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## CHINA DEFIES THE WORLD

Her Forces At Taku Open Fire on the Combined Fleets of Other Powers.

### ACT MEANS BLOODY WAR

Battleships In Turn Bombard and Capture the Forts—Two British Ships Reported Sunk In the Action.

The German consul at Che Foo telegraphs Berlin that a Japanese boat from Taku has brought the following:

"The Chinese laid torpedoes in the Taku river and collected troops from Shan Hei Kwan. The foreign commanders assembled on the Russian flag ship and addressed an ultimatum to the commanders of the Taku forts, commanding them to withdraw their troops before June 17.

"At 1 a. m., June 17, the guns of the fort opened fire, to which the Russian, British, French and Japanese warships replied. The bombardment lasted seven hours. Two British ships in the river between the forts are reported to have been sunk.

"The telegraph line and railroad between Tien Tsin and Taku were destroyed. Communication by water is also threatened."

WAR PRACTICALLY DECLARED.

A London special says: China declared war against the world when the Taku forts opened upon the international fleet. The accounts of what took place are still unsatisfactory, the best semi-official information being the dispatch received at Berlin from Che Foo.

The unofficial narratives, coming by way of Shanghai, vary widely and bear internal evidence of supplementing the main facts with guess work. One dispatch says that the Yorktown participated in the bombardment. Another asserts that American marines formed half of the storming force of two thousand.

An Associated Press dispatch from Che Foo dated Monday afternoon says:

"The forts on both sides of Taku are now occupied by the Chinese and are expected to be captured. The casualties to the mixed force was as follows:

"British, 1; German, 3; Russian, 1; French, 1; Wounded—British, 4; German, 7; Russian, 45; French, 1. Chinese torpedo boats were seized."

The Shanghai correspondents of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Monday says:

"The forts began firing in observance to orders from Pekin, conveyed in a personal call of the press dispatch, by advice of Kang Yi, president of the ministry of war. Several warships were struck by shells from the 12-inch guns of the forts.

"The heavy Russian losses were due to the blowing up of the magazine at Mandshur.

"Four hundred Chinese are reported to have been killed. The Chinese when retreating fell into the hands of the Russian land forces."

The Daily News has the following from Che Foo:

"Two of the forts were blown up. The thirty-two warships at Taku aggregated 200,000 tons and carried more than 300 guns."

POWERS TAKE ACTION.

The failure of Admiral Seymour's column and its retreat to Tien Tsin increase, it is presumed, the peril of the legations in Pekin, which is still isolated, although Shanghai forwards Chinese rumors that the legations were attacked by mobs who were moved down by machine guns, and also that the members of the legations were massacred.

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## ARMISTICE WAS OFFERED.

Roberts Suggested That Boers Surrender Without Dishonor, But Proposal Is Refused.

Lord Roberts, according to a Boer dispatch received in London Monday from Machadodorp, sent a message to Commandant General Louis Botha on June 13th suggesting disarmament and complimenting the bravery of the burghers. It was pointed out that the surrender would be without dishonor to the burghers and would prevent much suffering. General Botha asked for a six days' armistice in order to confer and consider. Lord Roberts consented to five days. Finally General Botha declined to accept the proposal and hostilities were renewed.

The Boer commandos are retiring on Hiddelburg, followed by the British cavalry and artillery, occasional shells reaching the rear guards. The Boers are destroying the bridges and burning the wheat behind them, carrying off provisions and cattle and leaving the country barren.

Other advices from Machadodorp say that the Boers have an abundance of arms and ammunition with dynamite and ozen, and that they are preparing heavy wagon trains for a retreat to the Lydenburg district, where the chiefs, notwithstanding rumors to the contrary, are determined to make a stand.

The Boers continue to work the Barberton mines, say a dispatch from Lourenco Marques, and there are eight car loads of gold valued at £5,000,000 with President Kruger.

Mr. Steyn, in his proclamation declaring the Free State still free and independent, says the fact that the army is yet in the field renders Lord Roberts' annexation contrary to international law.

In a dispatch to the war office from Pretoria, dated Monday, Lord Roberts said that General Baden-Powell had just arrived there.

GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

Many New Industries Established During the Past Week.

The more important of new industries reported during the past week include an automatic brake company in Tennessee; brick works in Alabama; a broom factory in North Carolina; coal mines in Alabama, Texas and West Virginia; cotton mills in Georgia and North Carolina; cotton seed oil mills in North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas; a crate and package factory in North Carolina; electric light plants in Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee; a fertilizer factory in South Carolina; foundry and machine shops in Tennessee; a furniture factory in Arkansas; glass works in West Virginia; a hosiery factory in Tennessee; a harness and saddlery works, capital \$150,000, in Texas; a hay press manufactory in Tennessee; iron mines in Alabama; an irrigation company in Texas; a knitting mill in North Carolina; natural gas and oil companies in Texas and West Virginia; a palm oil fiber factory in Florida; steel rail mills in Alabama; telephone lines in Texas; tobacco factories in North Carolina and Virginia; a wheel factory in Virginia.—Tradesman (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

BROUGHTON'S "SECRET."

Atlanta Parson Makes Serious Charges Against Ministerial Officers.

Rev. L. G. Broughton, in his preliminary remarks at a revival meeting in the auditorium at Piedmont park at Atlanta, Ga., last Sunday afternoon, said:

"I have a secret to tell, and I am prepared to prove it. I never told anything on the officials of Atlanta but I was ready to prove. Atlanta has not only gone back on God, but humanity itself is below par in this sin-ridden city."

"Do you know that in the crematory which is made for the burning of dead horses, cows, dogs, cats and rats, the sanitary men are burning the bodies of human beings? Yes, my fellow citizens, burning human bodies after the medical colleges have got tired chopping on them."

Master Car Builders In Session.

The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Master Car Builders' Association of the United States began at Saratoga, N. Y., Monday, with a large attendance.

SHORT CROP IN TEXAS.

Cotton Acreage Reduced 2.8 Per Cent From Last Year.

The Galveston-Dallas News has published the first of its 1900 series of crop reports, compiled from replies from 449 correspondents covering 172 counties in Texas. The report shows a decrease in the cotton acreage of 2.8 per cent from last year, due to heavy rains.

American Painters Win Medals.

American Painters have received more awards in gold medals at the Paris exposition than competitors of any other nation save France.

THE CZAR'S PROGRAM.

Rumor Is Current That Russia Will Act Independently In China.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of The London Times, telegraphing Thursday, says:

"In competent political circles there is no wish or trace of intention to act in China other than with the great powers. At the same time there is no desire to establish a European concert, Russia, like the United States, reserves to herself independence of action."

Three Furnaces Closed Down.

Three furnaces of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company at Bessemer, Ala., are to be closed as the result of a strike among employees, who demand an increase in wages. The strike affects about 600 men, mostly negroes, who earn from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day.

Lumber Plant Destroyed.

The plant of the Tiffin (Ohio) Lumber Company was burned Friday morning. Loss \$80,000.

## REQUISITION IS REFUSED

Governor Mount Will Not Give Up W. S. Taylor.

### GIVES REASONS FOR ACTION

Issues a Statement and Says a Fair Trial in the State of Kentucky Will Be Impossible

A special from Indianapolis says: Governor Mount issued a statement Wednesday declining to honor a requisition from Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, for the return to that state of W. S. Taylor, who is under indictment for complicity in an alleged plot which resulted in the assassination of Governor Goebel.

Colonel Tom Campbell, Justus Goebel, brother of the murdered man, and Sheriff Senter, of Franklin county, Kentucky, arrived in the city during the day with the requisition. They met the governor in the executive parlors and at his orders, every one was excluded during the arguments, including reporters.

Colonel Campbell insisted to the governor that he had been misinformed as to the situation in Kentucky. The evidence, he said, all came from those who had been near Taylor, including Republican state officials and Taylor's own private secretary. This was in reply to the sharp statement by Governor Mount that he would hear no evidence secured by means of the \$100,000 fund.

Mr. Campbell said Taylor could get a fair trial in Kentucky and cited the fact that seven others, charged with the same offense, had not been molested. Justus Goebel added to Mr. Campbell's argument, which lasted an hour, a short statement, urging the governor to have the law take its course. He said he believed Taylor and Goebel guilty from the evidence that had come to him, but if they were innocent the law of Kentucky would so declare and the men would go free and unmolested.

At 10 o'clock Wednesday night Governor Mount announced his decision. The latter part is as follows:

"The honoring of this demand and the return of Governor Taylor into the custody of men who, blind to reason, have ignored civil rights and in environments where rapacious hate dominates, would be assuming a responsibility from the gravity of which I shrink. If conviction should follow, and the fact be made manifest that the court was a mockery of justice, it would fan into flame the smoldering embers in your state."

"Until those already in prison have been accorded a fair trial, thus demonstrating the possibility of securing justice in your courts, I cannot honor your requisition. When the time shall have come that I can feel assured that a fair trial will be accorded to Mr. Taylor, then and not until then, will I honor a requisition for his return."

STRIKERS ARE QUIET.

Officials at St. Louis Think Troubles are About Ended.

A St. Louis dispatch says: Sheriff Pohlman and Chief of Police Campbell are of the opinion that the reign of terror that has prevailed during the greater part of the past month or more as a result of the street railway strike, is at an end. They are confident that their combined forces will be able to prevent any further lawlessness. It seems to be the general opinion that last Sunday's riot was the culmination of these outbreaks.

MAY FORGIVE EMPRESS.

Rumors Current That Chinese Question Will Be Settled.

Extraordinary rumors are current in Shanghai to the effect that the powers have settled the Chinese question by agreeing to forgive the Dowager Empress and her Manchian advisers, provided they promise to amend their future conduct.

TEDDY EMPHATICALLY DECLINES

Roosevelt Says Again That He Won't Have Second Place on Ticket.

"I stand just where I did two months ago. I am not a candidate for vice president, and will not accept if nominated at Philadelphia next week."

The governor continued:

"I see that my name is being mentioned in this connection again; but I cannot imagine by whose authority, or on whose responsibility. The national leaders know my position, and the New York state delegation will not present or urge my name."

KINLEY MACK THE WINNER.

First Under Wire in the Suburban Race and Gets \$10,000 Purse.

At Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., Saturday Kinley Mack won the suburban race by a length. Ethelbert was second and Gulden, third. The time was 2:06 4-5.

May Make Application.

Under the new law there has been 362 applications for the organizations of national banks.

DEWEY NON-COMMITTAL.

Gives An Unsatisfactory Answer to Associated Press Representative.

Admiral Dewey was seen in Washington Friday by an Associated Press representative and asked whether or not he would defend his position relative to the vice presidential nomination. He replied that inasmuch as he had not been offered the nomination, it would perhaps be presumptuous in him to say that he would or would not accept.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Funds Not Available.

As has been previously announced Governor McSwain appointed Major Edward Willis fish commissioner some days ago. He has as much authority as the law will permit, and no pay is yet provided. Notwithstanding the uncertainty of affairs, Major Willis is receiving letters asking for assistance.

He has received a letter from Oranburg, saying: "I notice that you have been appointed state fish commissioner and patrol. I desire to inform you that the fish laws are being very flagrantly violated on the Edisto river by the use of wire nets and seines and various other devices. The destruction of the fish in the Edisto and its tributaries is so great that it will only be a question of a short time when there will not be any left, etc."

A long letter from McClellanville reports to Major Willis that the law as to terrapins is being violated in his section, and appeals to him to put a stop, if he can, to the violations.

There are no funds available for this work.

Charleston and Atlanta.

The Southern railway, in connection with the Georgia railroad, is now making a feature of special Saturday trains from Atlanta to Charleston and the Isle of Palms.

The Charleston Exposition.

The Nashville American says: The South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian exposition at Charleston will shortly be organized, and preparations will begin for the buildings and displays, which will be opened in December.

The exposition project, when first broached, included only the idea of a state fair, but upon discussion it was decided that it should be of a broader scope. As the name indicates, exhibits from states outside of South Carolina and from the new possessions of the United States will be displayed.

As is natural, particular attention will be given to cotton and cotton manufactures, though mining and general manufactures and agriculture will be well represented.

The exposition will, no doubt, prove a success, as it is backed by keen and sagacious business men. Located in the south in the winter season, and in a city crowded with historic memories and full of quaintness and romance, there should be a large attendance from the more northerly states. Such an exposition will be of inestimable benefit, not only to Charleston and South Carolina, but to the entire south.

Wheat Growers' Convention.

The Wheat Growers' Convention of the state, it is announced, will be held in Greenwood on August 15, and the local committee are now preparing for it. A large attendance is expected and the convention promises to be even more successful than the one last year. The one last year it is noted, was so successful that Greenwood county "will not have to buy a barrel of western flour for the next twelve months."

The Olympia Cotton Mill.

One of the new enterprises going up in Columbia is the enormous stable being erected by the Olympia cotton mill for its own use. The building will be over two hundred feet in length and about one hundred and fifty feet wide. Work has already been commenced, and will be carried to an early completion. The stable is to be finished in the most modern way, and will consist of forty stalls. Here all the day horses and wagons for the Olympia, Granby and Richland cotton mills are to be kept.

Another important feature connected with this enterprise is to be a fire department, maintained at the expense of these three mills. As the situation now is the mills have but little protection from fire from the city department on account of a poor flow of water in that part of the town, and hence the authorities have taken these precautionary measures. There is to be a power chemical engine, two hose reels and one hook and ladder, all of which will be manipulated by trained firemen, who will be employed by the mills. The mill building is now nearly complete.

Teachers' Summer School.

The final arrangements for the second annual summer school for teachers at Winthrop have been made. Superintendent Education McMahon, who has managed the work so very successfully, has had a leaflet published giving all the facts about the school. The faculty announced for July 18 to August 14, is strong.

The officers of the school are: John J. McMahon, superintendent; D. B. Johnson, associate; W. Zach McGee, assistant superintendent; R. B. Cunningham, secretary and treasurer; Winthrop College; Miss Ida Dacas, librarian.

In the rules for the school are these items:

The boarding department of Winthrop college will be opened under the charge of the regular force of that institution. All who wish to board in the dormitory must make application to President D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C. Furnished rooms in the dormitory will be assigned free of cost to those who board in the college. Everything will be supplied.

The dormitories and dining room will not be opened for summer school students until July 17 at supper and will close positively on August 15 after dinner has been served.

Board will be at the following rates, payable, without exception, at the time of enrollment:

Four weeks, two in a room, single beds, \$12. For periods less than four weeks the rates will be \$1 per day, \$5 per week. For each meal served in dormitory, 25 cents extra. Late supper will be served only on the even-ings of July 17, 18 and 19 for the accommodation of persons arriving on the north bound trains of the Southern railway.

Laundry, \$1.50 for the four weeks, payable at enrollment.

## EXCITING NEWS FROM CHINA

London Hears That Foreign Legations Are Destroyed

### AND GERMAN MINISTER KILLED

Reports Are Not Confirmed as the Chinese Empire Is Cut Off From the World.

A dispatch received in London Saturday from Hong Kong, China, was to the effect that the Pekin legations have been destroyed and the German minister, Baron Von Ketteler, has been killed.

A New York Journal and Advertiser special of the same date from Tien Tsin says:

Boxers control at Tien Tsin and the city officials have been burned at the stake. A great panic has arisen among the Chinese.

CONFIRMATION LACKING.

The unconfirmed and unofficial rumor that Baron Von Ketteler, the German minister at Pekin, had been killed soon spread to the diplomatic circles in Washington, and caused great uneasiness, as the erroneous statement got abroad that the state department had received confirmation of the report.

As a matter of fact, neither the state department nor the German embassy knew anything of it. The rumor was none the less disquieting, for aside from the grave international aspect of such an act, Baron Von Ketteler is intimately known in Washington, having been first secretary of the German embassy a few years ago.

Minister Wu, of the Chinese legation there, called at the state department Friday, but he declared that he was without any advice from his own government.

Some of these came from Iowa, the home of Minister Conger, and some of them from friends and relatives of other persons connected with the United States legation at Pekin. Mrs. Baldwin, sister of Minister Conger, called in person at the department to inquire into the truth of the story. The department was obliged to make answer in each case that it had no news and that it could not confirm the report. It was apparent that the officials did not believe that the United States legation had been burned, and they were only sorry that they could not make a denial upon authority.

It is said at the state department that according to the last report there was at the United States legation besides Minister Conger his wife, daughter, at least one lady visitor, Secretary of Legation Herbert C. Squires, of New York; William E. Bainbridge of Iowa, the second secretary; Lieutenant Albert Key, naval secretary, and F. V. Cheshire, interpreter.

DEPARTMENT GROWS ANXIOUS.

Not a word of news came to the state department from Minister Conger, who has now been cut off from communication. Even the United States consuls in north China ports were silent. Admiral Kempff has not been heard from since Thursday. This absence of official reports has given rise to grave apprehensions.

It was expected that there might be delay in hearing from Mr. Conger, but in the case of Admiral Kempff an early report was looked for, and it is feared that the officers of the foreign fleet at Taku have been prevented from reaching the cable station there either by the open hostility of the boxers or by the sinister orders of the Chinese government.

Admiral Kempff has been called upon by direction of the president for an explicit statement of the situation and his needs. It was for him to say whether he required reinforcements.

If he is cut off from communication the government must then act without waiting much longer. Of course in that case it would have to proceed upon the theory that additional forces, both ships and troops, perhaps is needed.

A GIGANTIC MORTGAGE.

Seaboard Air-Line Secures Issue of \$75,000,000 Fifty-Year Bonds.

A deed of trust from the Seaboard Air-Line railway to the Continental Trust Company of Baltimore was recorded in Portsmouth, Va., Thursday, conveying all property of every description of that road to secure the issue of \$75,000,000 first mortgage fifty-year 5 per cent bonds.

The mortgage was first recorded in six states—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. The state tax was \$75,000 and the United States internal revenue tax \$17,500.

MORE MONEY WANTED.

Citizens of St. Louis Will Be Called on For Additional Subscriptions.

At a conference between the chairman of the executive and finance committees of the world's fair at St. Louis, Saturday, it was decided that the re-circulating the city for the purpose of obtaining additional subscriptions from firms and corporations to the local fund should begin vigorously as soon as conditions in St. Louis would permit such action.

SEVEN MEN INDICTED

For Criminal Assault On a Woman in Blount County, Ala.

The grand jury at Bangor, Blount county, Ala., has returned indictments against Jack Webb, Charles Webb, Henry Webb, Robert Webb, A. Abercrombie, Mose Helm and John Barrett, charging them with criminally assaulting Mrs. Fronnie Fuller.

The men are in jail at Calhoun and will be given a trial in a few days.

## WILL BE BRYAN

Result of Various State Conventions Makes His Nomination Certain.

### HEAD-ON COLLISION

Occurs on Air-Line Railroad Six Miles Out From Atlanta.

With only a moment's warning glimpses of each other, northbound train No. 12, which left Atlanta Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock and the Air-Line Belle accommodation crashed together in a high embankment on the Southern railway line, about six miles from the city.

Two lives paid the penalty of the collision. Reuben R. Mayfield, the veteran engineer of the Belle, and Benjamin Davis, a white flagman of a freight train, but who was on the Belle at the time of the accident, were the men killed.

No. 12 was loaded with passengers. Southbound train No. 17, better known as the "Air-Line Belle," which runs between Atlanta and Lula, Ga., was also on the line at the time of the collision. It also had a number of passengers on board.

A large number of the passengers of both trains sustained painful, though not very serious injuries. Several members of the train crews were hurt. The two engines were completely demolished. The baggage cars on each train had their front ends battered in, but the passenger coaches, except for a few scratches, remained in good condition.

The accident was due to the fact that the engineer and conductor of the northbound train were not acquainted with the fact that they should wait at the Belle junction for the southbound Belle. To explain away the responsibility there is a conflict of testimony between the train dispatcher's office and D. G. Owens, the operator who was on duty at Belt Junction.

Owens declares that he was not instructed to hold the north-bound train. Thomas H. Grant, the dispatcher in the Atlanta office, says that such orders were sent to the operator at the junction.

DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCKY

Name Delegates, Re-elect Chicago Platform and Indorse Bryan.

The Democrats of Kentucky met in Louisville Thursday to select delegates from the state-at-large to the national convention at Kansas City. The meeting was harmonious throughout.

Senator Joe Blackburn read the report of the committee on resolutions. The report was read by the chairman, and the delegates instructed the twenty delegates from Kentucky to cast their vote for Bryan and to vote as a unit on all questions.

The Republican national policy was denounced in full, as were separately the policy of imperialism, the Payne tariff bill; the maintenance of an army in the Philippines and the financial policy. Sympathy was expressed for the two South African republics. Trusts were denounced.

The Democrats of Kentucky were congratulated for their course in the recent troubles. The assassination of Governor Goebel was declared to be the result of a Republican conspiracy and William S. Taylor and his official associates were denounced.

The following delegates at large were then unanimously elected: Senator J. C. S. Blackburn, Governor James B. McCreary, Louis McQuinn, Charles B. Foyne, James F. Gregory, William H. Fryer, W. W. Utley, C. W. Stanford.

After the election of Morton S. Yount and N. B. Hayes as presidential electors the convention adjourned.

Committee to Notify Towns.

A Minnesota dispatch says: B. Ringdahl, temporary chairman of the Sioux Falls Populist convention, has named the committee to notify Charles A. Towne of his nomination for the vice presidency.

CRUISER LEAVES SHANGHAI.

Navy Department Advised That Yorktown Has Gone to Chee Foo.

The navy department has been informed that the Yorktown sailed Tuesday from Shanghai for Chee Foo. The United States consul at Chee Foo reported the state department of Boxer disturbances at that place.

Riots In Peking Increased.

Official dispatches received in diplomatic quarters in Washington Wednesday showed that the rioting in Peking had reached an acute stage, with the rioters directing a number of their assaults against members of the different legations there.

POLICEMEN CALLED OFF.

Guards For St. Louis Street Car Lines Are No Longer Needed.

All the policemen who have been on duty guarding the power houses, sheds and cars of the St. Louis Transit company since the strike began went back to their beats Thursday.

All of the 300 emergency policemen, sworn in for strike duty, were also divided among the duty stations and to patrol duty. The power houses and sheds will, until the strike is over, be guarded by the police companies.

GENERAL GORDON INVITED

To Attend National Encampment of G. A. R. Men In Chicago.

Commander-in-Chief Shaw, representing veterans of the civil war in the Grand Army of the Republic, has sent a personal invitation to General John B. Gordon, representative of the United Confederate Veterans, to visit Chicago next August as a special guest of the thirty-fourth national encampment of the G. A. R.

## CENSUS COUNCIL COMPLETED.

Result, However, Will Not Be Known For a Fortnight.