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RUMORS OF A BIG BATTLE

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OFFICIALS PLAYING DOUBLE

OPENLY PRETENDING TO COMBAT THE BOXER MOVEMENT.

But Secretly Encouraging the Fanatics in Their "Patriotic" Crusade Against Foreigners.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CONGER

MUST NOT INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES WITH OTHER POWERS.

Cannot Formally Co-Operate, but Must Protect Our Interests—Missionaries Hacked to Pieces.

LONDON, June 8.—Definite returns regarding the severe fighting between the Chinese troops and the Boxers that was going on Thursday between Tien-Tsin and Peking had not been received at Tien-Tsin when the latest telegrams to reach London were filed. The Chinese troops, however, had killed many Boxers, according to some reports, while another account had the government soldiers defeated in an engagement near Pao-Ting-Fu. Apparently the legation guards have not yet taken a hand in the fighting, but they are ready to do so at a moment's notice.

The Boxer movement affects some hundreds of square miles. Official dispatches to Vienna from Peking aver that the sect is more powerful than any political party in China, embracing no less than four million and manipulated by zealous and adroit men.

The representatives of the powers are still acting in perfect concert, which appears for the present to give the Chinese government ample chance to put down the disturbances alone.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing June 7, says: "For the last three days the whole community of Tien-Tsin has been preparing to defend itself against an expected attack by the Boxers. There is a continued influx of refugees from the surrounding country who are now crowding the city. This increases the excitement. Nearly all the villages surrounding Tien-Tsin are joining the Boxer movement, which is taking more and more of a fanatical character. Parties of foreigners, when approaching the villages, are driven back by armed bands. Yesterday the Chinese troops were ordered to Machang, on the Grand canal, within twenty miles of where a large body of Boxers are reported to be collecting. Attempts to re-establish the regular working of the Peking-Tien-Tsin Railway has hitherto proved futile. Every night the Boxers set fire to the sleepers and the woodwork of the bridges. General Neth seems bent upon acting with energy and dealing out heavy blows to the rebels, recognizing the necessity of destroying the prestige of the Boxers, which has begun to demoralize the army."

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The Associated Press correspondent at Tien-Tsin says: "It is reported from Chinese official sources that 4,000 Boxers surrounded 1,500 Chinese troops between Lofa and Yong-Tsun yesterday, and according to the latest news fighting is still going on this morning. Officials say that six hundred Boxers were killed, but give no account of the Chinese casualties. Thirty of General Neth's troops encountered a body of Boxers three miles from here on the Taku road and killed twenty-one of them. No news has been received from Pao-Ting-Fu for three days, and the situation there is believed to be critical. It is reported that the Chinese troops have been defeated near there."

Secret orders issued from Peking protecting the rebels has paralyzed military action and raised the status of the Boxers in the eyes of the ignorant masses. Although the Boxers declare their first object is the annihilation of Catholic converts, the wire pullers evidently wish to propagate hatred among the country people against foreigners and things foreign in general. The movement on the surface has a patriotic character, but it may turn ultimately against the dynasty. This seems to be the reason why it has thus far been treated with a gentle hand.

The legation at Peking have wired for reinforcements. It is believed that when the dowager Empress realizes the firm intention to check her connivance in the anti-foreign movement there will be a speedy end to the rioting, and if the Chinese acted in good faith they could easily quell the rabble, which is armed chiefly with spears, agricultural implements, a few swords and some old rifles.

A dispatch from Tien-Tsin dated Thursday, June 7, 4 p. m., shows the British reinforcements had not been started for Peking as expected, owing to the refusal of the authorities to allow them to entrain, although the British offered to repair the line as they went. Additional Russian and Austrian troops have arrived at Tien-Tsin and the German cruisers Hannan and Ge-

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IOWAN BOOMED

ORATOR DOLLIVER MAY BE WILLIAM MCKINLEY'S RUNNING MATE.

He Is Said to Fill All the Requirements of a Candidate for the Vice Presidency.

WALKOVER FOR W. J. BRYAN

MAY BE NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION AT KANSAS CITY.

Many Democrats in Favor of W. R. Hearst and His "Barrel" for Second Place on the Ticket.

VAN WYCK'S BOOM FROZEN

CHILLED TO DEATH IN TAMMANY'S GREAT ICE TRUST.

Colorado Democratic Convention Squabbled Settled by Throwing Out the Denver Delegations.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Congress having adjourned, political interest is immediately centered on the national conventions of the two great parties. All the delegates to the Republican convention at Philadelphia have been elected. It is stated by officers of the national committee that every one of them is instructed to vote for the renomination of President McKinley. A numerous array of good Republicans, however, have been mentioned for second place on the ticket. Opinion at this time seems to be that Representative Dolliver, of Iowa, has the best chance of securing the prize. He is very popular with his associates, a man of fine presence, and an orator of rare qualities. He is conceded to be one of the most powerful men on the stump within the ranks of the Republican party. This counts for a good deal in a candidate for Vice President, for while it is an unwritten law of politics that the candidate for President shall not go about making stump speeches, that privilege, if indeed it be a privilege, is freely accorded to the candidate for second place.

Turning to the Democratic convention it is found that to date twenty-three States and the District of Columbia have elected delegates. These States are: Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. Of these all except Maryland and New Jersey have instructed for Bryan. The delegates elected number 42, and all of them save thirty-six, sixteen from Maryland and twenty from New Jersey, or 45, are committed by their instructions to the "peerless leader." If the rest of the States instruct for him, and there is no reason to expect anything else, he will be nominated either by acclamation or on the first ballot. A great many names have been mentioned in connection with the Democratic vice presidential nomination, but none of them seems to have caught the Democratic fancy to any overwhelming extent. The latest is William R. Hearst, owner of the New York Journal and Sun, and Frisco Examiner, who was recently chosen president of the National Association of Democratic Clubs. Besides his honorary position and his two newspapers, he is popularly supposed to possess a "barrel" of unlimited capacity.

The action of the Democratic convention of Maryland and New York in ignoring the Chicago platform and the 16-to-1 issue is now claimed by some of Bryan's followers to be a good thing, in that it will induce the gold Democrats of those States to support the chief advocate of free silver at the inspired rate. They may be caught by a naked hook, but is doubted in quarters not wedded to Bryan and Bryanism. Of course it is assumed that former Senators Gorman and Hill acted with a common understanding in these conventions. Another thing commented on is that two of the delegates at large from New York—Richard Croker and Augustus Van Wyck—will go to Kansas City with their pockets stuffed full of stock of the ice trust of New York, against which Hearst's New York paper is making alleged war.

It is worth recalling here that all last winter and spring newspaper correspondents in Washington received every week printed matter bearing Augustus Van Wyck for President as the anti-trust candidate. This printed stuff was sent out by the Hotel Keepers and Commercial Travelers' Association. None has been received lately, so it is fair to assume that the Van Wyck presidential boom is dead.

Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge called together on the President this morning. They declined to talk about the object of their call, but it is supposed they urged the early appointment of Mr. Bynum to a good position.

INSTRUCTED FOR BRYAN.

Colorado Democratic Delegates Will Vote for the "Great Peerless."

DENVER, June 8.—After two days' session in convention and an all-night sitting of the credentials committee in a vain effort to reach a satisfactory arrangement between contesting delegations from Arapahoe county, the Democratic state convention late this afternoon, by an almost unanimous vote, decided the contest by throwing out both delegations. Within an hour after this action was taken the convention had finished its labors and adjourned. The delegations from Arapahoe county were headed respectively by Governor C. S. Thomas and Thomas J. Maloney, chairman of the county central committee, and those two gentlemen were both made delegates at large to the Kansas City convention. The other two are A. T. Gunnell, of Colorado Springs, and Charles Henkel, of Pueblo. They were instructed to use every effort to secure the nomination of

CAREER ENDED

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TERRIBLE DOUBLE TRAGEDY

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Johnson Had Engendered Bad Feeling by His Wild Talk at Tent Meetings.

HIS RECORD IN THIS CITY

ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES FOR UNTIMELY MOUTHINGS.

Johnson Had Served Time in the Penitentiary, but Claimed to Have Been Converted.

John H. Johnson, so well known to the people of this city as "Cyclone Johnson" and "The Kentucky Cyclone," was killed yesterday evening at Carmel, Ind., after he had shot and killed Frank Carey, a son of County Commissioner Lemuel Carey.

Johnson had been in Carmel for about three weeks, preaching in a tent. His talks were filled with abusive attacks upon citizens, and many personal allusions were made.

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BOTH MEN KILLED.

Yesterday the feeling against Johnson became stronger, and Frank Carey was deputized to arrest him. He did so amid great excitement, and Johnson was taken to Jeffries's livery stable where, without warning, Johnson drew a revolver and shot Carey, killing him.

A large crowd followed them to the stable and there were many friends of Carey, and one of them quickly avenged the death of the young man by shooting Johnson and killing him almost instantly.

The quiet little village was thoroughly aroused, and while there was no sympathy for Johnson, there was much sorrow at the death of Carey.

MURDER AND MANHUNT

A Detailed Account of the Killing of Both Men.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CARMEL, Ind., June 8.—This village, a Quaker community, sixteen miles north of Indianapolis, was the scene of a double tragedy at 7 o'clock this evening. Thomas Jefferson Johnson, commonly called "Cyclone," because of his fluent manner of speaking, was shot and killed by an unknown person. Frank Carey, who had been deputized to arrest Johnson on the charge of assault and battery, was shot through the breast by Johnson, and died in a few minutes.

The origin of the trouble dates back several weeks, when Johnson began a series of meetings in a tent near this town. He frequently made uncompromising mention of undue intimacy among prominent people, denounced in fiery language all other religious denominations except his own, and would often assail those in attendance for no reason other than that they were standing on the outside of his tent.

ASSAULTED A MAN.

Last night he assaulted Elmer Cass, while the latter was sitting in a buggy. To-night he was arrested on the charge of assault and battery on Cass and requested to go to the livery stable of Jackson Jeffries to prepare for trial.

After all arrangements had been made for the preliminary hearing, David Paddy, a local attorney, who had been employed to prosecute Johnson, made a short address to the crowd that had congregated, urging them to be peaceful. Johnson took exception to Paddy's remarks and struck him. Johnson then broke away from the crowd and, running to the rear part of the livery stable, began firing. Two of the shots struck Carey in the breast and he fell in the doorway in the office of the stable.

JOHNSON SHOT.

Johnson then walked in the direction of the crowd and stumbled over Carey's body, when he was shot by an unknown man in the crowd. He crawled into the office of the stable and died in a few minutes.

The feeling in this community has been very bitter against the traveling evangelist for some time, and it is told on the streets to-night that he went to Indianapolis today for the special purpose of obtaining a supply of ammunition with which to defend himself.

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