

RAILROAD TIME TABLES

PENN' A. R. R.	
EAST.	WEST.
7.13 A. M.	9.14 A. M.
10.17 P. M.	12.04 P. M.
6.09 " SUNDAYS.	4.53 "
10.17 A. M.	4.53 P. M.
D. L. & W. R. R.	
EAST.	WEST.
6.58 A. M.	9.09 A. M.
10.17 P. M.	12.04 P. M.
2.11 P. M.	4.36 "
6.10 " SUNDAYS.	8.20 "
6.58 A. M.	12.47 P. M.
6.10 P. M.	8.20 "
PHILA. & READING R. R.	
NORTH.	SOUTH.
7.42 A. M.	11.23 A. M.
4.00 P. M.	6.05 P. M.
BLOOM STREET.	
7.44 A. M.	11.23 A. M.
4.02 P. M.	6.04 P. M.

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THE WAR IN AFRICA.

Britons Moving on the County
Held by Dewet.

PRESIDENT STEYN TAKES FLIGHT.

The Free State Leader Has Taken
Refuge in the Mountains—Steyn and
Gen. Dewet Are the only Obstacles
to the Termination of the War.

London, July 5.—Gen. Paget is moving toward the heart of the country held by Dewet.

Lord Roberts telegraphed to the war office, under date of Pretoria, July 5,

"...as follows:

"Page engaged the enemy on July 3 successfully at Priesfontein. He drove them out of a very strong position across Leeuw Kop to Bronerfontein, where they were blown up.

The followed up the enemy and on the afternoon of July 4 was at Blaauwkuip, 15 miles northeast of Bethlehem. The chief of Steyn's government officials, except the treasurer general, who has gone to Vrede, are at Bethlehem, which has been proclaimed the capital. Steyn himself is reported to have taken flight to the mountains. Bulwer reports the line to Heidelberg restored, thus completing every communication between Pretoria and Bethlehem.

Loudon, Monday, on Friday learned that the Boers are showing fresh activity. A British force is reported within 40 miles of Koornaport.

The Times Lourenco Marques correspondent, in a dispatch dated Friday, says:

"...the source it is learned that ex-President Steyn and Christian Dewet are the obstacles to the termination of the war in South Africa."

Soldiers Want to Go to China.

Havana, July 7.—Military Governor Wood has issued orders to the departments to have the Second, Fifth and Eighth regiments ready for embarkation as soon as the transports shall arrive. The Eighth is practically ready now, as it has not been scattered, while the Second and Fifth have been divided among various districts. Three companies of the Tenth regiment will proceed to Morro Castle, at Santiago, to relieve the Fifth, while troops of the Eighth cavalry will relieve those of the Fifth at stations at Guantánamo and San Juan de Tanamo. Baracoa will be relinquished as a military post. A company of the Tenth will relieve the Second at Trinidad. The members of the Eighth regiment are delighted with the prospect of soon seeing home, while many officers hope that they will be rushed right to China.

A Disastrous Thunder Storm.

Harrisburg, July 7.—A fierce thunder storm passed over Dauphin county on Thursday night, doing much damage. Among the properties struck by lightning and destroyed were the houses and barns of John Hartz, near Palmyra; the barn of Daniel Hetrick, near Sand Beach, containing two horses and part of this year's grain crop; the house of Alvin M. Miller, near Derry Church; the house of L. J. Strohm, near Lexington; two large barns near Berryessa, and a house near Uniontown. An unknown man was killed by lightning while under a tree at Derry Church.

Arrested for Double Murder.

Dover, N. H., July 7.—Four men, giving their names as John Williams, John Farren, William Scott and Fred Gossard, were arrested yesterday as the men who murdered and assaulted four Dover residents on the night of July 4, resulting in the death of two men—John McNally and Thomas Dobbins—were arrested yesterday near this city. Witnesses of Wednesday night's affair have identified Williams as the man who shot Dobbins, and Farren and Gold as two of his companions.

Canton's Welcome to Roosevelt.

Canton, O., July 7.—The home city of the president yesterday accorded to his colleague on the Republican national ticket an ovation almost unprecedented, even in Canton. It would be hard to say whether the citizens of Canton voiced more demonstrative welcome to President McKinley or to Governor Roosevelt yet he may be said with truth that Canton did not discriminate in yesterday's demonstration.

Disobeyed Would-be Rescuer.

And as Result Two Young Men
Went to Their Death.

Philadelphia, July 9.—David Hallen and Isaac Braumfain, both 19 years of age, were drowned in the Schuylkill river yesterday afternoon by a rowboat going over Flat Rock dam, just above the city, while two companions were rescued. Hallen and Braumfain were members of a plow team and in company with Louis Kappahn and Tilford Smith, took a rowboat for a ride on the river. They did not know of the close proximity of the dam, and when they discovered it the boat was too close to be rowed away. There was not much water going over the dam at the time and the little craft stuck fast. The lockkeeper came to their rescue in a launch and threw them a rope which they held onto until they had their bodies and then jump overboard. Hallen and Braumfain refused, but the girl and Kappahn did so, and as they jumped out the boat shot over the dam to the rocks below. Hallen and Braumfain sank immediately. The other two were pulled on board the launch.

CONGER'S REPORT.

A Tardy Message From Our
Minister to Pekin.

PERHAPS HIS LAST REPORT.

It Tells of the Threatening Outlook
on May 21,

AND IS SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC.

He Believed at That Time That the

Chinese Government, Alarmed at

the Situation, Would Take Ener-

getic Action to Suppress the Box-

ers—Meantime Comes an Official

Report From Shanghai That the

Legations at Pekin Were Safe on

July 4, While Still Another Dis-

puted Discredises the "Official" Re-

port—the Allies Will Soon Have

Fifty Thousand Troops Ashore—Dis-

orders in the Provinces Appear to

Be Increasing in Violence.

Washington, July 9.—The last China mail to reach the state department brought the report of Minister Conger, perhaps the last that will ever come to hand. This bears date of Pekin, May 21. It is of the utmost importance, disclosing, as it does, a full comprehension on the part of the foreign ministers in Pekin of the character and extent of the Boxer uprising, even through Mr. Conger himself, by disposition optimistic, found some reason to hope that the worst was over at that date. What Mr. Conger has to say as to the attitude of the Chinese government, as reflected in the formal interview, is that the Boxers are not only of peculiar interest now, but probably will have a strong bearing on the final reckoning that must be had between the civilized nations and the Chinese. Mr. Conger makes it very clear, through the publication of the French priest's letter, that at least one, if not all, of the European powers, including himself, are of the opinion that the government is aroused, itself, alarmed at the situation, and will take some energetic action, but no one can be certain of this until it is done.

"Since some energetic action is taken the situation will become fraught with great danger to all foreigners, not from any intelligent or organized attacks, but from ignorant and inflamed mob violence. However, believe, as I do, in my telegram, that the government is aroused, itself, alarmed at the situation, and will take some energetic action, but no one can be certain of this until it is done.

"In reply to your query, I am told that the Boxers were killed during the long Chinese bombardment. The foreign women became so indignant that they walked through the streets, not heeding the shells. Most of the civilians were deported to Tien Tsin, thence to be conveyed to Shanghai.

The Times of New York says: "We have received a private message from Captain that Li Hung Chang has telegraphed direct to the Chinese minister in London urging him to request the British government to approach the United States government with a view to a joint invitation to Japan to co-operate in the maintenance of the Chinese empire and the establishment of a strong government on a solid basis. The three next uniting in an appeal for the support of all the other powers."

THE "CONQUERED" BOERS

Manage to Keep the British Troops
in Africa Employed.

London, July 9.—Late news from South Africa reports that the Boers ineffectually attacked Gen. Botha's re-trenchment between Standerton and Heidelberg on July 8, and that the Boers were returning from a visit to Lord Roberts.

The Boers attacked Ficksburg garrison at midnight on Tuesday, but were driven off after 45 minutes' fighting.

Gen. Brabant on July 5 occupied Dernberg, between Senekal and Winburg, which served as a base for bandit as-saetting convoys. Col. Mahon of the British army was sent to Tien Tsin, thence to be transported to the front on July 6 and 7, engaged 3,000 Boers east of Brooker Spruit and drove them off.

The British casualties numbered 33.

Commandant Limmer tried to recapture Rustenburg on July 5, but was driven back.

Thirty-four of Strathcona's horse,

under Lieut. Anderson, were attacked by 200 Boers east of Standerton on July 6. The British soon took possession of a kopje, upon which they successfully withheld the attack of the enemy.

KILLED RETURNING FROM CHURCH.

Pittsburgh, July 9.—Two people were killed outright and a third seriously hurt last night in a church service.

Death occurred at 10 o'clock.

Twenty-four of Strathcona's horse,

under Lieut. Anderson, were attacked by 200 Boers east of Standerton on July 6. The British soon took possession of a kopje, upon which they successfully withheld the attack of the enemy.

Boles recovered were all found in the second cabin, in the after part of the ship, and they were horrible sights to look upon. They were all victims of fire. They could not be identified. Chief Officer Henry Schaeffer, who was in charge, said he had no idea who the men had been, but, judging from the place where they were found, he thinks they were steerage.

The body of a man, badly scalded and buried, was found at Rockaway Beach yesterday morning and taken to the morgue there. The body is supposed to be that of a victim of the Hoboken disaster, which would make 147 bodies recovered.

Considerable importance is attached here to the telegraphic announcement that Prince Ching is leading a counter-revolution against the rebels in Pekin.

The prince is the head of the tsung-lu-yamen, the Chinese foreign office, and the commander of a garrison force in the capital. His influence is said to be considerable, and the fact, if the report is confirmed, that he has espoused the cause of the government of the empress and that the loyal troops are with him, it is said may prevent further murder and pillage by the rebels and in this indirect manner be the means of aiding the foreigners.

ARE THE LEGATIONS SAFE?

MINISTER E. H. CONGER.

An Official Announcement Which
Seems to Be Discredited by
Later Reports.

London, July 9.—The foreign consuls at Shanghai met on July 7 and decided to remain in their posts until the arrival of the legations, which were safe on July 4. The foregoing statement, read with Consul Warren's dispatch 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 believed that something may be done to help them. The news after the sister rumors of the last ten days, is enough upon which 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:

"Taftal Sheng now admits that there was a massacre there, in which 1,000 persons were killed, and that the Chinese government is responsible for it."

"On the 18th inst., during an extended interview with the tsung-lu-yamen, I called their attention to the fact that notwithstanding constant warnings from this and other legations the Boxers had continually increased and spread until now they are boldly organized inside the wall of Pekin, the existence of thousands is known in the villages around Pekin. Christian converts are being persecuted and converted everywhere. Many of the Boxers have been compelled to abandon their chapels and come to Pekin to be baptized. I also enclosed copies of the bishop's letter and one from Rev. Mr. Killie, an American missionary, who lives in Pekin, but travels a circuit to the north and east.

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