

REFORMERS KILLED.

Surrounded by China's Imperial Troops, 1,500 Are Slain.

LIBERTY GAINED AT FEARFUL COST.

The Chinese Reform Party Forced to a Battle While Maturing Plans For a General Uprising With Disastrous Results.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 23.—The foreign secretary of the Chinese association of Canada, stationed here, has received a cablegram from Hongkong stating that the Chinese reformers, who are thought to be getting ready to rise simultaneously throughout China, have been forced into fighting their first battle with disastrous results. The cablegram, in cipher, says: "While on a friendly visit to Chang Chi Tung, governor of Chi-chi-hi, supposed to be in sympathy with the reform movement, Chief Leader Tong of Chi-chi-hi and 26 other leaders were seized by Chang Chi Tung and executed, while 10,000 imperial troops attempted to surround and capture 5,000 reform troops. A bloody battle ensued, and 1,500 reformers were killed before they could cut their way through the ranks of the enemy by charging them with bayonets. "Hundreds of imperial troops were either killed or wounded. "The imperial troops did not follow the reform troops in their retreat."

CHINA WILL ACCEPT.

Foreign Ministers Sanguine in Regard to Terms Proposed.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—According to a news agency dispatch from Peking, dated Dec. 24, the foreign ministers there are unanimously of the opinion that China will accept the conditions imposed by the joint note of the powers within a month. The note was started on its way to the lawgiver and the emperor immediately after its presentation, the dispatch says, but wire communication is slow, and it probably will not reach them until Dec. 27.

View Admiral Alexieff, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times, has issued orders to the men under his command in China to make detailed lists of the Chinese property—money, cattle, provisions, etc.—taken by them and where such property now is. The correspondent also says that detachments of Russian troops in southern and southeastern Manchuria continue to pursue the work of exterminating disorganized Chinese troops and brigands. The Shanghai correspondent of The Standard, telegraphing Dec. 24, says: "The government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Chang on the borders of the Shansi and Shensi provinces. Yu Tsien has been ordered to return to Yunnan forthwith to be executed, it is supposed."

It is inferred from these reports that the imperial authorities are preparing to concede the demands of the joint note for the punishment of the instigators of the trouble in China. Joint Note Delivered. PEKING, Dec. 26.—The preliminary joint note was delivered yesterday to the Chinese. Li Hung Chang found that he was unable to attend the meeting of the ministers, and his credentials and those of Prince Ching were presented by the latter to the foreign envoys. Prince Wang, replying to the Spanish minister, Senor B. J. de Cologan, who presented the note, said he would immediately communicate its contents to the emperor and assured the ministers that a speedy reply was the desire of the court, as it felt that all China wants peace and prosperity.

French Clash With Boxers. TIEN-TSIN, Dec. 26.—A French detachment of 100 men left here Dec. 20 for Hunge-tsu, 20 miles westward, to search for arms. Approaching a village across a frozen creek, a force of Boxers opened fire, killing Lieutenant Contal and wounding another officer. The French burned the village.

Kidnapers' Den Found. OMAHA, Dec. 22.—The result of 24 hours' work on the part of the police of the city and half a hundred detectives has established the location of the house in which Edward Cudahy, Jr., was held prisoner for nearly two days. The house is located four miles from the city and in a place of easy access, but so situated as to allow the desperadoes ample opportunity to lay and carry out their plans without molestation from inquiring neighbors. Within easy communication by rail and wagon roads to Omaha and South Omaha and on a high knoll where outlaws could give immediate alarm in case of necessity, the one and a half-story shack was admirably chosen by the bandits. No doubt exists in the minds of the police as to the identity of the place. Young Cudahy himself was taken to the house and identified many features which he had recognized while a blindfolded prisoner.

To Free Kurdistan. LONDON, Dec. 21.—General Osman Pasha, who led the Kurd rising in 1878, and a representative of The Daily Mail, stated that he would leave London today to head another rising to free Kurdistan from Turkish rule. "I hope for English sympathy," he said, "if not for material support in the struggle against the despotic Turks, who, dominated by Russia, have compelled the brave, warlike Kurds to act the part of sissies toward their brother Armenians."

Our New Pacific Island. LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to The Standard from Berlin says that Captain Regard, a Norwegian, has discovered and named after himself a hitherto unknown island in the Pacific ocean, lying latitude 2 deg. 4 min. north and longitude 135 deg. 30 min. east, between the Salpines and Caroline groups. It is stated that an American gunboat commander has annexed the island, which seems to be richly wooded and very fertile.

Accidentally Poisoned Herself. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Sarah Rank of Brooklyn arose early to prepare the Christmas dinner for her family. She had a severe headache and, going to a closet, got what she supposed was a headache powder. Instead it was a small paper of Paris green which she held of, and without noticing that it was poison she swallowed the stuff. She died shortly after surrounded by her children. Mrs. Frank was aged 60.

AN AUTONOMY PARTY.

Loyal Filipinos Adopt a Platform. Former Insurgents Lead.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—The recently organized Autonomy party was launched at a meeting attended by virtually all the loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The declaration of principles was read and, after some discussion, adopted by a vote of 123, less than half a dozen declining to vote. All signed an endorsement of the platform, including Senor Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insurgent leaders, whose real attitude toward American authority has been much questioned.

The principal discussion was with reference to the organization of the government of the party. A council of 25 members was elected, together with an executive committee, including Senor Cayetano Arellano, chief justice of the supreme court; Mr. Frank H. Bourne, Senor Armiosa Flores, a former insurgent general; Senor Florentino Torres, attorney general for the Philippines; Senor Jose Near, prosecuting attorney, and Senor Tomas del Rosario. The smallest number of votes received by any candidate was 80.

The Philippine commission has appointed H. Phelps Whitmarsh governor and Otto Scherer secretary of the province of Benguet. Thirty-nine priests, 17 of them belonging in the province of Bulacan, the strongest of the Tagal provinces, have signed and forwarded to the Philippine commission a paper proffering their submission and loyalty to its authority, adding that the promise is made voluntarily and without mental reservation. Judge Taft has replied, welcoming their assistance in the pacification of a people "over whom you will have so great an influence."

TROLLEY STILL TIED UP.

The Scranton Strikers Have Things Their Own Way.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 26.—Owing to the successful work of the scouts of the striking car men ten of the 13 men brought on from Syracuse to take their places were sent home yesterday, and two others were induced to quit and agree not to go back to work. One of them was willing to leave town, but refused to accept money from the strikers. He said he would walk every step to Syracuse before taking money out of the strikers' treasury. He also said he was told that there was no strike here and that if things were not satisfactory when he arrived he would be furnished his fare home. The twelfth man decided to stay and secure other work. The other man could not be corralled by the scouts. Three new men were brought in from Syracuse yesterday morning, but already two of them have been won over by the strikers. The other was kidnapped by a burly striker who was made overzealous by drink.

Only two cars were run in the whole county. One of these, on which Superintendent Patterson was motorman, ran off the track at 11 o'clock and was so badly damaged it had to be taken to the barn. No other car was sent to replace it, and at 1:30 the other of the two cars was taken in and housed.

General Manager Silliman was not downcast by the successes of the strikers in converting his recruits. He says he can get all the men he wants after the holidays, when the number of crews in other cities will be cut down and hundreds of men thrown idle.

UNITED STATES AHEAD.

Henceforth We May Be Regarded as the First Industrial Nation.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times' Vienna correspondent says: "Under the title 'European Economic Alliance' Paul Leroy Beaulieu in the Neuwesener Tagblatt, after reciting America's immense resources and growing population, says: "They may henceforth be regarded as the first industrial nation, and their superiority will become strikingly evident year by year. The United States will, moreover, soon have a considerable mercantile marine. Americans are already accustomed to regard Europeans, more particularly continental, in about the same light as orientals, who vegetate in dreams of the past. "He points out that European states individually are comparatively restricted as to markets and cannot carry a division of labor."

Hay-Panucofote Treaty Passed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—After spending the greater part of the past fortnight in considering the Hay-Panucofote treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850 the senate yesterday consumed only one hour and ten minutes in amending it and ratifying it as amended. During this time there were six roll calls and several viva voce votes. The first five of the roll calls were on amendments offered by individual senators and the last one on the resolution to ratify the treaty as amended. All the amendments except those offered by Senator Foraker and reported by the committee on foreign relations were voted down by majorities averaging about 19. The ratification resolution was adopted by a vote of 55 to 18.

A Charitable Mayor. SALEM, Mass., Dec. 24.—Mayor Elect John F. Hurley of this city, pawnbroker and real estate dealer, has planned to give his salary of \$2,500 a year, which he is to receive beginning Jan. 1, for administering the affairs of the witch city to the poor. He will not hand over the money to a charitable institution, but will disburse the amount himself as fast as he earns it.

Veteran's Sudden Death. SYRACUSE, Dec. 24.—Theodore L. Poole, United States marshal for the northern district of New York state and member of the Fifty-fourth congress from the Onondaga-Madison district from 1894 to 1896, was stricken with apoplexy yesterday morning at 8 o'clock as he attempted to rise from his bed and died immediately.

Santa Fe Strike Called Off. HOUBTON, Dec. 22.—The strike of the telegraph operators on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe was called off last night. The strike was inaugurated in Texas 15 days ago. No concessions were asked by the men or offered by the company as a preliminary to calling off the strike.

The Plague Deadly in India. CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the viceroy of India, in the course of a speech said that since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1898 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore state.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

Position of Cape Colony Hangs In the Balance.

DUTCH ON THE VERGE OF REBELLION.

General Kitchener Has Arrived at De Aar and Is Taking Prompt Measures to Stem the Tide of the Boer Invasion.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Cape Town dispatch says that the regular railway service between Cape Town and De Aar has been restored. The report of the destruction of a bridge south of De Aar turns out to be incorrect. Only a culvert was damaged. Trains are running from De Aar to Kimberley irregularly. There are considerable delays elsewhere as the result of heavy rains.

The position of Cape Colony is hanging in the balance. According to The Morning Post's Cape Town correspondent everything depends upon the quantity of ammunition in possession of the disloyal Dutch residents, 1,500 of whom have joined the Boers in the Philippstown district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of Boers will get through into parts of the colony and gradually raise the whole Cape into rebellion. Re-enforcements can arrive none too soon.

Most of the dispatches from Cape Town, however, describe the raiders as doing little harm and as being rapidly incited by Lord Kitchener's combination. Lord Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts. He has the advantage of being personally acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent says the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds, "Such a step is now impossible, owing to the lack of sufficient troops to enforce it."

The pro-Boer press are singularly quiet. They have been made uneasy by the promptness and thoroughness of the military action, but reports from various parts of the western province foreshadow perilous possibilities.

"A responsible colonist who recently made a tour of the colony declares that 90 per cent of the Dutch are simply waiting for the appearance of a resourceful leader to rebel."

Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the colony, and the movements of both the Boers and the British are almost unknown in Cape Town. It appears that one Boer column attacked Steynsburg, but was repulsed and fled, intrenching itself in the mountains. Another Boer commando captured a party of police at Venterstad. Mounted colonial troops surprised 300 Boers 15 miles from Burgersdorp Dec. 23 and after a brisk interchange of volleys retired with a loss of two men.

Lord Kitchener, telegraphing to the war office under date of Naaukopoot, Dec. 24, reports: "Thorneyeroff's mounted infantry have occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired to the north in the direction of Prieska. They will be followed up."

A dispatch from Durban to a news agency here announces that the Cape to Cairo telegraph line is now in operation to a point 50 miles north of Kasanga and a hundred miles beyond the southern end of Lake Tanganyika.

The important news from South Africa is the arrival of General Kitchener at De Aar, where, it is stated, he is taking measures to crush the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

The Nebraska Senators. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary of War George D. Melkkojn has arrived in Lincoln to assume personal management of his canvass for a seat in the United States senate. The Nebraska legislature, which convenes on the first of the new year, will have two senators to elect, a successor to John M. Thurston and one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. L. Hayward, which is being filled at present by William V. Allen by appointment of the governor. Both houses of the legislature are Republican, but the majority is small in both branches.

There are a dozen candidates for the vacant seats, the more prominent aside from Mr. Melkkojn being Edward Rosewater and Congressman Mercer of Omaha, former Congressman Halmer of Aurora, L. D. Richards of Fremont, E. H. Hinchey of Fairbury and former Governor Lorenzo Crouse of Fort Calhoun, himself a member of the state senate.

Congress Takes a Recess. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—No business was transacted by the senate yesterday. The news of the death of Mrs. William P. Frye, wife of the president pro tem. of the senate, was conveyed officially to the body, and out of respect to her memory immediate adjournment was taken until Jan. 3, 1901. The house was in session 25 minutes, transacting some minor business. The news of the death of Representative Wise of Virginia was announced, and a committee of 17 was appointed to attend the funeral. Adjournment was ordered until Jan. 3, 1901.

Large Shipment of Cattle. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A special to The Record from Flora, Ill., says: "The largest shipment of cattle from southern Illinois within recent years left this city on a special train of 27 cars over the B. & O. S. W. railway for New York, whence they will go direct to Liverpool. The trainload of cattle, which numbers over 400 head and is sent by one shipper, represents a market value slightly in excess of \$40,000."

Captured an Eagle. POUCHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Willis Ryan, a farmer of Claryville, Ulster county, has a golden eagle captive in his barn. He caught the bird stealing his chickens last week and captured it alive. It measures six feet, eight inches between the tips of its wings and is said to be a very rare specimen in this country.

Dr. Wise Dismissed. ALBANY, Dec. 21.—Governor Roosevelt announced last evening that he had dismissed from office Dr. Peter M. Wise, president of the state commission in lunacy, on the charges preferred of malfeasance in office.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely Told.

Important clues were found to the Cudahy kidnapers. Further discoveries of rich quartz mines have been made in the Klondike district. Chief of Police Klevoryn of the New York police is said to be about to resign. St. Petersburg papers approve the action of the senate in amending the Hay-Panucofote treaty.

The steamer State of Nebraska, which clocked at New York, lost lifeboats and sustained other damage during her protracted trip from Glasgow.

Andrew Carnegie announced a gift of \$20,000 for a library building for Tuskegee institute.

Many boats were lost and at least 22 fishermen drowned in the recent gales that swept over the Shetland islands.

Louis F. Payn, former superintendent of the New York state insurance department, and Miss Marion K. Heath were married in Albany.

The torpedo boat destroyer Macdonough was successfully launched at the yard of the Fore River Engine works, West Braintree, Mass.

There was another severe shock of earthquake at Santiago, Cuba, which caused considerable of a panic in the poorer quarters of the city.

Burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to open a large safe in the office of Trower Bros., live stock commission merchants, at the Kansas City stockyards, by using electricity.

Fire partially gutted The Chronicle newspaper building in Halifax, causing a loss of \$8,000.

A movement is on foot for a great national religious revival at the opening of the new century.

The electric trolley system is rapidly displacing the storage battery system on the busiest streets of Berlin.

The Rev. David Whitney Thurston, one of the oldest Methodist preachers in New York, died in Syracuse.

A strike of electric railway men was ordered at Scranton, Pa., and the whole Wyoming valley was completely tied up.

Saturday, Dec. 22. The gunboat Annapolis grounded near Norfolk.

Dr. Richard A. Wise, M. C., died at Norfolk.

Immigration for the calendar year will reach about 400,000.

Mrs. W. P. Frye, wife of the Maine senator, died in Washington.

Philip D. Armour, head of Armour & Co., was reported seriously ill in Chicago.

The proposed national home for aged Elks will probably be located at Colorado Springs.

Some 150,000 French-Canadians are expected to leave New England for their native land.

A motion to propose arbitration for the Boers was defeated by one vote in the Hesse-Cassel chamber.

Vere Foster, who for 50 years had assisted in the emigration of women from Ireland, died at Belfast.

Friday, Dec. 21. The Kentucky arrived at Port Said. More anti-foreign outbreaks were predicted in China.

Clyde shipbuilders have ordered 150,000 tons of steel plates from the United States.

It was said in Duluth that Archbishop Ireland will visit Cuba at the request of the president.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Nebraska state treasury in the capitol at Lincoln.

The closing argument in the Porto Rico-Philippine cases was made before the United States supreme court.

Councilor of Commerce Sanden has been arrested at Potsdam in connection with the Prussian Hypotheken Aktien bank's troubles.

Thursday, Dec. 20. Ex-President Kruger visited Amsterdam.

The strike of dock laborers at Callao, the port of Lima, has ended.

The French chamber of deputies passed the amnesty bill by a vote of 158 to 2.

Diplomatic relations between Turkey and the United States have been restored.

The funeral services of John Addison Porter, former secretary to the president, were held in New Haven.

The French government has offered the cross of the Legion of Honor to Lieutenant W. S. Sims, former United States naval attaché at Paris.

Manchester Out of Debt. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The Duke of Manchester's debts in his native land have been paid. His three castles and his 27,000 acres of unproductive land are no longer weighted with 100 U. S. incumbrances. These facts are practically admitted by Eugene Zimmerman, father-in-law of the duke. In all 130,000 American dollars were deposited in London last Friday to cover and liquidate the indebtedness of the bankrupt duke. His grace at the early age of 23 can now begin life anew. As to just where the money came from Mr. Zimmerman is not so free in expressing himself. But in his reluctance there appears to be more of the natural cynicism of a father-in-law in touching upon the personal affairs of a prized son-in-law than anything else.

Frye to Wed a Cuban. HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Mr. Alexis E. Frye, superintendent of Cuban schools, who will be married on New Year's day to Senorita Maria Teresa Arruabarrena, a schoolteacher of Cardenas, has issued an appeal to the Cuban people urging them in the spirit of the New Year, the new century and of his marriage with a Cuban to drop the sentiment of hatred of Spain in the Cuban hymn and to substitute for the words "Not afraid of the Spanish tyrant" the words "Not afraid of the government of strangers." Senorita Arruabarrena will issue 100,000 copies of the hymn containing the new words on the wedding day.

Russian Loan Declined. LONDON, Dec. 24.—"Russia offered Romania a loan of 16,000,000," says the Vienna correspondent of The Daily Express, "to assist her in the financial crisis, but the offer was declined because there were conditions attached undermining Romanian independence."

Town Badly Scorched. ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 23.—A destructive fire in East Chicago, 15 miles east of this city, resulted in reducing half the business section into ashes. Total loss, \$50,000; partly insured.

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