

**The Eastern Trouble.**

LONDON, July 9.—2.45 a. m.—The foreign consuls at Shanghai met on July 7 and officially announced that the legations at Peking were safe on July 4. The foregoing statement, read with Consul Warren's despatch to the foreign office on Saturday, makes it possible to believe that the legations will hold out for a number of days yet. Having fought to a standstill the first outbursts of fanatical fury, it is believable that something may intervene to save them. The news, after the sinister rumors of the last 10 days is enough upon to build up hopes.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Express, telegraphing on Sunday at 5.10 p. m., however, throws doubt upon Consul Warren's information. He says:

"Tao Tri Sheng now admits that there was an error in his communication to General Warren. The date of the courier's arrival at Chinen Fu was July 3, which does not apply to his departure from Peking. The journey from Peking to Chinen Fu occupies five days. The courier, therefore could not have left Peking later than June 28. The date of the massacre there, as given by Chinese reports, was June 30, July 1."

Tien Tsin is still hard pressed. A Chinese force numbering from 80,000 to 100,000 men, as estimated by inconclusive reconnaissances, floods the country round about Tien Tsin, communication between which place and Taku is apparently possible by river only.

A Che Fo despatch to the Express says the Russians have landed 8,000 men at Taku and the Japanese have discharged several transports. The Japanese pushed on to Tien Tsin, leading in the subsequent assault upon the native city, in which their commander was killed. Ten more transports are engaged at Japanese ports. With the 10,000 British India troops afloat and fresh Japanese contingents, it is quite probable that the allies will have 50,000 men ashore.

The disorders in the provinces appear to be increasing in violence. A Chinese army is within 40 miles of New Chwang and the foreigners are preparing to abandon their homes. The southern part of the province is swept by raiders, destroying all works of the white man, except in spots garrisoned by Russians. Proclamations have been posted in all villages near Che Foo calling upon the local Chinese to rise and expel the foreigners for introducing among the pious Chinese an immoral religion. Every good Buddhist is expected to kneel three hours daily, knock his head upon the floor thrice and pray earnestly that sudden, cruel death may overtake all aliens.

The foreign settlement at Che Foo is at the mercy of two Chinese forts, equipped with Krupp guns, which command two sides of the city. Six warships, including the United States gunboat Nashville, are constantly cleared for action.

The provisional government at Peking appears to have designs upon the southern provinces. Beside having ordered Kwan Shi Kai to advance upon Nankin, which Kwan Shi Kai says he will not do, Prince Tuan has sent an army along the route of the Grand Canal.

Nankin is on the south bank of a river nearly a mile wide. The British cruisers Hermione and Dique will assist in repelling attempts to cross. Six Chinese cruisers there and 17,000 Chinese troops are at the disposal of Viceroy Liu Kunyi. The forts mount 34 high power modern guns. The foreigners in Shanghai, are becoming uneasy. Everything depends, they feel, on Viceroy Liu Kunyi.

R. fugues from Tien Tsin arriving at Shanghai, say that only five civilian foreigners were killed during the long Chinese bombardment. The foreign women became so indifferent that they walked through the streets unheeding the shells. Most of the civilians were deported to Taku, thence to be conveyed to Shanghai.

The courier mentioned in Consul Warren's despatch gives a strange picture, says the Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent, of how life jostles death in Peking. Business apparently goes on as usual. The shops and theatres are open and the streets are full of people. No imperial troops except those of General Tung Fuh Siang, took part in the fighting. They did more looting. The courier even asserts positively that provisions are being supplied to the legations, but by whom he does not say. The Boxers and General Tung Fuh Siang do not get along well. The Boxers assert that they do all the fighting, and the latter all the looting and nothing else.

General Kwan-Shi-Kai, governor of Shanghai, a correspondent of the Daily Mail avers, predicts that by July 11, the Boxers will disband and negotiations will be begun for peace. Nevertheless, circumstantial rumors of dark things to come are in circulation.

The correspondents at Shanghai, who are still the clearing house of all Chinese news, say that a combined force of Russians and Japanese have left Tien Tsin, following the railway as far as Lang Fang, and have thence swept swiftly to the west, attacking the Chinese, 18 miles north of Tien Tsin, and killing 1,000 of them.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard

says reports from Tien Tsin, from Chinese sources, say a great battle has taken place in which the Chinese lost heavily. The allies at Tien Tsin are short of provisions and suffer considerably from "sniping."

LONDON, July 9.—Admiral Bruce has sent a telegram to the Admiralty department from Taku, under date of July 7, to the effect that there are grounds for hoping that Prince Ching with his army is at Peking protecting the legations against Prince Tuan's army and the Boxers.

**The War in South Africa.**

LONDON, July 9.—The following despatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War office:

"PRETORIA, July 8.—As the enemy for some days had been threatening our line of railway by trying to get round our flank I despatched Sutton July 5 with mounted infantry to reinforce Mahon and with orders to drive the Boers to east of Broenkerspruit. These orders were effectually carried out Friday and Saturday by Mahon, who was attacked by some three thousand men with six guns and two maxims. Our casualties were: Wounded, two officers, including Captain Nelles, of the Canadian mounted rifles, slightly, and twenty-six men.

"Steyn left Bethlehem on the night of July 4 for Fouriesburg, between Bethlehem and Ficksburg, accompanied by Christian Dewet and other Free State commanders, with troops reported numbering 3,000 men.

"Hambury-Tracey, commanding at Rustenburg, reports that a party of Boers, under Limmer, called on him yesterday to surrender the town and garrison. Hambury-Tracey replied that he held Rustenburg for Her Majesty's government and intended to continue to occupy it. The enemy then fired with artillery and tried to take the heights commanding the town, but did not succeed, owing to the good arrangements made by Hambury-Tracey and his officers. Eventually they were driven off with the assistance of Holdsworth and his Hussars, who made a rapid march of forty-eight miles from the neighborhood of Seerust with the Bushmen under Col. Airie on hearing Rustenburg was likely to be threatened. The enemy suffered heavily and five men were captured. Our casualties were two men killed and one officer and three men wounded.

**The Railroad Systems Of Asia.**

The total length of the railroads in Asia is 30,000 miles, of which two-thirds are represented by British India. The Trans-Siberian alone has 5,800 kilometers. In China the different European and American syndicates have obtained concessions for about 3,000 miles of railroad, and these are for the most part in construction. The Chinese government possesses also about 300 miles of lines whose operation is now being carried out under good conditions, especially for the lines uniting Peking to the port of Tientsin. Japan has no less than 3,100 miles of railroad, and the French colonies, which possesses but 250 miles, have more than 2,500 miles in construction in Cochinchina, Annam and Tonkin. The Dutch East Indies have a well developed system, Java alone having 1,000 miles. These figures are far surpassed by those for British India, whose system has a total length of 21,100 miles. Persia has as yet no railroad systems, but the Russian syndicates appear to be ready to profit by the monopoly which they have secured for the construction of railroads in that country. Turkey is adding a number of important lines of road to the 1,900 miles already possessed in Asia; the Franco-German line, of Bagdad, is one of the largest of these systems.

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**Imperialism**

One of the chiefest topics of discussion among thinking citizens is the rapid development of Imperialism, both in the British Colonies and in the United States. "The Future of Imperialism" is the title of a valuable and well reasoned article in the July CANADIAN MAGAZINE by John Lewis who is among the cleverest of Canadian journalists. An illustrated article on the Hull-Ottawa Fire and a Canadian story by W. A. Fraser are two other features of what is an excellent issue of our national publication.

Oats, barley any rye originated in the wild forms along the Mediterranean. The first noted species of wheat was brought from Persia.

In November Lord Wolsley will complete his term of office as Commander-in-Chief, a post he has held since the closing months of 1895.

One of King Dahomey's famous Amazons has been imported into Liverpool for show purposes. She is 8 ft. in height, broad and very muscular.

Sour-faced Woman—You get right out of here or I'll call my husband.

Tramp—Yer husband ain't home.

Sour-faced Woman—How do you know he ain't?

Tramp—I've allers noticed, mum, dat w'en a man is married to a woman wot looks like you he never is at home except at meal-time.

Penner—He once seemed to be a promising young poet. What stopped his career? Skribes—Ealdns.

Hicks—Been out to ride, eh? Horseless carriage?

Wicks—No; carriageless horse. In the saddle, you know.

He—Are all J. Millionaire Crawford's daughters married?

She—Yes, all five of them.

He—Married some English syndicate, I suppose?

Critic—If that picture is a work of art then I am an idiot.

Artist—That is conclusive evidence that it is a work of art.

"Do you think, dear, you would love me any better if my hair were some other color?"

"I don't know. What other colors have you?"

**DIED.**

GALLUPE.—At Wicklow, Carleton Co., N. B., June 30th, of paralysis, Samuel D. Gallupe, in the 64th year of his age, leaving a wife, 2 sons and 2 daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

EBBETT.—At Middle Simonds, June 28th, very suddenly of heart failure, Martha, in the 71st year of her age, widow of the late James Ebbett, leaving 2 sons, 4 daughters and 15 grand children to mourn the loss of a loving mother and true Christian friend. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

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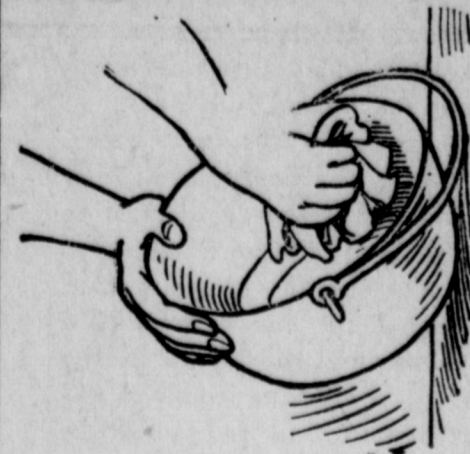
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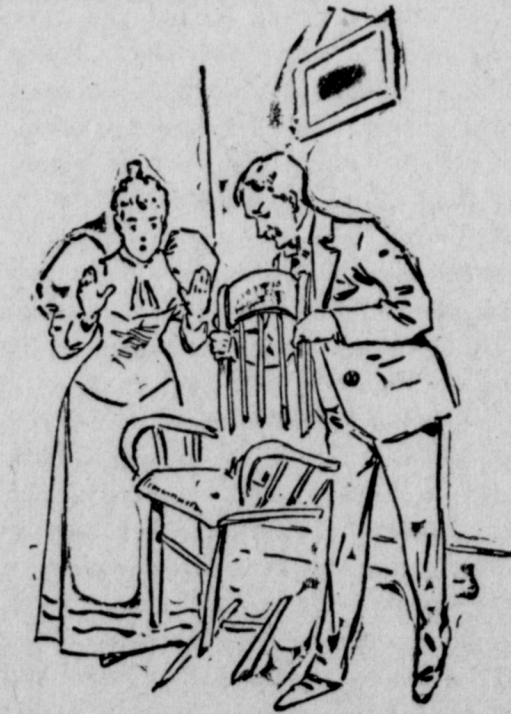
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