

## TRACED TO THE CHINESE CENSOR

### Report That the German Minister Had Been Killed by the Rioters at Peking.

### German Gunboat Jaguar Leaves Shanghai Hurriedly—U. S. S. Concord and British Cruiser Leave Manila for China.

LONDON, June 17 (4 a. m.).—There is not a cabinet in Europe apparently that knows what has been transpiring in Peking for five days, or in Tien Tsin for three days. Nor is there any that knows with what difficulties the small and inadequately equipped international column is contending between those cities. The German foreign office, upon learning the report of the murder of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister at Peking, sent a telegraphic inquiry to St. Petersburg, the Russian government, because of its wires to Manchuria, being supposedly in a better position than the other governments to obtain direct news. In reply the German foreign office was informed that nothing whatever was known on the subject, as communication with Peking was interrupted. The report spread widely from Shanghai that the delegations had been attacked, and that one minister, probably the German, had been murdered, for a few days, as the empress dowager's agent, has been censor of telegrams from Shanghai.

### HAS SHENG SKIPPED?

The Daily Mail correspondent at Shanghai says: "Sheng, as the government agent, contended that the wires between Tien Tsin and Peking had been down since June 15, and that they were cut on June 15, nevertheless, it is notorious that constant communications have been passing from Shanghai to Peking over the northern and western routes, although Sheng has refused both ministers and consuls the privilege of using the lines. It is known that last Friday Sheng received a message from either Peking or Tien Tsin. This dispatch said that Gen. Fung Tuh Shiang's troops aided the Boxers in an organized attack upon the legations, and that in the course of the attack some of the legation buildings were reduced to ashes and one foreign minister was sliced to pieces."

Why in the cables it should have been added that the minister was Baron von Ketteler is not explained. According to another telegram from Shanghai, dated June 15, 7:25 p. m., Sheng was about to arrest him because of the stoppage of telegrams.

A third cable asserts that the reports of the murder of the German minister, emanating from either Peking or Tien Tsin, were about to be arrested because of the stoppage of telegrams.

### LATEST FROM PEKING.

The German minister has not been captured, is the latest news from the morning Post from Peking in a dispatch dated June 13, 5 p. m., via Tien Tsin, June 15. This is the latest press message known to have left Peking. It continues as follows: "A crowd of Boxers occupies Legation street, cutting off communication between the buildings. A few Boxers are parading in the city. Their superstition in regard to foreign arms is pitiable. The Boxers hold the officials of Tung Chau for redemption. Anarchy reigns at that place. The Americans in the interior of the two neighboring provinces have been advised to leave, but several have no means of doing so. Unless a relief force is sent there is danger of a massacre of Christians. A large native army is ready to oppose the relief columns on the way here. The Chinese government cannot decide whether to adopt the policy of rigidly suppressing the Boxers, or that of defying the will of the decision rests with the dowager empress."

### CROWDS AT THE CAPITAL.

During the isolation of Peking and Tien Tsin, Shanghai is supplying a bewildering lynch of reports and conjectures, most of them picturesque and threatening. Here is one: "Miscellaneous crowds have been in progress, not only for some weeks, and the hordes around Peking are being constantly swelled by these arrivals. A large number of foreigners, who are not unfriendly toward foreigners, declare that there must be more than 120,000 men outside the city gates, all of them armed, though some in a more or less civilized fashion. The probability is that there are more than 75,000 Chinese troops among them, all told."

### WOMEN ARE FLEEING.

"Women and children from Tien Tsin are pouring into Shanghai. The chief danger here is the fact that the native town, behind the European settlement,

is full of bad characters, whose attitude is becoming every day more insolent and menacing. The latest news is that 7,000 Russians, with twelve machine guns, and twelve field guns, are marching from Tien Tsin to Peking. Last week the foreign minister warned the Tsung Li Yamen that in the event of an attack upon the legation or of injury to any of the ministers, or members of the staffs of the legations, the powers in common would declare war upon China. To this intimation the Tsung Li Yamen, as usual, returned no direct reply. The answer of the empress dowager is no doubt the attack upon the legations by the Boxers and the troops under Gen. Tung Fui Shiang.

"It has transpired that a few days ago the viceroy of the Southern provinces received orders from Peking to co-operate with Gen. Tung in the defense of Peking against a threatened invasion by the foreign devils. They were instructed to send to Peking, without an instant's delay, the troops they had available within the respective jurisdiction, 'the time having now come to rid our empire forever of the evil element which have long threatened it.'"

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### TAKU FORTS TAKEN.

The same correspondent, in a dispatch yesterday, says: "A Chinese report states that Admiral Seymour is fighting with the Chinese regulars, and that the foreign forces have seized the Taku forts."

Another special dispatch says: "From the character of the Chinese movements and from reports to hand it is certain that the Chinese have foreign advisers."

"The foreign consuls at Shanghai, the members of the municipal council and the officers of the municipal council met yesterday (Sunday) and adopted a plan in the event of its being necessary to defend themselves against the local Chinese there."

### WHERE DID JAGUAR GO?

The German gunboat Jaguar left Shanghai suddenly on Saturday without communication with the shore. It is said there that she is chasing vessels belonging to the Chinese merchants that are carrying munitions of war. The dispatch from Hong Kong, dated Saturday, says:

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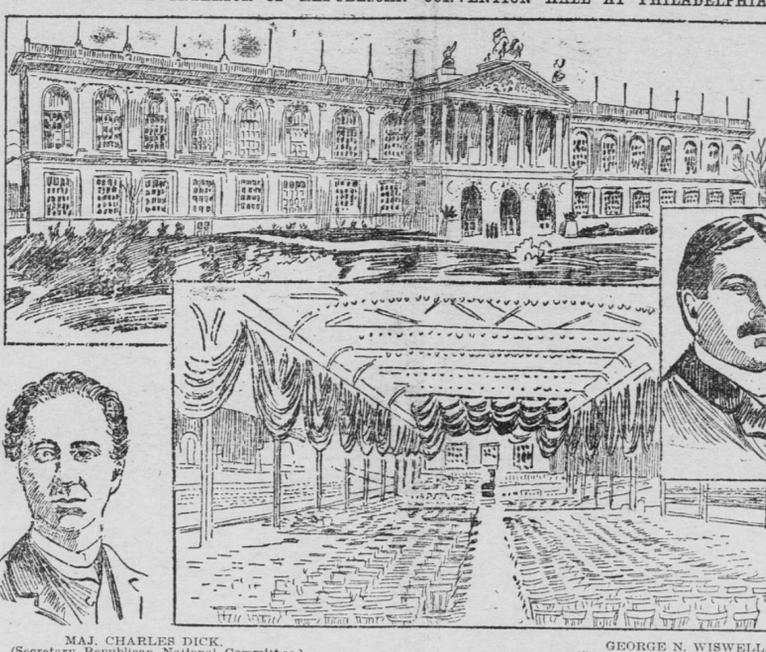
"The only news from the East today is a notice of an interruption of the Great Northern lines, between Elagowshank and Tschita, which cuts off all communication with China and Japan via that route."

"The referred to is a land wire running out of Peking to Tschita to the north and connecting with the Russian Siberian system. These land wires run through Korea and by a short cable across to Nagasaki, Japan."

The navy department during the day made an effort to reach Rear Admiral Kemppe on his flagship Newark at the Taku forts at the mouth of the Poh-Ho river.

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## EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF REPUBLICAN CONVENTION HALL AT PHILADELPHIA.



MAJ. CHARLES DICK, (Secretary Republican National Committee.)

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### END IS DRAWING NEAR

### LONDON SEES REASON TO BELIEVE THE WAR IS ABOUT OVER

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### VOLUNTEERS ARE SENT HOME

### TROOPS MAY BE EMBARKED AT DURBAN FOR CHINESE PORTS SOON

The troops withdrawn from India will probably go next. The orders for their withdrawal were sent by telegraph.

### KRUGER IS NOW AT ATKMAR

President is Believed to Have Selected the Dekaap Valley as His Ultimate Refuge.

LONDON, June 18, 4:20 a. m.—There are some indications that Lord Roberts considers the end of the war in South Africa not far distant. In confirmation of this fact the volunteers who have been hardy since they left camp. They were cheered as they left camp. It is said in competent military circles in London that several complete regiments are to be withdrawn from Gen. Buller's army and embarked at Durban for China.

### HE ACCUSES LANSDOWNE.

LONDON, June 18.—Charles Williams, military expert of the Morning News, charges the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, with having cut off Sir Redvers Buller's dispatches on the Spon Kop disaster, the criticisms of Gen. Buller upon himself, and with having left in Lord Roberts' dispatches remarks almost identical with Gen. Buller's. He also asserts that remarks of Sir Charles Warren were cut out, together with much other matter, matulating the dispatches showing personal animus.

### KRUGER LOCATES AT ATKMAR.

LONDON, June 18.—The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the Times says:

Kruger has removed his headquarters to Atkmar, near Nelpruit. Trustworthy men who have been at Atkmar within a few days say it is extremely problematical whether the Boers will carry out their professed intention to retire to the Lydenburg hills. These people are inclined to believe that the Boers will stick to the main line of retreat as long as possible, and that unless they surrender they will fall back to the Dekaap valley, the most mountainous position of the Transvaal. A strong objection to the Lydenburg district is the fact that the native tribes are very much unsettled.

### SITUATION IN ASHANTI.

LONDON, June 18.—The Daily Express has received the following dispatch, dated Friday from Prahsu:

No additional news is to hand from Kumassi. The incessant rains are delaying the advance of the relief column, and it is likely to see some lively service. Today 130 wounded men arrived from the front.

### BRITISH SOLDIERS STARVING.

A bulletin at Machadodorp, according to a dispatch, dated June 15, says: "Fifteen hundred British soldiers (prisoners) have arrived at Sliderton, Orange Free State, bound for Noodai Geacht. Forty Boers were killed and wounded during the last few days fighting near Pretoria."

Mr. Steyn, in consequence of Lord Roberts' annexation of the Free State by proclamation, has issued a counter proclamation, declaring that the Free State still exists, is independent, and does not acknowledge the authority of Great Britain.

The British prisoners at Noodai Geacht have been exercising violently every day

### BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Weather Forecast for St. Paul, Fair.

### 1—Republican National Convention.

Latest From South Africa. Battle Near Manila. Nations Watching China. U. S. Soldiers Ordered to Peking.

### 2—Pythian Memorial Anniversary.

President Hill Home. Elks' Carnival Opens Today. State Fair Prospects.

### 3—Minneapolis Matters.

4—Editorial.

### 5—Sporting News.

Jeffries Talks on Pugilism. Havana Has New Mayor. St. Louis Strike Situation.

### 6—Popular Wants.

7—Henry Clews' Review. European Money Markets. Markets of the World.

### 8—The Ship's Adventure.

Information for Women.

### IN ORDER TO KEEP THEMSELVES WARM.

They are reported, from Lourenzo Marques, to be without shelter or medical attendance, and are confined between two mountains where the sun does not shine before 8:30 a. m. Deigoa Bay merchants are rushing goods towards Machadodorp, the Boer expectation being that the use of the railway soon will be lost and the preparations for a final stand in the Lydenburg district must be promptly completed.

### MANILA, June 17.—The United States forces had two engagements of importance last week. The troops under Gen. Funston and Gen. Grant organized an advance against 500 rebels in a mountain stronghold, east of Biacnabara, where it was supposed that Capt. Roberts, of the Forty-fifth regiment, who was captured last month at San Miguel de Magayra, was held captive. The Americans operated under many difficulties and over an exceedingly rough country, but the rebels retreated, only a few resisting, and the stronghold was occupied and burned.

### MALARIAL FEVER HAS BEEN PREVALENT SINCE APRIL IN PARTS OF CAVITE AND BATAVIA PROVINCES, WHICH ARE GARRISONED BY THE FORTY-SIXTH AND THIRTY-NINTH REGIMENTS.

Thirty per cent of the men of each command are on the sick list. Of two battalions in Batavia province one has 150 sick and the other 130.

### JUDGE TAFT AND HIS COLLEAGUES OF THE CIVIL COMMISSION ARE STUDYING THE DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE PHASES OF THE SITUATION IN HENRY C. FOLE-BANKING AND CURRENCY AND THE ORGANIZATION OF CIVIL COURTS.

Bernard Moes—revenues, taxation and schools.

### THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE ESTABLISHED OFFICES IN THE SAME BUILDING WITH GEN. MACARTHUR AND ARE RECEIVING, DISCUSSING AND ABSORBING THE OPINIONS OF ARMY AND NAVY MEN AND OFFICERS AND FILIPINOS.

Henry C. Fole—Banking and currency and the organization of civil courts.

### GALE AT WEBB CITY.

WEBB CITY, Mo., June 17.—A severe wind storm swept over this section today causing heavy damage. The shaft houses of the three zinc mines near here were wrecked, both ends of the Memphis railway section house were blown in and the electric railway was so badly obstructed that no cars were run this afternoon. It is rumored that at Duenweg, eight miles southeast, several buildings were wrecked and two men and a woman killed by lightning.

### FIRE RECORD.

Fire destroyed the business center and most of the dwellings in Moscow, Livingston county, O., loss \$5,000.

The Douglas school, located at Twenty-second and Forrest avenues, one of the largest institutions of learning in Chicago, was destroyed by fire last night.

### DROVE REBELS BACK

### GENS. FUNSTON AND GRANT HAD TWO ENGAGEMENTS LAST WEEK

### MALARIAL FEVER SPREADS

### TWO REGIMENTS REPORT A THIRD OF THEIR MEN AS ILL

### CIVIL COMMISSION'S WORK

It Has Subdivided the Field for the Systematic Study of Its Problems.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—The long advertised stampede for Roosevelt forty days before the nomination can be made, as such as to indicate that it probably cannot be checked. Nothing but a positive declaration from Gov. Roosevelt that he would not accept the nomination after it was made would stop it, and he will not make that declaration. Some of the governor's personal friends have been to him today and urged him to make every effort to prevent the nomination, but he realized that he is in no position to declare in advance that he would not accept a nomination after it was tendered. His position is different from that of Senator Allison, who has made it plain that he will decline under similar conditions. Senator Allison is destined to remain in the senate as long as he desires. The possibility of the presidency has passed beyond his hopes. Looking to the future, Gov. Roosevelt and his friends realize that the declaration of popular and enthusiastic nomination for vice president made with the idea that it will contribute to the success of his party in the campaign would do nothing but mean political oblivion. It is accepted by the leaders that Roosevelt was sincere in his emphatic declarations that he would not accept and was not a candidate, but he now realizes that the popular art political movement to force the movement upon him has reached a point beyond his control.

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## EARLY STAMPED FOR ROOSEVELT

### New York Governor May Have the Vice Presidential Nomination Thrust Upon Him, Although He Still Declines.

### Outline of the Platform Shows that it Will Claim That Nearly all Former Promises Have Been Faithfully Kept.

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### PHILADELPHIA WET AND DRY.

Rain Poured in Torrents, but Nothing Else Except Lemonade.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—With the Republican national convention forty-eight hours ahead, Philadelphia today resembled a convention city about as much as an ordinary town meeting resembles a riot. Usually with a national convention so near at hand the hotel corridors are choked with people, marching clubs are parading the streets, the air is filled with the blare of bands, sensational rumors are everywhere, and the din and confusion are terrific. Today the quiet of Philadelphia was unbroken by a single cheer or a strain of music. The weather

## NINTH INFANTRY ORDERED TO CHINA

MANILA, June 18, 10 a. m.—The Ninth regiment has been ordered to Manila, whence it will proceed to China.

MANILA, June 17.—The gunboat Concord, with marines aboard, has sailed under sealed orders, supposedly for China. The British cruiser Buena Ventura has sailed for Hong Kong with troops and stores for Hong Kong and Tien Tsin.

## PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED BY WIND

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—The Burlington train from Denver reached the station last night in a sadly wrecked condition, having passed through one of the severest hail, rain and wind storms which railroad men say they ever encountered. The train ran into the storm between Falls City and Rulo, Neb., forty miles west of St. Joseph, Mo. The railroad men say at times it seemed as if the cars would be lifted from an open piece of country and the engineer threw open the throttle in the hope of running away from it.

The train was filled with people and in the cars was the wildest excitement. Hail stones fell as large as baseballs. Every window in the north side of the sleeper, three coaches and one mail car were smashed. Glass flew all over the cars and many of the passengers were cut by flying fragments. The mail clerks in the mail car climbed up near the roof of the car to keep dry. Much of the mail matter was damaged by water. The amount to about \$50. Every window in the engine cab was smashed by the hail.

## SECRETARY LONG SAYS THE NAVY CAN AND WILL GUARD CONGER

BOSTON, June 17.—Secretary of the Navy Long, who arrived at his home in Hingham today, said to a Journal reporter:

"I know no more of the vice presidency than you do, and I presume you know only what you have read in the newspapers. I have ever maintained that the office is one which should not be sought. I have not done a thing to further my candidacy in any way. I have never mentioned the subject to a person unless it were broached to me, and I have not yet become an aggressive candidate." Asked if he would commence an aggressive campaign, he replied, "No."

He further said in regard to the suggestion that Mr. Hanna's choice would be forest upon the convention that while Mr. Hanna might have his own candidate, he believed the delegates would be entirely independent in the matter. "They represent the flower of American manhood, and would be dictated to by no one," he said. "I do not think Mr. Hanna has the slightest idea or intention of dictating a nomination."

From the trend of the conversation Secretary Long showed that while he would accept the nomination if offered to him, he would not boom his nomination in any way. Regarding affairs in China, he said: "We are not surprised that Minister Conger has not been heard from, for the wires are reported cut. You may rest assured that the United States will protect the lives and property of its citizens to the fullest extent." He continued: "The navy department is acting in harmony with the state department in this affair. The president and secretary of state are directing matters, and we are helping all we can. The Nashville is on the scene of action, with the Newark and Monocacy. There is a guard at the legation in Peking, and at Tien Tsin is quite a force of marines. The Asiatic squadron is perfectly able to look out for American interests in China, and will meet any exigency that may arise."

"I hardly think there is any possibility that the vessels now in Boston will be ordered to China. Matters would have to be very serious, indeed, before such an order would be promulgated."

Secretary Long and Mr. Conger were warm friends while in congress together, and the secretary has great faith in the ability of the Iowa man. Although no word has been received from Minister Conger for three days, the secretary thinks he will turn out to be safe. Secretary Long will return to the capital Monday night, or Tuesday. He will not stop at Philadelphia.