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NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Wednesday, Aug. 1. The government is finding great difficulty in securing good cavalry horses for service in the Orient.

At a meeting of anarchists in Paterson, N. J., Monday night the killing of King Humbert was endorsed.

The first cargo of American coal imported into Russia has arrived at Revel for the use of the Warsaw railroad.

The census office has made public the population of the city of Cincinnati. It is 325,902, an increase over the last census of 28,994.

H. H. Batte, aged 65, an insurance solicitor, who was shot by the negro desperado Charles, at New Orleans on Friday, is dead, making seven white men killed by Charles.

Princess Cantacuzene, granddaughter of the late General Grant and daughter of Brigadier General Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A., gave birth to a son weighing 11 pounds July 27 at St. Petersburg.

Thursday, Aug. 2. President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou, has left Canton for Washington.

An attempt was made to hold up the Pioneer Limited on the Milwaukee road near Sparta, Wis.

The Nicaraguan government has seized the property of the Maritime Canal company for failure to complete the canal in the specified time.

Mr. Bryan announces that he will not discuss the income tax in his notification speech, but will deal with the subject in his letter of acceptance.

The amount of gross gold in the treasury Aug. 1 reached \$431,170,764, which is the highest amount in the treasury in the history of the government.

Alexander Jester, the octogenarian who has been on trial at New London, Mo., for the past four weeks for a murder committed 29 years ago, has been acquitted.

Friday, Aug. 3. The new wheat arriving in Minneapolis is said to be excellent in quality, being heavy, bright and clean.

Colonel John Mason Loomis, one of the best known lumber merchants in the West, is dead at Chicago, aged 75.

The census office has announced the population of Louisville, Ky., as 204,781, an increase of 43,602 over the census of 1890.

Three persons are dead in the home of J. A. Norris, near Harvey, Ill., as a result of eating toothstools which they mistook for mushrooms.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and the Duke of Connaught have gone to Coburg to attend the funeral of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

A telegram has been received at the treasury department from Lieutenant Jarvis at Cape Nome, Alaska, which indicates that the situation there is improving.

Saturday, Aug. 4. Four hundred British defeated a large force of Ashantis but lost severely in the engagement.

The Solace, with the sick and wounded from China, has reached Nagasaki on her homeward trip.

The steamer Mariposa, which left Sydney, N. S. W., Thursday for San Francisco, carries \$350,000 gold.

The postoffice department has established rural free delivery service to begin Aug. 15 at Winnebago City, Minn.

The Louisiana board of health has established quarantine against Tampa, Fla., on account of the yellow fever at that point.

Red Coat won the first race in the international contest for the Seawanhaka cup. The Minnesota, owned at St. Paul, was second.

The municipality of Monza has purchased the ground on which King Humbert was assassinated in order to erect a monument or a charitable institution.

Monday, Aug. 5. Rt. Rev. Augustin Healy, Catholic bishop of Maine, died suddenly Sunday afternoon.

The yellow fever situation at Tampa, Fla., is unchanged. Many persons are leaving the city.

Two men were killed and two others mortally wounded in an election row in Hancock county, Tenn.

A special from Sunap, N. H., says that Secretary of State Hay is ill, suffering from nervous exhaustion, due to his arduous labors at Washington.

Rev. J. L. Milligan, secretary of the National Prison association, has announced that the annual meeting will be held in Cleveland from Sept. 22 to 26 inclusive.

La Bretagne, the French liner, scheduled to sail from Havre for New York Saturday is still delayed owing to a serious strike among her stokers and bunkermen.

Tuesday, Aug. 7. Andrew D. White, United States ambassador to Germany, has arrived at New York.

Owing to irreconcilable differences the resignation of the entire Peruvian cabinet is expected at any moment.

Captain Frederick Jerome, an old-time sailor who had the credit of saving over 1,000 lives during his career, is dead in San Francisco.

William Clark of Newark, N. J., president of the William Clark Thread company, died suddenly at his home at Watch Hill, of heart failure.

It is learned on excellent authority that Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles has recently applied for service in China. His application has not been granted.

All the union stevedores in Baltimore, numbering about 2,500, have gone on strike because the steamship agents refused to agree to employ no more non-union men.

JOBSON AT A VIOLIN.

HE THOUGHT HE WAS AN EXPERT IN PRODUCING TUNES.

Possibly He Thinks So Still, but There Are, Without Any Doubt, Numerous Other People Who Are Quite Convinced to the Contrary.

When Mr. Jobson got home from his office one afternoon about a month ago, he carried under his arm a long, coffin-like leather case, which he deposited with great care on top of the piano.

"Why, it's a fiddle!" exclaimed Mrs. Jobson. "Wrong, as usual," said Mr. Jobson amiably. "It's another guess coming."

"No, Mrs. Jobson, that isn't what you said. You said it was a fiddle."

"What are you going to do with it?" inquired Mrs. Jobson.

"Well," replied Mr. Jobson, with great deliberation, "I'm not going to kill it for its hide and tallow, and I'm not going to use it for kindling to light the kitchen fire with. I beg to inquire, Mrs. Jobson, what people who buy violins generally do with 'em?"

"Try to play on them, I suppose," replied Mrs. Jobson meekly.

"Try to play on 'em, eh?" said Mr. Jobson, with the accent on the "try."

"I'm quite aware of that, Mrs. Jobson," said Mr. Jobson, frowning his purchase as affectionately as if it had been an heirloom and taking it to the window the better to examine its "points."

"I may remark incidentally that there are a whole heap of things that you don't know, Mrs. Jobson. I'm not in the habit of climbing out on the eaves and parading my accomplishments, like some people I've heard tell of, Mrs. Jobson. I may inform you, however, that when you were wearing dresses down to your shoe tops and before you'd begun to tuck your back hair up under your hat I was able to saw on a violin to make folks that heard me weep or laugh at will."

"Did you ever?" exclaimed Mrs. Jobson. "Then why have you never played since we were mar?"

"Because it's kept me too busy trying to keep a home over your head, Mrs. Jobson, that's why," said Mr. Jobson.

"I'm going to take it up again now, however, and in about a month from date there'll be some music around these parts that'll hurt the suburban resorts by keeping all our neighbors for blocks around their front stoops at night. You'll accompany me on the piano. I'm going to practice up by myself for a few weeks and then the Jobson parlor concerts will begin. I don't claim to be any Ysaye or Joachim or Marteau or Sarasate or anything like that, Mrs. Jobson, but if there was any old thing I used to be able to do better than another before my plunge into matrimony made it imperatively necessary for me to toil and moil and slave day and night in order to get and keep a home together, why, it was playing the violin, that's all."

The next evening Mr. Jobson brought home a violin and piano collection in two sections. The collection was made up almost entirely of such choice classics as "Champaigne Charley," "Not For Joe," "Up in a Balloon," "Maggie May," "Silver Waves," "Down in a Coal Mine," "Eltin Waltz," "Ten Thousand Miles Away" and other concertos of the sort that were popular in the days of Mr. Jobson's youth.

"Just you practice up the piano accompaniments," said Mr. Jobson to Mrs. Jobson, handing her the piano part of the classic collection, "and I'll go into training in the spare room up in the attic for a few weeks, and when I get into form

she—you used to call me an angel. He—Yes, I remember I called you "my angel without wings."

She—But you never do any more. He—No, I've begun to believe that you have wings, after all. It's so easy for you to fly into a passion.—Catholic Standard and Times.

The bacilli are found in the sputa, and it is settled by repeated researches that tuberculosis is spread nearly exclusively by dried sputum.

Natural Gas in Illinois. PANA, Ill., July 23.—Natural gas has been discovered in Shelby township and farmers in that section are piping and using the gas at their homes.

A prominent well operator has leased 5,000 acres of land in the vicinity. He will pipe gas to St. Louis and intermediate points.

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CHINESE RETREAT

ALLIED ADVANCE FORCE MEETS CELESTIALS AT PEI TSANG.

Unofficial Report Tells of a Severe Engagement in Which Sixteen Thousand Foreign Troops Defeated the Enemy. Loss of the Allies Said to Be Twelve Hundred Killed and Wounded.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The following cablegram has been received at the navy department from Commander Taussig of the Yorktown:

"Che Foo, Aug. 6.—Report from British source says engagement occurred at Pei Tsang Sunday morning. Allied troops lost killed and wounded 1,200, chiefly Russians and Japanese. Chinese retreating."

The following cablegram was received from Admiral Remy:

"Che Foo, Aug. 6.—Unofficial report believed reliable about 16,000 allies heavily engaged Chinese at Pei Tsang daylight of the 5th."

Pei Tsang is the first railroad station, about six miles northwest of Tien Tsin, en route to Pekin.

It is said at the war department that there is no reason to doubt that an engagement has taken place. While no official information has been received, it is said that such engagement was not unexpected.

COMMENCED SATURDAY. London Hears Officially That the Advance on Pekin Has Started.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—"The advance of the allied forces commenced today," cables the British consul at Tien Tsin under date of Aug. 4. This is the first official information received here that the attempt to relieve Pekin has begun.

It is accepted as correct. The British consul does not mention any fighting, but the Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday, says: "The Pekin relief column is reported to have suffered a check. The Chinese are said to have adopted Tugela tactics and after several hours of fighting to have retreated."

This is the only message received in London bearing out the reports of Admiral Remy and Commander Taussig regarding an engagement at Pei Tsang. The fact that the advance did not begin until Saturday is taken to strengthen the accounts of a battle Sunday.

In the same cablegram, which was read in the house of commons, the consul at Tien Tsin says:

"News from the Japanese legation has been received up to Aug. 1."

Therefore edicts announcing safety of ministers on that date are confirmed.

TOOK THE TOWN. Bussians Cross the Amur River and Defeat Chinese Troops at Sakhalin.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 6.—General Grodekoff has sent the following dispatch to the war office: "Khabarovsk, Aug. 3.—Two columns from Blagovetchensk crossed over the Amur river at 3 a. m. under Colonels Scherwin and Scherkinoff, attacked the Chinese troops and took the town of Sakhalin, one gun and a quantity of Manner cartridges. The steamer Silenga suffered severely from rifle fire. The Transsib detachment under Colonel Pfothenauer bombarded Aigun with 12 mortars and the Chinese replied. One officer and five men were killed and fifteen men were wounded. Four armored steamers are patrolling the Amur."

A telegram received from Offenber, dated Kawgumsig, Casimir, in the trans-Baikal province, Wednesday, Aug. 1, says:

"In the retreat to the frontier, the agents, workmen and guards were surprised and bombarded by Chinese in the Shingam passes. Three guards and one workman were killed and twenty workmen fled to the mountains, none of whom has returned."

CONFIRMED BY MR. WU. No Cipher Dispatches Can Be Exchanged With Ministers at Pekin.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Minister Wu called at the state department at an early hour and presented to Acting Secretary Adee a copy of a cablegram he had received from his government relative to the transmission of messages between the foreign ministers in Pekin and their respective governments. It is understood that this was simply a copy of the notification already served upon the French consul at Shanghai, that the tsung li yamen had ordered that no cipher messages should be exchanged.

Mr. Wu has gone to Cape May to spend a day or two with his family.

WITHOUT RESTRICTION. Decree Allows Foreign Ministers to Communicate With Their Governments.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—Sheng, director general of railways and telegraphs, has just communicated to the consuls at Shanghai, according to a special dispatch to the Temps, dated Aug. 5, an imperial decree, dated Aug. 2, authorizing the foreign ministers in Pekin to communicate without restriction with their governments, and ordering their departure for Tien Tsin under a good escort.

Urged to Massacre Christians. PARIS, Aug. 6.—The French foreign office has received the following dispatch from Chee Foo, dated Aug. 2: "The governor of Moukden, in a proclamation, has urged the people of Manchuria to massacre Christians. Nearly all the missions have been destroyed. The missionaries have organized for defense and are assisted by other Christians."

FOOD GROWING SCARCE.

Message From Minister Conger Said to Have Reached Che Foo.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—A message from Minister Conger, in Pekin, dated July 25, has arrived at Che Foo, says a dispatch to The Herald. United States Minister Conger says that they have provisions and can hold out for six days. Food in Pekin is growing scarce. It is reported that the cessation of attacks on the foreigners was by order of an imperial decree. All the Pekin and Sung Chow Americans, also the Walkers, Chapins, Smiths, Wyckoffs, Hobart Terry and Mackay are safe in Pekin. All the mission property has been destroyed. Under date of Pekin, July 20, Dr. Robert Colman, Jr., writes:

"Under a flag of truce a message was brought yesterday from Cheng Yung Lu, asking if Sir Claude Macdonald was willing to conclude a truce. He replied that he was willing, provided the Chinese came no closer. Shell firing has ceased. Having defeated the Chinese we are fearing treachery. All are exhausted with constant watching, fighting, building barricades and digging trenches night and day."

CHRISTIANS SLAUGHTERED. Ten Thousand Native Converts Killed by Chinese.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—According to The Daily Express, cablegrams from Che Foo announce that the imperial troops, advancing to oppose the relief force, have completely wiped out a Christian town near Pekin, killing five foreign priests and 10,000 native Christians.

From Shanghai The Daily Express has received confirmation of the reported murder of 50 missionaries in the province of Shansi, with the additional information that 8 English women were dragged out of the mission by a Chinese mob, who beheaded them in the streets of Chu Chou.

NAMED A STATE TICKET. Iowa Republican Convention Completes Its Labors.

DES MOINES, Aug. 2.—The Republican convention nominated the following state ticket: Secretary of state, W. B. Martin of Greenfield; auditor, F. F. Merriam of Manchester; treasurer, G. S. Gilbertson of Forest City; attorney general, C. W. Mullaney of Waterloo; judge of the supreme court, Emlyn McClain of Iowa City; railway commissioner, D. J. Palmer of Washington; presidential electors at large, John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs and Ole O. Roe of Des Moines.

The new auditorium was packed almost to suffocation with delegates and visitors. W. L. Roach of Muscatine was the temporary chairman and delivered the speech of the convention. Senator J. H. Trewin of Alliance county was the permanent chairman. The committee on credentials reported every delegation present and no contests.

The platform commends the Iowa delegation in congress; indorses the administration of Governor Shaw; approves the Philadelphia platform and the candidates who stand upon it; expresses sorrow for the death of Senator Gear, and expresses hope for the safety and deliverance of Minister Conger at Pekin.

THE ATTEMPT FAILED. French Anarchist Tries to Kill the Shah of Persia.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—An attempt on the life of the shah of Persia, Muzaffar ed Din, was made during the morning, but, luckily, it resulted in no harm to his majesty.

A man broke through a line of policemen as the shah was leaving his apartments and tried to mount the royal carriage step. He held a revolver in his hand, but as soon as his intention was divined, the police disarmed him before he was able to fire.

At the police station the man expressed regret that he had been unable to carry out his intentions. He said: "This is an affair between me and my conscience."

The prisoner was later identified as Francois Salsou, a notorious French anarchist.

PLAGUE IN LONDON. Four Cases Reported, but Spread Not Anticipated.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The marine hospital service has received the following telegram from Past Assistant Surgeon Thomas, announcing the outbreak of the bubonic plague in London.

"London, Aug. 6.—There have been four cases of plague and two deaths from plague in London. Diagnosis confirmed by bacteriological examination. Do not think there will be further spread."

FIREBUGS GET AWAY. Fourteen Barns of Leading Citizens Burned at Fort Dodge, Ia.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Aug. 6.—Incendiary barn fires continued to break out during the night. Three occurred early in the morning, but the fire department prevented heavy losses. Fourteen barns owned by leading citizens have been burned, and all efforts to capture the firebugs have failed. If they are caught there may be a lynching.

POPULATION OF 285,315. Milwaukee Increased Thirty-nine Per Cent in Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The population of Milwaukee, according to the count just completed at the census office, is 285,315. In 1890 the population was 204,468. The increase is 39.54 per cent.

Fortifying the Yangtze River. SHANGHAI, Friday, Aug. 3.—According to trustworthy reports received here today, the Chinese are fortifying the Yangtze river. At a fort near Nankin, two 6-inch quick-fire guns were disabled at the first trial. Chinese officials affirm that the guns were mounted as a precaution against Boxer advancing southward.