

Vince as of the truth of his statement, however anxious you may be to believe it.

MAY BE HELD AS HOSTAGES. Considerations are in progress between Cabinet ministers and officials as to the course to be pursued should the ministers prove to be alive. The contingency of China holding them as hostages is uppermost in the minds of all, although the Associated Press correspondent is officially informed that the Chinese diplomats have not yet hinted at such a course. Negotiations between the powers have brought out mutual assurances that the military expeditions to China are for the sole purpose of relieving the legations, and that there is no intention to partition China. Hence, should China agree to deliver the ministers alive, no power will have a reason for continuing aggressive military operations except Germany, whose minister is undoubtedly dead, at such a juncture. A high British official, will have to forego the Emperor's assertion that he would not stop till the German flag floated over Peking.

As for the other powers, it is emphatically stated that they have unanimously agreed that with the safe delivery of the ministers the aggressive campaign will end. All rumors of an international agreement regarding the future of China, subsequent to the return of the ministers are false. The agreement is purely negative and based upon the lines stated by Secretary Hay, of which the independence and integrity of the Chinese empire are essential features. If the imperial edict proves true, the powers, which are holding their forces in readiness to enforce demands, will accept pecuniary indemnity. No territorial propositions will be considered. In connection with the other powers, it is impossible, through arbitration or otherwise, to gauge the damages by the loss of the life of her minister by a pecuniary standard. The same rule will apply as to the loss of other lives and destruction of property.

WU IS NEGOTIATING.

At the Chinese legation the Associated Press correspondent was informed that no further news from China had been received to-day and that it expected the ministers would soon be sent to Tien-Tsin. Secretary of State Hay, in a letter to the United States secretary of state, Colonel Hay, and declared his implicit belief that the ministers were safe. He said the negotiations with the powers on behalf of China had all been entrusted to the Chinese minister at Washington, Wu Ting Feng. Secretary Law professed utter ignorance of their progress. It may safely be stated that should the ministers prove to be alive the Chinese government will to some extent use them as a lever to compel European and American ministers and commercial enterprises to moderate their activity, if not to withdraw from the empire entirely.

On the foregoing point William Pritchard Morgan, who is in close touch with the Chinese minister, said to the Associated Press correspondent that he had good reason to believe the Chinese government had intrusted, or would intrust Li Hung Chang with the mission of saying to the powers: "Look here, if you withdraw your military and give up your concessions, we will be willing to give ample pecuniary remuneration for your losses. We will then deliver your ministers, except Germany's, alive. Well, if you don't agree we can't be answerable for the lives of your ministers. We cannot reconcile the majority of our people to the foreign element, and who," said Mr. Morgan, "will have hard-earned enough to say to China, 'go ahead! Kill the ministers and we will take revenge.'" I believe that Secretary Hay has adopted the only right course. His action is splendid and gives up your concessions, and that the foreign envoys are alive. In my opinion the reports of their death have been circulated with a view to overshadow, in the minds of the Americans and Europeans, comparatively minor outrages, which the world would be glad to forgive, the moment it was discovered that the ministers were alive.

While this explanation has been seriously considered by the Foreign Office it was regarded as almost too ingenious almost for Chinamen.

Secretary Hay at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., July 24.—Secretary of State John Hay arrived here at noon to-day from Washington to attend the funeral this afternoon of his wife, Mrs. Amasa Stone. Secretary Hay was met at the depot and driven direct to the Hay residence. After the funeral Secretary Hay will leave for Canton.

Albert C. Hartman has been appointed receiver to take charge of the estate of Herman Heyn in the Heyn department store, at Milwaukee. A statement shows the liabilities to aggregate \$17,322 and assets \$86,724.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Showers in Southern Indiana—Fair in Northern Portion.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For Ohio—Showers on Wednesday; Thursday generally fair; fresh to brisk northwesterly winds and moderate temperature. For Indiana—Showers in southern; fair in northern portion Wednesday; Thursday fair and warmer; northwesterly winds. For Illinois—Fair in northern, showers in southern portion Wednesday; Thursday fair and warmer; light to fresh northerly, shifting to southwesterly winds.

Local Observations on Tuesday.

Bar. Ther. R.H. Wind. W.ther. Prec. 7 a. m. 29.97 74 60 South. P. Ct. dry. 4.00 7 p. m. 29.85 73 60 S. West. Cloudy. 0.80 Maximum temperature, 85; minimum temperature, 67.

Following is a comparative statement of the mean temperature and total precipitation for July 24:

Table with 4 columns: Location, Normal, Actual, Difference. Locations include Cleveland, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y., Albany, N.Y., Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., etc.

Local Forecast Official.

Yesterday's Temperatures.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Min., Max., 7 p. m. Locations include Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Buffalo, N.Y., etc.

JAY COUNTY SWINDLE.

FARMER FRANKS ROBBED OF \$2,500 BY AN ANCIENT TRICK. Held a Satchel full of Newspapers While Two Men Walked off with the Money—Wreck in Oil Field.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PORTLAND, Ind., July 24.—John Franks, a Noble township farmer, was to-day sued out of \$2,500. Two men, who registered here as W. H. Harris, of Indiana, and W. C. Brown, of Hamilton, O., visited Franks for the ostensible purpose of buying his farm at \$5 an acre, telling him that he must produce \$2,500 to prove his responsibility. Franks came here, drew the money and had it ready when the men came again to see him to-day. He showed it into the satchel which he carried and placed with it, as Franks supposed, \$2,500 of their own. Franks asked for the money and the satchel was handed to him, the men saying that they would be back again. Franks waited a reasonable time for their return. When they failed to appear he came to this city, where an officer cut open the satchel, to find that it contained nothing but a few newspapers and novels. Accompanied by his wife he told his story to the authorities. Franks is tall, thin, and of dark complexion, the other heavy set with light complexion and a crooked jaw. They were from here, but they were in a conveyance, which was not yet been found.

WINONA LAKE.

Rain Reduces Attendance on the Entertainments Offered. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WINONA LAKE, Ind., July 24.—Among the visitors at the park this week are the members of the Cincinnati Enquirer Household Club. A number of them arrived yesterday and to-day, and it is expected that most of them will be here by tomorrow. About two hundred members are expected. The Indiana agents of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company are holding their annual meeting here, beginning a two days' session this afternoon. The first meeting was held at 2 o'clock.

George E. Vincent, principal of Chautauqua, N. Y., and Wilson M. Day, secretary of Chautauqua, will be here tomorrow to meet the executive committee of the International Chautauque Alliance, of which Dr. S. C. Dickey, secretary and general manager of Winona, is secretary.

An excursion train will leave here to-day, but the continued rains interfered with the visitors and cut down the attendance at all the entertainments. At the concert to-night the Mendelssohn Male Quartet sang several selections and their performance was highly appreciated by the appreciative audience. The quartet was ably assisted by Master Earl Gulick, the young soprano, of the Yale city, and Prof. Sterling and Prof. Frederick K. Hartman of the Cincinnati College of Music. Carter, this afternoon, gave another entertainment before the students and faculty of the summer school, which was delivered this morning by Prof. Lowell, of the University of Chicago. His subject was "King Lear." The concert will be given to-morrow will be delivered by George E. Vincent, principal of Chautauqua, N. Y., and Wilson M. Day, secretary of Chautauqua, N. Y.

Among the late arrivals at the hotels are the following: Winona—Benton B. Bates, Indianapolis; Miss Dorothy Bailey, Allegheny, Pa.; Warren, Louisville, Ky.; Charles Eugene and wife, Wabash; Thomas McGowan and wife, Wabash; George A. Humiston, Fort Wayne; S. A. Ham, Fort Wayne; W. D. Hyle, Fort Wayne; Mrs. J. Dukes, Paris; W. W. Greek and wife, U. R. Chalfant, Bluffton.

Minawawa Inn—Eva Britan, Effie Morse, Hanover; P. L. Bowman, Fort Wayne; J. G. Sparks, Frankton; Cora E. Moore, Fort Wayne; Mrs. J. Dukes, Paris; Agnes Barnett, Nettie Franklin, Frankton; Mrs. Clara McMillan, Summitville; Mrs. M. B. Bower, Fort Wayne; Iva C. Bower, Fort Wayne; S. C. Johnson, Franklin; E. P. Gilchrist, Ossian; Mrs. Dudley, Fort Wayne; Mrs. J. Wagner, Vernon; Judson West, South Hazlet; India Thompson, Tipton; Martha Hazzard, Paris; Mrs. J. D. Justin, Covington; Elizabeth, Paris; Mrs. G. H. Rankin, Marion; Harriet R. Renham, Miss Anna Sprucks, Wabash; A. W. Hanson, Williamsport; Mrs. J. H. Rankin, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Gortner, Goschen.

RED MEN'S POWWOW.

Kokomo Swarming with the Chiefs and Their Telshemen. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., July 24.—A downpour of rain marked the opening of the sixth annual powwow of the Wabash valley Red Men here this morning. The precipitation cut no figure in the attendance, as all regular and special trains brought in thousands of visitors from Frankfort, Logansport, Anderson, Muncie, Indianapolis, Delphi, Tipton, Russville, Green town, Marion, Bluffton, Hartford City, Noblesville, Peru, Wabash, Huntington, Lafayette and other places, making a crowd of thirty to fifty thousand people. The forenoon was devoted to receptions, free street circus, address by the mayor, prize drills and mass concert, and the afternoon to the street parade, but the management announces that all delayed features will be put on later, and that nothing will be omitted on account of bad weather. The afternoon programme included drills, band concerts, open air circus, and a fireworks display, which was closed at night with a reproduction of the historic battle of Tippecanoe, with nearly 1000 actors in the characters, but in incessant rain interfered.

The street decorations are the most elaborate and impressive ever witnessed in this town. Kokomo made preparations to entertain a crowd of fifty thousand, and is now preparing to furnish accommodations. To-morrow will include a continuation of the free open air circus, prize drills and mass concert, and a fireworks display, which was closed at night with a reproduction of the historic battle of Tippecanoe, with nearly 1000 actors in the characters, but in incessant rain interfered.

SEVERAL GOOD WELLS.

Considerable Activity in the Development of New Oil Territory. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MONTPELIER, Ind., July 24.—Operations are very active, but in the month of August a decline is looked for, as is usually the case each year. The new well owned by the Standard Oil Company in Monroe township, Randolph county, which was not a gusher, but a fifteen-barrel producer, is attracting more or less attention. All indications are favorable for a paying field near Parker, as three producing wells have been completed the present season. The Consumers' Gas Trust Company has struck another failure on the Evans farm in Section 25, Fall Creek township, Hamilton county, and the Noblesville pool does not look so favorable as it did, still more or less dry holes do not indicate that they do not exist in the vicinity. Bennett & Co. have also finished a duster in the adjoining section on the Fletcher farm. The same company met with the same difficulty on the Huston farm in Section 7, Monroe township, Madison county, while in its initial well on the Beck farm, in the same section, and in close proximity to the Lippincott well, a fifty-barrel

gusher was found, which will be an offset for the two dry holes completed.

In Adams county some good wells are being completed. Harding's No. 1, on the Adams farm, in Adams township, in Section 23, Wabash township, started at only ten barrels, while their No. 1, on the People farm, in Section 22, started at one hundred barrels. The McCandless Oil Company's No. 2, on the L. B. Shimp farm, in Section 21, started at one hundred barrels. The Jerome Oil Company's No. 2, on the S. W. Smith farm, in Section 21, started at one hundred barrels. The Superior Oil Company found a rank duster in No. 3, on the Burkhalter farm, in Section 21, in Adams township, which is the Ohio Oil Company found a practically worthless well in No. 1, on the B. Hoblet farm, in Section 21, in Adams township. In Wells county some pretty fair wells are being opened up. The Harrison Company's No. 1, in Adams township, in Section 9, Nottingham township, started at sixty barrels. The Shepard Oil Company's No. 4, Shepard farm, in Section 3, Adams township, started at sixty barrels. The Ohio Oil Company's No. 1, on the J. L. Jackson farm, in Section 3, Adams township, makes a showing for a big well with plenty of water. The O'Donnell Oil Company's No. 3, on the O'Donnell farm, in Section 23, Jackson township, started at seventy barrels.

In Jay county the Talbot Oil Company's well No. 1, on the S. J. Reed farm, in Section 9, Pennsylvania township, started at seventy barrels. The Indiana Oil Company's No. 5, on the Frank farm, in Section 6, Bear Creek township, started at twenty-five barrels. The Ohio Oil Company has drilled in a venture on the Crawford farm in Section 21, Center township, and has a well that is showing very well. Same company's Nos. 2, 3 and 4, on the Nancy Reed farm, in Section 5, Van Buren township, started at twenty barrels each, while No. 8, on the J. W. Holmes farm, started at forty barrels. The Emery's Oil Company's No. 1, on the Sweetser farm, in Section 24, same township, started at five barrels, while the same company's No. 2, on the Sweetser farm, in Section 13, started at twenty-five barrels. In Blackfoot county the Phoenix Oil Company's No. 1, on the W. H. Kelley farm, in Section 9, Washington township, started at seventy-five barrels, and the Manhattan Oil Company's No. 3, on the E. Johnson farm, in the same section, started at 120 barrels.

PREACHER ASKS DAMAGES.

Wants \$3,000 from a Member of the Legislature for Being Assaulted. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. VINCENNES, Ind., July 24.—Maitland W. Claycomb was sued to-day for \$3,000 damages by Rev. David W. Potts, for injuries inflicted on the plaintiff by the defendant. The men had political differences, which resulted in Claycomb knocking Potts down and beating him. Both men reside at Monroe City. Claycomb is a member of the county in the last session of the State Legislature. Mr. Potts is an aged veteran and pensioner.

Minister Sues for Criminal Libel.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Ind., July 24.—To-day Rev. John F. Williams, of the Second Baptist Church, of this city, brought a suit in criminal libel against Sherman Lampkins, a member of his church. Rev. Williams was assaulted in a local newspaper over the signature of Mr. Lampkins, and pronounced an impostor and an untruthful person. The arrest of Lampkins created quite a stir in church circles. There has been "feeling" in the church membership ever since Rev. Williams sought to enforce the collection of his salary by suit against the official. Mr. Williams is a member of the church. The action at the time was regarded as most unique, and Rev. Williams took the position that he was not a minister as a pastor to teach his flock that paying their debts was a part of Christian living, and that their own sins were as solemn as any of the church vows.

Favors Keeping the Philippines.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SALT LICK, Ind., July 24.—F. Hays, of Company G, Twenty-second Infantry, now serving in the Philippines, says in a letter received here by Mr. I. C. Matthew: "I suppose that politics is beginning to get warm in the States. You asked my opinion in regard to keeping these islands. If our government does not hold the islands it will make a serious mistake. They are worth ten times their cost. There are thousands of acres of unutilized land, and almost everything will grow here—corn, wheat, cotton, rice, and all the vegetables. I have not seen oats or wheat, but I believe that with proper cultivation they will grow here. I have seen many hard-boiled politicians in power and disposition of them. We have a good thing; why not keep it?"

Doctor Arrested and Fined.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BEDFORD, Ind., July 24.—Dr. Livingstone, who claims Louisville as his home, was arrested this afternoon on suspicion of preparing to attempt bodily harm on Dr. C. H. Emery, of this city. The charge of carrying concealed weapons was made against him by John Emery, father of the doctor, who had been arrested on suspicion of Doctor Emery being out, he loitered around in a suspicious manner. The doctor will be tried next Monday. He is supposed to have conceived the idea that Dr. Emery had been the cause of his arrest on the ground of practicing medicine without a license.

Will Make No More Bicycles.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MARION, Ind., July 24.—P. F. Burk who is part owner of the Marion cycle works, states that a wrong impression has gone out about the future of that industry, which closed on Saturday. He says the factory will not remain closed long, but that when it does resume operations it will be to make some other product than bicycles. The bicycle business is a thing of the past, says Mr. Burk, and the time has come when most of the bicycle manufacturers of bicycles must transform their plants into other industries. The Marion Cycle Company will be sold to the Standard Oil Company for the purpose of making some other product in the plant here.

Killed by a Fast Train.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HAGERSTOWN, Ind., July 24.—Frank Belcher, aged nineteen, whose home was at Blountsville, was instantly killed yesterday evening by a Panhandle passenger train. He had purchased a ticket of the agent, and stepped out on the platform shortly after the train started. He was struck by the train and killed. He was a printer and served in the Spanish war. His aunt, wife of the editor of the Decatur Herald, came here and was with him when he died.

Snappers Will Try to Organize.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HARTSFORD CITY, Ind., July 24.—The first step toward the organization of a national association of window glass snappers has been made here. A local organization has been formed, and representatives from it will endeavor to interest the workmen of that trade in the other glass cities of the Indiana glass region. A charter for a national organization will be obtained in the near future.

Will Go Into Camp.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Ind., July 24.—The Fifth Regiment, Parke's Cavalry, will move to camp at North Manchester, this county, on Sept. 1, and remain three days. The cannons which it is positive will go are Wabash, Marion, Logansport, Peru and Laing. Walker's army started here on the 21st, and will end on the 24th. It will endeavor to attend to a fine location for drilling has been selected.

Slain by a Mowing Machine.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 24.—William Robbins, a farmer living seven miles west of this city, was killed while cutting oats on the farm of Hon. T. J. Lindley yesterday. While making repairs on his mowing machine when he was struck by Robbins in front of the sickle bar. He was terribly mangled, and died in a few minutes. He leaves a widow and five children.

Horse Killed and Farmer Shocked.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BRAZIL, Ind., July 24.—During the progress of a heavy storm this afternoon, William Walker's horse started home from the hay field, riding one of his horses and leading another. Lightning struck the horse he was riding killing it instantly, and the horse he was leading was also shocked. The other horse escaped unhurt.

Youth Killed by a Train.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. TULSA, Okla., July 24.—Last evening Emmett Brown, the seven-year-old son of Isaac Brown, was standing on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad track at Waterloo, Okla., watching a freight crew do some switching when he was struck by a fast passenger train and instantly killed.

Eloped to Kentucky.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MADISON, Ind., July 24.—Walter White and Margaret Sering, well known young Madisons, eloped to Bedford, Ky., and were married.

Indiana Obituary.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 24.—John Garbison, aged sixty-seven years, one of the best-known men in the city, died this morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. Garbison, who has resided here for many years. He leaves a wife and two sons.

RITSCHL, Ind., July 24.—Mrs. Fanny Naden, wife of James E. Naden, publisher of the Rushville American, is dead of consumption, at a thirty-nine year old age, daughter of David G. Naden, of this city, and leaving surviving her two children.

FRANKLIN, Ind., July 24.—William Coy died of cancer at seven o'clock this morning at his home in Switzerland county, but came to this county at an early age. He leaves one son, Mrs. William Strohmier, of this city.

WASHINGTON, Ind., July 24.—Clement Lee, one of the best-known and wealthiest citizens of this county, died here to-day. He leaves a large estate.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 24.—The wife of George A. Cunningham, lawyer and politician, died of cancer at seven o'clock this morning at his home in the northwest part of the county.

Indiana Notes.

At Vincennes yesterday Miss Lulu Buchana sued Harry Thurgood for \$3,000 damages for breach of promise.

At the residence of Mr. L. H. Frank, occupying the old fair grounds, will soon be ready to start. It has contracts sufficient for two years' running. The plant is one of the largest, best equipped concerns in every respect in the West.

Joseph H. Larimer, of Peru, is promoting the extension of the Chicago and Indiana Canal, to run through Huntington, Marion, Elwood and Noblesville, and which is a straight line after leaving Huntington, Branch line is to extend from Peru to Converse and the main line.

Anderson glass men are holding a world's record for the life of a glass pot. The usual life of a glass pot is on an average, from six to seven months. The Pennsylvania Glass Company, of Toledo, Ohio, has made a glass pot which has lasted in all that time has been in continuous service.

Sixteen ditchers employed by the Shawnee county, Ind., water works, are held contractors for connecting a well system with the city pumping station at Peru, Ind. The contract is for \$2 a day, and the place is unfilled. The men were extending the line of pipe across the Wabash river and had to work in water above their waists.

WILL MEDIATE.

(CONCLUDED FROM FIRST PAGE.) The only one in the world which China can rely on for aid and friendly treatment, that he has exhausted every effort personally by appeal and otherwise to save all the other foreign ministers in Peking if possible, but at any rate to insure the safety of Mr. Conger.

THE SHENG TELEGRAM.

The Sheng telegram was made public at the State Department in the following statement: "Minister Wu visited the State Department this morning and handed to the acting secretary of state the following text of a telegram from the Chinese minister at Shanghai, dated July 23, 1900, to the Chinese minister in London, by whom it has been transmitted to this city. It was received by the latter on the night of the same day:

"The news of Peking of the 23rd day of the sixth month, corresponding to July 18, says, Wen Jul, by direction of the Tsungli Yamen, has advised the British, American and German ministers and found not one of them harmed. Jung Lu proposes to memorialize the Emperor to grant the Chinese the right to detail troops to escort them to Tien-Tsin.

This communication accords with the publication made in London yesterday and printed in the American newspapers of this morning.

The State Department and the Chinese legation substantially agree in the estimate of six to eight days as the time necessary for the adoption of a final answer to the appeal of the Chinese government. According to the best information here urgent messages are being transmitted between Peking and Shanghai by the "flying express" mentioned in Consul Fowler's cablegram a few days ago. This, according to the Chinese, is a relay system of messengers similar to the old pony service across the plains and is used when the wire communication is interrupted. The relay riders make about 200 miles a day. It is four hundred miles from Shanghai to Peking, and this seems to agree very well with the speed made in forwarding and returning the Conger message.

Returning from Sheng's dispatch that a movement was on foot on the 18th to get the foreign ministers started from Peking to Tien-Tsin under escort of imperial troops the State Department would not be surprised to get definite news of them from the headquarters of the allied forces in a short time. The distance from Tien-Tsin to Peking is seventy-five miles, and at this season the trip is usually made in two days. It is twelve miles below the capital, and the remainder of the way by boat. This trip now would take four days, supporting the escort of imperial troops met with no resistance from the insurgents. If the move from Peking was made within two days after Sheng's information was received it would be possible that the legation forces and their escort are now in touch with the headquarters of the allies, always supposing that nothing serious happened to the party on the road.

MR. ROCKHILL'S MISSION.

Important and Difficult Task for the President's Representative. WASHINGTON, July 24.—W. W. Rockhill, who has been selected as special commissioner by the President to go to China, returned to Washington this morning from Block Island and began immediately preparing for his long journey. He has decided to take Mrs. Rockhill with him and sail from San Francisco on the Maru, of the Japanese line. He will leave Mrs. Rockhill at Yokohama

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or Nagasaki while he goes on to Shanghai. At that point he will determine in which direction to proceed. He has been instructed to proceed to Peking after the present insurrection is suppressed. I asked him if he could restore order and keep it when I shall go to Tien-Tsin to take up my duties as viceroy of the metropolitan province of Chi-Li.

RUSSIANS IN CLOSE QUARTERS.

Small Party Threatened by a Force of Fifteen Thousand Boxers. ST. PETERSBURG, July 24.—A dispatch which has been received here from General Grodekoff, at Khabarovsk, dated July 22, reports that the steamer Odessa, which left Chargin July 16, brought tidings of the Russian force that left Tien-Lin July 7, en route to Chargin. It appears that the men started with a large convoy of Chinese Christians, women and children. After constant fighting, which was often at close quarters with bayonets, they were again attacked by Boxers July 12. The Russians lost heavily and ran short of ammunition. It is reported that they were threatened by 15,000 Boxers. Engineer Juvovitch, at Chargin, has found it impossible to send reports to Chargin, and has had to employ a force of five hundred men, which place contained thousands of unarmed employees, with their families, who have been concentrated from along many sections of the railway. General Grodekoff considers the situation as bad. Attacks are daily threatened against the Russian forces.

The Chinese embassy in St. Petersburg has received a dispatch from the Tsungli Yamen through Sheng, director general of foreign relations, to the effect that the foreign ministers in Peking were safe on July 18 and that it was proposed to send plenipotentiaries under the protection of imperial troops.

Advices from Manchuria indicate that the Chinese have evacuated the railway, cut off and annihilate various small Russian detachments, but according to the latest reports, the Russian operations are being conducted successfully. The Tsungli Yamen general staff consider the information received reassuring and hopes for a speedy restoration of order on the nearer sections of the Manchurian Railway.

Trouble at New-Chwang.

NEW YORK, July 24.—A dispatch to the Bureau of Consular Affairs from Shanghai says: "Three thousand Russians have arrived at New-Chwang from Port Arthur and their advance is blocked by 10,000 Chinese troops near there. Fighting is in progress. The Chinese will bar further progress."

TURKS WISH TO FIGHT CHINESE.

The Sultan Said to be Horrified at Barbarous Acts of Boxers. CONSTANTINOPLE, July 24.—The Ikdan says the Porte is considering the subject of sending a Turkish force to China to cooperate with the powers. The Sultan, the newspaper adds, is greatly affected by the barbarous acts of the Chinese.

Appeal to Southern Viceroy.

YOKOHAMA, July 24.—It is reported that the Japanese foreign minister has been in constant communication with the southern viceroy of China urging them to mobilize troops and to march northward to restore peace and order. After the capture of Tien-Tsin, he again enjoined upon them the expediency of placing themselves alongside the foreign troops, thereby showing China's determination to crush the rebels and fulfill the treaty of legations in China. The viceroy's hesitancy, it is said, to accept the responsibility of such a move, has caused their influence in Peking with the result that the Emperor's party resumed control.

Plot to Kill a Chinese Minister.

PARIS, July 24.—It has just leaked out that a plot existed at the end of June to assassinate the Chinese minister here, Yu Keng, or a member of the legation at Paris. The secretary of the legation, Major Parma, who arrived here Saturday on his effect was true. Major Parma says: "Six men, whose nationalities have not been established, conspired to secure entry to the legation and assassinate with knives a member of the legation. I advised the viceroy of China that he should use force to wreck the project, and nothing has since been heard of it."

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Launched.

RICHMOND, Va., July 24.—The torpedo boat destroyer Dale was successfully launched at the Norfolk Navy Yard to-day.

AROUND THE WORLD A WHEEL.

Two New York Couples Start from City Hall Park on a Long Trip. NEW YORK, July 24.—Surrounded by a swelling crowd in City Hall Park to-day, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander E. Spiero, of New York, and Claude A. Bigelow and his bride, of Flushing, L. I., started at 10 o'clock on their wheels for a trip around the world. The Bigelows rode a tandem, 2,000 wagers. The quartet will take thirty months to accomplish the journey. The expedition is the outcome of a supposed living while on route by newspaper work and photography. The physique of the adventurers did not indicate they would win the wager.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

LA CROSSE, Wis., July 24.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train No. 2, which left here at 2:30 a. m., was wrecked about 5 o'clock this morning at King's Cove, near Wabasha, Minn., by running into a landslide at the place. Engineer Hathway and fireman Thomas were instantly killed and several passengers who were in the forward coaches were injured, some seriously.

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