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THE SITUATION IN CHINA

Alarming News Received During The Past Week

MANY FOREIGNERS KILLED

The Boxers are Massing in Large Numbers—China to Be Invaded by the Allied Armies—Strong Resistance Offered by the Government.

These days there is very little war news from South Africa or the Philippines. The reason is that all attention is directed towards China where, for the past three weeks there has been constant uproar and confusion. Dispatches from that place are meagre, uncertain and indefinite for the reason that China does not have the modern facilities for transportation, with limited telegraphic communication. The uprising of the Boxers began several weeks ago and the reports of the numbers and the extent of their operations are hard to determine. During the past week alarming dispatches reached this country that the government forces had united with the Boxers for the purpose of exterminating all foreigners and the converts in that country. Next came the report that the Emperor and Emperor had committed suicide by taking opium. At one time it was said that over 5000 Christians had been slain by the heathen fanatics. Since then the latest reports contradict these statements and there is good assurance that the foreign legations in China have not suffered so seriously, and that the government is carefully guarding them from such a fate. What is the real situation, is hard to tell at this time.

All the foreign powers are interested in a move to send troops to China for the purpose of restoring order and insuring the safety of all. Japan has an army of about 30,000 that she is hurrying towards Peking and the other powers are co-operating. About 5,000 of our soldiers in the Philippines are being sent there. The Emperor of Germany is sending a strong body of troops to the scene of the trouble. The navies of the world are well represented there and thus far the principal fighting has been done by the marines.

Among the misfortunes thus far was the grounding of the famous American battle ship "Oregon" off the coast of China. She was successfully floated and is now on her way to Japan where she will be docked and the necessary repairs to her hull will be made.

That a great many foreigners have been butchered in the rioting of the Boxers, there can be no doubt, and the extent of the uprising is greater than was first reported. Another surprise to the nations is the well armed resistance they are meeting from the Chinese forces who are opposing the invading forces of the allied powers. In the war with Japan the Chinese seemed to have no effective weapons. Today they have a good supply of modern artillery and are handling it with unusual accuracy, and numerous instances with deadly effect. The Boxers, on the other hand, are practically unarmed, as only a few of them have firearms and the most of them carry spears and swords. In several engagements the Boxers have been mown down with frightful slaughter.

Whether the government of China is in sympathy with the Boxers or not is not certain, and the situation is hard to explain.

Good Advice.

About three years ago O. L. Switzer left Philipsburg for the gold fields of Alaska. Since then he has written numerous interesting letters home which were published from time to time. In his last letter he discusses the methods of mining and the chances of digging a future from the gold bearing gravel or quartz. The following paragraph is a summary of his three years experience in that frozen country where many lives and fortunes have been spent in the alluring search for gold:

"And just a word of warning. If you make up your mind to leave on the next train for the Land of Gold, just sew up a few hundred in the inside of your vest in case you might need it to get home with. I might have been home long ago had some one suggested such a precaution at the time I left."

There is more solid sense in that little paragraph than most will imagine. More money has been expended many times over in the outfitting sent north than ever came back in the yellow metal.

Andrew J. Cruse Weds.

On Tuesday, June 26th, Andrew J. Cruse, second son of the late A. J. Cruse, of this place, was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Londoner, daughter of Mrs. Moses Londoner, of Denver, Colorado. Andrew has for some time past been studying medicine in one of the large medical colleges in that city.

THE FAIR GROUND.

Two weeks ago the writer, like a great many others who did not know how it could be done, laughed at the idea of the new association attempting to hold races on the new ground at the coming Centennial. Then there was very little done on the ground and no indication of a track. Go down there now and you will see a big gang of men and teams hauling ground and grading the track. A force of carpenters are putting up the fence and necessary buildings, and there is a considerable amount to be done in this line. The interior of the ground needs a great many finishing touches in the shape of trimming down or grading. Every day an immense amount of work has been done and there is no question now that the race course will not be completed for the week of the Centennial. The large list of prizes offered by the association has attracted the attention of some of the best horsemen in the east and the chances are that we will be able to see some of the finest races at the opening event. The purses offered are unusually large, and will bring some of the finest steppers into competition.

IN OTHER COUNTIES.

Huntingdon Monitor: A buzzard with a bell dangling to its neck, and sounding the gong at every flutter in the air, has been causing some excitement in Porter township during the past week. It is evidently the same bird that did business in Franklin county about three years ago. Its occupation of stealing chickens, etc., has become very onerous on account of the advance warning given by the clanging of the bell. How the bell became fastened about the buzzard's neck is a mystery, unless the bird is a victim of its own sagacity while finishing a meal off a wether stolen from some flock of sheep.

Rev. Louis Rosenberg, formerly pastor of the Lutheran congregation at Jersey, committed suicide at Philadelphia last week by shooting himself in the head. A special from Jersey Shore says Rev. Rosenberg attempted suicide by taking morphine while he was pastor of the church at that place.

Boys' Battle With a Bull.

Saturday afternoon nine year old Harry Lamont of Cogan Station, Lycoming county, saved his seven year old brother from being gored to death by a bull. The infuriated animal attacked the young boy and had tossed him into the air twice before the other boy could get to his assistance. With a pitchfork Harry attacked the bull, and so severely did he injure the animal that it was forced to retire. The older boy assisted his brother to his feet, and succeeded in getting over a fence as the bull rushed at them again.

Killed a Bear.

The Lock Haven Democrat of Friday says: Lewis E. Elmer, of Pine Creek township, A. A. Maitland and C. H. Lee, of Philadelphia, were hunting woodcock on Peverbaugh mountains, along Pine Creek, Thursday, when one of their dogs treed a bear. Elmer shot bruin in a paw with their last cartridge and the animal attacked them. Two of the men clubbed the bear with their guns until Lee could get his knife out. Then he stepped in and cut the bears throat.

Pine Camp Meeting.

The managers of the Pine camp meeting grounds have everything in readiness for the opening of the camp meeting on July 31. The grounds have been put in first class condition, tents repaired and four new cooking tents erected. The camp ground managers have leased one-half of the tents to the Gospel Workers, who will hold a camp meeting on the grounds immediately after the close of the meeting of the United Evangelicals.

Grain Field on Fire.

The Howard Hustler says on Tuesday of last week, George Confer was cutting rye on the Swartz farm about a mile north of Howard. He lit his pipe, threw the match on the ground and went to get a drink of water. When he looked up he discovered the rye field on fire. The alarm was sounded and all hands turned out and fought the fire. About an acre of grain was destroyed before the fire was put out.

Lock Haven Man's Purchase.

Joseph Gilliland, of Lock Haven, started off where he bought a 239 acre farm within five miles of Dover. It contains 2,500 peach trees, 1,000 pear trees and 700 apple trees, besides having about 40 acres in wheat, a lot of corn and 35 acres of second growth chestnut. Several friends are in with him on the purchase, which stood them just \$8,000.

If fish wouldn't bite on Sunday, perhaps more men would be found at church.

CENTENNIAL PROGRAMME

General Outline of the Leading Events

MILITARY AND CIVIC DISPLAY

List of Prominent Speakers Who Will be Present—Amusement and Entertainment Provided—Historic Collection at the School Building.

During the past few months our readers have been hearing continually about the Centennial of Centre County to be held at this place July 25th and 26th. That date is now but a short time distant and the indications are that the event will be observed in an appropriate manner. During the past week large colored posters have been distributed setting forth in detail what will take place on that occasion. At this time the programme is not complete and there are many details yet to be arranged. To make the centennial a success the various committees at this place have been laboring incessantly, and the indications are that there will be a very creditable programme carried out. Upon the various committees throughout the county depends much to make the event a success. The centennial is a celebration of the county's first century and all the various districts should take some pride to see that they are properly represented. At this time the following programme can be generally announced:

The first day Wednesday 25th, will be devoted to a military display in the morning. Among the organizations likely to be present will be the Fifth regiment, N. G. P.; the Pennsylvania reserves and the G. A. R. organizations of surrounding towns.

Among the prominent men announced to make addresses are Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, General Nelson A. Miles, Hampton L. Carson, of Philadelphia; Congressman J. K. P. Hall, of Ridgway; Judges John M. Bailey, Martin Bell, D. L. Krebs and Cyrus Gordon; W. U. Hentzel, General Thomas J. Stewart and General J. A. Wiley. During this day the dedication of the ground for the Curtin memorial and soldiers' monument will take place in the diamond in front of the court house.

The 26th will be Civic Day, and a parade will take place in the morning, in which all the merchants throughout the county are expected to have floats. Many fire companies of all nearby towns have accepted invitations to be present, and other organizations.

During the afternoons of both days races will take place on the new track of the Centre County Agricultural Exhibiting company. During the evenings there will be displays of fireworks and stereoptical views on the public grounds. The main decorative feature of the centennial will be a court of honor, on the diamond. The Bellefonte spring will be elaborately decorated and an electric fountain will play during the evenings.

The Centennial Historical Art and Loan Exhibition will be held in the stone school building on Allegheny street, under the auspices of the Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R. and is going to be most attractive feature.

The county is being thoroughly canvassed for relics, curios and works of art, of ancient and modern times. A systematic hunt for exhibits is being made in Bellefonte and remarkable "finds" are reported.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week the exhibits will be collected by the committee having this part of the work in charge.

Military Funeral.

Word was received here from the war department in Washington of the arrival in San Francisco on Wednesday, 4th, of the body of Lieutenant George L. Jackson, late of the Forty seventh regiment, U. S. V., who died of typhoid fever in Manila, May 21.

The body of Lieutenant Geo. L. Jackson arrived on the train this morning. The funeral services will take place at 6 o'clock this evening, in the Episcopal church. Interment in the Union cemetery.

Peculiar Accident.

The little 3-year-old son of Merchant O. B. Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, fell on a boardwalk recently. He was running with his thumb in his mouth when he tripped and in falling bit the thumb almost off. It hung only by a thread.

Loganton's School Teachers.

The teachers elected for the ensuing term in Loganton borough are: grammar school, Mark Brungard; intermediate, Miss E. Dice; primary, Miss Hattie Heller. The schools will open September 17 for a term of seven months.

SHOT NIAGARA FALLS.

Peter Missen, the Chicago Dane, who prefers to be known as Mr. Bowser, made a successful trip through the rapids and whirlpool of Niagara Monday afternoon in his boat, the Fool Killer.

The experience was far more terrible than he had expected, and, while he came out unharmed, he says he will not repeat the trip.

In the flight through the rapids the boat pitched into one of the big foam-topped waves. The 1250 pound keel went straight in the air as if it were a mere stick, and the boat executed a somersault. For an instant boat and man were lost in the bowels of the wave. People along the shores and on the bridges thought the adventurer had met his fate thus early. But presently out of the foam rose the boat and the man.

The flight of the Fool Killer through the rapids occupied two and a half minutes. During one-third of that time, at least, the navigator and his craft were out of sight under the waves. Just when the waiting crowd thought the end had come, the nose of the Fool Killer would wave his hat to show he was all right. The passage was so swift that it was hard to follow the boat.

K. G. E. Officers.

The following are the officers of Bellefonte Castle, No. 357 of Bellefonte, Pa., for the ensuing six months' term: Noble chief, W. Harrison Walker; noble chief, J. S. McCargar; vice chief, Oscar Wetzel; high priest, Jas. Schofield; venerable hermit, M. R. Johnson; master of records, E. E. Ardery; clerk of exchequer, W. H. Taylor; keeper of exchequer, L. H. Wian; scribe, J. H. Kennedy Johnson; worthy bard, A. Lokenbach; worthy chamberlain, H. D. Gehret; ensign, Jas. Dawson; esquire, W. P. Kuhn; first guardsman, Wm. Gordon; second guardsman, A. V. Hamilton; trustee, John Noll; representative to the Grand Castle, Jas. Schofield.

The New Five Dollar Bill.

The first of the new \$5 silver certificates have been printed and are in the treasury for circulation. From an artistic point of view they are said to be among the prettiest ever printed. The face of the bill bears the portrait of the typical American Indian of other days. On one side of this portrait is the blue seal of the treasury and on the other a big letter V and the word "Five." These are printed in blue. The figure 5 is repeated over the bill. On the front of the obligation it is found in each corner. The back of the bill contains considerable scroll work, two large open spaces and the usual lettering.

Wedding at Blanchard.

A quiet home wedding took place at Blanchard at the residence of H. A. Snyder at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening 29th, when his daughter Miss Mabel Gertrude Snyder was married to Milton S. McDowell, chemist at the State College. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. P. Wharton, of Howard M. E. church. There were no attendants, and only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present.

Was in a Wreck.

The Rhoda Royal show which recently exhibited here was in a wreck last week. The show was in Hastings and left that place for Gallatin over the Hastings branch of the Cambria and Clearfield railroad. When at a point between Bradley Junction and Cresson the train was wrecked, and the show lost three cats and three wagons including the one used by the band. No one was injured.

Frear—Reno.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Prof. Frear, of State College and Miss Julia Reno, in the Presbyterian church, at Greenville, Kentucky, Wednesday morning July 18th, 1900. Prof. Frear is one of the leading members of State College faculty and his numerous friends in this section will join us in extending congratulations.

McDowell—Snyder.

Milton S. McDowell, chemist at the Pennsylvania State College Experiment Station, was joined in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss Mabel Snyder, of Blanchard on Thursday, June 28th. The ceremonies were held at the home of the bride's parents. The groom holds a responsible position at the Experiment Station.

Robbery at Howard.

Burglars broke into the store of Jackson Kline, at Howard, on the morning of the Fourth. They gained an entrance by taking the screen off the window and breaking one of the heavy panes of plate glass. They succeeded in getting about \$8.00 in money and a watch valued at \$8.00.

PERISHED IN THE FOREST

Sad Death of a Lock Haven Boy Lost in the Woods

CAUSE OF DEATH UNKNOWN

Large Searching Party Out For Several Days—Left Home on Tuesday and Found the Following Sunday—Probably was Overcome by Heat.

Paul Merrill Shapleigh, of Lock Haven, left his home on Tuesday forenoon July 3rd on his bicycle to ride to farmer Hager's residence along the Sugar Run road. From there he started across the mountain to the summer cottage at Riverview, opposite Farrandsville, where he expected to find some of his acquaintances. That was the last seen of him and it was supposed that he had either met with an accident or was lost in the woods. His bicycle was found at a place over which the searchers passed next day.

A general alarm was given and hundreds of men formed a searching party to try and locate the unfortunate lad. Excitement ran high until Sunday when the body was found. The coroner examined the body and expressed the opinion that Paul was stunned by a fall on a rock or was overcome by the intense heat, and that he had been dead since Tuesday. The body was found two miles above the cottages and a short distance from where he had left his bicycle. Paul was a son of the late George Shapleigh, formerly of Williamsport, and later of Denver, Colo. He was near-sighted and the supposition is that he had become bewildered and was wandering around in the woods endeavoring to make his way to the river.

The remains were interred in Highland cemetery, at Lock Haven, on Monday. He was a nephew of John B. Merrill, the lumberman of that city.

SHOCK CAUSED DEATH.

Last Saturday a severe rain storm passed over this section and did some damage. Down the Bald Eagle the storm was the heaviest and in the vicinity of Milesburg, the R. R. station and a number of houses were struck by lightning. Accounts of this storm have appeared in the daily papers saying that Mrs. Sarah McKinley had been struck and killed that afternoon by a bolt of lightning. The facts seem to be different from the first reports. Mrs. McKinley lives with her daughter Mrs. James Gray, one mile north of Milesburg. During the storm on Saturday the Gray home was struck by lightning and the inmates were terribly shocked by its force. The building took fire but the same was extinguished before any serious damage was done. When the flash occurred Mrs. McKinley was in the act of going to the cellar. Afterwards she was found sitting at the foot of the steps in a leaning position. There were no marks on her person to indicate that she had been struck by the flash of lightning and it is thought that since she was troubled with a weak heart, that the shock caused her death.

Mrs. McKinley, whose maiden name was Sarah Kreamer, was a native of Centre county, and was 63 years of age. She was the widow of John McKinley, a veteran of the civil war. One child a daughter, Mrs. James Gray, with whom she made her home, survives her; also a brother Edward Kreamer, of Boalsburg, and a sister, Mrs. Helena Roush, of Altoona. She was an aunt of Mrs. Henry Harris, of this place.

Spanish War Veterans.

An effort is being made to have all the men of this county who were enlisted in the Spanish War in attendance at the coming Centennial so as to make that one of the features of the parade. There are a larger number than many imagine, as there were a great many enlistments in other organizations than that of our home company. It is the intention of the veterans to form an association that will be permanent. All persons who were in the last war from this county are request to correspond with or call on James Alexander, Esq., Bellefonte, so that he may secure your name and address and form of enlistment.

Clinton County Poor.

The question of establishing a county poor house, in Clinton county, is being agitated at present in some of their papers. Many people in this county favor a poor farm.

Found a Copper Mine.

George B. Quick, a Bald Eagle Valley farmer, has discovered a vein of copper ore on his land. Samples have been sent to State College and other places for analysis.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

JULY.

I'm almost roasted! Oh, dear me, it's just as hot as it can be! Now is the time it would be nice to lay one down upon the ice. To fill one's shoes half-full of snow. To feel the chilling North wind blow. To float about in some cool stream. And eat a lot of frozen cream.

A song in rag-time—"Tramp, tramp, tramp."

A case of extra dry—the Egyptian mummy.

It doesn't shorten your life to take a day off.

The most fashionable bathing suit is "not so much."

A eow-yard usually contains more than three feet.

Cherries are not a sad fruit, but they are to be pitted.

The Sunday school picnic is a gathering of all classes.

The hen's endeavor to hatch her brood is an on-nest effort.

Wise men make feasts that fools may eat and get the goat.

Wise saws should be filed in the archives of the memory.

Fast men don't pay any attention to the regulation fast days.

Among washable goods, "duck" naturally takes to water.

Evil spirits frequently appear in the guise of five-cent whisky.

Pleasures are the commas that punctuate the sad story of life.

If a man cultivates bad habits, he is apt to reap earthly miseries.

The proprietor of a matrimonial agency runs a sort of a meet market.

The still-house worm destroys more corn than the cut-worm does.

But few men ever take the trouble to look a friend up that's down.

Wise is the prophet who can get the people to forget his predictions.

Sometimes the office seeks the man, and sometimes so does the officer.

There is no man so bad but what he has a secret respect for the good.

In order to "raise the ante's" sometimes a man has to go to his uncle.

If there were fewer cranks this life wouldn't be such a continual grind.

Charity may begin at home, but most applicants seek a man at his office.

No matter how hard the times may be, the wages of sin are never affected.

A single minister may have married many widows and maids in his time.

When the ordained preacher puts down a carpet he becomes a layman.

There is only one good substitute for wisdom, and that is real thick silence.

We suppose the inhabitants of Cork might be called its floating population.

A man never gets any credit for being good unless he's a member of the church.

Blessed is the peace-maker to the man who is getting the worse of the encounter.

Once a girl hears some one say she's pretty the whole world cannot undecieve her.

It wouldn't be the thing for the sticky paper to boast "There are no flies on me."

If Moses never had the goat, Ingersoll might refer to it as one of his misdeeds.

Life's journey is so tiresome that when a man reaches the end of it he's out of breath.

The older we grow the greater the lack of knowledge we discover in other people.

Perhaps it is because wash-day comes after Sunday that cleanliness is next to godliness.

Some men prefer the joys they are after here to the prospective joys of the hereafter.

They ought to take the census in green apple time, when much of the population is doubled.

A man who gets caught in a rain-storm loses all interest in the cloud's silver lining.

Solomon, when arrayed in all his glory, never wore a multi-colored shirt and white collar.

Must Be Born Again.

The following incident is appropriately dedicated to some of our contemporaries who are never capable of making an error:

One day a gentleman called at the office of a certain newspaper, and said to the editor:

"Sir, it is announced in your paper that I am dead."

"Well," replied the editor, "if it is in our paper it is correct."

"It is not correct, for here I am alive," rejoined the other.

"Well, it can't be helped," said the editor.

"But I expect you to contradict it," said the injured man.

"No, I can not do that," said the editor, "as we never contradict anything that appears in our paper. I will do the only thing I can do. Tomorrow I will put you in the list of births."