TELEGRAPHIC.

REPORT FROM CHINA

Condition of the Foreigners Wounded in the Massacre.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN BADLY CUT.

Nine Adults Killed Outright—All the Work of a Secret Society, the Vegetarians.

New York, Aug. 8.—The World today will publish the following special cable from Foo Chow, China:

Dr. Gregory an American missionary, who escaped from Ku Cheng city, gives the following account of the massacre there:

"At [illegible] p.m. on Thursday, August 1st, a native Christian rushed into my city saying that several of the foreign ladies at Wha Sang, a mountain resort about twelve miles from the city of Ku Cheng had been killed that morning, and that two houses had been burned. Fifteen minutes later a note from Mr. Phillips confirmed this. He wrote that five ladies were dead. The Stewarts were missing and four persons were seriously wounded. He expressed the hope that I was on my way to Wha Sang. I immediately went into the yamen, where hundreds of excited natives had already gathered, and requested the district magistrate Wong, to send some soldiers at once to Wha Sang to protect those still living.

"In half an hour the magistrate sent me to Wha Sang under an escort of about sixty soldiers.

"At 4 p.m. I left Ku Cheng City under an escort of soldiers, arriving at Wha Sang at 8 p.m. to find that nine adults, all British subjects, had been murdered, and that all those still alive at Wha Sang—eight only—had been more or less severely injured.

"On my arrival we made the injured as comfortable as possible. Miss Codrington received a sword cut, extending from the left angle of her mouth diagonally outward and downward seven inches long, completely dividing the lower lip and exposing the inferior maxillary bone; one cut on the crown three inches in length, and quite down to the inner table of the skull; one cut across the nose, beneath the right eye, five inches long, and another three inches long on the right side of the neck. The last two were skin wounds only.

"There were two contusions on the right arm and a deep punctured wound on the outside of the right thigh. Her condition is serious.

"Miss Mabel C. Hartford of the Methodist mission, the only American residing in Wha Sang, at the time, was lodged in a small native house some twenty rods from the English cottages. She was attacked by one assassin, armed with a trident. She received a slight cut in the lobe of the right ear; was thrown to the ground and beaten about the lower extremities and the body. While the murderer was engaged in the attack, a servant grappled with the assailant, and during the struggle Miss Hartford escaped.

"Millie Stewart, aged 12, received a wound on the outside of the right knee about six inches long, exposing the joint, and two punctured wounds, one on the left leg and one on the left foot. Her condition is serious.

"Kathleen Stewart, 11 years old, received several slight wounds and bruises about the face and lower extremities.

"Herbert Stewart, 6 years old, received a deep wound on the right side of the neck four inches long; one on the crown, one on the back part of the head four inches long, cleaving the skull and exposing the brain, and a similar scalp wound on the left side of the head, two and one-half inches in diameter. A small wound in the chest and a stab in the back. He died on the road to Suikow.

"Baby Stewart, 13 months old, has a severe injury to the eye, a small penetrating wound in the left frontal cavity, and several severe bruises on the head and body. The injuries probably will prove fatal. All the wounds were apparently made by swords and spears.

"Of those killed outright Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Nellie Saunders and Lena Pillow, an Irish nurse, were almost incinerated in the burned house. In all probability they were murdered before the house was burned. We found Kate Stewart and Nellie Saunders lying unconscious on the nursery floor, and removed Baby Stewart from beneath the dead body of the nurse. Hessie Newcomb was cut on the left cheek and on the left hand, probably by a spear. I failed to find any serious wound on the body of Miss Stewart. I am inclined to think she died from the shock. This opinion is sustained by Miss Codrington's report to me. Miss Gordon received a deep spear wound in the face, another in the neck and another in the right side of the head.

"Evans Stewart, 3 years old, was stabbed in the left thigh, received several bruises and scratches on the head and body. His condition is not serious.

"Topsy Saunders's death was caused by a spear wound on the right side of the head, the weapon cleaving his head. The last three bodies were lying in one heap. Apparently no post mortem mutilation has been attempted.

"This frightful massacre was done by members of the secret society known as the Vegetarians, which is causing much trouble alike to Christians and heathens in and around Ku Cheng City. From various reports of those who saw the attack, I believe about eighty men were engaged. Those were armed with spears and swords and seemed strongly organized and under one chief leader. The attack came like a thunder bolt out of a clear sky, not one of the victims having the slightest intimation of the intention to assault them.

"When the question is raised as to the cause of the terrible massacre, one need have little doubt that the Vegetarians were the active participants, and that the local and provincial authorities were directly implicated in the crime seems certain, for the society has been strong around Ku Cheng for two years and increasing.

"The viceroy sent Ku Cheng a small force of 200 soldiers to assist the local authorities in settling with several thousand determined savages. It was a mere farce and the legal officers were unable to do anything, but they criminally failed to demand reinforcements from the viceroy.

"It is obvious to all who have looked at the matter much that the Chinese have been encouraged to take foreigners' property in this province. Just as long as the foreign powers are satisfied with the barbarous destruction of life, just so long will China fail to govern her people. J. J. GREGORY."

DURRANT SENSATIONS.

Judge, Lawyers and Jurors Talk Matters Over.

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—This was a day of surprises at the trial of Theodore Durrant, charged with the Emmanuel church murders. The perturbation of Superior Judge Murphy and the attorneys both for the prosecution and defense was evident when the hour of opening court arrived. Counsel for the state and for Durrant had held a long conference before the court opened.

The judge had no sooner taken his seat than he announced a recess and requested the opposing attorneys to accompany him to his chambers. The consultation lasted some time. When the court session was resumed the district attorney asked for an adjournment until tomorrow, a request in which the defendant's counsel joined. The attorneys stated that the adjournment was necessary for the consideration of matters of greatest importance which have arisen in this trial.

It was understood that the sensation had to do with the prosecution's dissatisfaction with Juror Walter S. Brown, who would not convict M. D. Howell, the counterfeiter, upon strong circumstantial evidence. Another disturbing factor was the discovery that another accepted juror, Charles P. Nathan, has a record for refusing to inflict the death penalty and for his discredit of circumstantial evidence. In granting the motion for an adjournment, the court said that a delay now would save time later on. The judge added that certain exigencies had arisen which should be disposed of at once.

While speculation was rife regarding the juror matter, another sensation was caused by the request from Juror Brown, who had precipitated all the trouble for permission to address the court on a personal matter. The judge intimated his willingness to hear Brown at the proper time. It is said Brown will invite the fullest investigation as to his conduct in the Howell trial. He and Juror Nathan will both be asked, it is said, to explain their changed conditions regarding circumstantial evidence and the infliction of the death penalty. At the examination of jurors, each gave satisfactory answers to the district attorney on both points.

Another cause of trouble in connection with the jurors was the cause of the judge's unusually stern admonition to the jurors not to discuss the case with any one. Reporters for morning papers had interviewed Jurors Brown and Nathan regarding their qualifications to serve and their opinions on [illegible] points. The interviews were published, and proceedings for contempt of court are said to be under consideration by the court. A report that an attempt to bribe a juror had been discovered is generally discredited.

Catholic Temperance Meeting.

New York, Aug. 7.—The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Association of America met here this morning. Right Rev. James McClary, of Minneapolis, president of the society, called the convention to order. The business of the meeting was prefaced by a prayer delivered by Rev. Father O'Callahan, of New York. The usual committees were then appointed. Three hundred and fifty delegates are present.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev. Father McMahon. Upon motion of Father Kelly, it was voted to send a telegram of greeting to his grace, Archbishop John Ireland, and on motion of Father O'Brien, a similar greeting was cabled to his holiness, Pope Leo XIII.

While First Vice President Logue was reading the report, Father Lake, of St. Louis took the chair and was greeted with applause. According to Mr. Logue's report, the union has never been in a more flourishing condition. The last year there has been more activity among the local unions than ever before. The report complimented Mr. Lake, the third vice president of the union, for the work he has done as a temperance orator, both West and East.

Rev. Father Cleary next read his report as president of the union. The report was more in the shape of a temperance lecture.

The third vice-president next read his report.

The cablegram to the pope read as follows:

"To his holiness, Pope Leo XIII, Rome, Italy: The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America send filial greetings for presence of papal delegate and by apostolic benediction.

"(Signed) Rev. J. M. Cleary, Rev. M. P. O'Brien, Rev. Father Conaty, Rev. Father Kelly."

The report of Secretary A. P. Doyle was read. He says that during the past year nearly 10,000 new members had joined the union. There are at present 953 societies in the union, and the total membership is 65,934 persons. During the year 179 societies joined the National union and eighteen were withdrawn. During the past year the greatest gain in membership, he said, was in towns in Ohio, Connecticut, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York. The convention then adjourned.

Detective Assassinated.

Telluride, Colo., Aug. 7.—James Clarke, aged 54, an employe in the detective service of the Denver & Rio Grande, ex-town marshal and ex-deputy sheriff, was murdered while walking down the street in company with "Mexican Sam," early today. The assassin was hidden in an aperture between buildings, and when Clarke was fifty feet distant he jumped to the sidewalk with a Winchester and fired. The assassin escaped.

EXPENSIVE CENSUS.

Over Ten Million Dollars Expended So Far.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, has forwarded to the secretary of the interior his report on the operations of the eleventh census during the fiscal year of 1894-95.

The report places the total cost of the census up to date at $10,531,142. The appropriation now available will be enough to finish all the work except the final printing and binding. The chief cause of delay has been the population schedule of the population volume. Great care has been exercised to eliminate errors. The only other parts remaining uncompleted are the vital statistics, a part of the compendium and the second edition of the abstract and the statistical atlas.

Mr. Wright hopes that the whole work of the census may be completed and given to the public before the end of the present calendar year.

NEGROES BUY GUNS.

Pawnbrokers in Chicago Sell a Number of Winchesters.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—The police this afternoon received information which leads them to believe that the colored men of this city have perfected an organization, and are arming with the intention of attacking the Italian miners at Spring Valley. The information came from a number of pawnbrokers, who stated that they had been approached during the day by colored men, who were anxious to purchase numbers of Winchester rifles. In several instances purchases were made, but as a general thing the pawnbrokers did not have enough of the rifles to make a deal with the colored men. One of the would-be purchasers said when asked what he wanted to do with a number of rifles:

"Oh, we will show the Dagoes what we want with them."

Cuban Rebels Victorious.

London, Aug. 7.—A dispatch to the Times from Havana gives the details of the fight near Bayamo on July 12th, in which General Santocildes was killed. The correspondent says: The Cubans counted 375 killed and wounded Spaniards on the field. The Cuban loss was 14 killed and 78 wounded. The Cubans captured 425 rifles, ten cases of ammunition, $16,000 in cash and the baggage and pack animals of the Spaniards.

Over 20,000 insurgents are under arms now in the province of Santiago de Cuba alone.

Populist Camp Meeting.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 7.—The third and last day of the Populist camp meeting was the best attended and most enthusiastic. The principal speaker of the day was ex-Gov. White of Colorado. He spoke of the present hard times, and claimed that the greatest prosperity would return should the country be ruled according to the Omaha platform. He also claimed that Colorado would get into Populist column again at the next election.

Senator Peffer, of Kansas, at the evening session, arraigned the present administration's financial policy and accused Secretary Carlisle of law-breaking in issuing bonds. He wound up by denying the charge made against him that he was in favor of a new party.

Otto Zeigler Breaks His Arm.

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 7.—About 2,000 people witnessed the national circuit bicycle races, under the auspices of the South Bend Cycling club, at the driving park this afternoon. The weather was almost perfect. Several accidents occurred, casting a gloom over the otherwise successful occasion. Otto Zeigler, of San Jose, Cal., was thrown, breaking his left arm so that the bone protruded through the flesh. Arthur Gardiner, of Chicago, was badly bruised, but not seriously. Zeigler's injury will prevent him riding this season.

Omaha Councilors Rebuked.

Omaha, Aug. 7.—After convicting the ten members of the city council who defied the law and the court's orders on last Friday that they acted without a precedent, and that they were really in open contempt of court, Judge Hopewell this morning dismissed them with a severe rebuke. The council had been ordered by the court not to approve the bonds of the A. P. A. police commissioners, but had done so in defiance of the order. It was expected the district court would imprison the members for contempt, and the room was crowded at the trial. The judge said that he had decided not to order the institution of contempt proceedings, but he did think, the council had acted, to put it mildly, most hastily. The case of the constitutionality of the new commission is still being argued.

Many Killed on Both Sides.

New York, Aug. 8.—A special to the Herald from Panama says: A division of General Alfaro's forces, under General Vergazzi, has met a division of the forces of Sarasti, and defeated it, according to a correspondent in Guayaquil.

The battle took place at San Miguel de Chimbo, and was fiercely contested. Sarasti's forces numbered 800. The number under General Vergazzi is not stated.

The defeat was so complete that Sarasti's forces fled to Quito. The exact loss is not known, but it is reported that many were killed on both sides.

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