had been returned naming former Governor Taylor as an accessory to the murder of William Goebel. It had been rumored for weeks that the indictment had been returned, but that the officials refused to either confirm or deny it. The indictment was filed and entered on record April 19th. It reads as follows:

"The grand jury of the county of Franklin in the name and by authority of the commonwealth of Kentucky accuses William S. Taylor, of this commonwealth, of being accessory before the fact to the willful murder of William Goebel, committed as follows, viz: The said William S. Taylor, on the 30th day of January, A. D., 1900, and before the finding of this indictment, unlawfully, willfully and feloniously of his malice aforethought and with intent to bring about the death and procure the murder of William Goebel, did conspire with Caleb Powers, F. W. Golden, John L. Powers, John Davis, Henry Yontsey, Charles Finley, W. H. Culton, John Howard, Berry Howard, Harlan Whitaker, Richard Combs and others to this grand jury unknown, and did counsel, advise, encourage, aid and procure the killing of Henry Grant. They were asleep on the track between the rails and must have raised up their heads as the engine passed over them. One was killed outright and the skull of the other was horribly crushed. They were not mangled and would have escaped had they remained flat on the ground."

Important Decree Filed.

Judge Benet has just filed an important decree in the case of Bryan vs. Reams, Saluda county, concerning the application of the act of 1897, in relation to costs in certain partition and foreclosure cases, to the commissaries of the master on moneys arising from sale of land, holding that the master is entitled to a full commission

parval objection, the couple decided to slope and have the marital knot tied without mother's consent. So Miss Taggart left Greenville and was joined at Belton by her ardent and determined lover. The delight of being together was so great that they thoughtlessly whiled away several hours before the ceremony was performed, and in the meantime mamma was hurrying in on the afternoon train to put a quietus on the work of Cupid.

Cupid, however, objected, and the couple fled from the presence of the late Mrs. Taggart to that of Dr. Vass and were quickly "tied up."

A BRITISH COLONY.

Lord Roberts Proclaims Annexation To England of the Orange Free State.

A Bloemfontein special says: Amid salutes and cheers and the singing of "God Save the Queen," the military governor, Major General Prettman, on Monday formally proclaimed the annexation of the Orange Free State under the designation of the Orange River Colony. The ceremony was somewhat imposing and the scene inspiring. An immense concourse had gathered and the town was gay with busting. The balconies and windows surrounding the square were crowded with ladies.