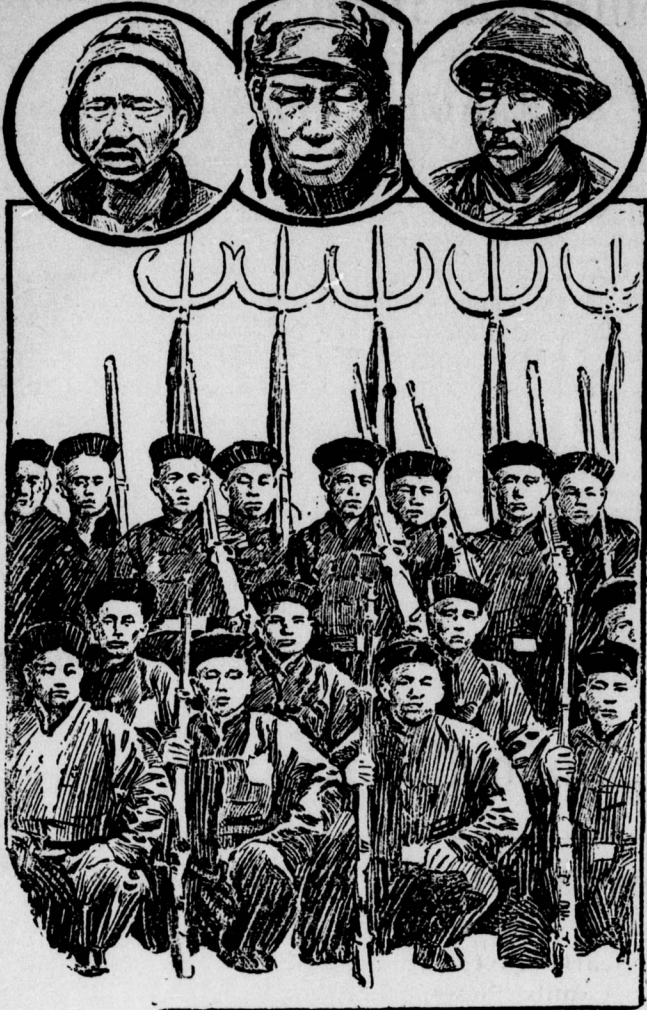


SOME CHINESE

BOXERS

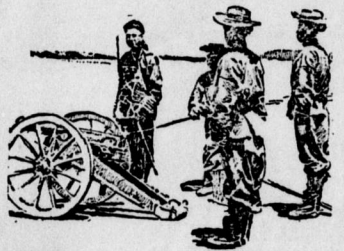


CHINESE IMPERIAL TROOPS.

The "Boxers" of China.

A Secret Society Whose Object is to Exterminate Foreigners.

THE "Boxers," or "Righteousness and Peace Fist Society," as they have been called, represent the periodical revolt of Chinese conservatism against the influx of foreign influence and foreign methods.



CHINESE GUN CREW WITH FIELD PIECE.

being instilled into the people in numberless ways. The only effective method was to expel the foreign element, eradicate it altogether.

There must have been shrewd leaders among the insurgents. They took special pains, for the most part, to avoid open collision with European



INTERIOR OF UNITED STATES LEGATION AT PEKIN. (This is the courtyard of Minister Conger's house in the Chinese capital.)

Governments. The foreigners themselves, while aimed at, were reached by the peculiarly Chinese method of indirection. Their persons, with one

exception, were not touched. It was their followers that felt the blow. Missionaries were left in safety, but native Christians were butchered. The movement grew, and the crowd became more open in its manifestations.



CENTRAL BUSINESS STREET IN PEKIN.

whose intention was not evil, even if some of their actions could not be approved. At first the foreign embassies contented themselves with protests. To these there came the usual form of Oriental assent, and the usual attendant Oriental delay.

The "Boxers" profess to be an organization for the cultivation of gymnastics, but, like the Turn Verein, which so perturbed the retrograde governments of Germany in the days of the Holy Alliance, they conduct a secret political movement and uphold the ultra-conservative and anti-foreign tenets of that energetic, indomitable old lady and thorough-going reactionary, the Empress Dowager.



EDWIN H. CONGER, (American Minister at Peking.)

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owes its remarkably rapid spread from Shan-Tung, where it was organized, throughout the whole province of Pechin-li. The rise of a strong popular

movement against Christians, foreigners and native reformers was undoubtedly a consolation to the Manchu mandarins and the Empress. Indeed, last January they were referred to in tones of high approbation by the latter august personage, and, in consequence, it is impossible to withhold some measure of sympathy for the "Boxers" in the position in which they find themselves.



CITY GATE, PEKIN.

"the submissive and loyal subjects" who "learn gymnastic drill for the protection of their families unite the villages in their districts for mutual protection, in other words, the "Boxers."

Reading between the lines, the meaning of the edict is plain. Free liberty of action was to be given to any society which is loyal to the throne, while stern suppression was to be meted out to all those who, directly or indirectly, belonged to disaffected associations.

Edwin Hurd Conger, United States Minister at Peking, under whose direction

tion American marines have been landed for the protection of American interests against the "Boxers," was born in Knox County, Illinois, March 7, 1843. Mr. Conger is a man of will and nerve. He was educated in Lombard University, graduating in the class of 1862.

He began the study of law at the close of the war, and graduated from the Albany Law School in

1866. He first practiced law at Galesburg in 1808, and then removed to Dexter, Iowa, where he became engaged in farming, stock raising and banking. He was elected treasurer of Dallas county, Iowa, in 1877, and again in 1879.

In certain parts of Africa it is considered a mark of disrespect to bury out of doors at all. Only slaves are treated in such unceremonious fashion. The honored dead are buried under the floor of the house.

A LIVING SAINT.

Teresa of Mexico One of the World's Remarkable Women.

The central figure in this picturesque and interesting group is one of the most remarkable women in the world. She is nothing more or less than a living "saint," who is not only worshipped



SANTA TERESA OF MEXICO.

by thousands of Indians and others, who actually go into battle using her name as a war-cry, but she has been considered important enough to merit unpleasant attentions from the Mexican Government. It is the Yaqui Indians of Sonora, Mexico, who worship this lady, "Santa Teresa," who, in the picture is seen performing her usual mission of healing the sick.

What has been the effect upon your children of this cruel book? Or, if you do not allow the book to be read in your household, what has been the effect upon the children of other households where the Word of God is honored? Have they as a result of reading this cruel book gone forth with a cruel spirit to pull things off flies and to pinion grasshoppers and to rob birds' nests?

Liliuokalani Returns to Hawaii. Her former Majesty Liliuokalani, of the Hawaiian Islands, and party recently left Washington for San Francisco. From there they go to Honolulu, where the ex-queen will remain till December, when she will return to the United States to conclude her business affairs with this country.



EX-QUEEN LILIUOKALANI OF HAWAII.

physician; Prince Heleluhe, Honolulu private secretary and a wealthy land owner of the islands, and the Princess Heleluhe, maid-in-waiting to the former queen. Count Alexander Valanger, of Poland, who is on his way to Honolulu on a pleasure trip, also traveled with the royal party.

The Demand For Baboons. The baboons and chimpanzees are ferocious and hard to handle, but bring good prices and there is always a demand for them. The opening of new zoological gardens throughout the United States has increased the trade in monkeys; but the American circus has always offset the greater number of zoos in Europe and has made this country a good monkey market.

England has exactly fifty times as much lunatic asylum accommodation per head of population as Egypt.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: The Best of All Books—The Bible's Divine Origin Upheld—The Filled Prophecies of the Old Testament Prove Its Emanation From God.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In the great conflict now raging in Europe, as in this country, between Christianity and agnosticism Dr. Talmage has taken a decided stand, and in this sermon declares his unwavering belief in the divine origin of the Scriptures; text, Matthew vii, 18, "Do men gather grapes of thorns?"

Not in this country. Not in any country. Thorns stick, thorns lacerate, but all the thorns put together never yielded one cluster of Catawba or Isabella grapes. Christ, who was the master of apt and potent illustration, is thus setting forth what you and I well know—that you cannot get that which is pleasant and healthful and good from that which is bad. If you find a round, large, beautiful cluster of grapes, you know that it was produced by a good grapevine, and not from a tangle of Canada thistle.

Do you gather grapes of thorns? Can a bad book yield good results? Skeptics with great vehemence declare that the Bible is a cruel book. They read the story of the extermination of the Canaanites and of all the ancient wars and of the history of David and Joshua, and they come to the conclusion that it is a good Bible, and all the arguments of the skeptic against it when he tries to show it is a bad book, will go overboard.

What has been the effect upon your children of this cruel book? Or, if you do not allow the book to be read in your household, what has been the effect upon the children of other households where the Word of God is honored? Have they as a result of reading this cruel book gone forth with a cruel spirit to pull things off flies and to pinion grasshoppers and to rob birds' nests?

And so the infidels have been trying to pull away the miracles, pulling away at the blasted fig tree, at the turning of the water into wine at the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Can you show me a Bible from which one of these miracles has been erased?

How marvelous! The old book sticks together! All the striking at these chapters only driving them deeper into the clutches on the other side with the hammers of eternity.

What will be the use of the prophecies when they are all fulfilled? What will be the use of the evangelistic or Pauline description of Jesus Christ when we face the fact? But I do not think we will give up the Bible even at that time. I think we will want the Bible in heaven. I really think the fires of the last day will not consume the last copy, for when you and I get out there our children will be there to show them just the passages, just the promises, which comforted us here in the dark day of interment, and we will want to talk over with Christians who have had trials and struggles, and we will want to show them the promises that especially refreshed us. I think we shall have the Bible in heaven.