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FIRE RAGES IN PEKING.

Fighting and Discord Follow in Wake of Relief Column.

WORRY OVER LACK OF NEWS.

Anxiety at Shanghai Because Peking Has Been Silent Since Monday Last on Situation—Russians Decline to Cease Hostilities and Attack Imperial City.

London, Aug. 24.—Fires, fighting and dissensions are apparently following in the wake of the relief of Peking. The Daily Mail publishes dispatches from the Chinese capital, dated as late as Aug. 17, declaring that a great fire was then raging in the imperial city. The Russian commander had declined to accept the decision of the other generals not to violate the imperial precincts and street fighting was going on. General Chaffee, so it is asserted, maintained that the Chinese had been adequately punished already and that it would be unwise to take the palace. This explains the withdrawal of the Americans after breaching three gates, as called by the special correspondent of the Associated Press. The Russian general, however, maintained that his government had declared war against China and that, therefore, there was no reason to prevent his carrying hostilities into the sacred precincts.

Judging from various, and in many cases contradictory, dispatches that have reached Europe this morning from Peking, the commanders eventually adopted a middle course, for a Pouter telegram asserts that the sentries were placed to prevent looting. Hence it is presumed that the imperial buildings will not be destroyed. The fires appear to be incendiary and to be put out by the Chinese themselves. All the dispatches point to the fact that when the last messengers left Peking the commanders were somewhat at sea regarding their future action, all waiting instructions from their governments.

The foreign residents appear to have been sent to Tien Tsin, although the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says the ministers will not leave Peking until negotiations for indemnity are under way.

Neither the commanders nor the diplomats were in communication with the Chinese government Aug. 17. They were then searching for Prince Tuan. Among the puzzling reports as to the whereabouts of the empress dowager is one from St. Petersburg that she is in the vicinity of Peking, but surrounded. The emperor seems to have disappeared completely. It is officially reported that the minister of the Netherlands, Dr. F. M. Knobel, was slightly wounded during the siege.

St. Petersburg dispatches announce good progress in the Manchurian campaign. The town of Mergen was captured Aug. 18, with trifling Russian loss, while the Chinese suffered severely, leaving ten guns, 500 rifles and large quantities of ammunition in the hands of the Russians.

The reports of risings in northern Korea are confirmed. It is believed that these are not due to ill will toward foreigners, but to local dissatisfaction. The Korean government is sending troops to the disaffected districts.

According to telegrams from Shanghai considerable uneasiness is felt there over the fact that no dispatches have been received from Peking since Aug. 20.

Other Shanghai correspondents located Emperor Kwang Hsu as under the protection of the allies and the empress dowager as already captured by the Japanese.

Powers Must Act Quickly.

The Daily Chronicle publishes an interview with the Japanese minister in London, Kato Takaki, which represents him as having said: "The empress is the heart and soul of China, so long as she lives, so long as she remains in China, whether the supreme power is taken from or not she will always be the greatest force, the one above all others."

"The difficulty will be to get any one who will speak for her. I fear that the influence of Li Hung Chang is now of extremely little weight.

"The powers must come to a final understanding quickly. Riots, anarchy, bloodshed and misery throughout China will be the inevitable result of a policy that does not immediately disclose itself. The government must be re-established."

The Japanese envoy expressed his approval of the approved American suggestion regarding a conference of the powers, and said he believed that satisfactory pecuniary compensation could be secured if the resources of China were properly developed, despite the fact that her present revenues are pledged.

William M. Johnson, the newly appointed first assistant postmaster general, arrived in Washington Thursday and took the oath of office.

NO MORE TROOPS TO CHINA.

Government Orders Those Now En Route Diverted to Manila.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The important development in the Chinese situation yesterday was the decision of the government not to send any more troops to China. All the troops now at sea, amounting to about 4,000, together with those under orders for service in the far east which have not sailed, amounting to about 3,000 more, will be sent to Manila. These troops will sail on the same route and upon touching at Nagasaki will go on to Manila unless there are developments in China, not now expected, which would make their presence in that country necessary. Secretary Root said that no more troops were being sent to China, because they were not needed. With the arrival at Taku of the Hancock and the troops she carried, General Chaffee will have 5,000 available men, which is deemed sufficient for all present purposes. The decision of the department was not based upon any recommendation made by General Chaffee, but on reports received by him which made it apparent that no more troops were needed.

A dispatch was received from General Chaffee, dated Peking, Aug. 18, which was not in response to the request sent to him a few days ago to report the conditions and requirements. General Chaffee did not report further fighting in Peking and for that reason the Washington officials feel assured that hostile demonstrations in the Chinese capital have ceased. The dispatch related largely to transportation conditions, and stated that the railroad between Taku and Peking could not be used at the present time, as portions of it had been destroyed by the Chinese. General Chaffee will co-operate with the other commanders in China in reconstructing the road for the use of the allied forces. General Chaffee also reported that the telegraph line constructed by the signal corps from Tien Tsin to Peking is frequently interrupted, being cut probably by hostile Chinese.

The United States has taken the lead in replying to China that there will be no temporizing negotiations and there is every reason to believe the powers will unite in this same policy. The answer of the United States was quickly followed by similar action on the part of Germany, the Berlin foreign office delivering to the Chinese minister an answer refusing to enter into negotiations on the ground that there was no evidence that Li Hung Chang's credentials gave him sufficient power to act and that nothing short of complete authority from the responsible rulers of China, the empress and empress dowager, could be received as sufficient.

Check Uprising at Hankow.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French consul at Hankow wires that an attempt at an uprising occurred during the night of Aug. 21. A band of Chinese tried to set fire to a house adjoining the customs bank, which is adjacent to the British concessions, with the object of pillaging the bank and burning the European quarter. The viceroy, however, took immediate steps and arrested the ringleaders, seizing at the same time arms and documents demonstrating the existence of a secret society and an organized plot. Two of the leading culprits were decapitated, their heads being subsequently exhibited in the center of the Chinese town. Twenty others were imprisoned. More trouble is feared when the flight of the emperor to the west becomes known.

Banker Hirschfeld Acquitted.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 24.—L. H. Hirschfeld, ex-president of the Merchants' bank of Helena, was acquitted yesterday, after a two-weeks' trial, on the charge of making false reports to the comptroller of the currency as to the bank's condition. The verdict was found on the direction of the court, which granted the defendant's motion for an instructed verdict.

Lightning Strikes at Jefferson.

Jefferson, Ia., Aug. 24.—Lightning struck the court house yesterday afternoon for a second time within ten days, knocking down one man and setting fire to the building. The fire was extinguished and the loss is slight. The steeple to the Christian church was also wrecked.

Crowds Visit the Camp.

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 24.—The crowds at the camp grounds increase each day. The health of the camp has not been bad at any time, eight being the highest number reported sick at any time, and yesterday there was but one. The review by the governor took place this afternoon.

Famine Distress is Appalling.

New York, Aug. 24.—The India famine relief committee received a cablegram yesterday from Consul Fee at Bombay, which reads: "Famine distress appalling. Thousand will die of starvation unless rescued. Money is needed to buy both food and blankets. The suffering from lack of clothing is terrible. The condition of destitute workmen and children specially pitiable. Many boys and girls are in heart-rending need."

POPULISTS NOTIFY BRYAN

Hears News of His Nomination for Second Time.

CEREMONIES AT TOPEKA.

Also Informed of His Indorsement by Monetary League—Large Crowd Listens to Acceptance Speech of the Fusion Leader—Weather Too Hot for Comfort.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 24.—Mr. Bryan yesterday received the second official notification of his nomination for the presidency. This notification came from the Populist party, and Thomas M. Patterson of Colorado acted as the mouthpiece of the party in making it. He was at the same time informed of the endorsement of his candidacy by the United States Monetary league, this notification being given by A. W. Rucker. The ceremonies occurred in the spacious and beautiful grounds of the state capital and were witnessed by a large number of people. The crowd was especially dense in the immediate vicinity of the stand on which the notification ceremony took place, and from this center scattered well out into the grounds. In many respects the meeting paralleled the Indianapolis notification. This was true in the fact that both were in parks, that the weather was intensely hot and in the circumstance that the impatience of the crowd compelled speakers preceding Mr. Bryan to curtail their remarks.

Many of the auditors found their way to the vicinity of the stand an hour or more before the speaking began, but they valiantly held their ground despite the heat. Many of them must have suffered intensely, for there was no protection from the sun's rays. Still there was very little complaint until the ceremonies were well under way, and the crowd laughed and chatted while waiting for the speakers even while the perspiration flowed its way over the faces of the individual members of it and plentifully oozed out through the clothes of many of them. There was, however, an audible sigh of relief mingled with the applause which greeted the appearance of the national leader upon the platform when he arrived at 3:30, and it was evident even then that while there was a general desire to hear and see him, the audience was finding the situation too uncomfortable to be long endured. This fact did not, however, detract from the cordiality of the welcome which was extended. The applause was not prolonged, but it was evident that it professed to mean.

There was little delay after the arrival of Mr. Bryan and the other notables. State Chairman Ridgley of the Populist party promptly assumed the chair and he immediately introduced James A. Troutman, who, as the representative of the mayor of Topeka, made a brief speech, welcoming Mr. Bryan to the city. Mr. Troutman was followed by Frank Doster, chief justice of the state, who extended the welcome of the state at large.

Mr. Doster was followed by Jerry Simpson, who was introduced as the permanent chairman in the absence of National Chairman Butler. Mr. Simpson made a brief speech and then introduced Mr. Patterson, who, as chairman of the national Populist convention, became chairman of the notification committee. Mr. Patterson was received with applause and many of his points were loudly cheered.

Judge R. W. Rucker, who conveyed to Mr. Bryan the information of his endorsement by the United States Monetary league, had also to yield to the demands of the audience for a curtailing of his remarks. He was given an opportunity to be briefly heard, and to make a number of points which met with the approval of the auditors. When Mr. Rucker took his seat Mr. Simpson lost no time in introducing Mr. Bryan, whose voice soon had the effect of quieting the crowd. He was received with a burst of applause when he arose, but the demonstration soon quieted down and thenceforth the interest of the audience was made manifest by the undivided attention which was given rather than by word of mouth or by clapping of hands. Mr. Bryan read the greater part of his address from manuscript and the delivery consumed about 40 minutes of time, but the crowd listened intently throughout and without any manifestation of impatience or disapproval. When he ceased speaking, those present were invited to shake hands with him, and many availed themselves of this opportunity. At 8 p. m. Mr. Bryan left for Manhattan, Kan.

Kansas Mid-Roaders Meet.

Topeka, Aug. 24.—The middle-of-the-road Populists met here yesterday and decided not to nominate a state ticket, but to devote all their energies to the Barker electoral ticket. P. M. Willett announced that headquarters would be opened here Sept. 10. The attendance was small.

KEEPING AFTER THE BOERS.

Lord Roberts Reports Dewet's Command on the Verge of Disintegration.

London, Aug. 24.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office, under date of Pretoria, Aug. 22, as follows:

"Buller's division marched to Van Wycksvle, 15 miles south of Belfast, yesterday. His casualties were 20.

"Paget reports from Hammanskraal that Baden-Powell engaged Grobler's rear guard all day yesterday. Grobler was driven back east of Pinaar river. Baden-Powell occupied the railway station of that name. During the fight Baden-Powell's advance and that of the enemy galloped into each other, the Rhodesians losing Colonel Spreckley and four men killed and seven wounded. Many of the Boers were killed or wounded. They were at Cyferkull this morning. Plumer and Hickman were closely pursuing them.

"It seems certain that Dewet, finding it hopeless to make his way eastward, has recrossed the Magaliesberg, with a few wounded, with the intention of returning to the Orange River colony. He is in a different condition from that when he left Bethlehem with six or eight guns and 21,000 men. His guns have mostly been buried and his personal following cannot be more than 300.

"It is stated that Steyn, with a small bodyguard, has crossed Pinaar's river on his way to join Kruger at Machadodorp.

"The Boers yesterday blew up a portion of the railway station at Kootze's drift, five miles north of Newcastle, and damaged the rails at a point 30 miles south of Newcastle."

SLEEPING CAR ROBBERY.

Omaha Man Beaten to Unconsciousness in a Pullman Near Boone.

Boone, Ia., Aug. 24.—E. E. Balch of Omaha, a passenger on Northwestern train No. 11, occupying a berth of the Pullman sleeper, was beaten to unconsciousness and robbed of his tickets and money somewhere near here yesterday. His wife, who occupied the berth opposite, heard no unusual noise, but on attempting to call him found he had been horribly beaten and robbed of everything of value. The affair is a mystery, no one having been seen to enter or leave the car.

W. A. Paxton of Omaha was also the victim of a sleeping car robbery while en route from Chicago over the Illinois Central. Somewhere between Dubuque and Omaha his clothing was rifled while he was asleep, his losses including between \$140 and \$150, some valuable papers and a book of railroad passes.

Arm Torn From Man's Body.

Lewis, Ia., Aug. 23.—William Konersky, an old thresher living four miles northeast of here on Indian creek, was caught in the drive belt while attempting to throw it off yesterday while threshing on the farm of H. M. Rening, and his arm was torn from the body. He was brought at once to this city, where medical aid did everything in their power to save him, but the patient died at 6 o'clock.

Trap Tender Shot.

Falls City, Neb., Aug. 23.—The Falls City shooting tournament opened here with a good attendance yesterday. Shortly after the opening of the tournament John Norris, a trap tender, was accidentally shot in the head by B. W. Gist, one of the participants in the shoot. The wound, though painful, is not considered dangerous.

Will Consider Dooliver's Successor.

Jefferson, Ia., Aug. 24.—A conference of the congressional committee, representing 14 counties of the Tenth district, has been called to meet at Fort Dodge Aug. 28 to consider the matter of filling a vacancy on the congressional ticket caused by the appointment of J. P. Dooliver as senator.

Rural Delivery in Nebraska.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The post-office department has ordered the establishment of rural delivery Sept. 1 at Craig, Neb., and additional service at Tekamah, Neb.

Dale in the Race for Congress.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—Robert J. Dale of Boone was nominated for congress by the Tenth district Democratic convention at Algona yesterday.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The three-mile sculling race at Halifax Thursday between Ten Eyck and Vail was won by Ten Eyck.

The differences between the two divisions of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America have been adjusted. A charter will be issued.

Governor General Wood arrived at Santiago Thursday and was received by 5,000 cheering Cubans, who lined the streets from the wharf to the palace.

Judge Cantrill Thursday overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Caleb Powers, convicted as an accomplice before the fact in the murder of William Goebel.

Johan H. Hannu, a Swede, was arrested at Halifax Thursday while landing from the steamer Assyrian, from Glasgow. He is charged with nine murders in Sweden.

VICTIMS OF MOB'S FURY.

One Dead and a Score Wounded at Akron.

ORDER IS AGAIN RESTORED.

Militia on Guard and Prevents Further Trouble—City Hall is Completely Ruined—Crowds of Spectators Flock to the Scene of the Wreck.

Akron, O., Aug. 24.—When day dawned in Akron it revealed a scene of desolation and the evidences of violence and lawlessness unparalleled in the history of this city. The rioters had done their awful work and had dispersed. One child was lying dead and nearly a score of persons were suffering from the wounds of pistol shot, buckshot and missiles.

Glen Wade, aged 11, was killed, and Rhoda Davidson, aged 4, was fatally injured. Among the seriously injured are Firemen Manchester, Ropke, Fritz, Denyous, Eberly and Philipps and Policemen King and Dunn.

The city building was a heap of smoldering ruins, and beside it steamed the water-soaked ashes of Columbia hall. The police force of the city was disorganized and scattered. The chief had left the city. Electric wires, deadly to the touch, lay across the streets in the vicinity of the burned buildings and debris of all kinds was scattered far and near. The down town streets were just as the mob had left them and although nothing was being done by the rioters, crowds of spectators, hundreds in number, hung around, waiting for something to turn up.

After 6 o'clock the crowd began to increase and the curious spectators hurried to the scene of the trouble. A policeman appeared and then another, timidly at first, but with increasing assurance, as no violence was offered. Then company C, of Canton, a detachment of the gallant Eighth Ohio regiment, marched down the street from the train and halting before the ruins of the building was at once set to patrolling the fire lines.

Fast Time at Nutwood Park.

Dubuque, Aug. 24.—Everything was favorable for good sport at Nutwood park yesterday. In the first heat of the 2:00 pace, Colbert and Alpha W. were even favorites, while in the last Nichol was a prohibitive favorite, but he could do no better than get third place. In the free-for-all trot, Josephine Dixon and May Allcott were strong favorites, but the mare was distanced in the first heat and Dixon won only after a hard struggle. Josephine Dixon lowered her record half a second, and Early Reaper cut his from 2:12½ to 2:09½. In the 2:12 pace, Country Girl brought her mark down to 2:09½ from 2:12½, and Freilmont reduced his from 2:13½ to 2:10½. Colbert cut three-quarters from his record in the 2:09 pace.

Syndicate to Operate Kansas Salt Fields.

Kansas City, Aug. 24.—Plans are now under way to establish a great salt company to operate the salt fields in Kansas in competition with the salt trust. F. C. Higbie of Chicago is now in Kansas City as the representative of the proposed syndicate. The syndicate, if established, will endeavor to supply salt to the big packing companies of Kansas City, Chicago and Omaha and other cities where there are packing plants. Packers annually use about \$1,000,000 worth of salt.

Iowa State Fair Opens.

Des Moines, Aug. 24.—The Iowa state fair opened today. The last five days have been busy ones on the grounds, where the majority of the superintendents have had their headquarters and been engaged in receiving entries and directing the placing of arriving exhibits. On Monday the regular program will begin in earnest. The race track is in excellent condition and the first heats will be called Monday afternoon.

Peck Confesses at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Aug. 24.—A confession was obtained from Louis Peck, the alleged Akron rapist, by Deputy Sheriff Barry at the county jail here yesterday. Peck said he had attempted to assault the girl, but was very sorry for it. He attributed his act to liquor. He said he had been on a spree for a month. Peck is fearful lest he may suffer from mob violence and becomes greatly agitated from any noise in the jail.

Farmers' Congress Adjourns.

Colorado Springs, Aug. 24.—Last night's session of the National Farmers' congress was devoted to closing the details, and at 11:30 p. m. the congress adjourned sine die. The place of meeting for next year was left to the executive committee and will be settled some time next spring.

Men marry because they are weary of liberty, women because they desire it.—Chicago News.

MURDERED BY INSANE MAN.

Robert Bigham of Dunbar, Neb., is Brutally Killed by Jail Mate.

Wayne, Neb., Aug. 24.—A man supposed to be Robert Bigham of Dunbar, Neb., was brutally murdered here by another man who gave his name as Adolph Woulund of Buckland, Mo. Both men had been placed in the city bastille last evening, Bigham for being intoxicated and Woulund because he had been put off the train here and seemed to be mentally unbalanced, not knowing where he was going.

The murderer gave as his reason for committing the horrible crime, crushing the man's face with his heels, that the murdered man was an enemy of his soul and God had ordered him to do the bloody work he did. The insanity of the murderer is not questioned. Bigham was on his way to Big Springs, Neb., and has a son-in-law living near Wausa.

FORM BIG STARCH COMPANY.

Propose to Compete With Glucose Company in Sugar and Corn Syrups.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Announcement is made of the organization of the National Starch company, with a capitalization of \$13,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 will be issued. The officers will be: President, W. F. Piel, Jr., Chicago; T. P. Kingsford and W. H. Cole, vice presidents; J. D. Higgins, secretary, and Joy Morton of Chicago, chairman. The names of the directors have not yet been announced. The company will, in a sense, be a competitor of the glucose company, but only in the products manufactured by the glucose company, such as glucose sugar and corn syrups.

Dakota Stock Breeders Organize.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug.—The Interstate Stock Breeders' association was organized here yesterday by cattle and sheep men from North and South Dakota. Robert Moody of Aberdeen was elected president, C. N. Harris of Aberdeen, vice president; J. C. Hall of Ordway, secretary; F. B. Gannon of Ellendale, treasurer. The first annual show and sale will be held in this city the first week in October.

Slump in Omaha Census Figures.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Omaha, Neb., is the first city thus far counted in the 12th census to show a decrease in population during the last decade. The count of the population of Omaha just completed shows 102,555. The population in 1890 was 140,452. This indicates a decrease in ten years of 37,897, or 26.98 per cent.

Killed in a Drunken Brawl.

Omaha, Aug. 24.—E. G. Fee, an electrician in the employ of the Council Bluffs railway, was brutally beaten to death in an alley on Cuming street by Harry Floth and Leo Coyne, who are now in jail and admit their guilt. The killing was the result of a drunken brawl.

Ingalls Leaves All to Wife.

Atchison, Kan., Aug. 24.—The will of the late Senator John J. Ingalls, filed in probate court yesterday, leaves everything to his wife.

Yesterday's Baseball Results.

Omaha, 23; Denver, 4.
Des Moines, 13; St. Joseph, 6. Second game—Des Moines, 6; St. Joseph, 4.
Pittsburg, 2; Cincinnati, 3.
Boston, 6; Brooklyn, 3.
New York, 5; Philadelphia, 1.
Milwaukee, 2; Minneapolis, 4.
Chicago, 1; Kansas City, 2.
Indianapolis, 3; Detroit, 2.
Cleveland, 4; Buffalo, 6.

Games Today.

Western League—Denver at Omaha; St. Joseph at Des Moines; Pueblo at Sioux City.
National League—Philadelphia at New York; Cincinnati at Pittsburg.
American League—Cleveland at Buffalo; Detroit at Indianapolis.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

At the national archery tournament in Avondale, O., Thursday, Mr. A. R. Clark of Wyoming, O., won the championship.

Captain John Wall Wilson, who was one of the two survivors of the second Grinnell Arctic expedition, is dead at St. John's hospital, Brooklyn.

Gerritt Fort, secretary of the Central Passenger association, has resigned to accept the position of assistant general passenger agent of the Union Pacific at Omaha.

During a heavy storm Thursday the ordinance building at Fort Snelling was struck by lightning and almost destroyed, but the stone powder magazine, 15 feet away, was uninjured.

The steamer Tacoma arrived at Port Townsend Thursday with \$800,000 in gold dust and 650 passengers from Nome. Most of the gold came down the Yukon from Dawson to St. Michaels.

Great Britain has paid 80,000 marks as damages to the owners of the German bark Hans Wagner, which the British unjustifiably detained in South African waters during the early days of the Transvaal war.

The New York police seem to be as much at sea as ever concerning the murder of Katherine Scharn. A score or more of detectives are busy on the case, but do not report having made much progress in the unravelling of the mystery.