WAS WITH CONGER AT PEKING

Capt. Burwell, Now at Bremerton, Sent to His Relief Last May.

MARINES WERE NOT LANDED.

American Minister, Believing That Chinese Government Would Cope With Boxers, Advised Against Bringing in American Troops—His Optimism, It Is Feared, Has Proven Costly in Lives.

But for Minister Conger's optimistic belief in the sincerity of purpose and the ability of the Chinese government at Peking to quell the marauding Boxers early last May, it is more than probable that when the critical time came last month, his home and the American legation would have had the protection of at least 100 able bodied American marines, with a possibility of obtaining other help from American warships.

This is the conclusion forced after hearing the statement of Capt. W. F. Burwell, U. S. N., the new commandant of the United States naval station at Bremerton. Capt. Burwell has succeeded Capt. J. B. Coghlan, and has been at his new post of duty but a few days. He was in command of the gunboat Wheeling at Taku early last May, being ordered there at the request of Minister Conger to protect American interests at the Chinese capital, from the impending onslaught of Boxers. The Chinese fanatics at that time had given no sign of their intention to drive the foreigners from the capital of the empire, or to massacre the whites at the foreign legations.

Did Not Want Troops.

Capt. Burwell had with him 100 American marines from the Wheeling, well armed and valiant. He went to Peking May 8 and stopped two days at the American legation with Minister Conger. He offered him the service of his entire force, with reinforcements if necessary.

Minister Conger told him that in his opinion the Chinese government was doing all that could be expected under the circumstances; that it had punished the marauders in the districts where uprisings had been reported, and that, in his opinion, the landing of the American troops would have a bad moral effect and serve to disturb matters rather than to solve the problems presented by the agitators.

Capt. Burwell talks freely, and yet with some reticence of his visit to Minister Conger. In the first place, the new naval station commandant is a man of deeds and not words. While not seeking to conceal anything concerning his trip to Peking, which occurred at the beginning of the Boxer outbreak, he spoke with evident reluctance concerning the probable fate of the Americans at Peking and their families.

Visitors at the Legation.

There were a number of women at the legation, and relatives of Minister Conger and his secretary, Capt. Squires, and visitors from America. Capt. Squires' wife and children were in the mountains near Peking at the time of Capt. Burwell's visit, and their plight it is believed was most unfortunate.

Capt. Burwell evidently fears, as far as he himself is concerned, that the worst has happened, yet at the same time is unwilling to add to the flood of evil reports that have burdened the wires from China since the isolation of Peking.

"I had just finished a winter cruise on the gunboat Wheeling when I was ordered to sail with my vessel for Manila, in April, 1899, said Capt. Burwell yesterday at Bremerton. "We went by way of Honolulu and Guam. At Manila word reached us of the Chinese uprisings against the Christians, and I was directed to proceed with the Wheeling to Taku. I had 100 marines aboard. Early in May I reached Taku. There were gathered war vessels of France, Italy and Germany. I had little to do with these, and proceeded to Chengwantao, where the English are building a break water. I went to Peking by train, arriving at the American legation May 8.

Believed Government Capable.

"Minister Conger received me royally, and in company with a number of the officers of the Wheeling I spent two days at the legation. The American minister was immediately informed of the purpose of my visit, which was to furnish him military aid in case the American interests demanded it, in view of the threatening troubles.

"Mr. Conger seemed not in the least alarmed nor even apprehensive of danger to the people in the legation. He said to me that in his opinion the landing of troops at that time would have a bad effect instead of a good one. He said:

"'The government has punished the rioters southwest of the city where the troubles have occurred. I believe it is trying to keep the disturbers under control. The moral effect of the landing of troops would be bad so soon after the government has acceded to our demands in taking measures to suppress the Boxers.'

"We spent two delightful days at the legation. Two young American ladies arrived to visit Minister Conger the day we left. The minister's wife and daughter were with him, and Capt. Squires' wife was in the mountains with their children for an outing. The last evening before we left we had a little dinner party, with music afterward, in which all entered with enjoyment.

To Advise If in Danger.

"May 9 I left with the Wheeling for Yokohama, Minister Conger promising to telegraph immediately there was danger of an outbreak of Boxers in Peking. At Yokohama I received orders to proceed to Washington, and have been traveling almost constantly since. At Norfolk, where my family resides, I received instructions to come to Seattle and take charge of the naval station at Bremerton, to relieve Capt. Coghlan."

Capt. Burwell here paused in his narrative. From his desk he took a copy of yesterday's Post-Intelligencer, which contained Minister Conger's last mail letter to the state department, including copies of the correspondence between the missionaries and the foreign ministers regarding the Boxer outrages.

Mr. Conger's letter contained also the statement that on May 19, the day Capt. Burwell left Yokohama for the United States, the Newark was dispatched to Taku to render aid if necessary. These facts seemed to bring before Capt. Burwell's mind vividly the incidents of his visit to the legation and the terrible change that has taken place since he left the Orient.

"Do you believe that the Americans have been massacred?" he was asked.

Situation Looks Serious.

"I do not know. I cannot say that they have or have not. It could not look much worse."

It is evident that on May 21 Mr. Conger still believed that the Chinese government would and could suppress the Boxers, for on that date he cabled the government that he hoped and believed the worst was past. At the same time he stated in his letter to the state department, dated at the legation, May 21, that he had represented to the tsung li yamen that it would be necessary to get American troops into Peking to protect the lives of the people in the legation unless the disorders were suppressed and the rioters dispersed.

Capt. Burwell says Minister Conger is a man of great force of character; that he is capable, if living, of handling American interests in Peking, although more optimistic in his beliefs regarding the Boxers than the American consuls at Chefoo and Tientsin.

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MANY FRIENDS ATTENDED.

Mrs. McIntosh's Funeral Services Held at Butterworth's.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Butterworth's over the remains of Mrs. Catherine McIntosh, who died Saturday. A large number of friends were present. The Rev. F. L. Hayden, who is occupying the pulpit of the Westminster Presbyterian church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Hugh Gilchrist, officiated at the services. The body will be shipped this morning to Elora, Canada, the former home of the deceased, for interment.

Mrs. McIntosh was born 80 years ago at Perth, Scotland, where she was married. In 1843 she went with her husband to Canada, settling at Elora, and eleven years ago came to Seattle. Besides her husband, William McIntosh, of this city, she leaves three sons and four daughters. One of the former, Dr. A. J. McIntosh, resides here.

STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

Twelfth Annual Meeting to Convene This Morning.

The twelfth annual session of the State Bar Association will open in Elks hall in the Colman block this morning and will continue for three days.

The detailed programme has already been published in the Post-Intelligencer. The programme for today is as follows:

Forenoon—First—Session called to order by the president at 10 a. m. Address of welcome by Hon. T. J. Humes, mayor of Seattle.

Second—Annual address by the president, Hon. George Donworth, of Seattle.

Third—Reports of officers and committees.

Fourth—Afternoon session to convene at 2 p. m. First—Election of members.

Second—Paper, "The Status of Our Newly Acquired Territory," Hon. Will H. Thompson, of Seattle.

Third—Paper, "Practice in Courts of Admiralty," H. S. Griggs, of Tacoma.

Meeting of Veterans' League.

Lawton Club of the Veterans' League held an interesting meeting last evening at Grand Army hall, in the Collins building. Although no regular programme had been prepared, short addresses were made by several of the members. Judge Richard Osborn spoke of his experiences in the civil war. Frank W. Spear told of the service of the Washington independent battalion, and Lieut. Z. B. Rawson told a couple of humorous stories of soldier life in the Philippines. It is expected that at the next meeting the club will be addressed by the Hon. John B. Allen.

New Business Firm.

Lobe & McGill is a new name that will be added to the list of Seattle's real estate business firms. They will also engage in insurance, rental and auctioneering, and have secured quarters at 708 Second avenue, ground floor. Mr. Lobe has been a resident of Seattle for the past eighteen years, and was senior member of the Golden Rule Bazaar.

RUBY rings, July's birthstone. W. H. Finck, jeweler, 816 Second avenue.

STEVENSON'S RECORD BAD.

Congressman Warner Arraigns Vice Presidential Nominee.

IS A PLATFORM STRADDLER.

During the War the Democratic Choice for Second Place on the Ticket Was as a Copperhead—Was One of a Class to Spread Dissatisfaction Among Union Soldiers—Carry Party Strength Only.

Hon. V. Warner, congressman from the Thirteenth district, Illinois, spent yesterday in Seattle, en route, with his family and Private Secretary J. C. Eversman, on a pleasure trip to Alaska. Mr. Warner is chairman of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives, and as such has had much to do with the Alaska civil code bill. Two years ago he had charge of the criminal code bill for the same district, and is therefore much interested in the northern land of commerce and gold. A year ago he made a trip to Skagway, Sitka, Bennett and intermediate points, but as he says, did not see enough of the country. His party were passengers on the Queen last night, and according to present plans he intends to remain in Alaska about two weeks.

"This is just a little pleasure trip," he said at the Butler yesterday, "and has no particular significance. I spent a portion of my vacation in Alaska last year, and thought I would repeat it this year and give my family and Mr. Eversman an opportunity to see the sights.

"Yes, I am personally acquainted with the Democratic nominee for vice president. My home is in Clinton and his in Bloomington. He once served my district in congress. He has also been first assistant postmaster general and vice president of the United States. As a man I think Mr. Stevenson is all right, but in my opinion he will add but little political strength to the opposition ticket. He is an educated gentleman, accomplished and clever. I might also add that he is very smooth and easy-going, with a fine memory for faces. I suppose he knows personally more politicians in the United States than any other American. He has met them in his political spheres and remembers them by name, but no one can say that Adlai Stevenson has any personal magnetism.

Record a Peculiar One.

"For these reasons, on one hand, he will not prove to be such a vote-getter as Roosevelt. His record is rather a peculiar one. During the civil war he was opposed to its prosecution. He was one of a certain class who encouraged dissatisfaction among the Union soldiers, and during the greenback craze he was a straddler. When you say Stevenson was a copperhead during the war the term is well applied, in its general sense.

"He is smooth, however, and in all his manipulations is careful not to stir up any animosity against himself. I suppose this, together with the fact that he has a personal acquaintance with so many politicians was due, in a large measure, his nomination at Kansas City.

"While he occupied the position of first assistant postmaster general he made all the postoffice appointments, and that helped him out. He also remembered his friends while he was vice president. When it came to the convention the delegates were more kind to him than to Bryan.

"The nomination of Stevenson will have no effect whatever on the election in Illinois. The result will be the same any way. He will not carry in his own state more than his party's strength. There is nothing about him that could accomplish additional strength to the ticket.

"He has never been known as a leader, even in his own district, and, therefore, Republicans in Illinois are not worrying any on account of his nomination.

Nominated on Two Platforms.

"He was nominated for congress at the close of the war in what is now my district, on two platforms. He was able to conciliate both and stand firm on them. The greenback question was then the all-important one, and for a time Stevenson hesitated. After his acceptance of both platforms, however, he became known as 'Stradlai' Stevenson, for he was the only man who could straddle both platforms. He is simply a follower of the party, or, in other words, a party man through and through. He will never try to force any of his opinions on his party, but will manage to mold his own ideas so he can stand on any platform regardless of what it may advocate. The title of 'Stralai' is still known in his own locality. He is a business man of some success, but not an organizer or the forceful executive some of his Democratic friends would try to make you believe he is. He is not a spell-binder even in his own district, and the effect of his political nomination on the destiny of Illinois this fall is greatly overestimated by his partisans.

"The Republican party has nominated a magnificent ticket. It is splendid. There is nothing that can be said of President McKinley other than that he is our best executive since the time of Abraham Lincoln. He wants to obey the will of the people and will do so just so long as they are in the right.

"Roosevelt will help the ticket in three of the Western states, at least, where assistance may be needed. I refer to Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. Of course he is strong in New York, as was demonstrated when he was elected governor, and without a doubt will carry that state overwhelmingly. He represents the younger element of the party, the workers, I might say, and the placing of his name on the ticket will add strength over the entire country.

Good Republican Signs.

"Illinois is safe for the Republican column, and while there is some talk about Indiana being doubtful, I think it is all right. The people of the country appreciate the present condition of prosperity. Take it in my state alone, and for that matter all other states are just as well off, money was never more plentiful. Labor is paid a higher price for its work and there are no Coxey's armies abroad in the land. The recent labor troubles in the Middle West cities were due to a desire for shorter hours and less labor, not for increased pay.

"Take as another instance the farmer. If he wants to borrow money for any purpose he can get all he wants at a low rate of interest, if he has the security. The man who wants to go into business can get what money he wants in the same way, and so on down the list. Capital is being invested in diversified enterprises, confident it will not be hampered by a lack of funds to carry on its work. This creates employment, and so it is that the laboring man or mechanic, who wants to go to work, can get it.

"In my state in 1877 first mortgage loans were paying 10 per cent. interest with a 5 per cent. commission to the man who secured the money for the borrower. It is not so today. First mortgage loans at 5 per cent. without any commission are gilt-edge and lenders are glad to insert a clause allowing payment of $100 or any multiple, on the principal, at any time. Much money is being invested in manufacturing enterprises all over the country, and the people are well satisfied with the present Republican prosperity.

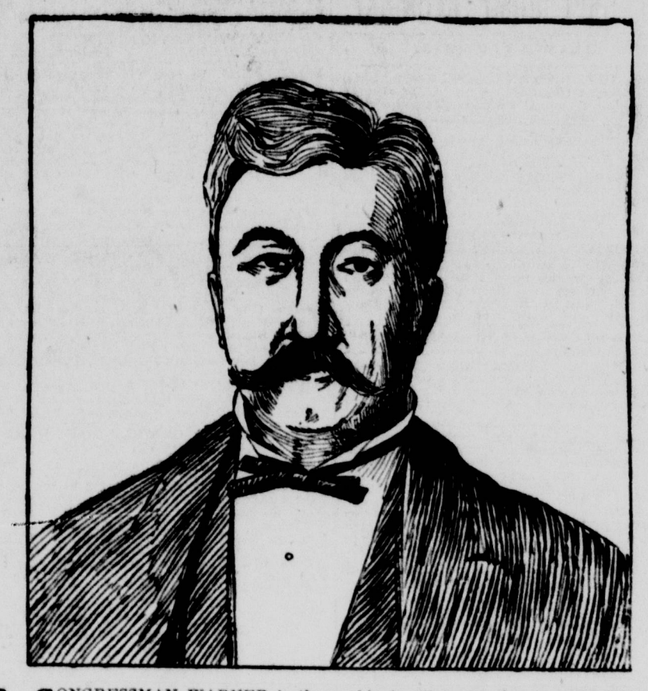
"As regards the Alaska civil code bill I know of nothing that was omitted. We tried to follow the dictates of the Alaska convention as nearly as possible. We had a large number of citizens from Alaska to consult with, and tried to make the bill as complete as possible. Changes may have to be made later, after it has been applied, in many waks.

"We did not think it advisable to allow a delegate to congress at present. All he could possibly be would be an agent, and we hardly thought the expense would warrant it.

"Alaska will eventually be a territory."

Congressman Warner has served three terms from his district, and has been nominated for the fourth.

CONGRESSMAN WARNER, OF ILLINOIS, WHO SAYS MR. BRYAN'S RUNNING MATE IS NOT A STRONG CANDIDATE.



CONGRESSMAN WARNER is thoroughly familiar with the record of Mr. Stevenson. Here are a few things he says about him: Mr. Stevenson has never been known as a leader even in his own district, therefore Illinois Republicans are not worrying on account of his nomination. Mr. Stevenson was nominated for congress at the close of the war on two platforms, and his friends and enemies thereafter changed his name from Adlai Stevenson to 'Straddler' Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson can and will stand on any platform regardless of what it may advocate. The nomination of Mr. Stevenson will have no effect on the election in Illinois."

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STRIKE STILL IN FORCE.

Telephone Operators Declare They Will Not Weaken—Ask the Support of Community.

The strike among the telephone operators of the Sunset Telephone Company is still in force. A committee has been appointed by the union to canvass for the moral support of the clergymen, business men and merchants of the city. There seems to be no probability of an early solution of the trouble.

The company, however, has secured operators from its exchanges in outside towns, and claims that in a short time the service will be up to the standard. A number of operators, according to the company, went off duty shortly before the strike occurred, and were not due to come back until yesterday morning, when many of them, it is claimed, showed up as usual. This, one of the officials said, gave a full force at the switching board. This official also claimed that five of the strikers had given in and were at work again.

The officials of the company refused yesterday to make any statement beyond this, as they are unwilling to engage in any controversy with the members of the union. They claim that few complaints were received yesterday from their subscribers.

The committee appointed by the operators' union to have charge of the general management of the strike deny that any of the members have returned to duty. Several, they say, who went home before the strike began, and who knew nothing of it, did report as usual yesterday morning, but on learning of the trouble, immediately left the service. A subcommittee has been appointed by the union to stand in front of the telephone building and lay their case before the young women, who are still at work.

The general committee yesterday made the following official statement on behalf of the union to a Post-Intelligencer reporter:

"We wish to have our version of the causes leading to the trouble published in the paper. Because of the general dissatisfaction among the operators growing out of the company's poor treatment, we decided to form an association for our own benefit, especially as regards the long hours of work, and our salaries.

"Then followed the events leading to the members of the union being dismissed, as already published in the Post-Intelligencer.

"There are sixty-nine members in the union, and they all stand firm. There are no signs of weakening anywhere. The imported operators can not go in and do the work thoroughly, like those who are in the association. They are not acquainted with the subscribers, and, moreover, every office has a different system. Thus it will be several months before the service is as efficient as it was before the trouble.

"We have a committee which is visiting the business men, merchants and clergymen of the city with a view to enlisting their moral support and sympathy. All of those seen so far have expressed themselves as being on our side, and it remains to be learned if the company will further oppose us, when we have the support of the community."

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ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Warrant Is Issued for William J. Drummond at Request of Local Life Insurance Agent.

A warrant was issued yesterday afternoon from Justice Cann's court for the apprehension of William J. Drummond, who is wanted for embezzlement, of which crime he is accused by Volney P. Hart, general agent of the New York Life Insurance Company. Drummond left this city over four weeks ago and his whereabouts is unknown.

According to the complaint made by Hart, Drummond, who speaks Japanese fluently, informed the agent that he could write some insurance upon the lives of a Japanese husband and wife who conduct a restaurant on First avenue south. This he proceeded to do under the direction of the general agent. The premiums in all amounted to $348 and Mr. Hart informed the insured that he would collect the same when the policies arrived. The contracts were forwarded to the local office from New York a few days ago, and when the company's agent attempted to deliver them and collect the amount of the premium he claims to have discovered that his Japanese interpreter and special representative had preceded him and collected in full the premiums due.

Will Hold Inquest Tomorrow.

Coroner Sparling yesterday announced that he would hold an inquest over the remains of Pete Peterson, who committed suicide after taking the life of his paramour in a disreputable quarter of the city yesterday, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Annie King, the victim of Peterson's bullet, is lying in a critical condition at Providence hospital, but the physician who is in attendance upon her believes she will recover.

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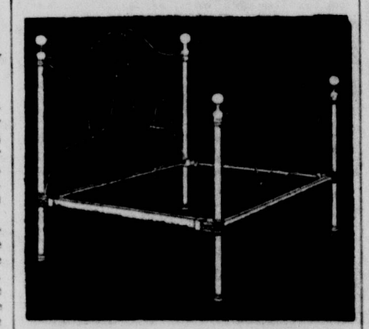

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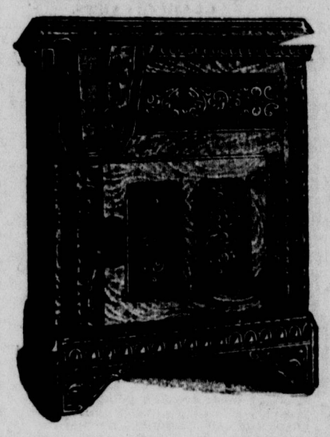

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