

CHINA'S SEA POWER GONE.

MOST DECISIVE DEFEAT.

One of China's Strongest Battleships Sunk and Two Captured.

Another battle has been fought between the Japanese and Chinese fleets, and again the Japanese were victorious.

The engagement occurred Monday, and resulted in the Japanese sinking the Chinese battleship Chen-Yuen, and two large cruisers, supposed to be the vessels built for China by the Armstrongs, were captured or destroyed by the Japanese.

The Chen-Yuen was a battle ship of 7,400 tons displacement, carrying 14 7-inch compound armor at the water line. Her battery included four 12-inch guns, protected by armored breastworks and two smaller Krupp's. She was also furnished with eleven Hotchkiss cannon and twelve 4.7-inch machine guns.

In addition the Chen-Yuen had two 8 1/2-inch and 6-inch Krupp's in her main battery and a secondary battery of Hotchkiss revolving cannon.

The Chen-Puen was built for China at the British works. She was a sister ship of Ting-Yuen, and was the most powerful ship in the Chinese navy with the exception of the Ting-Yuen. The Chen-Yuen only escaped capture in the engagement by retreating to Kote.

The Chinese fleet engaged carried nearly a thousand men and a large number of them are reported to have been killed or drowned, the latest dispatches saying that few if any of the Chinese engaged in the battle escaped.

The two Chinese cruisers supposed to have been captured or destroyed during the engagement, which ended so fatally for the Chen-Yuen are the Chin-Yuan and the Foo-Ching. The Chin Yuan was a protected cruiser, built at Elswick, England.

She has a displacement of 2,300 tons and attained an average speed in her trial trip, with all weights, batteries and crew aboard, of 13 1/2 knots. Her armament consisted of three 4-inch Krupp's and two 6-inch Armstrongs, protected by splinter-proof shields.

The Foo-Ching was also an English built protected cruiser, very similar to the Chin-Yuan. She had a displacement of 2,500 tons, was built in 1890 and carried 20 guns of about the same calibre as those carried by the Chin-Yuan.

PATTISON ON LABOR TROUBLE.

The Governor Charges Immigration as the Cause.

In explaining the labor situation in Pennsylvania Gov. Pattison in an interview said the most dissatisfied class was the miners. They were kept down in wages because a number of unmarried miners in Virginia were working for 30 cents per ton.

CARNEGIE PLATE ACCEPTED.

The Lot for the Battleship Oregon Pronounced Adequate.

Secretary Herliott has finally accepted the 800 tons of barrette armor intended for the battleship Oregon represented by the 17-inch Carnegie Harveized steel plate which has been tried at Indian Head.

GREAT FIRE AT CHICAGO.

The Lumber District Swept by a Cyclone of Flames.

The lumber district of Chicago was visited by one of the most disastrous fires in its history, and the loss will foot up more than \$1,000,000.

A MILLIONAIRE AND A BEAUTY.

Tom Scott's Son to Wed the Niece of Ex-Gov. Taft.

The engagement of Miss Helen Taft, of Providence, and James P. Scott, of Philadelphia, is announced. Mr. Scott, who is a widower, is the oldest son of the late Thomas A. Scott, who was president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Score One For China.

An official telegram from Tien-Tsin says that in the battle fought July 27 and 28 at Yushan the Japanese were repulsed with loss of over 2,000 men.

A Chinese Fleet Goes to Korea.

It is officially announced that the Chinese northern fleet, 13 vessels, has left Chefoo for Korea. A battle between the Chinese and Japanese may be expected at any hour.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Summarized Proceedings of Our Law Makers at Washington.

SENATE.—The President sent to the Senate the latest dispatches received from Mr. Willis, the American minister to Hawaii.

HOUSE.—Beyond the passage of a few unimportant bills by unanimous consent nothing was accomplished by the house. Mr. Boutelle offered a resolution congratulating and recognizing the Hawaiian republic, but on a point of order it was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

HOUSE.—The session of the house was brief. Most of the time was spent discussing the senate amendment to the agricultural bill appropriating \$1,300,000 for the destruction of the Russian thistle in the northwestern states.

HOUSE.—The house spent the whole day debating the Moore-Funston contested election case from the Second Kansas district.

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THINKS JAPAN WILL WIN.

It Will Be a Naval War, and the Chinese Are Outclassed.

James M. Rollins, a newspaper man of St. Louis, Mo., who recently returned from a three years' stay in Japan, during which time he associated with Japanese soldiers and traveled considerably throughout that country and on the Korean coast, says "Japan will no doubt come off victorious over China in the present struggle. If numbers amount to much, Japan would not be a morsel for China, as there are 400,000,000 Chinese and only 40,000,000 Japanese."

A NEGRO TURNING WHITE.

A Strange Freak of Nature Reported from an Indiana Community.

A freak has been discovered at Evansville, in the person of Nathaniel Baker, colored aged 45, who is gradually turning white. The change first began 20 years ago, but after a time ceased and he thought no more of it until about 18 months ago, when the white area again began to enlarge. It continued growing rapidly until now it covers most of his body and is appearing on his face and arms.

Tricks of Chinamen.

Collector of Internal Revenue Kobs of Denver, has discovered that numerous certificates of registration of Chinamen were fraudulently obtained at Rock Springs, Wyoming, being accompanied with photographs taken by a photographer at that place, from pictures sent from China.

Out Miners' Wages.

The Schuylkill Coal Exchange company drew five collieries, and striking an average of the cost of coal at these mines, decided that the employes at the collieries should be paid for the last of July and the first half of August at the rate of 3 per cent. below the \$2.90 basis.

LATEST NEWS SUMMARIZED.

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

What is Transpiring the World Over. Important Events Briefly Told.

FIRE, ACCIDENTS, FATALITIES, ETC.

Thomas Downes, of Youngstown, was killed by his horse freighting on a steam thrasher passing along the road. Downes was a puddler, and leaves a large family.

A Pittsburg & Western freight train jumped from a ninety-five foot trestle near Rock Point Pa., Saturday and fifteen cars were wrecked at a loss of \$18,000. No one was hurt.

Engineer Wheatley and Fireman Hunt were killed by the explosion of a locomotive boiler on the Canadian Pacific railway at Fields station, and brakeman Kempf was fatally injured.

The total loss of life at Phillips, Wis., from burning and drowning will, it is thought, reach a number of 100. A number of bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the burned buildings. Some were charred beyond recognition.

CRIMES AND PENALTIES.

A sack of American gold valued at \$50,000 was stolen while in transit from Havre to Paris.

At Philadelphia, Pa., a deputy sheriff, James Myers, being pursued by thieves, shot and killed Jennie Jones, the wife of a striking miner.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The negroes of the coke region are discontented, and many of them are leaving.

The only United States troops still in strike service are those pushing forward mail trains on the Northern Pacific in the Ceur d'Alene district.

It is said that the car builders at Pullman will quit the model town in a body and go with the great rival car company that is to locate near St. Louis.

The bill to protect American labor by preventing foreigners who retain residences across the Canadian and Mexican borders from crossing the frontier has been reported by the house committee on immigration.

The Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling railroad has just completed a deal for the Kidd mines west of Bridgeport and nearly 2,000 acres of coal land adjoining. The company will begin work at once developing the property, and will give employment to from 400 to 500 hands.

The Point Bottle works at Rochester, Pa., have resumed operations in all departments, giving employment to over 100 hands. The factory has been idle for a month or so, but the management reports plenty of orders ahead. The factory is able to run pretty steadily the year round, turning out a considerable number of fruit jars as well as other green glassware.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is marked improvement in the condition of Senator Voorhes.

Senator Jones says the two houses of congress cannot agree on the tariff.

The Republicans of Michigan have nominated for governor Gov. John T. Bich.

San Francisco was glutted Monday with 24,000 boxes arriving which brought peaches and pears down 10 cents a basket.

The Republicans have nominated E. F. Acheson, of Washington county, for Congress in the twenty-fourth district of Pennsylvania.

General Armstrong, the assistant commissioner of Indian affairs, has commenced a general investigation of Indian reservations. The work will require about two months.

The wife of James Fagan, of McKeesport, Pa., has again presented him with twin sons. This is the third pair of twins of the mason-gilder of which Mrs. Fagan has become the proud mother.

The annual tour of personal inspection of the properties of the Union and Central Pacific railroad companies by the commissioner of railroads will be commenced by General Wade Hampton August 10.

CHOLERA IS EPIDEMIC AT MARSEILLES.

Japan's navy contains only one ironclad but some good fast belted cruisers.

Japan sends a warship to Hawaii, and carries home 1,500 able-bodied Japs for its army.

In a battle near St. Louis, Senegal, between natives and French, 500 natives were killed, and their stronghold, Ali Kari, was captured. A European and eight natives on the French side were killed.

A dispatch from Calagaran, on the island of Mindanao of the Philippine group, says that the Spanish troops have attacked and completely routed the Malay Massinains killing 250 of them.

The railroad between Coatzacoalcas and Salina Cruz, Mexico, being built by the Mexican government, has been completed. This opens up a new means of transportation between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific ocean.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKINGS.

The Japs are said to have won again, this time taking three Chinese men-of-war.

The striking miners at Phillipsburg, Pa., have voted to go to work at the 40 cent rate.

The striking miners at Johnstown, Pa., have decided to go to work at the 30 cent rate.

A fire destroyed the national pawn shop at Roubaix, France, causing a loss of 2,000,000 francs.

China holds back, it is said, because her coal supply is inadequate and no reserves are ready.

Members of the Ohio National Guard at Cleveland offer their services to the Japanese government.

KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS.

PERSECUTING MISSIONARIES.

A Presbyterian Church in China Demolished by a Mob.

Reports from Hong Kong say there is unrest both in Northern and Southern China, and that the outlook for foreign missionaries is bad. Anti-missionary disturbances have been reported from Kiang-Yun on the Yangtze-Kiang, but a far more serious affair occurred at Shek-Lung, near Tung Kun, on the Pearl river, on June 20. In this instance the American Presbyterian church was demolished by the mob, and one Christian, whether a foreigner or a native has not yet been ascertained, was killed. The Roman Catholic church was well guarded by Chinese soldiers and it is a fact worthy of notice there, as at Kiang-Yun, the Catholic missionary escaped, while the Protestant brethren suffered heavily.

CATTLE MARKET REPORTS.

Central Stock Yards Pittsburg, Pa.

EXTRA, 1,450 to 1,600, \$4 20 @ 65; Prime, 1,300 to 1,400, \$4 25 @ 40; Good, 1,200 to 1,300, \$3 75 @ 40; Fair, 1,050 to 1,200, \$3 25 @ 30; Poor, 900 to 1,000, \$2 50 @ 30; Common, 750 to 900, \$2 00 @ 25.

HOES.

Prime light, 53 @ 50; Heavy Philadelphia, 55 @ 50; Common to fair Yorkers and pigs, 5 10 @ 25; Grassers, 5 00 @ 25; Roughs and stags, 3 25 @ 60.

SHEEP.

Prime, 55 to 1 00, \$3 20 @ 49; Good, 50 to 80, \$2 75 @ 53; Fair, 70 to 80, \$2 50 @ 50; Common 65 to 70, \$2 25 @ 50; Spring Lambs, 2 00 @ 50; Veal Calves, 4 25 @ 25; Heavy calves, 5 00 @ 30; Market firm for good cattle, easy for common; common to extra steers, \$2,064.70; stockers and feeders, \$1,756.42; hogs \$1,256.32; calves \$1,756.42; Heavy \$4,756.00; medium \$4,306.50; light \$4,706.95; shorn pigs \$4,406.40; Sheep—Receipts \$1,006.30; market easier; inferior to choice \$1,006.30; lamb \$2,256.45.

Cincinnati—Hogs—Select shippers, none select; butchers, \$5,156.50; fair to good packers, \$5,006.50; fair to choice, \$4,706.50; common and roughs, \$4,506.50; Cattle—Good shippers, \$3,756.42; fair to medium, \$3,106.65; common, \$2,256.60; Sheep—Extras, \$3,006.35; good to choice, \$2,256.00; common, \$1,706.50; Fair—Extras, \$4,106.42; good to choice, \$3,006.30; common to fair, \$1,006.25.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

At Oil City 1,000 barrels sold at the close at 79 3/4. The September option ranged as follows: Opened at 79 5/8; highest 79 3/4; lowest 79 5/8; closed at 79 3/4.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

(THE WHOLESALE PRICES ARE GIVEN BELOW.)

GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.

WHEAT—No. 1 Red, \$3 @ 54; No. 2 Red, 52 @ 53; CORN—No. 2 Yellow, ear, 56 @ 58; High Mixed, ear, 54 @ 55; No. 2 Yellow, shelled, 52 @ 53; Shelled, mixed, 51 @ 52; OATS—No. 1 White, 39 @ 40; No. 2 White, 37 @ 38; Mixed, 35 @ 36; RYE—No. 1, 46 @ 47; No. 2 Western, new, 44 @ 45; FLOUR—Fancy Winter pat., 3 50 @ 3 75; Fancy Spring patents, 3 30 @ 4 15; Fancy straight Winter, 2 85 @ 3 15; XX Bakers, 2 50 @ 2 75; Fine flour, 3 10 @ 3 25; HAY—Baled, No. 1 Timothy, 12 50 @ 12 75; Baled, No. 2 Timothy, 10 50 @ 11 50; Mixed Clover, 10 50 @ 11 50; Timothy from country, 15 00 @ 16 00; FEED—No. 1 W. M. Id., ton, 17 00 @ 17 50; No. 2 White Middlings, 16 00 @ 16 50; Brown Middlings, 15 00 @ 15 50; Bran, bulk, 14 50 @ 15 00; STRAW—Wheat, 6 00 @ 6 50; Oat, 5 00 @ 5 50.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

BUTTER—Elgin Creamery, \$2 @ 24; Fancy Creamery, 27 @ 28; Fancy Country, 14 @ 15; Low grade and cooking, 5 @ 6; CHEESE—Ohio, new, 9 @ 9 1/2; New York, new, 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4; Wisconsin Swiss, 13 @ 15; Limburger, new make, 9 @ 9 1/2.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

APPLES—Fancy, 3 50 @ 4 50; PEACHES—Fancy, per qt., 10 @ 11; Blackberries, per qt., 6 @ 7; Currants, per qt., 8 @ 10; Raspberries, pails, 1 00 @ 1 25; WATERMELONS—Georgia, each, 15 @ 25; CANTALOUPE—Ann Arundel, per sug. bbl., 3 00 @ 3 50; BEANS—N. Y. and M. per bu., 2 00 @ 2 10; Lima, lb., 4 1/2 @ 5; POTATOES—On truck, bbl., 1 90 @ 2 00; From store, bbl., 2 15 @ 2 25; CABBAGE—Home grown, crates, 1 75 @ 2 00; ONIONS—Egyptian, 100-lb bags, 2 25 @ 2 50; Southern, 2 00 @ 2 25; Southern, bushel crates, 70 @ 80.

POULTRY, ETC.

Live Chickens, 3 pair, 60 @ 70; Spring Chickens, 40 @ 50; Live Ducks, 3 pair, 40 @ 50; Dressed Ducks, 3 lb., 10 @ 11; Dressed Chickens, lb. mix, 9 @ 10; " " young select, 18 @ 20; Dressed Turkeys, 3 lb., 11 @ 12; EGGS—Pa. and Ohio fresh, 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4; FEATHERS—Extra Live Geese, 3 lb., 55 @ 60; No. 1 Ex. Live Geese, 3 lb., 45 @ 50; Country, large, packed, 35 @ 40.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEEDS—Clover, 62 lbs., 6 35 @ 6 60; Timothy, prime, 2 65 @ 2 70; Blue Grass, 1 40 @ 1 60; PAGES—Country mixed, 3 @ 4; HONEY—White Clover, 12 @ 14; Buckwheat, 9 @ 10; MAPLE SYRUP—New, 50 @ 60; CIDER—Country, sweet, bbl., 6 00 @ 6 50.

CINCINNATI.

FLOUR—No. 2 Red, \$2 10 @ 25; WHEAT—No. 2, 48 @ 49; RYE—No. 2, 42 @ 43; CORN—Mixed, 50 @ 52; OATS—No. 2, 30 @ 32; BUTTER—Ohio Creamery, 19 @ 20.

PHILADELPHIA.

FLOUR—No. 2 Red, \$3 00 @ 3 25; WHEAT—No. 2 Mixed, 54 @ 54 1/2; CORN—No. 2, 53 @ 53 1/2; OATS—No. 2, 35 @ 36; BUTTER—Creamery, extra, 23 @ 23 1/2; EGGS—Pa. firsts, 13 @ 14.

NEW YORK.

FLOUR—Patents, \$4 00 @ 4 50; WHEAT—No. 2 Red, 43 @ 43 1/2; RYE—State, 63 @ 65; CORN—No. 2, 53 @ 55; OATS—White Western, 63 @ 65; BUTTER—Creamery, 14 @ 14 1/2; EGGS—State and Penn., 13 @ 14.

LYNCHED BY NEGROES.

A West Virginia Murderer Quickly Dispatched of.

Anderson Holliday, of Elk Horn, W. Va., while drunk, shot at Bob Calloway and missed him, but the bullet passed through the head of Wesley Cobbs, killing him instantly.

Holliday was arrested by Squire S. H. Pierce and posse. A mob of 300 armed negroes made a rush and succeeded in getting him from the officers. They then took him to a quarter of a mile into the woods and hung him to a tree and then riddled his body with bullets. Holliday was a tough citizen and has always borne a shady reputation. Cobbs was a quiet man and respected by all.

United States Protects Chinese.

The Chinese minister at Tokio has demanded his passports. The Chinese residents in Japan are being placed under the protection of the United States legation.