

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

TIENTSIN, July 31.—A naval battle was fought yesterday between the Chinese and Japanese fleets. The Japanese sank the Chinese war ship *Chen Yuen*, and two large cruisers, supposed to be vessels built for China by the Armstrongs, were captured or destroyed. The *Chen Yuen* was a battle ship of 7,400 tons displacement, carrying 14½-inch guns and compound armored at the water line. Her battery included four 12-inch guns, protected by armored breastwork and two smaller Krupp's, eleven Hotchkiss cannons and tubes for Whitehead torpedoes, two 8½-inch and 6-inch Krupp's and a secondary battery of Hotchkiss revolving cannon.

The *Chen Yuen* was built for China at the Stettin works; she was a sister ship of the *Ling Yuen* and was the most powerful ship in the Chinese navy with the exception of the *Ling Yuen*. The Chinese fleet engaged carried nearly a thousand men and a large number are reported killed or drowned.

Later dispatches say few, if any, Chinese engaged in the battle escaped. Two German officers, in command of the *Chen Yuen*, are reported to have met death with the crew.

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 1.—The Japanese government has instructed its minister in London to apologize to Great Britain for firing upon and sinking the transport *Kow Shung*, while she was flying the British flag. The Japanese minister has been instructed to inform Great Britain that the commander of the Japanese cruiser did not know that the *Kow Shung* was a British vessel until after the fight. Captain Galworthy, of the *Kow Shung*, and many other persons on the transport were rescued by the boats of the Japanese warship.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—Russian newspapers are unanimous in saying that whatever may be the result of the war between China and Japan, Russia will not tolerate any diminishment of Korean territory or alienation of Korean independence on the part of Great Britain or any other power, if such interference endangers Russian interests.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—What is supposed to be the missing cask containing \$50,000 gold consigned to Lazard Freres & Co. by the steamship *La Touraine*, from New York, was found today empty in the car in which all the casks traveled under seal. It is believed the gold was stolen during the transfer from the steamship or at the railroad station in this city.

Later the missing gold was found in some sacks hidden in a heap of coal near the railroad station at Havre.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 1.—A most extraordinary action was taken at today's meeting of the A. R. U. at Argentine when 400 Santa Fe railway employees, who were recently summoned to appear before the United States court at Topeka, flatly refused to obey the mandates of the court.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—"I will never again be connected with any strike organization," said President Debs of the A. R. U. today. "This strike has

developed the fact that the sentiment of the people in this country is against strikes and that the government stands ready to put down such movements at the point of the bayonet. I shall hereafter advise all workmen to seek redress by the ballot."

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The lumber district of Chicago was tonight visited by one of the most disastrous fires in its history, and the loss will probably foot up between \$1,500,000 and \$1,600,000, although it will be twenty-four hours before the damage can be estimated with accuracy.

The burned district is about six squares from east to west and about three from north to south. The greatest portion of the district, bounded by Blue Island avenue, Lincoln street, the river and Ashland avenue, was burned over and forty acres of lumber yards are now nothing but smoking embers.

It is extremely difficult to obtain an estimate of the losses, but the following are believed to be about correct:

S. K. Martin company, \$500,000; Wells, French company, \$500,000; Siemens & Halske, \$300,000; Porlee, Lowe & Co., \$145,000; Shoemaker & Higbee, \$125,000; John Spry, Lumber Co., \$25,000; total, \$1,595,000.

Nearly all the firms are heavily insured.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 2.—An official telegram from Tien Tsin says that in the battles fought on July 27 and 28 at Yashan, the Japanese were repulsed with a loss of over 2,000 men.

ARLINGTON, Mass., Aug. 2.—Last night the superintendent of the Catholic cemetery near the Cambridge line discovered a new made mound of earth in an unexpected place. He found a shallow hole with a man lying in it in an unconscious state. A nocket of flowers lay upon his breast and a half filled bottle of laudanum lay beside him. He was alive and after three hours' hard work was restored to consciousness. It was ascertained that his name is Edward Walker of Cambridge. About two years ago he was dangerously ill from typhoid fever. While he was recovering from this attack his intended wife died. This news was broken to him before he fairly regained his strength and it is thought his mind has not been right since that time. Walker dug the grave himself.

DENVER, Aug. 2.—Judge Riner of the United States circuit court today entered a decision by which Margaret Billings and others, heretofore comparatively poor people, are given \$740,000 in money and a one-third interest, less one-forty-second, in the Emma mine of Aspen. The case has been in the courts for some time.

HONOLULU, July 26.—Absolute quiet prevails here, and for the first time in over a year politics have been wholly dropped. Business is improving. The latest important enterprise is the letting of contracts for the building of a railroad to extend completely around the island of Oahu, on which Honolulu is situated. This road will reach several big plantations which have hitherto shipped all their crops to Honolulu by steamers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—The following

special cablegram was received by the *Chicago Herald* today:

Tromsø, Norway, August 2.—Captain Emil Peterson, Engineer L. W. Wilship, H. Westfall, mountaineer and cook and one sailor, of the *Chicago Herald* polar expedition, which left this port on May 1st on the steamship *Ragnvald Jarl*, under command of Walter Wellman, have arrived here on a whaler.

They bring information of the loss of the *Ragnvald Jarl* on May 24th. Soon after leaving Dane's Island the boat encountered a great mass of pack ice, and despite every effort to escape, the vessel was hemmed in and crushed to pieces. The crew had time to transfer the greater portion of their provisions, scientific instruments, dogs and alumi-num boats to the ice before the boat was destroyed.

The men who arrived here today left the party after the accident, but Commander Wellman and the remainder of the party, undaunted by the loss of their vessel, resolutely set out in search of the pole. It is probable that another boat will be fitted up at once and sent to the rescue of the party.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—A telegram received at the Japanese legation says that the Chinese government has notified Japan that the Chinese minister at Tokio and the consuls throughout Japan would be withdrawn on the 3rd of August. In consequence of this action the Japanese government has notified its charge d'affaires at Peking and its consuls throughout China to withdraw.

At the request of the Chinese and Japanese governments, through their representatives here, the state department has instructed United States Minister Dunn at Tokio and Mr. Denby, in charge at Peking, to take under the protection of the United States the citizens of China in Japan and the Japanese in China. This is distinctly a war measure, and, although it cannot be learned at the state department that it has been regularly notified of the war between China and Japan, this movement on the part of Secretary Gresham indicates that he has been so advised and is proceeding upon that information.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The British ship *Cambrian Chief*, supposed to have been lost en route to Coquilmo and on which 85 per cent was paid several weeks ago for re-insurance, is reported safe in the harbor of Talca, Chile. A letter from Captain Thomas was received here today.

Several weeks ago the British ship *Dee*, from San Francisco, arrived at Valparaiso, having on board the wife and child of Captain Thomas and several of the crew of the *Cambrian Chief*. They reported the *Cambrian Chief* as probably lost. During a terrific gale the vessel had been demasted. Just at nightfall the *Dee* sighted the *Cambrian Chief* in distress and succeeded in getting a boat to her. This boat rescued Mrs. Thomas, her children and several of the *Cambrian's* crew. A second boat from the *Dee* was sent back for Captain Thomas and the others of his crew. The gale increased and in the darkness the *Dee* lost all trace of her own rescuing crew or the *Cambrian Chief*.

When day broke nothing of them was to be seen.

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