

NEWS SUMMARY.

Many refugees from China are arriving in Japan.

Indian troops are daily arriving at Hongkong en route to Taku.

The Ninth cavalry will go from San Francisco to China early in August.

Forty people were injured by a street car jumping the track at Mineral Ridge, O., and turning over. Four were seriously injured.

Favorable action has been taken upon the application of Brigadier-General James H. Wilson, U. S. volunteers, for active service in China.

The Chinese, before they fled from Tien Tsin, killed all their own wounded, it is reported, to prevent their falling into the hands of foreigners.

The revelation of the ability of the Chinese forces in the north to stand their ground against the international forces producing inevitable results in the south.

The postoffice department has authorized an international exchange of mails between Skaguay, Alaska, and White Horse, in the Yukon district of Canada.

Mrs. Julia Stone, mother of Mrs. John Hay, wife of the secretary of state, died in Cleveland, O., last week after an illness of several weeks of heart failure.

A rainfall of over one-half foot has deluged the section about Sioux City, Ia. Small streams are out of their banks and it is feared the damage to crops will be great.

A report from Hamburg says that detectives have arrested Secretary Kettnerburg of the United States consulate at that place for the embezzlement of 20,000 marks.

The exports of gold and silver from New York to all countries for the past week aggregated \$749,615 in silver bars and coin, and \$2,166,354 gold. The imports were \$246,620 gold and \$102,320 silver.

Four German officers, who have been acting as President Kruger's military advisers, have just arrived at Lourenco Marques, having received orders from Berlin to proceed to active service in China.

A postoffice has been established at the United States naval station, Pago Pago, Samoa. Mrs. M. H. Hudson, wife of Chief Boatswain Hudson United States navy, has been appointed postmaster.

Orders have been issued assigning Brig.-Gen. Charles F. Humphrey, now chief quartermaster at Havana, as chief quartermaster on the staff of Gen. Chaffee, in charge of the Chinese expedition.

Telegraphy by the use of typewriters in place of the ordinary clicking keys and sounders, familiar in telegraph offices, has been made possible by two Chicago men, Z. G. Sholes and A. C. Gilmore.

Paris, which has been one of the most backward cities in the world as regards transportation facilities, has inaugurated an underground metropolitan railway, similar to that in London.

Executors of the will of George M. Pullman have turned over to the board of directors of the Pullman free school of manual training \$1,200,000, the amount decreed for building such institution.

Reports received from various points says that the trouble in China is seriously affecting the German textile trade in Gladbach, Bocholt and Kaiser, slaughter where altogether 2800 men are locked out.

The pay of Maccabebe soldiers in the Philippines will be just one-half that given to American troops owing to the fact that they are to be paid in Mexican silver, while the Americans are paid in gold.

A fourth body supposed to be that of a member of the ill-fated Rafferty party murdered on the Dawson trail last winter has been found four miles above Selkirk, on the Yukon, and forwarded to Dawson.

About 20,000 people participated last week in the World's Christian Endeavor convention on the Alexandria palace grounds. Meetings were held simultaneously in the theater, concert hall and large market.

Attorney-General Crow of Missouri has filed in the state supreme court quo warranto proceedings against the St. Louis Transit company, and the United Railroad company, asking that their charters be revoked.

The Government authorities are finding the present Chinese agitation is having the usual effect of stimulating cranks and agitators and many of the highest officials have received anonymous letters containing threats.

W. P. Reinich is under arrest in St. Louis charged with belonging to an organized band of expert telegraphers who work in league with train robbers by advising them of prospective shipments of money by express and railroad companies.

The development of the photographs taken in Georgia by Prof. Charles Burkhalter of the Chabot observatory during the solar eclipse on May 28th, has demonstrated beyond a doubt the success of his new method of astronomical photography.

ANOTHER CONGER MESSAGE.

Powers Believe China is Faking Messages to Delay Action of Allies.

A second cablegram purporting to have come from Conger, American representative at Peking, has been received at Washington. Its tenor has increased the belief in Europe, and especially in London, that there is no hope for the foreign legations in Peking, and that the elaborate fabric of the dispatches which the Chinese are building to persuade the civilized world that the ministers are still alive is only intended to enable them to gain time to complete preparations for war.

The message is dated July 4, but is represented as having reached Tien Tsin the 21st, but was not cabled to Washington until the 26th, is as follows:

"Been besieged two weeks, British legation. Grave danger general massacre by Chinese soldiers, who are shelling legation daily. Relief soon, if at all. City without government, except by Chinese army, determined to massacre all foreigners in Peking. Entry relief forces into Peking probably hotly contested."

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Daily Mail asserts that a Chinaman who was employed at the British legation as a writer and interpreter has escaped from Peking to Niu Chang, and that he declares that at the time he left Peking most of the members of the legations were dead and the condition of the others hopeless. He says that Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, died July 2nd.

The British premier and minister of foreign affairs, Lord Salisbury, has notified Ambassador Choate that it is impossible to accept the evidence submitted by the Chinese or transmitted by the United States regarding the safety of the foreign ministers at Peking, and that until their safety was fully established the British government would be unable to discuss any question of mediation or kindred matters.

NEELY DEFALCATION.

Amount Stolen Approximately \$150,000.—Rathbone Implicated.

The postmaster general has made public the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who investigated the Cuban postal frauds. Mr. Bristow finds that Neely's embezzlements aggregated \$150,000 and says he was justified in recommending the removal of Director-General Rathbone. Whether or not the latter was guilty with Neely, he says that there can be no doubt in the matter of per diem allowance of personal expenses and warrants cashed and accounted for, he unlawfully appropriated to use the money of the United States. For this, he says, he believes Mr. Rathbone should be required to answer.

Mr. Bristow explains that the bureau of finance inaugurated by Rathbone, of which Neely was appointed chief, was started July 7, 1899. This bureau was charged with the custody of all statements and postal supplies. The report says that no accounts of the unboned postmaster were required, remittances being entered as cash sales, and the only information the auditor's office had of these transactions came from Neely himself. There was no check whatever on his transactions.

SHOT HER DAUGHTER.

Insane Mother Attempts the Life of Her Child.

Mrs. James Gadsden, a prominent resident of Schuyler, Neb., shot her daughter Alice, aged 13, twice, inflicting serious if not fatal wounds. Mrs. Gadsden is insane, having returned recently from a hospital. She says she only regrets that it did not prove instantly fatal, saying that she had to shoot the child to save her from being chopped up. She imagined she was to be hung herself and that the children were to be chopped up.

China Must Act First.

The state department is again in a waiting attitude regarding China. It has frankly, promptly and fully answered the Chinese emperor's appeal for mediation, and the correspondence given publicity makes it appear that the next move is for the Chinese government to accept or reject the terms at once, and in either case the answer must convey tidings of the state of affairs at Peking and the welfare of the legationers.

This Looks Bad.

Viceroy Tak Lu, who succeeded Li Hung Chang at Canton, gave the consular assurances Wednesday that all the foreign ministers in Peking were safe July 21. At the same time he published an imperial decree ordering all the viceroys and governors to prepare for war.

Gold Democrats Endorse McKinley.

By a unanimous vote of the national committee of the National (gold) Democrats, it was decided not to unite with the anti-imperialists. They also decided not to place a ticket in the field, but agreed to support McKinley and Roosevelt. The Kentucky member of the committee withdrew and announced that he would support Bryan and Stevenson, claiming that other issues overshadowed the silver question. Less than half the members of the committee were present.

HELD MINISTERS AS HOSTAGES.

Belief Grows That Ministers Lives Will Be Bartered in China.

Li Hung Chang's statement to the effect that, while the foreigners are alive, they would be killed immediately if the allied forces neared Peking, is regarded in London by those who credit the reported survival of the foreign ministers as an indication that the latter are held as hostages and that their lives will be made the subject of negotiations by the Chinese. Hence Li Hung Chang's anxiety to keep the powers from Peking as long as possible.

Consultations 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.

Sir Claude MacDonald's message dated July 4, appealing for relief, is regarded by many in London as only a prelude to the absolute confirmation of the massacre. This is the opinion also of the Japanese minister. The newspapers suggest that the British minister's dispatch was held back and released about the same time as Mr. Conger's, under the same conditions.

TEXAS POPULISTS.

Resolved to Copyright Platform to Keep It from Being Stolen.

The Populist state convention of Texas has nominated a full state ticket, headed by Jerome T. Kirby for governor. The platform follows the middle-of-the-road policy, opposes fusion and makes no mention of Bryan. It does not contain any reference to imperialism or expansion. The following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Whereas, Past experience has proved that Populist platforms are tempting to Democratic politicians, be it therefore

"Resolved, That the chairman of the executive committee be hereby instructed to have the Populist platform copyrighted before the Democratic convention, August 8th."

PROVIDING A NAVAL BASE.

Naval Department Preparing for Eventualities in the East.

The navy department is preparing for possible eventualities arising out of the situation in China. One of the great difficulties which would confront the United States in the event of naval warfare in Chinese waters is the lack of a naval base close to the scene of operations. Manila is 2,000 miles from Taku, while some of the other powers have bases within striking distance. A fleet of colliers will have to be utilized to take out coal for our ships and to ply back and forth between our squadron and Manila, and as a precautionary measure the colliers purchased during the Spanish war, which had gone out of commission, are being fitted out for service.

Germany's Reply to China's Appeal.

Count von Buelow, German minister of foreign affairs, has made reply to the appeal of the emperor of China for German mediation between the powers and the Chinese government. In substance, Count von Buelow said he would not submit the telegram from the Peking government to the emperor so long as the fate of the legations and other foreigners in Peking was not ascertained, nor until the Chinese government had atoned for the murder of the German minister in Peking, Baron von Ketteler, and had given guarantees that in future its conduct would be in harmony with international law and the usages of civilization.

Germans Don't Like Mediation.

Berlin papers devote considerable attention to President McKinley's consent to mediate, and the comment is all unfavorable. Surprise is generally expressed that Washington takes Chinese official news seriously. The Berliner Tageblatt complains that the United States government is "so convinced of the wisdom of its China policy that it is preparing in advance to lay the blame for its non-success on governments less credulous than President McKinley and Secretary Hay." The paper goes on to show that "the United States has been taken in tow by China."

ROCK SPRINGS PEOPLE ANGRY.

Indignant Over Sensational Reports Regarding Trouble With Chinese.

The sensational reports alleging the imminence of a massacre of Chinese laborers at Rock Springs, Wyo., seem to have no foundation in fact. The adjutant-general sent to investigate affairs, wired as follows: "No trouble and no cause for alarm. Citizens indignant on account of sensational and mischievous newspaper reports."

Nicaraguan Boundary Settled.

Amid great military, civil and religious pomp, the Nicaraguan and Costa Rican government engineers and General E. P. Alexander of South Carolina, arbitrator of the boundary dispute between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, appointed by President Cleveland, have signed maps delimiting the boundary recently agreed upon. This ceremony terminated a dispute which has often threatened war between the two governments during the last forty years.

MCKINLEY WILL MEDIATE.

Conditions Imposed, However, That Foreigners are Protected and Revolt Put Down.

The president has listened to the appeal of the Chinese government as transmitted through Minister Wu and has signified his willingness to mediate between the imperial government and the powers, but only upon conditions which first must be met by the Chinese government.

The president demands the protection of all foreigners, missionaries and traders in China, and the restoration of order. With this much accomplished, the state department feels that it can properly approach the powers with the Chinese propositions for a settlement for what has occurred.

MINISTERS ARE SAFE.

Chinese Government Will Undertake to Send them to the Coast Under Military Guard.

The state department has received a dispatch from Mr. Goodnow, the consul general at Shanghai, saying that Prince Tuan wires that an officer of the Tsung Li Yamen saw all the ministers on the 18th; that none were injured, and that no attack was at that time being made. He does not say to whom the dispatch of Prince Tuan was addressed, and it is to a certain extent at variance with the dispatch of Mr. Conger of that date, describing the legation as being under fire at that time.

The Chinese government has announced its intention of sending the ministers to the coast under guard of imperial troops.

Alaska Boundary.

The work of delimiting the provisional boundary in the disputed Alaska-Canadian territory having been completed in that part crossing the Dalton trail and touching the Porcupine district, the Americans in that district find that they have lost a large part of what they believed was rightfully American territory. The survey has been run and the monuments set within the last few weeks by O. H. Titman of Washington, D. C., and W. F. King of Ottawa, and assistants, who have simply followed instructions as set forth in the modus vivendi agreed to provisionally some months ago by secretary Hay on the part of the United States and British representatives, after the adjournment of the joint high commission.

RUSSIANS REPULSE CHINESE.

Two Encounters Have Taken Place Near Wei-Hai-Wei.

Two encounters are reported to have taken place between Russian and Chinese forces near Wei-Hai-Wei. The latter, it is reported, were repulsed after a stubborn encounter.

M. Krutizki, engineer of the Eastern Chinese railway, telegraphing from Algahteli, in the Trans-Baikal territory, reports the occupation of Chai Lar, by Chinese troops. The Russians, according to this dispatch, continued to concentrate at Charbin.

KILL 1,500 HEAD OF SHEEP.

Colorado Cattlemen Wage War on Wyoming Herders.

A courier has arrived in Rawlins from the southern part of Carbon county with the report that a party of mountain cattlemen from Rout county, Colorado, had visited the sheep camp of Martin Johnson, just across the Wyoming line, in Rout county, and had slaughtered over 1,500 head of sheep. The animals were shot down, but the herders were not molested, although they were warned to bring no more sheep across the Wyoming line.

USED PAPER CADAVERS.

Woman Pleads Guilty to Charge of Conspiracy to Defraud.

Miss Margaret Shehan, former financial secretary of the Illinois Council of Knights and Ladies of Security, a fraternal insurance order, has pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to defraud that organization of \$6,850. Paper cadavers were used as a basis for the collection of the money alleged to be due on policies.

Democratic National Headquarters.

National headquarters for the Democrats have been established on the second floor of the Auditorium, Chicago, which were occupied by the Paris exposition commissioners. There are fourteen rooms in the suite, providing ample space for the business of the campaign.

Japan Volcano Active.

Mount Azuma, near Bandaisan, Japan, which was the scene of a volcano disaster in 1888, broke into eruption Tuesday, July 17. Two hundred people were killed or injured. Several villages were engulfed in streams of lava.

HOPE IN SECOND MESSAGE.

State Department Again Asks Word from Conger.

If an answer is received to the second telegram, which has been sent through the Chinese minister at Washington to Mr. Conger, and that answer should bear international evidence of genuineness, the government, with the additional information which Mr. Conger may transmit, feels that it will be able to move intelligently toward the rescue of the beleaguered foreigners.

FUSION DEFEATED IN IDAHO.

POPULISTS AND DEMOCRATS COULD NOT AGREE.

Coeur d'Alene Affairs the Bone of Contentment—Democrats and Silver Republicans Unite—Populists go it Alone.

After numerous sessions and conferences lasting through four and a half days between the fusion forces in Idaho, complete union of issues and men failed because of demands made by the Populists which the Democrats would not accede to. The Democrats and Silver Republicans joined issues and united on a ticket, the senator and secretary of state going to the Silver Republicans, the Democrats taking the rest.

The conventions of the three parties met at different halls in Pocatello Tuesday noon, and after completing organization and appointing conference committees adjourned. The first contest in the Democratic convention was over the Coeur d'Alene delegation, which resulted in seating the one opposed to the state administration of affairs in that county.

The chief cause which defeated perfect fusion was the Coeur d'Alene troubles. The Populists demanded as their portion the governor, secretary of state and attorney-general—in other words the state pardoning board—and one elector. The Democrats would concede nothing which would place the miners of the north in control of the pardoning board, nor that would reflect in any way on Governor Steunenberg's administration of affairs in Shoshone county. As a final effort at fusion, the Populists agreed to be satisfied with a resolution denouncing Steunenberg's administration of affairs so far as the trouble with the miners were concerned, but the Democrats voted it down unanimously.

Both parties proceeded to name tickets as follows:

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For presidential electors, J. W. Reid, E. J. Dockery, Sam J. Rich; senator, Fred T. Dubois, Silver Republican; congressman, James Graham of Kootenai; supreme court judge, C. O. Stockslager of Blaine; governor, Captain Frank W. Hunt of Lemhi; lieutenant-governor, Thomas F. Terrill of Bannock; secretary of state, C. J. Bassett of Bingham, Silver Republican; auditor, J. S. Barrett, of Bear Lake; state superintendent of public instruction, Miss Permeal French of Blaine; attorney-general, Frank Martin of Ada; treasurer, Dr. J. J. Plumer of Owyhee; state superintendent of mines, C. H. Harvey of Blaine.

POPULIST TICKET.

For congress, T. L. Glenn of Bear Lake; governor, J. W. Ballentine of Blaine; lieutenant-governor, L. N. B. Anderson of Latah; secretary of state, M. F. Ely of Ada; auditor, E. W. Jones of Boise; treasurer, A. M. Slattery of Fremont; attorney general, Judge H. E. Wallace of Canyon; superintendent of public instruction, Miss Permeal French; mining inspector, Mr. Jacobs of Ada; supreme judge, Texas Angel of Maline; presidential electors, Charles Mullen of Boise, F. W. Barton of Latah, and D. H. Andrus of Ada.

Prohibition Candidate for President.

John J. Wooley, prohibition candidate for the presidency of the United States has been formally notified of his nomination.

I accept this nomination, he said, not as the leader of a forlorn hope, but as a color-bearer in the next and greatest forward movement of humanity, for it seems well within the lines of the most studious moderation to believe that organized conscience as represented by the church, and organized greed as represented by the liquor traffic, are forming rapidly in American politics, for the greatest pitched battle of the age.

Bones of American Heroes to be Removed.

Colonel W. J. Scully of the quartermaster's department, U. S. A., has gone to Mexico to disinter and bring back for burial in the San Antonio government cemetery the bones of American soldiers who fell in the battle of Buena Vista, fought near Saltillo, Mexico, in 1846, between the Americans under General Zachary Taylor and the Mexicans under Santa Anna. The remains of about 700 Americans lie where they were buried on the battlefield.

WOOL IN TEXAS.

Growers Are Holding Back, Refusing to Accept Current Prices.

Reports from various points in Texas show that 2,000,000 pounds of wool are being held in the state because growers refuse to accept current prices, and that there is perhaps as much more held at uncounted points and on the ranches. The growers have held a conference and agreed to hold the entire clip indefinitely.

Landing Troops at Nagasaki.

As was anticipated, the Japanese government has given its cheerful assent to the application of the United States government for permission to land armed troops and military supplies at Nagasaki in transit to Taku, China.

Boxer Rising in Turkestan.

St. Petersburg papers assert that alarming news has been received from Kulja, in Turkestan, where Boxer missionaries are reported to be trying to cause a rising among the inhabitants.

NORTHWEST NOTES.

Cut worms are doing great injury to the crop in the Payallup valley, Washington.

A \$10,000 rock depot will be built at Rock Springs by the Union Pacific. The town council will build a viaduct over the track where the crossing now is.

Forty-seven canneries in Fraser river will close down for the season, the dead-lock between canners and fishermen being as far from settlement as ever.

The condition of the deciduous fruit crop is most disastrous to the southern California growers, as many of them will have absolutely nothing to sell this year.

S. Harold Webb-Peploe, alias J. A. Powell, alias Preston, is under arrest in San Francisco awaiting extradition to Ouray, Colo., on a charge of larceny as bailee and another of embezzlement.

A Portland special says General Wilson, chief of engineers, has approved the recommendations of Captain W. W. Harts with regard to the taking of surveys of the Snake river from Lewiston to Riparia.

John L. Beveridge, ex-Governor of Illinois and a former member of Congress from Illinois, announced himself as a candidate for the Republican Congressional nomination in the Sixth California district.

The Chinese merchants of Portland recently held a meeting and adopted a resolution that the Chinese citizens of Portland, Or., condemn and disapprove the awful outrages perpetrated on peaceful foreigners in China by the usurper Prince Tuan and his hordes of Boxers.

A band of 2,000 sheep, owned by Caulson & Calhoun, were shipped east, several weeks ago from Gillette, Wyo., by Caulson. Since that time neither Caulson nor the sheep have been heard of, and officers have been put on the track. It is thought the entire flock was sold by Caulson, who then skipped out.

Prof. Auguste Mathez, the eminent mining expert of Denver, and party, who early last spring went to China in the interests of Samuel Newhouse, and who a few weeks ago had to flee from Peking for their lives, not having time to collect and take their baggage with them, have reached San Francisco in safety.

The title to forty acres of ground in the heart of Stratton's Independence mine at Cripple Creek has been attacked by a suit filed in Teller county. The plaintiff, who is a dentist of Cripple Creek, claims the ownership of a half interest in the forty acres comprising the Wilson Creek placer, which is embraced in the property sold in London about a year ago by W. S. Stratton for \$10,000,000.

Frank Carter, G. E. Studley, J. M. Curley and A. J. Campbell have been run out of Rosburg, Or., for alleged complicity in a plot to burn store buildings and rob a milliner. A lynching movement was narrowly averted. Curley left hurriedly when suspicion first fell on him. It is claimed that Carter and Studley confessed. Campbell protests his innocence. The three remaining men were given until 5 o'clock to leave. One left at 6 in the morning, the others at 1 in the afternoon. It is stated the object was to provide employment for the conspirators.

Judge W. H. Washington, a direct descendant of Augustine Washington, father of George Washington, died recently of consumption at Castle Creek Hot Springs, Arizona. He was 45 years old and a lawyer of recognized ability.

The army worm is doing great damage in the vicinity of Sumner, Washington, and Governor Rogers has ordered an entomologist from Pullman to make an investigation and suggest a means of getting rid of the unwelcome army.

Fire at Spokane last week, in the Holland-Horr lumber yard, caused a loss of \$50,000. The fire resulted from a dust explosion and soon spread over acres of dry lumber. Several firemen were overcome by heat, but subsequently recovered.

John Meeker, who disappeared from Phoenix, four years ago, and against whose wife a suspicion of murder has since rested, has been located in Arkansas. He claims to have suffered a sunstroke and recently came to himself in an asylum.

A Salvation Army colony has been established at La Junta, Colorado. Most of the colonists hail from Chicago. If the venture proves successful the sending of people from over crowded cities to the country will be made a feature of army work.

The greatest drought in the history of Arizona was broken last week by copious rains. The drought caused great losses to stockmen and farmers and has stimulated the building of a reservoir and irrigation system, estimated to cost \$2,500,000.

Paul May and Benny Burton, aged 16, were drowned at Laramie last week. The water was cold and several men were seized with cramps while attempting to recover the bodies, which had lodged in a deep hole near where the boys disappeared.