

CONVERTS SLAIN BY THOUSANDS.

BOXER HORRORS.

Thirst for Human Blood Spreading—Chinese Capital Restless With Caravan—Japan to Have a Free Hand.

The correspondent at Shanghai, 12:10 p. m., says he believes that when official information comes regarding Peking it may include news of the outraging of English women and the torture of children. It may also be taken for granted, he asserts, that all the foreigners in Peking have been wiped out. These are the whispermongers of starting rumors in native quarters, and it must not be forgotten that the telegraph lines, which alone the news can come, are in the hands of the Chinese.

The native rumors are said to have their source in a soldier who has been in the hands of the Chinese. The native officials are believed to be preparing the way for the reception of news of the greatest crime of the century.

Prin Tuan is preparing an edict ordering the extermination of all foreigners. This is probably intended to prepare the public for the worst news Chinese cumulative reports, which are generally believed, that all the foreigners in Peking have been massacred. The safety of all foreigners in North China depends upon Japan's prompt action. Japan has 70,000 troops ready, but is prevented from moving north by international jealousy.

Telegrams dated Friday say: Recitals of further horrors in Peking are gathered by correspondents at Shanghai from Chinese sources. The Chinese are slaughtering in the Chinese and Tartar city of thousands of native Christians, so that the capital they cannot do so, and therefore, the worst reports are accepted as true.

Taken dispatches say an attack in great force is expected at any moment. The Chinese commanders are awaiting the arrival of more reinforcements before making an effort to retake the city.

The Russian government announces that it will give Japan a free hand to apply military aid in Sunday. Telegrams dated Sunday say: Tien Tsin is still held pressed. A Chinese force, numbering 10,000 men, is being moved to Tien Tsin, leading in the subsequent attack upon the native city, in which their other damages appear to be increasing in violence. A Chinese army is within 40 miles of New Chang, and the Chinese are preparing to abandon their homes.

CIVIL OFFICIALS WANTED.
Philippine Commission Thinks Army Officers Should Be Replaced.

The American Philippine commission is carefully studying the approaching necessity for the substitution for army officers performing civil functions of the Washington government and the Philippine government to the Philippines to hold civil service examinations there at the same time as in the United States with the idea of creating a Philippine civil service board.

The commission is determined that every precaution shall be taken to insure the most efficient civil service in the Philippines and Americans. It is the general opinion that circumstances there make the appointment of the best men best able to withstand corrupt influences and it is believed that no political advantages will be secured by the service to secure appointments in the service.

A MICHIGAN CLOUDBURST.
Much Property Damaged but No Lives Are Lost—Celyery Crop Probably Ruined.

A cyclone accompanied by a cloudburst and hailstorm swept over Kalamazoo Saturday and a conservative estimate places the damage resulting at \$100,000. In half an hour nearly six inches of water fell, completely inundating the city and doing untold damage to the lowland and the city. The city industry is carried on. The celyery mazon river is out of its banks, and is washing out the crops along its source and the city is being deluged. Special reports from other cities in Western Michigan report the storm general throughout that section of the State and immense damage done to crops and orchards.

Much Property Destroyed.
Saturday the southwestern part of Winnebago county, Wis., was visited by a destructive tornado. A number of barns were wrecked. Lawrence Marissey, who sought refuge in a barn, was hurled 100 feet and seriously injured. The loss of stock, horses and cattle is estimated at many thousands of dollars. John and Joseph Doyce are missing. A hail and wind storm caused thousands of dollars of damage to crops and property at Oshkosh. A circus tent was blown down and one seriously hurt. Several barns were demolished, a number of smokestacks blown down, and a portion of the city wall collapsed.

Surplus Over \$80,000,000.
The surplus of receipts over expenditures during the fiscal year which ended Saturday will exceed \$80,000,000, or twice the amount estimated by Secretary Gage. In 1890 the surplus slightly exceeded \$8,000,000 and decreased yearly until it disappeared at the end of the fiscal year, 1904. A surplus would have been shown last year had it not been for the deficit of \$3,807,247, which appeared June 30, 1899, in the closing of the last three months of the year. During 1899 the deficit was \$80,111,559, the unusual year expenses covering six months of the year.

Wrote His Name on an Egg.
Several months ago Robert E. Blakemore of Kennett, Mo., in a spirit of fun, wrote his name on one of a lot of eggs ready for shipment. He added that that her best fighting troops were long ago ordered to take the field.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Good crop reports received from west.

The extreme heat caused seven deaths at Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday. The grand jury of Cumberland, Md., has recalled to investigate nine riot cases.

The department of agriculture will build a model road in Washington county, Md.

Mrs. John Burke was fatally injured by the mine owners at Belle Island port, Wash., Wednesday.

The Democratic National committee rejected all its old officers, including Charles Jones.

Leading iron and steel manufacturers confer in New York to end the demoralization in prices.

Mrs. Olive Rimmer, an inmate of the Mercer county, Pa., almshouse, is starving herself to death.

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The body of Paul Shepley, 17, was found near Lock Haven Sunday.

President McKinley and Gov. Roosevelt met at Canton Friday. The crowd was large and enthusiastic.

General Wade will not start to the Rainy Lake region, in Minnesota, as the Chinese sources say.

Thursday the Standard Oil works at Bayonne, N. J., were damaged from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 by fire.

Friday lightning struck many houses and played many pranks in Westmoreland and Mercer counties, Pa.

Over prices are advancing greatly all over Europe and there is a big opportunity for the American product.

Four children instantly killed, three fatally injured and more wounded by exploding fireworks in Philadelphia.

Gov. Stone has resided Isaac Birlo, the Bogota consul, in a letter.

James Ruth, the eighth victim of Wednesday's disaster at Parkersburg, Va., died about 3:30 Friday morning.

Postmaster James Bell of Gainesville, Fla., has been appointed to the same position at his home.

The Butler county courthouse and other buildings at Butler, Pa., were struck by lightning Thursday night.

Henry Don Mirando, an unknown victim of the Parkersburg explosion, has been found in the middle of the river.

Fire Wednesday morning partially destroyed the Postorial Glass Works at Sandville, W. Va., the loss being \$30,000.

Dallas Hallen and Isaac Brauning were carried over a dam in the Schuylkill Philadelphia Sunday and were drowned.

The tenth international convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers meets in Cincinnati Thursday for a four days session.

Louis Klipsch, recently from India, says his reports indicate 25,000 cases, and that 20,000 new cases of cholera are added weekly.

Henry W. Rodgers, LL. D., late president of Northwestern University, succeeds E. J. Phelps, deceased, as law professor at the same institution.

The police prevented a riot of Chicago, from trying to shoot the whirlpool rapids at Niagara Falls in his 20-foot boat, the "Polo" Sunday.

When John Farrell thought he had a bear hypnotized in the New York Zoo he was bitten by the animal.

Commander Booth-Tucker, of the American navy, is expected to be transferred to Manila.

The British chancellor of the exchequer reports that the revenues showed a decrease of 1,203,144 compared with the corresponding year.

In Washington it is believed that regulars being presumably sent to Manila to relieve the regulars in the Philippines.

Failure to receive tidings from the whaling fleet has caused great anxiety in San Francisco and the revenue cutters are hastening to the whaling grounds.

A Spaniard named Rivera, formerly a Puerto Rico tax collector, was arrested at Havana on the steamship Olinda Rodriguez on complaint of the United States government.

The new government battleship Alabama and the Russian cruiser Variaz were not damaged in the fire in Cramp's shipyard Sunday, and the electric lighting industry is carried on.

The Pope has excommunicated J. Reilly, a Catholic priest, for his part in the burning of the gas pipe to celebrate the Fourth.

David and George Gregory, of Pymatuning township, Mercer county, Pa., were badly injured by the bursting of a gas pipe on Friday with 64 rifles and ammunition.

Emil Markenberg, an aeronaut, fell 200 feet from a balloon over Santa Ana, Cal., and was crushed to death Saturday.

Martin Helen, of Aspen, Col., T. B. Gedline, of San Francisco, and James Crawford of Benson, Ariz., have cleared up \$200,000 in gold dust in the new placer gold field in Lower California.

Kaiser Wilhelm is reported to have been in a terrible rage over the killing of the German minister at Pekin and to have threatened to take such a revenge as the world has never seen.

Reports say the town of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was destroyed by a cyclone and a number of people were killed.

MANY KILLED IN A STREET CAR.

Great Trolley Disaster.

Car Jumps into Deep Ravine While Loaded With Passengers—More Than Three Score Injured.

Thirty-six men, women and children were killed and 65 were injured—at least nine fatally—in the wrecking of a trolley on the outskirts of Tacoma, Wash., Wednesday.

The excursionists—104 of them—boarded a trolley car at Edison, a suburb, at 8:30 o'clock. They were en route to the city via the civic park.

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WAR'S TERRIBLE RECORD.

British Lost Over 3,000 Last Month—Boars Release Prisoners.

While the news from China continues to completely overshadow events in South Africa, these have by no means ceased to be worthy of record. When it is understood that the last month's casualties of the British army in South Africa amounted to over 3,000, including 1,000 deaths, it will be realized that the later chapters of the war, though comparatively unaltered, have been terribly grim.

"When is it going to end?" is the question that is asked by the British people. The measure of the organized Boer resistance is evidently no criterion of what the cost will be to Great Britain in previous years.

Unless Lord Roberts is planning some new campaign, it seems there is to be many weary weeks of guerrilla fighting against the Boer forces.

The officer commanding at Ladysmith reports that 200 British prisoners, members of the 1st and 2nd Buffs, were sent to the Boer lines, but the Boers have not been put out of the Natal border by the Boer and English infantry, the Boers too much of a tax on their resources. No officers were with the prisoners.

ARMY TO BE INCREASED.
More Than Six Thousand Regulars Ordered to the Far East.

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DR. TALMAGE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE.

Subject: God's Saving Grace—Beligion is a Principle Which Works—Constantly—It Works Into Every Part of Mind and Soul—Hope For Sinners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Dr. Talmage is now traveling in Norway, where he has been for some time. He is a man of the world and the quantity of his work is wonderful. In this sermon he has to do with the subject of religion, which is a subject that is always of interest to the people.

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