

BIG FLOODS IN CHINA

THOUSANDS OF PERSONS REPORTED TO BE STARVING.

Drops in the Yellow River District Destroyed by Floods. Panic in Szechuen Province. Yumantze the Rebel Chief Reluctant the Black Flag.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 3.—Advises brought by the steamship Victoria say that merchants in Szechuen province, China, wired to Shanghai previous to the sailing of the Victoria asking that all shipments of merchandise into that province cease.

The Yellow river floods have destroyed the crops, famine has resulted and thousands of natives are reported to be in a starving condition.

Thousands of hungry and ragged refugees are moving down the river in boats only to find the walls of the cities closed against them.

The government appropriated three hundred thousand taels for their relief, but less than one-fifth of that money has been distributed.

It is said that dishonest officials have misappropriated the balance. A relief fund has been started for them in Shanghai.

The Rev. B. Craig Patterson of the Chin Kiang mission, North Kiangsu, appealed to Americans for aid.

A panic prevails throughout Szechuen province, caused by the re-igniting of the black flag of rebellion by the outlaw Yumantze. After offering to refrain from further depredations, and receiving a compensation therefor from the Chinese authorities, Yumantze has reassembled his followers and started a new anti-Catholic crusade.

The French missionary Fleury is being held by Yumantze's band and hopes of rescuing him have been abandoned.

CUBANS ARE HAPPY.

Evacuation Ceremonies Marked by Good Feeling.

Havana, Jan. 3.—The first real Yankee sunrise that ever painted the skies of the West Indian archipelago came yesterday morning and kissed the Stars and Stripes above the palace of the departed governor general.

Evacuation ceremonies have created a great revulsion of feeling in the city. The Cubans are in a happier mood than they have been since the Americans landed here.

They had feared a snub. General Brooks' conduct toward them they thought a little arbitrary and sparks of discontent were smouldering and threatening to break into flames of disorder.

But at the last moment General Brooks had a happy thought. He invited the Cuban generals Mayia Rodriguez, Mario Menocal and Rafael de Cardenas to the feast and turned the tide of resentment into joy.

General Lee is the hero of the day. Where missiles and epithets had been hurled at him by a frenzied and misunderstanding populace, yesterday the missiles were flowers and kisses.

Wherever the new military governor goes he is pelted with blossoms, which are plentiful here as snowflakes in New York.

Major Russell B. Harrison is in command of the Cabanas fortress, next to General Uncleanliness. The place will be cleaned immediately. It is a pest-hole.

Dr. Laine is in charge of the upper court of justice and Colonel Bliss has the keys of the custom house.

The civil government of the city is in charge of the mayor of Havana, Marquis Esteban.

There have been no disorders in the city since the raising of the Stars and Stripes.

Sloans May Succeed Andrews.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Gov. Roosevelt will prepare a special message dealing exclusively with canal matters.

He called a conference yesterday to discuss the candidates for superintendent of public works. The latest candidate for the place is George B. Sloane of Oswego, N. Y.

Mr. Sloane is a member of the Canal Union and an active promoter of canal improvements. It is said that the nine million dollar appropriation was obtained in a great measure through his efforts.

Mr. Sloane was himself one of the conferees that met in the governor's private chamber to-day.

Trains Race for Contract.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—The race between the Burlington and Northwestern fast mail trains concluded at Omaha yesterday morning.

It was the fastest time for a five hundred mile stretch ever made, and the trains ran as fast as one hundred and ten miles an hour for fifteen miles. The Northwestern wins the first prize of the great \$750,000 contest.

Six more must be run, and the Northwestern must win at least three more to get half the mail contract and four more in order to ask for the whole.

This brings the time between Omaha and Chicago down to nine hours and fifty-seven minutes.

A Destructive Storm.

London, Jan. 4.—Incoming steamers at different ports report that the frightful weather continues along the British coasts and in the Bay of Biscay.

The channel steamer Anvers, of 1,689 tons, trading between New Haven and Dieppe, has been wrecked at the entrance of Dieppe harbor.

Five of her crew were drowned and her cargo is washing ashore.

State Troops Disbanded.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Governor Roosevelt, through Adjutant General Andrews, yesterday directed Major General Roe to issue an order disbanded Troop C of Brooklyn and the One Hundred and Seventy-first regiment of New York city.

Wayne MacVeagh Improving.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Ex-Attorney General Wayne MacVeagh's condition is about the same as yesterday, and he continues to hold the improvement shown.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of Susanna C. Hayman, late of Orange township, deceased, as shown by his first and final account, will sit to perform his duties at the office of C. W. Miller, Esq., on Saturday, January 7th, 1899.

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