

CHINESE RUSH TO THE BATTLE.

Advanced Determinedly, Carrying Lighted Torches.

FLED AT THE FIRST FIRE.

Japanese Account of Fighting Around Tien Tsin—Heroism of Allies—Daring Exploit of a Young Man.

Victoria, B. C., July 18.—The steamship Empress of India brings detailed accounts of the fighting at Tien Tsin. Col. Shimamura, who commanded the Japanese troops at Tien Tsin prior to the relief of that place, has forwarded to his government a detailed report of the incidents from the time of the attack until June 25. The report says in part:

The Chinese advanced determinedly to the assault. There were some hundreds of them and they were carrying lighted torches. They advanced in a series of rushes and the Japanese allowed them to get within close proximity before they opened fire. Then the Japanese fired several volleys from the Maxim and other small arms, and the Chinese, thrown away their torches, fled. Afterward, during the night, the Chinese only approached in parties of three or four, but made no real attack. They contented themselves with endeavoring to sneak up and fire the outer buildings. On examination the bodies of the slain were found to be young men of twenty-four or twenty-five, clad in silk and carrying pouches with flint stones, ammunition. About daybreak on the 17th, some 1,500 Chinese wearing red caps and red belts, approached, brandishing swords. As soon as they got within range two or three volleys were fired and they retired hastily. This was but an advance party, though far to the eastward was seen a large force with a number of large guns moving towards the native city. The allies watched them until they were within range and at 2:45 p. m. the Chinese began a furious bombardment of the foreign concessions. Many of the shells fell between the British and German concessions.

Under cover of the artillery fire the main body of the Chinese troops advanced against the railway station, but they were beaten back by the allies. The German guarding party of the city were attacked by a large body of Chinese, and would have been overpowered had not the timely arrival of the Japanese saved them. They advanced with a ringing cheer and the Chinese were routed.

On the 18th at 7 a. m. the Chinese troops, uniting their forces, attacked simultaneously from the north and south. The allies met and beat back each attack.

The Russian troops who were in the advance crossed the river and attacked the enemy from the front. They were followed by the English, Germans and Japanese. The Chinese, however, were not so easily beaten back and they succeeded in getting fire to the Specie bank, which was burned to the ground.

On the 22nd the bombardment was resumed. The shelling of the Specie bank was continued. The Chinese troops, who were parading, brought intelligence in the afternoon that a force of 2,000 to 3,000 allies was advancing from Taku to relieve Tien Tsin, and had arrived within 14 miles of Tien Tsin. There was great joy when word was passed around of the approaching relief, and next morning the allied force, attacking from the east and south, drove off the enemy and the fighting ceased.

Another report published in the Japanese press from Tien Tsin says that on June 22nd the United States consulate was burned during the bombardment.

The Japanese papers also tell of the exploit of a young employee of a commercial house, named Waite, who disguised himself as a Boxer and accompanied by four Chinese, left the Specie bank of Tien Tsin on June 19th. After four days of narrow escapes and flight from pursuing Boxers, he and the Russians reached Taku on the 23rd, with their letters, which asked for reinforcements.

LETTER FROM A CONSUL'S WIFE.

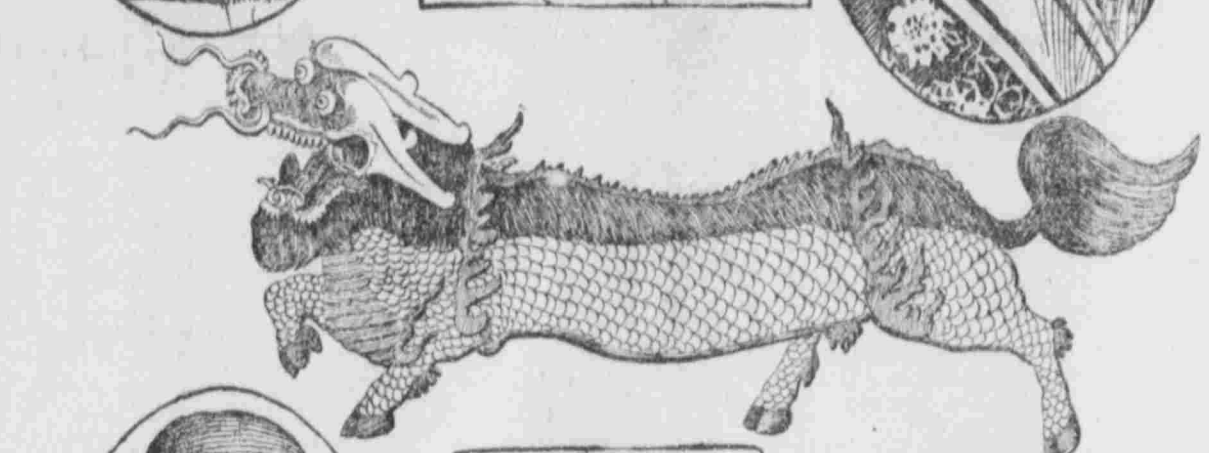
Santa Rosa, Cal., July 18.—Letters have been received here from Mrs. J. W. Russell, wife of the United States consul at Tien Tsin, and from Mrs. Lucy Drummond. The letters are under date of June 14th, and tell of critical conditions existing there at that time. Another letter from Mrs. Drummond at Shanghai tells of her safe arrival there with her husband and children and describes the hurried escape on June 16th from Tien Tsin on the last named train that succeeded in leaving there. Neither of the letters contains any intimation as to the whereabouts of Consul Ragsdale and family, although it is supposed they also left Tien Tsin with the other Americans.

Mrs. Ragsdale in her letter says: "All the mission churches in Tien Tsin (the Chinese city) two blocks from here, have been burned. They have been burned ever since the trouble began, and are now in ruins. The Chinese officials are placing a native uprising and the northern provinces are in open revolt. Whatever may be the ultimate policy of the powers, the immediate effect of the successful retreat of the foreigners is reassuring. The allied armies are fighting there for the prevention of a massacre and the protection of foreign interests through the Chinese empire."

The retreat of the foreign contingents to the coast would be the signal for yellow terror in every quarter of the seaboard and the interior.

UNREST IN YANG TSE REGION.

New York, July 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "The entire region of the Yang Tse is in a state of unrest. Shanghai is menaced with a native uprising and the northern provinces are in open revolt. Whatever may be the ultimate policy of the powers, the immediate effect of the successful retreat of the foreigners is reassuring. The allied armies are fighting there for the prevention of a massacre and the protection of foreign interests through the Chinese empire."



SIX OF THE IMPORTANT MINISTERS IN PEKING WHEN TROUBLE BEGAN.

WHEN anarchy began its rule in China's capital, Edwin H. Conger represented the United States, Sir Claude Macdonald Great Britain, Baron von Ketteler Germany, M. de Giers Russia, M. Pichon France, Baron Nishiki Japan, H. J. de Coloman Spain, Salvago Raggi Italy, Maurice Joostens Belgium and F. H. Galhardo Portugal. Baron von Wahlborn, the minister of Austria-Hungary, was fortunately absent from his post.

city, and there is strong reason for believing that the bulk of the regular army is saturated with the Boxers' spirit of hatred against foreigners. This feeling of antagonism will be promoted if indirect appeals for vengeance, and which the work of the allied forces in China will be immeasurably increased. Civilized nations cannot make war on a mission of vengeance, but may enter China as reformatory agents, with well ordered work to be done in the interest of civilization and humanity.

Men of sound judgment here affirm that as America could not make war on Cuba in revenge for the destruction of the Maine, but only as a moral agent, pledged to redeem the island from misrule, so also the civilized world must cease breathing out threats of fire and slaughter and recognize the obligation to create a new order in China, or else to stay out altogether. They also add that the new order cannot be brought about without a partition of territories.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Mail learns that Prince Ching concocted a scheme to enable Sir Robert Hart to escape disguised from the British legation on July 4th. Sir Robert, however, refused to desert the other inmates of the legation, and he twice wrote to Prince Tuan asking him to spare the lives of all the foreigners. Prince Tuan, however, did not make any reply and Sir Robert is believed to have perished on the night of July 6th, during the massacre.

CHARTERING TRANSPORTS.

Fifteen German Ships on the Atlantic Have Been Requisitioned.

New York, July 18.—The chartering of transports to convey troops to China is causing much stir in shipping circles. Private cable advices state that fifteen German steamships now operating in the Atlantic trade have been requisitioned as war transports and supply ships by the German empire. News is also received in shipping circles that the United States government is actively in the market chartering steamers of all nationalities on the Pacific, to act as transports and supply ships for this country in connection with the Chinese outbreak. Inquiry at the offices of the British lines failed to discover that any of their tonnage had been spoken for by the British government, and agents did not expect to lose their vessels. They argued that any troops to be

EXPEDITION FOR CHINA.

Its Strength in All Arms Will be About Eleven Thousand.

Washington, July 17.—The adjutant general's office tonight made a preliminary statement showing the provision for the war department in the equipment of the expeditionary forces sent by the United States to China. The strength of this force in all the arms of the service aggregates 10,655. It is possible that this force may be further augmented to the extent of 2,000 or 3,000 men.

Field hospitals, with 43 beds, thirty medical officers, 100 members of hospital corps and medical supplies for 5,000 men have been provided.

The commissary department has made preparations to feed a force of marines and seamen engaged in expeditionary service in China. Fifty thousand dollars in gold for use in China has been loaned to the chief commissary at Manila. Major H. J. Gallagher has been detailed to report to Gen. Chaffee as chief commissary of the troops in China.

Owing to the probable scarcity of fresh supplies on shore, the department has had recourse again to canned beef, but for the present campaign it has been put in the form of beef stew, corned beef and corned beef hash, and a few vegetables have been canned with it to obviate the difficulty experienced in Cuba, where the troops were forced to eat beef from the cans without further cooking.

Troops leaving the States for China will carry a complete outfit of comfortable clothing and tentage. Owing to the severe weather that may be expected in northern China during the winter, the expedition will carry 1,400 Sibley stoves, 8,500 overcoats, 6,000 pairs of arctic overboots, 5,000 blanket-lined canvas boots and other extra heavy winter clothing in proportion sufficient for the 5,000 men.

The quartermaster's department has already shipped all the mounts for the Sixth cavalry, two completely equipped pack trains of 100 mules each, and supplies for the same for 194 days. There are now en route to Seattle 400 mules and 285 apparatuses to be shipped whenever needed.

To secure suitable drinking water for the troops on shore, 100 sterilizers, capacity twenty-five gallons per hour, will be sent to San Francisco as soon as possible. The Meade, on August 1st, will carry two distilling plants, capacity 600 gallons per day each. It is contemplated to send additional distilling plants as rapidly as possible, having in view the supply for at least 6,000 men.

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San Francisco, July 17.—Today was a busy one at the Presidio. The artillery branch was particularly active, and orders were received early in the day to "make ready for foreign service as soon as possible." The troops now at the Presidio will probably leave for the Orient about August 1st, and the transport ships will be ordered to the Presidio to receive them. Batteries I, O and A of the Third artillery, stationed at Alcatraz and the Presidio, and battery D of San Diego, are the envied ones.

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In addition measures will be taken to render active assistance to the United States troops who are soon to depart from here on their way to China. An application has already been made to the government for permission to form a national guard company to be exclusively composed of American born Chinese, and it is understood that permission will be regularly granted and recruiting rushed.

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CHINA DECLARES WAR ON RUSSIA

Dispatch to the London Mail Says There is No Doubt About It.

CAPITAL OF AMUR ATTACKED

Garrison Held Out Bravely, Finally Overwhelmingly Overpowered—Nearly All Perished.

London, July 18.—The Daily Mail publishes a sensational dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated Monday, which asserts that there is no doubt that China has declared war against Russia. The Russian press says the Chinese, "is restricted to the publication of official details, and the publication of any dispatches from the front has been prohibited. I hear, however, from a reliable source, that the Chinese troops and the Boxers seized a Russian transport vessel laden with munitions at Arigon, on the Amur river, about eighteen miles from the Russian frontier, killing almost the entire Russian escort."

"They next suddenly attacked an isolated town of Blagoveshchensk, capital of the Amur government, on the Amur river. The garrison held out bravely, but was finally overwhelmed and nearly all perished and the town was burned."

NEWS FROM MANCHURIA.

London, July 18, 4 a. m.—The news of the Manchuria disturbances is in regard as justifying the serious view attributed by the Daily Mail's advices. Amur is boundary territory between eastern Siberia and Manchuria. The district has been the scene of local disturbances for a long time owing to the provocative conduct of the Cossacks toward the 25,000 Chinese employed in the construction of the Russo-Manchurian railway.

Several serious collisions have occurred between the Cossacks and the Chinese troops. One happened several weeks ago, when two Russian officers and sixteen men were killed. The extension of the Boxer movement to Manchuria has resulted in a great destruction of the railway, compelling the Russians to withdraw their officials. The Chinese tried to stop the Russian steamer "Michael," carrying ammunition, and the steamer "Beluga," with the Russian frontier commission on board, from passing up the Amur at Arigon. They fired on the steamers, wounding an officer and a few men, but the steamers reached Blagoveshchensk. The local commander at Arigon seems to have sent the Russians a sort of ultimatum to quiet Manchuria.

The Chinese, according to the Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent, have placed forty guns at a point twelve miles from Arigon to dispute the passage of the Russians. The official Russian advices leave the inference that Blagoveshchensk is still in Russian hands, the Russian losses during the bombardment being only three killed and five wounded.

The Amur military district was mobilized a fortnight ago on a war footing, and it is believed that the Russian forces there are 50,000 men and 112 guns. The governor-general has now ordered the troops on the frontier to form a cordon.

The Russian papers demand retribution for Chinese audacity in Manchuria, but they hold to the view that the Russians must persevere in their resolution to avoid war. The Chinese minister in St. Petersburg has disavowed the events in Manchuria on behalf of his government, and has promised to make serious presentations to Peking regarding the consequences that will follow if the hostilities there be the case.

There is little further news from China this morning. The attack upon the native city of Tien Tsin was followed up so swiftly that the Chinese never had time to reorganize, and once their lines were broken their retreat rapidly became a rout. Li Hung Chang has already left Canton. This causes the utmost anxiety for the safety of the Europeans there, as there are only two gunboats, one British and one American, at Canton, pending the arrival of a French gunboat.

Ministers at British Legation.

Chicago, July 18.—A dispatch to the Record from Chicago, July 15, via Shanghai, July 18, says: "On behalf of the Japanese minister at Peking, dated June 25. It said that all the ministers were in the British legation, where they had been pressed and unable to hold out many days."

Enlisting as Many as Possible.

New York, July 18.—Orders from Washington have been received at the recruiting office of the United States marine corps in this city to enlist as many men as possible before July 25. On that date the government expects to send five hundred marines to China. An extra effort is being made to get men, and all who enlist have the promise of active service in China if they desire it.

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Chicago, July 18.—The executive boards of the Illinois Brick company, representing practically all the brick manufacturers in Cook county and the Brick Makers' alliance, have signed a three years agreement. The agreement was a compromise, as the terms gave the manufacturers the privilege of hiring whom they please, while the sympathetic strike question remains about as before. The agreement goes into effect on July 23rd.

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