

WE WILL MEDIATE. China's Appeal Listened To by the President. THE CONDITIONS PRECEDENT. First is Immediate Relief of Ministers at Peking.

CHINESE EDICT ENJOINING ORDER. It is Recognized as Initial Step Towards Doing What This Country Requires—Further Assurance of Safety of Legation.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The President has listened to the appeal of the Chinese Government, as transmitted through Minister Wu, and has signified his willingness to mediate between the Imperial Government and the Powers, but upon conditions which first must be met by the Chinese Government.

It could not, of course, be possible to take even initial steps toward mediation were either party to the negotiations to entertain openly distrust of the accuracy of the statements of the other. There must be confidence between them.

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partment has made public the following text of an edict delivered to-day by Minister Wu to Secretary Hay. This is the edict referred to by United States officials here, and by Mr. Coo, in his message received yesterday.

PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS. "We hereby command all the Tartar generals, governors-general and governors of provinces to look after the foreign merchants and missionaries living in the open ports, prefectures, departments and cities under their respective jurisdiction, and to afford them the same protection in accordance with treaty stipulations, without fail.

ATTACK ON TIEN TSIN. "Since the commencement of the attack on Tien Tsin, there are foreign subjects who have been injured, suffered death or loss of property, through no fault of their own.

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PROBABLY NOT FROM TUAN. The State Department to-day made public the following: The State Department has received a dispatch from Mr. Goodnow, the Consul-General at Shanghai, dated to-day, saying that Prince Tuan wires that an officer of the Tsung Li Yamen saw all the ministers on the 18th; that none was identified as being under fire at that time.

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LYNCHING IN ALABAMA. Negro Hanged and His Body Riddled With Bullets.

THE SHERIFF SMOKED OUT. Burning Tar, Feathers, and Oil Brought to Bear on Him.

PRISONER DEPENDS TO THE LAST. Protected by His Keeper Until Latter Falls Half-Conscious from the Fumes of the Combustion Above Mentioned—Militia Too Late.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., July 23.—Elijah Clark, the negro who yesterday assaulted Miss Susan Priest, a 13-year-old girl, was taken from the jail in this city this evening, and lynched at the spot where his crime was committed. His body was riddled with bullets.

Sheriff Fulgham defended his prisoner to the last, but a dense smoke from a combination of tar, feathers and oil, fired by the crazed mob, was too much for him, and he was dragged from the jail and placed under a physician's care.

A crowd of 150 men, principally employees of the big cotton-mills at Dallas, a suburb of the city, searched the woods all night for Clark, who was identified at the time he assaulted Miss Priest by the capital telegraph messenger.

IMMEDIATE TRIAL PROVIDED. The Sheriff then telephoned Judge S. M. Stewart and asked for an immediate trial, and that the Judge replied soon afterward that he had arranged for a special session of court at 3 o'clock, before Judge H. C. Speak.

THE TAR AND FEATHERS. The mob then stopped to devise ways and means of securing the prisoner without doing harm to the Sheriff, who is a great favorite here. A dozen times the Sheriff, as he appeared at the window, they encountered the mob, but the lynchers could have been shot, but the lynchers chose strategy as the most effective way out of the difficulty.

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captur militia arrived at Huntsville. They were telephoned that they were too late. Work at the mills in Dallas was suspended for the day.

UNEASY ABOUT MR. HOGLE. Not Heard From for a Week and Grave Fears Are Entertained. Mr. Hollis E. Hogle, general agent here for the National Cash Register, has not been heard from for days, and his family and friends are anxious about him.

CAUGHT IN SQUALL. Councilman Adams' and Party's Thrilling Experience. Councilman Adams was one of a party which came thrillingly close to meeting death by drowning in Hampton Roads Sunday.

TO DISPATCH READERS. A Most Liberal Literary Offer is Now Made. The Dispatch is pleased to announce to its readers that it is enabled to offer them the celebrated New Standard Dictionary, a work in one volume, which contains 2,338 quarto pages, nearly 5,000 illustrations, and 300,855 vocabulary terms at a most liberal figure.

BOB EVANS ON CHINESE WAR. "We Must Be Supreme in East Because We Hold Philippines." ST. LOUIS, MO., July 23.—Captain Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., for two months, passed through this city to-day, en route for Washington.

Guns Challenge Erne. NEW YORK, July 23.—Joe Gans, the Baltimore light-weight, to-day deposited with James J. Corbett \$1,000, to bind a match with Frank Erne, of Buffalo, for the light-weight championship. Gans not being satisfied with the last meeting, which he lost in the twelfth round.

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"Delightful Vacation Trip" by Sea. Boston, Mass., Providence, R. I., via Merchants and Miners Trans. Co. Tickets for particulars and illustrations, call on Pass. Dept., M. & T. Co., Baltimore, Md.

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USED IN SOME HIGH SCHOOLS. The State Board Cannot Regulate This, However. MEETING OF HISTORY COMMITTEE. Members of the Grand Camp Committee Discuss Its Work Informally—Dr. McGuire's Resignation Declined.

DR. MCGUIRE'S RESIGNATION. The resignation of Dr. Hunter McGuire as chairman of the committee was received by the committee yesterday afternoon. General Stith Bolling, commander of the Virginia camp, and Captain J. H. Christian, of this city, acting chairman of the committee.

NOT A QUORUM PRESENT. The members of the committee present were General Stith Bolling, of Petersburg; Rev. B. D. Tucker, D. D., of Norfolk; Captain M. T. Hazlewood, of Richmond; Captain T. S. Ellett, of Richmond; Mr. E. Brock, of Richmond; Judge George L. Christian, of Richmond, and Mr. E. Leslie Spence, and Colonel James Mann, of Nottoway, the last two representing the Sons of Veterans.

DR. MCGUIRE'S RESIGNATION. The secretary read a letter from Dr. Stuart McGuire, expressing the resignation of his father, Dr. Hunter McGuire, from the position of chairman of the committee. After considerable discussion it was decided that a letter should be sent to Dr. McGuire, expressing the desire of the members of the committee that Dr. McGuire's name be kept at the head of the committee. Dr. Tucker was directed to write such a letter.

Seaboard Air-Line Railway—Change of Schedule. Commencing Sunday, June 3d, the Seaboard Air-Line railway will inaugurate double daily passenger service over its own rails from Richmond to all points South.

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tanoga, inquiring if, in the event of war with China, the camp of Spanish-American war veterans here will furnish troops. Colonel Taylor has replied, and expressed the opinion that there would be volunteers from this camp in such event. He explained that some of the members of the Norfolk camp are already members of the local military companies. He concluded with this sentence: "My services are always at the command of my country."

INTERESTING COTTON SHIPMENT. One Thousand Bales from Savannah to New Orleans. SAVANNAH, GA., July 23.—The shipment of 1,000 bales of cotton from Savannah to New Orleans to-day created considerable interest in cotton circles.

For the Longwood Cup. BROOKLINE, MASS., July 23.—In the tennis tournament for the Longwood Cup to-day, J. P. Paret beat P. P. Charles 6-1, 6-4, 6-1, and H. I. Foster beat P. P. Charles 7-5, 7-5, 6-4.

SPECIAL SEASHORE EXCURSIONS. To Atlantic City or Cape May, N. J., via York-River Line, Baltimore, and Philadelphia—\$7 for the Round Trip from Richmond.

Grand Tournament and Ball, Amelia Courthouse, Va., August 1, 1900. For the above occasion the Southern railway will sell tickets from Richmond, Keyville, and all intermediate stations to Amelia and return at one rate for the round trip.

Special Excursion to Chautauque. July 6th and 27th, via R. F. & P. It, R.—Round Trip, \$14. In connection with special trains leaving Washington 7:45 A. M., Fridays, July 6th and 27th, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad will sell special iron-clad excursion tickets from Richmond to Washington, N. Y., at round-trip rate, \$14. Tickets sold for all trains leaving Richmond Thursdays, July 5th and 26th, good to return on all regular trains, except Penna. Limited, leaving Chautauque not later than August 4th and 25th, respectively. Apply at Byrd-Street Station, or Richmond Transfer Company's, 533 Main street, and Jefferson Hotel.

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FORCING THE ISSUE. State Democratic—Chairman Simmons, of North Carolina, AND FEDERAL OFFICE-HOLDERS. A Letter to the Civil-Service Commission.

GETTING TOGETHER AFFIDAVITS. To Prove the Meddlesome Conduct and Pernicious Activity of the Government Appointees—The Case Against Them to Be Pressed.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 23.—(Special.) Democratic State Chairman Simmons to-day forwarded to the Civil-Service Commission a copy of his recent letter to President McKinley, and wrote the commission the following letter: "I herewith enclose letter addressed by myself as chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee of this State to the President. The letter is a true statement of the meddlesome conduct and pernicious activity of the Federal office-holders in the State campaign which is now in progress in North Carolina. I am now getting together affidavits, which I propose to submit to your commission, showing open and flagrant violation of the officers of the civil-service laws and regulations, which it is your duty to enforce. As soon as I have secured these affidavits I will submit them to your board for investigation and adjudication."

Chairman Simmons is also in communication with ex-Senator Gorman, Senator Jones, chairman of the National Executive Committee of the Democratic party; Senator Morgan, of Alabama; ex-Senator David B. Hill, of New York; Senators McLaughlin and Tillman, of South Carolina; Money, of Mississippi, and McEnery, of Louisiana. He expects to enlist them in behalf of the people of North Carolina, and to urge them to force Federal office-holders to take charge of the State. He has asked them to assist in securing a full investigation and adjudication by the commission.

He has also written to ex-Senators Patterson and Jones, of North Carolina, upon the same subject, asking not only their co-operation, but that they appear before the commission. He says the affidavits are already coming in, showing the meddlesome conduct of Federal office-holders in the matter of the election, as well as pernicious activity.

It is further given out that not only Chairman Simmons, but the white people of North Carolina generally, are determined to press this matter to a head, and have a decision as early as possible. The ground is, that this matter is not only of State importance, but of national concern; that if the Republican party should conduct as it is now taking place in North Carolina on part of Federal office-holders in this State.

Tremendous Crowds Greet Him—The People Aroused. RALEIGH, N. C., July 23.—(Special.)—A special train from Asheville to the News and Observer says: Aycock arrived at 5 A. M., and a large crowd of people met him at the surrounding country. At 11 o'clock the crowd numbered about 4,000 people. The Windsor Naval Reserves presented a magnificent band, which played a number of delightful music. Mounted marshals and ladies dressed in white added to make the occasion about the largest of the kind ever held here. The train was met by a large number of enthusiastic crowds of true Democrats accompanied by their wives and children. The stand was erected in a beautiful oak grove, a large beech tree going up through the centre of the stand affording ample shade for all on it. Seats were arranged in front of the crowd.

After Mr. Winston, Hon. B. B. Winborne introduced Mr. Aycock as the second Zer Vance and the next Governor of North Carolina. Aycock arose amid loud and enthusiastic applause. This was the first time these people had heard their great, able and competent leader of Democracy and white supremacy. The crowd expected a great speech, and they got it. One man who had been holding out against the amendment said: "I will have to vote for him." Aycock is in good trim and shows no signs of breakdown and exhaustion. The dinner was good and enough for all. Evertine went off in very orderly manner into a room, where a Porter got in a fracas with the captain of the Naval Reserves, and struck him over the eyes with his umbrella. The boys got after him pretty lively, and he got away. Aycock and party left for Asheville after a 4 o'clock. The meeting there to-morrow bids fair to be bigger. Hertford will go all right by 5:00 or 6:00 a.m. The people are aroused and determined.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND. YESTERDAY was clear and warm, with a thunder and rain-storm in the afternoon and at night, followed by a temperature. The range of the thermometer was as follows: 6 A. M. 75, 12 M. 80, 3 P. M. 82, 6 P. M. 80, 12 Night 70. Mean temperature, 77.5.

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