

CHINESE CHANGE THEIR TONE

AN IMPERIAL DECREE ALLOWS MINISTERS TO SEND MESSAGES UNRESTRICTED.

STRONG ESCORT TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO TIEN-TSIN

Sheng, the Chinese Director of Telegraphs, announced that an Imperial decree of August 2 provided for free communication between the foreign Ministers and their governments and the sending of the Envoys to Tien-Tsin under a strong escort.

GOOD SUPPLIES IN PEKING

LI PING HENG RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUED WARFARE.

London, Aug. 6, 6 a. m.—The Express's correspondent in Peking has managed to get through a dispatch, dated July 22. He mentions that the food has been short among the white population, but that they are confident of relief soon.

AFRAID OF THE POWERS.

CHINA'S CONCESSIONS—RUMORS OF ALLIES' REPULSE.

Paris, Aug. 5.—Sheng, Director-General of Railways and Telegraphs, has just communicated to the consuls at Shanghai, according to a dispatch to the "Temps," dated August 5, an Imperial decree, dated August 2.



THE SHAH OF PERSIA. (From Le Monde Illustré.)

KILLED BY TRAIN ROBBERS.

PASSENGER WHO REFUSED TO GIVE UP HIS VALUABLES LOST HIS LIFE.

Salina, Kan., Aug. 5.—Union Pacific east-bound passenger train No. 4, which left Denver last night, was held up by men several miles west of Hugo, Col., ninety miles this side of Denver.

DE WET'S FORCES TRAPPED.

BOERS HEMMED IN NEAR REITZ-HAMILTON CUTTING OFF BOTH.

London, Aug. 5.—A dispatch from Pretoria, dated Saturday, says: General Christian De Wet is completely surrounded near Reitz, and it is impossible for his forces to escape through the strong British cordons.

ALLIES NOT OF ONE MIND.

DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF AN ENGAGEMENT DISCREDITED.

London, Aug. 6, 1 a. m.—News from China at midnight was a mass of contradictions and surmises. The most startling rumor in air was the story that Li Hung Chang had committed suicide.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE AIGUN.

CHINESE ROUTED AFTER A STUBBORN FIGHT.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—The War Office has received a dispatch from General Grodekoff, dated Khabarovsk, August 5, announcing that Aigun had been taken by the Russians after a stubborn fight, and that the Chinese were being pursued in the direction of Tsitsikar.

LHUNG NOT A SUICIDE.

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THE NEW RULE AT MANILA.

SCOPE OF THE PLANS OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

Manila, Aug. 5.—On September 1 the Commission headed by Judge Taft will become the legislative body of the Philippines, with power to take and appropriate insular moneys, to establish judicial and educational systems and to make and pass all laws.

"BAD POLITICS," SAYS PLATT.

NO NECESSITY FOR NOMINATING AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN.

Senator Platt came pretty near dissipating all doubt as to the intentions of the Republican State machine when he said yesterday afternoon at the Oriental Hotel, Manhattan Beach, that it would be bad politics for the Republican State Convention to nominate a so-called independent Republican for Governor.

CROKER'S CANDIDATE.

BELIEF THAT HE FAVORS SENATOR MACKAY FOR GOVERNOR—TURNING DOWN HILL.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Richard Croker's lieutenants here received word to-day that David B. Hill is already stirring up the rural Democrats to opposition to the selection of William Mackey, of Buffalo, for Governor on the Democratic State ticket.

CONFERENCE ON GOVERNORSHIP.

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KING ALEXANDER WEDDED.

SERBIAN RULER'S MARRIAGE—AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

Belgrade, Aug. 5.—King Alexander to-day wedded Mme. Draga Maschin, the ceremony being performed with great pomp.

SECRETARY HAY ILL.

UNDER A PHYSICIAN'S CARE AT HIS SUMMER HOME.

Boston, Aug. 5 (Special).—A dispatch to "The Journal" from Sunapee Lake, N. H., says that Colonel John Hay, Secretary of State, is a very sick man. He is at his country home, The Veils, Lake Sunapee, three miles from Newbury Station.

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