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LEGATIONS VIRTUALLY PRISONERS

Behind the Walls of Peking, and Unable to Communicate with Officer Commanding Relief Column. WILL ATTACK TAKU FORT.

LONDON, June 16.—This is the situation in China as it appears to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, calling last evening: "It really is a state of velleo war. The members of the foreign legations in Peking are virtually prisoners and the Chinese troops are only restrained from attacking them by fear of the legation guards."

Street Car Strikers Willing to Come to Terms—Engineered by Gompers. Company Takes Proposition Under Consideration. ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 15.—By a practically unanimous vote, the striking street railway union men decided today to accept a new proposition presented by their executive committee and empower the executive committee to settle on the basis of the clause regarding reinstatement without reference to the union.

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Republican National Committee Performs a Hard Day's Labor—All Completed Except Delaware. HANNA ANXIOUS FOR HARMONY. Have Not Been Influenced by the Leaders—Southern Office-Holders Receive Scant Consideration.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15.—The Republican national committee to-day put in three long sessions on the contests which have been brought before it and adjourned late to-night with all of the controversies practically disposed of except that from Delaware. This has been referred back to the sub-committee with instructions to again endeavor to bring the factions to a basis of agreement and will receive final action tomorrow. An important action to-day was the seating of the Brownlow delegates in the Tennessee contest and refusing admission to the friends of Pension Commissioner Evans. The contest was very bitter and at one time there was the possibility of a serious encounter between Brownlow and Evans.

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WOODRUFF'S CANDIDACY IS DISAPPROVED

By the Leaders of the Party—Still at Sea as Regards Champion for the Second Place. DOLLIVER'S STOCK BOOMS. Secretary Long is Thought to be Backed by the Administration. Fairbanks a Possibility.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15.—Speculation, gossip and informal conferences to-day among national committeemen and other leading Republicans who are here has failed to indicate a crystallization of sentiment around any individual. Neither Senator Hanna nor those who are close to him, give any intimation that the administration has a choice. The number of delegates who will vote for any man that the administration favor seems to accentuate the general impression that the nominee will be the man most satisfactory to the President.

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CLASS WORK ENDED.

Examinations Begin at the West Virginia University—No Senior Oration—Graduating Class of Fifty—Programme for the Week. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., June 15.—Class work at the West Virginia University has ended, the examinations are being held, and the long commencement programme is being worked off. Last night the glee club gave a concert as the opening number of events and to-night an oratorical contest is being held. On account of the faculty brawl, the large number of graduates, and the interesting character of the exercises, a large number of visitors are coming in and the hotels have all their rooms engaged for next week.

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THE BOERS GRADUALLY EVACUATING

Their Positions East of Pretoria—Diamond Hill Carried by the British With Small Loss. DISCUSS TERMS OF SURRENDER. Fresh Fighting Expected at the War Office—Cronje's Son Surrenders Klerksdorp—Peace Near.

LONDON, June 16, 4 a. m.—Lord Roberts' dispatches leave affairs east of Pretoria with the Boers withdrawn to new positions Tuesday. News of fresh fighting is expected at the war office, but none came last night. General Buller will move into Orange River colony and co-operate with Lord Methuen and General Buller in besieging President Steyn and his seven or eight thousand followers. Part of Christian Botha's forces has halted at Paardekop, eighteen miles northwest of Volksrust. Boer parties are still near Volksrust and fire occasionally upon the British pickets.

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READJUSTMENT OF PRICES

Necessary for Highest Prosperity in Business—Average of Prices Now Stand the Same as in 1899—Iron Depends Upon the Action of Labor Unions, and the Summer Demand. NEW YORK, June 15.—R. O. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade: A season of declining prices is never wholly agreeable to business men whose stocks on hand are losing part of their value. Yet there are times when returns to the highest prosperity in business is not possible except through readjustment of prices. The highest prosperity the country had ever reached, prior to the panic was in 1892, with prices averaging not quite 75 per cent of their average in 1890. After great depression for several years the highest point reached with last year's recovery was 80 per cent, March 16, but the gradual yielding has already returned to the general average of prices to a shade less than 75 per cent practically where it was with the highest prosperity in 1892.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS

NEW YORK—La Bretagne, New York via Havre. NEW YORK—Augusta Victoria, Hamburg. GENOA—Victoria, New York via Marseilles. COLUMBUS, O., June 15.—Two electric cars on the Minerva Park line, collided last midnight. Four persons were severely injured, as follows: William H. Devre, S. E. Morris, W. Powell and John Peer.

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