

advance includes all the troops except five hundred men taken from each regiment left behind to garrison Suakim. A violent sand storm delayed the movement considerably.

Osman Digna's losses during all the engagements of the past week are estimated at 4,000 men.

The number of sunstrokes among the troops daily increases. The troops are greatly overworked with convoy duty during the day and sentry service at night. The building of the Berber railway is suspended outside of Suakim, owing to the inability of the army to afford protection along the line beyond camp. It was decided that the forces necessary for such protection cannot be spared at least until after the impending battle at Tamai, which is expected to be decisive, shall have been fought. The laborers engaged for railway construction will be employed meantime in the much-needed work of improving the wharfage accommodations at Suakim.

Forty per cent. of the marines from the fleet here are sick with enteric complaints. Many are also suffering from ailments of the eyes. The troops will advance Monday from the advanced zereba and construct another zereba five miles nearer Tamai. Gen. Graham is anxious to get his troops into a permanent summer camp as soon as possible, because he fears there may be frightful mortality among them if they are much longer exposed to the terrible heat and malarial influence of their present quarters.

There is no confirmation of the report that Osman Digna asked to negotiate terms of surrender with Gen. Graham.

LONDON, 28.—The Federation of Liberal Associations, which yields the greatest influence upon the Liberal votes, has decided to actively oppose the continuance of the war in Sudan. It is believed the government is not unwilling to submit to party coercion, and the opinion prevails that it will abandon the intention of marching to Khartoum, and after the defeat of Osman Digna has been accomplished, will endeavor to open negotiations with the Mahdi.

LONDON, 29.—A dispatch from Paris says, it is officially announced that the Chinese troops on the Tonquin frontier yesterday made a desperate attack upon the entrenched camp established by General Negrier, between Langson and Kila, from which General Negrier was making reconnaissance beyond the frontier, separating Tonquin from China proper. The Chinese drove the French back beyond Langson, and recaptured that town. During this series of fights General Negrier was grievously wounded and the French casualties were very serious.

PARIS, 29.—The following dispatch was received from General Briere De Lisle dated Hanoi, March 28th:

"I regret to announce that General Negrier has been severely wounded and obliged to evacuate Langson. The Chinese, in three large columns, made an impetuous attack upon our positions before Kila. Col. Herbenger, in the face of a superior number of the enemy and exhausted of ammunition, was obliged to retreat to Dang Dong and Thannoi. I am massing forces on the Chu and Kep roads. If the enemy still increases, I shall retire to Long Koi. Whatever happens I hope to be able to defend the whole Delta.

Please send reinforcements as quickly as possible."

The cabinet met at 8 this morning. The morning journal *Des Debats* says: France will make necessary efforts in behalf of her sons in Tonquin. Reinforcements will be sent not to-morrow but to-day. To-morrow, however, we shall see with whom the responsibility rests.

The *Siecle*, urges a French expedition to Peking and says Premier Ferry will make a statement in the Chamber of deputies to-morrow.

Latest accounts represent the French troops in full retreat with the Chinese vigorously pursuing them. Vast quantities of commissary and other stores were lost. Gen. Negrier received a gunshot wound in the chest. He was brought from the field, but his recovery is doubtful.

The total French loss in killed and wounded is not yet known.

Gen. Briere de Lisle, who is in chief command in Tonquin, telegraphs for assistance in an imploring tone, which leads Parisians to expect further disasters.

A council of war was held to-day with Gen. Lewal, minister of war, presiding.

Intense excitement prevails wherever the bad news has become known in France.

PARIS, 29.—The Chinese forces gained a victory over the French at Langson on Friday. They carried the key of the position, and the French troops retreated beyond Dang Dong. They are falling back on Long Koi. The French loss in men and guns is unknown. The Chinese force is estimated to be 50,000 strong. They menace the French lines of communication with the south.

It is reported in Paris that General Briere de Lisle asks for 20,000 reinforcements.

The French reverses have increased the political excitement in Paris. It is expected the ministry will be defeated in the next Tonquin debate and then resign. Radical and Monarchist organs predict an early fall of Premier Ferry.

A report is in circulation to-night that General Negrier died from his wounds.

Prince Orloff, Russian diplomatist, is dead.

MELBOURNE, 29.—The Governor of Victoria has issued an order forbidding

foreign ships to enter Port Philip during the night.

DONGOLA, 29.—Gen. Wolseley is going to Cairo under orders from the government.

LONDON, 29.—Latest advices from Egypt say that Gen. Wolseley, after making an inspection of the military stations from Dongola to Cairo, will go to Suakim. It is now certain that the advance of Gen. Graham's army to Tamai will be made on Wednesday, sufficient water and stores at Gen. McNeill's zereba having been completed to-day.

ST. PETERSBURG, 29.—The German *Gazette* thinks the dispute between England and Russia of too trivial a nature to fight about. The *Gazette* says: It is difficult to understand how a nation with such an experience as that of the Sudan disaster, can assume such a warlike attitude towards a powerful military state. The *Journal De St. Petersburg* believes the reply of the Russian minister of foreign affairs will have a conciliatory effect, and that the Marquis of Huntington, expecting this, postponed debate on the Queen's message calling out the reserves.

PARIS, 30.—Excitement over the French defeat at Langson is intense. The feeling against the government is so strong that an outbreak is feared. It is reported that France will officially declare war. This, with fears of a serious riot and the downfall of the ministry, has caused a panic on the bourse.

All the radical newspapers request the impeachment of the ministers.

Rocheport demands the head of the French Premier, Ferry, for the many blunders in Tonquin.

LONDON, 30.—A Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company states that war with China will be officially declared to-day. Fifty thousand reinforcements will be forwarded and the army ordered to march to Peking. It is expected that Admiral Courbet will bombard Canton. *Figaro* states that the French killed and wounded in the fight at Langson were 1,200. Some papers favor impeaching the ministry.

Count Vogue, brother-in-law of Gen. Anakoff, in a letter to the *Journal Des Debats*, Paris, estimates the army of the Caucasus at 100,000 men. He says this army could easily be replaced by another army of equal strength from the western frontier of Russia, which is unmenaced, and that this army could soon reach Penjdeh by the Askabad Railway, which will be completed in a few days.

MADRID, 30.—A serious outbreak of disease resembling cholera has occurred at San Felipe, De Jativa, Province of Valencia. Fifteen persons died within 24 hours of colic, with choleraic symptoms. The report spread that the province was threatened with a return of the cholera epidemic which would complete the ruin caused by the earthquakes. The people are panic stricken and begging further assistance from the government.

LONDON, 30.—The *Daily News* says: There is reason to believe that a reply of DeGiers concerning the Afghan frontier is on the way to England, and that it is distinctly favorable to peace, for which we must thank the firmness of England and the immense meeting at Rawul Pindi. There is increasing ground, it continues, for the belief that some resource of diplomacy will enable Russia to abandon her claims without loss of prestige.

LONDON, 30.—A St. Petersburg correspondent to the *Times* says: "Russia's reply was ready on the 26th inst. Both governments desire to keep the contents secret. England proposed another frontier line. It is not known whether Russia accepts, but official circles rely upon a peaceful compromise. Great irritation was caused by the preparations of India, which it is stated far exceed Russia's preparations. Everywhere calm indifference was exhibited by the Russians except in military circles and those indirectly interested in the Afghan question.

LONDON, 30.—A dispatch from Paris says President Grevy presided at the Council of Ministers to-day. He insisted on immediate action being taken for the prompt and vigorous prosecution of the war with China. The Cabinet decided to mobilize two divisions of troops, to be commanded by four brigadier-generals, for immediate service in Tonquin, also to raise 10,000 men to reinforce Admiral Courbet.

SUAKIM, 30.—The convoy which left here at an early hour this morning has arrived at McNeill's zereba. It is reported that the whole of Osman Digna's force has been withdrawn from the surrounding country.

Osman's force is now concentrated at Tamaniab, where they propose giving battle to Gen. Graham.

El Mahdi has sent large reinforcements to the Arab garrison. Mount Berber and Mount Hamunt, to the north of Berber, have been strongly fortified by the enemy.

PARIS, 30.—The Ferry cabinet has resigned owing to the adverse vote in the Chamber of Deputies.

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST.

OGDEN CITY, March 26, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

On Wednesday night, late, Mr. Wm. H. and Hannah Pidcock, of this city, received a telegram from Eagle Rock, informing them of

A FEARFUL FATALITY

which had happened to their son Joseph Pidcock. On Tuesday Mr. Mc-

Mannus, conductor on the Oregon Short Line, found the body of the deceased young man lying by the side of the railroad track, some three miles west of Montpelier. His head, the dispatch stated, is nearly blown to pieces. About thirty feet from the body a gun was found, by means of which it is supposed Mr. Pidcock met his death. By whose hands, however, the horrid deed was done is as yet involved in

PROFOUND MYSTERY.

Mr. McMannus telegraphed to Jedediah Pidcock, brother of the young man, at Eagle Rock, and he at once started for Montpelier to fetch home the body. At a late hour to-night the remains had not arrived, but they are anxiously looked for the friends and will probably be here Friday.

It is needless to say the family are, by the receipt of this terrible news plunged into the

DEEPEST DISTRESS.

They have the full sympathy of the people of this community.

Joseph Pidcock was born and raised in Ogden. He was in the twenty-third year of his age. He was in the employ of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, and for a few months past has been clerk in their store at Montpelier. The last intelligence received from him while alive, was on the 2d inst., in two letters, which he wrote to two of his sisters in this place. He was then in good health, and cheerful spirits, and his letters breathed a spirit of kindness and affection and contained words of good counsel, and hope of seeing his friends again ere long; but instead of which he has gone to his last, long, silent home.

The following later communication from the same correspondent, also reached us to-day.

OGDEN CITY, UTAH,

March 28th, 1885.

One of the questions which has mostly agitated the Junction City for some days past is the

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The dealers in ardent spirits have felt, and still feel, the pressure of the business depression which has prevailed in Ogden for some months past. Hence they presented a petition to the City Council, asking that body to give them a rebate in the rates for liquor license for the three months next ensuing, commencing on April 1st, 1885.

The reduction asked was fifty per cent., which would reduce the rum sellers' license from \$225.00 per quarter to \$112.50 per quarter. It will be observed, however, that the favor was asked for three months only; and at the expiration of that time the amount be again raised to what it now is.

At the last regular session of the Council the city attorney was instructed to

FRAME AN ORDINANCE

to enable the City Fathers to accede to the wishes of the petitioners. The ordinance was framed and presented last evening at a special meeting of the Council. After the instrument was read,

A REMONSTRANCE,

signed by 739 citizens of all shades of politics and religion, was read. The petitioners protested against the reduction, and asked the Council to let license fees remain as they were or to raise them to three hundred dollars per quarter. This was a damper, and somewhat cooled the ardor of the members who were favorable to the reduction, but they felt constrained to bow to the

WILL OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS

who placed them in the city government.

James N. Kimball, Esq., appeared on behalf of the spirit merchants and made an elaborate speech in favor of the ordinance looking to their relief. Mr. S. J. Carroll, a total abstainer was invited to speak. He addressed the council on the evils in general, which result from rum selling and tippling, and urged that body not to grant the reduction in the licenses. After one hour's discussion and deliberation the vote was called and the City Fathers

REJECTED THE ORDINANCE,

And the liquor dealers' license remains in statu quo.

At fifteen minutes past 6 o'clock last evening, Wells, Fargo & Co's express wagon arrived at the residence of Mr. W. H. Pidcock with the mangled remains of their son Joseph, whose body was found lying by the side of the O. S. L. track, on Thursday. About seven o'clock Dr. Mitchell arrived at the house. The box containing the corpse was then opened, and

A HORRID SPECTACLE

was presented to the view of the family and friends of the deceased. From the statement made by Jedediah Pidcock, it appears that the contents of a double-barrelled shotgun had passed through the young man's head. The deadly missiles entered from the right side of the neck and ranged upward, completely blowing off the top of the head, causing instant death. There were no signs of any struggle near the place where the body was found. The brains were

ENTIRELY BLOWN OUT,

which, together with large pieces of the skull were gathered up and placed in a separate box to keep them together.

Thus far we have no reliable information, by whose hand the young man met his death, whether by his own or that of an assassin. A dispatch has been sent to Montpelier for information relative to the result of the coroner's inquest, if one has been held; but up to this time (9 o'clock a. m.), no answer has been received, and nothing definite has been ascertained on the subject from those who brought the remains to Ogden. Much anxiety is manifested by the friends of the young man, as they are still in suspense in regard to the real character of the death he died.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock p. m. to-day.

WEBER.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—A span of valuable horses were stolen from the stable of Mr. Adams, of Kaysville, last Monday night.

—The first annual meeting of the Idaho Cattle Growers' Association will be held at Shoshone on Wednesday, April 1st.

—The man Embree, of Laramie, who deliberately fired three shots at his former employer several days ago, and then fled, has not yet been found. Some think he has committed suicide by drowning himself in the Big Laramie river.

—The other day a band of thirty mules valued at \$3,000 were found dead on the Boise River, Idaho, where they were caught in a big snow storm and could not get out. This is the heaviest loss caused by the hard winter in that Territory that has yet been reported.

—A special from Dillon, M. T., to the *Butte Minor*, dated March 25, says: The prisoners confined in the Dillon jail have turned the tables on the sheriff. The culprits were but three in number, but they soon overpowered the officer, placed him in their cell, locked him up and carried away the key. The prisoners made their escape and the Sheriff, at this writing (10 p. m.), is still locked in.

—Last Wednesday an old man who was a passenger on one of the Union Pacific emigrant trains was missed near Green River, and the anxious conductor fearing he had fallen from the train and been killed, telegraphed back to learn if such was the case. It was finally ascertained that he was at Fremont Station alive and unhurt. It seems that the old man had walked out on the platform while asleep and stepped from the train, while going at full speed. It is a curious but well known fact that a somnambulist is never hurt in this way, although they have been known to leave trains going at a speed of forty miles an hour.

—Two freight trains collided on the Oregon Short Line last Thursday morning near Weeping Water, Wyoming. The two trains came at each other at a point where there is a deep cut and a sharp curve, and although they were reversed before the shock, the result was a terrible wreck. A flat car next to one of the engines climbed clear over the tender and rested on top of the boiler, while the other engine stopped on top of the flat car, thus making a complete flat car sandwich. The two crews took a leap for life, and all escaped unhurt except one of the conductors, who had his collar bone broken.

—On Wednesday evening the store of C. Peterson, at Huntsville, was burglarized to the amount of \$30. It is said the perpetrators are known, but no action has yet been taken against them.

—Last Thursday some little boys in Logan, while playing with matches, set fire to some straw and rubbish on the premises of Niels Rosengreen. A disastrous fire would doubtless have resulted had not a neighbor, who saw the flames from a window, raised the alarm. Finally assistance arrived and the fire was extinguished before very much damage was done.

—Speaking of the efforts to have the recently-burned railroad shops at Logan replaced, the *Utah Journal* of the 28th inst., says: "It is understood that the citizen and city government of Logan are prepared to furnish \$3,000 or more on condition that permanent shops be erected here in place of those lately burned. Negotiations regarding the matter are still pending with good prospects, it is believed, that the shops will be rebuilt of stone and of dimensions and capacity larger than the old ones."

—About a week ago two boys of Paris, Idaho, went down into the bottoms near that town to shoot ducks. As they were walking along, they saw through the brush or rushes, what they supposed was a duck, and one of them fired. A human cry went up from the object struck, and on rushing to the spot the boys found that the contents of the shot gun had lodged in the back of a young friend named Charley Bird. The injured person was placed under proper care, and, although painfully hurt, he is progressing nicely, and no serious results are anticipated.

Chinese Funeral.—The funeral of Chin Choo, the Chinaman who died of consumption, last week, at the advanced age of 83 years, took place yesterday afternoon. A procession, with a large display of banners, was formed by countrymen of the deceased, who was a prominent man among them, and headed by the Opera House band, proceeded to the cemetery. A Chinese band, consisting of one drum and three gongs, was in the line, and pealed forth what might be considered musical selections *a la Chinese*. The body

was interred near the southeast corner of the City Cemetery, and the burial ceremonies were quite imposing. Roast pork, chicken, a whole pig, burning candles, joss paper, etc., were among the paraphernalia. Three fires were lighted, in one of which all of the personal property belonging to the dead man was burned. The banners carried were also consigned to the flames. A bottle containing some liquid was passed around among the chief mourners, who partook of the contents with evident relish; some pieces of roast pork and chicken were thrown into the grave, on top of the box, the grave was filled, and the procession departed. About fifteen hundred persons were attracted by the band and procession, and followed to the graveyard to witness the services; the crowd, in jamming close to see what was going on, knocking down several headboards of graves near by.

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