

## THE CHINESE NAVY.

### Armament of Vessels Which Compose Her Small but Efficient Fleet.

At the time of writing the Shanghai fleet consists of obsolete ships, utterly useless for fighting purposes, but the northern squadron has been built up again by the purchase of modern ships in Europe, says the London Mail. This fleet now consists of three cruisers, which have been built in Germany, of 3,000 tons each, carrying two 6 inch and eight 4.7 inch guns, and capable of steaming 20 knots; four destroyers of a modern type, also built in Germany, and two large cruisers, which have been built at Newcastle-on-Tyne and have only lately reached Chinese waters. These two are sister ships and are the largest vessels which the Chinese have ever possessed. Their armament consists of two 8 inch and ten 4.7 inch, all quick firing guns, the 8 inch having fast electric train gear, besides Maxims.

The speed attained on the trial was over 24 knots both for the Hai-Tien and the Hai-Chi, as the ships are named, each of which has a displacement of 4,200 tons. It is evident, therefore, that China has at present a small but certainly an efficient fleet, if only it is properly handled. This is not likely to be the case, as there is not an officer of the Chinese navy who is capable of commanding a man-of-war and fighting her, and even were such an officer to exist it is doubtful whether he would be placed in a position of responsibility, as the eternal system of "squeeze," which prevails from the highest to the lowest in China, means that commands and official positions of every description are obtained by those who have the most influence, or, in other words, who are in the position to offer the greatest bribe, and when once a command is obtained it is used as a means of making money, by only employing half the number of men for whom rations are drawn and a variety of other means.

Admiral Lang has undoubtedly left his mark on the Chinese navy. While he was in charge the standard of drill, gunnery and generally discipline was a very high one, and it will take some time for this to wear off; but wear off it will, unless more European officers are introduced.

It is characteristic of the Chinese that the naval depot should be at Taku. The dockyards, such as they are, are situated close to the mouth of the Pei-Ho; but there is no dock there capable of dealing with any of the fleet mentioned, and the approaches are so shallow that the ships have to anchor eight miles from the entrance to the river, quite out of sight of land. There the fleet has lain for some considerable time, and there it will probably remain. Occasionally single ships go for a short cruise round the gulf of Pe-chi-li, but the fleet has not yet been taken to sea.

## HUGE MARRIAGE AGENCY.

### Queensland's Tempting Offers to Young English Women.

While the British housewife is bewailing the ever increasing scarcity of "generals" and house and parlor maids the Queensland government agents in the country are shipping young women to their colony in thousands, says the London Mail. Some idea of the extent to which the demand for single women in Queensland is being supplied from the country districts of England may be gathered from the fact that the other day alone 215 healthy young domestic servants were dispatched to the Brisbane hiring depot by the colony's agents, and, with farm laborers, their wives and families, the total shipment for the day comprised 430 persons.

For the readiness to quit England for the new life in the sunny south several reasons are assigned, not the least interesting of which is the prospect of marriage with the well to do selector who raises coffee, cotton, tobacco or sugar on his outback holding. It is the common belief of the intending emigrant—and the notion is carefully fostered by the hustling agent—that once in Cooktown, Mackay, Bowen or Cairns she will speedily capture the susceptible squatter, marry him and pass in a month from the lean to kitchen into the best room of the home station.

For every man or woman secured by the energetic agents who travel over the United Kingdom they are paid 10s. 6d. and for each child 5s. 3d.

## NEW SURGICAL EXPEDIENT.

### Chicago Man Says He Can Neutralize Effect of Shock Under Knife.

Professor Fenton B. Turck of Chicago started recently for the medical congress at the Paris exposition, where he will explain a discovery which he says he has made. After several series of experiments he believes he has found a way to obviate the dangerous shocks sustained by patients on the operating table, says the New York Times. He says:

"By my experiments on animals I have found that the insertion of hot water bags in the stomach and intestines during the operations stimulates the patient to such a degree that the effect of the shock is neutralized. I have already been able to save several lives as a result."

## Book on Snail Shells.

Professor George W. Harper, late principal of Woodward high school, will soon publish a book on the subject of snail shells, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. It is said that it will be the first book in the world on that subject. He has thousands of specimens from all parts of the world.

## Fast Railway.

A prize has been offered by a German society for the best design for an electric railway upon which trains can travel at the rate of 125 miles an hour.

## A FATAL CIGARETTE.

### Thrown Into Sack of Powder Causes Terrible Accident.

Springfield, Ills., July 30.—Ten persons were injured, two fatally, by the premature discharge of the evening gun at the Illinois national guard encampment, Camp Lincoln, last evening.

The accident occurred in the presence of a large crowd of visitors to the camp. Corporal Baisley and Jesse Ruppert, acting quartermaster, were loading the gun, assisted by several men of Battery A. A sack of powder was placed in the mouth of the cannon, and Ruppert was about to drive the charge home. The powder sack was too large for the gun, and in forcing it into the cannon the canvas was torn, and some of the powder fell to the ground just below the nozzle of the cannon.

Private Ruppert stood facing the gun, ramrod in hand. Baisley also faced the gun, and a number of soldiers and civilians were gathered around despite the commands to keep back. Suddenly some one said, "Watch them scatter." There was a flash of powder on the ground. The flame was communicated to the powder which was being forced into the cannon, and the gun was discharged. The ramrod being broken and shot from the cannon, Baisley and Ruppert had their clothes blown from their bodies, which were blackened by powder. Others staggered back, burned and blinded.

Several persons say they saw a small boy throw a cigarette into the powder on the grounds.

## THE AMNESTY FIESTA.

### Proposed Celebration in Manila Was a Failure.

Manila, July 30.—The two days' fiesta in Manila organized by Senor Paterno and his political followers to commemorate the amnesty resulted in a fiasco. The people were passive, unenthusiastic and not even interested. Failing to perceive any tangible, effective results of amnesty, they say they can see no reasons for celebrating. Judge Taft and his colleagues of the commission felt constrained to decline to attend the banquet, as they had been informed that the speeches would favor independence under American protection, and they could not passively lend their acquiescence by being present.

Paterno, foreseeing suspension of the banquet without the Americans, appealed to them to attend, promising that there should be no speeches. The protesters' precautions were extreme. The grounds were doubled both days, and the authorities forbade the display of Filipino flags and of pictures of President McKinley and Aguinaldo fraternally framed. The fiesta is generally considered to have been premature and unfortunate.

## Terrible Accident in Mexico.

Monterrey, Mexico, July 30.—The government authorities have been notified of a terrible catastrophe at Matehuala, a thriving mining camp south of Monterrey, in the state of San Luis Potosi. Fire broke out in the La Paz mine, and before the miners could reach the surface many of them were entombed and either burned to death or suffocated. The fire raged fiercely for several hours. Eleven bodies have been taken out, and others are known to be in the pit. It is thought the loss of life will reach 30. There is great excitement in the mining town, and the number of missing men cannot be accurately determined. When the fire was discovered Ramon Gomez, foreman, boldly descended the shaft, and went into the burning chamber for the purpose of aiding the unfortunate miners. He was overcome by smoke and perished. His body has been recovered.

## Umbria Agains a Passenger Ship.

New York, July 30.—The Cunard line steamer Umbria, which has just arrived from Liverpool and Queenstown, resumes her place on the line after a long absence. The Umbria made two trips to South Africa with troops and supplies and was engaged about three months on the South African coast carrying refugees and soldiers to and from various ports. The government after releasing the Umbria from the army service refitted and refurnished the vessel.

## Captain Stanley Arrested.

New York, July 30.—Captain G. O. Stanley of Philadelphia was arrested at Vineland, N. J., last night by detectives from Norfolk on a warrant charging him with the embezzlement of \$170. The charge is preferred by Peter Hagen of Philadelphia, who alleges that Stanley collected the money in Norfolk as freight charges and failed to turn it over. Stanley was married two months ago to Mrs. Caroline T. Graves, widow of the former mayor of Vineland.

## A Victim of Hornets.

Syracuse, July 30.—A special from Lyons says: "While William Anstee, a West Lyons farmer, was plowing the plow came in contact with a yellow jacket's nest, and in a short time the hornets were stinging the horses in a horrible manner. Anstee hastened to unhook the traces to get the animals away from the plow, when one of the horses kicked him in the right knee, injuring him so that he will be unable to work for some time."

## Fifth Starts From Cuba.

Santiago, Cuba, July 30.—The Second battalion of the Fifth United States Infantry, Major Borden commanding, left today for the United States by the transport McPherson. The companies at Guantanamo and Baracoa will be taken aboard en route. The officers have received instructions to prepare warm clothing for a hard winter campaign and to be ready to re-embark shortly after arriving at New York.

## Fire on the Phenicia.

New York, July 30.—Fire was discovered in the hold of the steamship Phenicia of the Hamburg-American line yesterday. The ship's crew fought the blaze and soon extinguished it. The damage is nominal. The Phenicia is the steamship whose crew saved 45 lives at the burning of the pier of the North German Lloyd line one month ago.

## Bad Break in Erie Canal.

Syracuse, July 30.—A dispatch to the Post-Standard from Iton says that a bad break in the Erie canal at Frankfort has stopped traffic from Utica to Little Falls. A large force is engaged in repairing the break, but it will be several days before it will be repaired.

## Old Time Newspaper Man Dead.

Syracuse, July 30.—Edward Clark, an old time newspaper man, died yesterday. He was born in Philadelphia in 1837, but had been an editorial writer on Syracuse dailies for years.

## BREVITIES.

The funeral of Alfred Bartlo, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bartlo, of Birkbeck street, whose death was announced on Friday, took place on Saturday afternoon. Interment was made at St. Ann's cemetery.

A complete account of the assassination of King Humbert, of Italy, as well as all the other important news of the world, will be found in the Tribune today.

George Dippel, aged 44 years, died at Hazleton on Friday, and was buried this afternoon. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mrs. August Donop, of Ridge street.

Try Keiper's ice cream soda.

Charles J. Gallagher, of Birkbeck street, is nursing an injured finger which he received while at work in No. 2 colliery, Highland.

A four-year-old Polish child, Annie Tinko, was struck at Highland on Friday by the Lehigh Valley passenger train due here at 4.42 p. m. Her skull was fractured and she was injured internally, but her recovery is expected.

McHugh and Collins, of Hazleton, defeated Jacko and Burns, of Jeddo, in an alley ball game yesterday at Hazleton. The score was 21 to 15.

Smoke the John Smith. At Keiper's.

Four cows were struck and killed at Pond Creek on Saturday by the Lehigh Valley passenger train which arrives here at 4.42 p. m. from Wilkesbarre.

According to old German tradition today is flower day.

Mrs. John McMenamin and son, John J., of Freeland, were among the lower end people who attended the first mass read by Rev. John J. O'Donnell, of Wilkesbarre, in that city yesterday.

J. C. Koons, of Birkbeck street, is on the sick list.

Alex B. Cox will build a single dwelling for his coachman on his grounds at Drifton. The present accommodations are too small, and a new residence will be erected.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald's. He has a nice variety.

Denis O'Donnell, a son of Denis C. O'Donnell, a former resident of Birkbeck street, was severely injured in a runaway in Hazleton yesterday. His face is badly disfigured from being kicked by the horse.

Ticket No. 1,700 was drawn on Friday in the contest for the Sisters of Mercy piano. William Krings, of Highland, held ticket 1,700 and has been named as winner of the handsome instrument.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Thomas Evans, of Wilkesbarre, and Miss Fanny Miekranz, of Andenried, are spending a few days at the home of Andrew Davis, Birkbeck street.

Rev. Matthew F. Fallihee, of Arlington, Illinois, is visiting his brother, Rev. M. J. Fallihee, at St. Ann's parsonage.

Miss Maud Schaller and Miss Katherine Fisher leave today for Wildwood Beach for a month's sojourn.

Henry Haley, of Sayre, N. Y., and Miss Tillie Stout, of Decatur, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hochlander, North Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Carhey, of Scranton, and Miss Sadie O'Boyle, of Pittston, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Fowler yesterday.

Miss Margaret Burns, of Hazleton, is visiting Miss Josephine Campbell, Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Doggett, of North Washington street, are spending the day in Hazleton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy, of Honey Brook, spent several hours with Freeland friends yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Anthony and children, of Sandy Run, visited Mrs. Ziba Fairchild over Sunday.

Miss Winifred Scanlon, of Tobyhanna, Monroe county, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hanlon.

Miss Blanche Bachman, of Bethlehem, is visiting her cousin, Miss Jennie Bachman.

Miss Annie Fisher, of Front street, is visiting her aunt at Scranton for several weeks.

Mrs. Casper Moerschbacher, of Pottsville, is visiting Councilman Charles Moerschbacher.

Mrs. Evan Paul, of Easton, is the guest of Freeland relatives.

Miss Mae McClellan, of Front street, is visiting relatives in Conyngham.

Miss Nellie Rowlands is visiting her sister, Mrs. John M. Powell, in Allentown.

Misses Mary Dinn and Addie Urbans, of Wilkesbarre, who have been visiting Mrs. David Rickett, of Front street, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. William Kemp spent last week with her son at Drums.

Misses Annie Abend and Mary Dinn, of Wilkesbarre, are visiting A. Goepfert and family.

Mr. William Stumpf and family, of Hazleton, visited North Washington street friends yesterday.

## PLEASURE.

August 18.—Picnic of Citizens' band of Eckley at Cycle Path grove.

## UPPER LEHIGH.

If the cable messages received yesterday and today telling of the massacre of all the missionaries in Pao Ting Fu are true, then Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Dreyer, of Hazleton, who have been in China for some years are among the victims. They were last heard from in May.

T. E. Snyder, of Midvalley, superintendent of the Midvalley Coal Company, is visiting his brother, Al. Snyder. The superintendent is quite a lover of fast horses. At present he has two horses in the company stables with track records.

Edward Mulligan, of Nesquehoning, is the guest of Miss Mame Riley. Mr. Mulligan is a base ball enthusiast and came to town for the purpose of seeing the Jeddo-Lansford game. He is anxious to see the Nesquehoning club cross bats with the Tigers, of Freeland, or the Upper Lehigh team.

The wound that School Director Lesser received on the head a few days ago is healing nicely.

Miss Mame Moses is spending the day in Freeland.

Mrs. Kulp and family, of Wilkesbarre, are visiting Mrs. Robert Hinkle.

Mrs. Patrick Duffy and daughter, Miss Nellie, visited Scranton last week and called upon Mrs. Duffy's daughter, Sister Justine, who is located in a convent in that city.

Miss Mertie Boyer spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Berwick.

C. W. Whitebrede spent Sunday with friends in Tamaqua.

B. J. Keenan says he had an excellent time at Hazle park Saturday evening.

A young daughter arrived yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Drawheim.

David J. Davis and family, of Freeland, Mrs. Harry Argust and children, and Mrs. Evander Krommes and children, of town, enjoyed a pleasure drive to White Haven yesterday.

A. C. Leisenring has returned from an extended business trip down the valley.

John Korn, visited his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hauze, on Saturday.

## ROUND THE REGION.

Thomas Evans, a loader in Oakdale colliery, while examining an old breast on Friday, was caught inside a cave in the breast. It took several men four hours to clear a passage for him to come out. Evans resides in Hazleton.

Nellie M. Major, a widow of Wilkesbarre, has been granted a pension of \$12 a month on account of the war with Spain.

The Luther League of the Upper Lehigh Valley will run an excursion to Harvey's Lake on Friday.

Condy Donahue, a Beaver Brook miner, sustained a broken leg and other injuries by a fall of coal on Saturday. He is at the Miners' hospital.

The employees of the McAdoo shirt factory, 100 in number, went back to work today, after being on strike two weeks for a reduction of working hours and a half-holiday on Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Wetterau, a respected resident of Hazleton, died Saturday evening and will be buried tomorrow afternoon. She lived in Hazleton since 1847.

After tomorrow the Lehigh Valley Railroad will dispense with the services of the operator and the agent at New Boston station. The company is cutting down expense wherever possible.

## The Fad of the Year.

Everybody who is anybody, and that means all nice people, is interested in the poster decorative idea. It has so many forms that it would be almost an endless task to attempt a list, but the Philadelphia Sunday Press has taken hold of one possibility that is certain to get everybody in this section talking. With every copy of the Press of next Sunday will be given free a beautiful picture, size 20x28 inches, entitled "The Maids of Fair Japan." It is by Arter, and that guarantees its quality.

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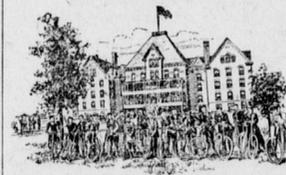
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