

CARDINAL GIBBONS IS ACCEPTED AS MEDIATOR

Coal Barons Authorize the Prelate to Deal With the Strikers.

FIRST STEP TAKEN TO-DAY.

Higher Wages Without Recognition of Union Is the Plan.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—Every thing indicates an early settlement of the miners' strike in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania. The exclusive information contained in this correspondence last night that the coal operators—led by the magnates who control the railroads in the anthracite region—were ready to yield a fully confirmed by the events of the day in New York.

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Technical Act of War Is Announced by the Naval Staff in St. Petersburg.

Powerful Squadrons to Be Mobilized to Effectively Restrain Commerce of the Empire—Hostile Attitude of the Chinese Fleet at Shanghai.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—The Russian naval staff announces that it is prepared to blockade all Chinese naval ports, in consequence of the hostile attitude of the Chinese fleet at Shanghai, and to send fast cruisers from the allied squadrons to protect their transports.

RUSSIANS TO HOLD PEKIN.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—The Russian orders to leave Peking have been suspended for the 8,000 troops here.

The other legations and troops are uncertain about remaining, yet they are inviting the Emperor to return for peace negotiations.

CHINA MUST SAVE HERSELF.

STRENGTH OF ALLIED ARMIES IN CHINA.

Vienna, Sept. 27.—The Admiralty has received a dispatch from Tokyo giving the strength of the forces landed there by the allied Powers, as follows:

It thus appears here that the declaration of the Republic's strength in this respect is correct this morning in stating that the United States are powerless. It is perfectly well known to the other Powers that the United States will not go to the extent of war to preserve the integrity of the Chinese Empire, and there is reason to believe that at least one Power has sounded the State Department in this respect, obtaining the answer that was expected.

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WOMAN AND BABES KILLED.

Fleeing American Missionary Interrupted by Boxers.

MINNESOTA, Minn., Sept. 27.—Mrs. M. D. Clapp of this city today received a letter containing the information that her sister, Mrs. G. E. Ward, formerly of this city, together with her two little children, was murdered by Boxers in China about eight weeks ago.

BOXER MAY BE DEFEATED.

Protest Against Proposed Governor of Shanghai Has Weight.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 27.—Vicerey Liu Kun Yi has telegraphed to the Consuls to the effect that he is communicating with the imperial court regarding the appointment of a new Governor of Shanghai.

EAST RIVER MISSIONS BURNED.

Anti-Christian Riots in Kwang-Si and Kwang-Tung.

HONG-KONG, Sept. 27.—The American Presbyterian and Catholic missions at Shek-Lung, on the East River, have been destroyed. The priest in charge of the Catholic mission was captured and was protected by a Mandarin.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

- For Missouri—Fair Friday; warmer in northern and southern portions; Saturday, fair; warmer in northern and western portions; east to south winds. For Illinois—Fair Friday; colder in extreme southern portion. Saturday, fair; warmer in northern and central portions; fresh northeasterly winds. For Arkansas—Colder Friday, with fair in northern and showers in southern portion. Saturday, fair; winds becoming northerly.

INSURANCE MEN EXPECT WAR.

Extra Force of Clerks Required to Make Out Policies for Germany.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—That the officers and men in the German Army are firm in the belief that war is imminent between Germany and China is reflected in the unusual number of applications which have been made to a life insurance company in this city for policies on their lives.

DISASTROUS STORM IN IOWA.

Town of Sharps Almost Destroyed—Newmarket Struck Also.

CLARK, Ia., Sept. 27.—A tornado nearly destroyed Sharps, a small town east of here. The depot, two churches and half a dozen dwellings were all blown down.

CHINESE TROOPS MASSING.

Imperial Edict Instructs Viceroy to Destroy Foreigners.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The French Consul at Shanghai cables, under date of September 26 (Thursday), that Tung Pui Shan has just been appointed General of the Western and Northern armies.

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