

POWERS ON VERGE OF A RUPTURE

World May Become Embroiled Over the Spoils in the Chinese Empire, and at an Early Date

England Demands Action, Li Hung Chang Suspected, and Russia Ready to Reap Territorial Reward.

LONDON, July 19, 4 a. m.—While evidence accumulates daily that China has long been preparing formidable military organization in anticipation of the present conflict, and that the area of rebellion is continually extending, harmony among the allies, which is necessary to meet such a grave situation, is still deplorably lacking.

al staff from the Amur district, showing that the Chinese have made serious preparations there and are now concentrated on the railway line from Aiguan to Sulin.

Other official reports confirm the serious news of the stoppage of work on the Manchurian railway, owing to Chinese attack by 400 Chinese was repulsed on July 9. Charbin is in a critical state, being cut off from the west, south and north.

In the opinion of the allied forces at Tien Tsin will eventually devolve upon the Russian vice admiral Alexieff, in conjunction with the Japanese commander-in-chief.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—M. Thebaud, the French charge d'affaires, and De Willant, the Russian charge d'affaires, were among Secretary Hay's callers today, but they added nothing in the way of information on the Chinese situation. It can be stated that at this time there are no negotiations of special importance between the powers outside of the general co-operation to rescue the foreigners at Peking and to look after foreign lives and property everywhere in the empire.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—One of the first callers at the state department today was W. W. Rockhill, director of the bureau of consular affairs.

It is useless any longer to hide from ourselves the fact that China has declared war on civilization, and has plunged into the conflict with rabid frenzy. It is equally futile to discuss whether hostilities are being waged by the Chinese government, inasmuch as it is evident that an administration of some kind exists and is directing the anti-foreign movement.

A special correspondent of the Daily Express at Tien Tsin contrasts the splendor of the Chinese with the squalor of the foreigners.

With reference to the rumors that Europeans were seen working the Chinese guns at Tien Tsin the Standard learns that eight Russian military instructors, forcibly detained by the Chinese, were compelled to work the guns.

rean of Americans, whose name has been mentioned as possible successor of Minister Conger as the United States representative in China in case the latter is dead. After his interview with the secretary of state, Mr. Rockhill said he had no expectation of returning to the Orient.

MAJ. J. M. LEE, WOUNDED AT TIEN Tsin. He was a Stanch Friend of Gen. Miles in the Recent Army Controversy, and Was His Legation Representative at the Dressed Beef Inquiry.

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within the limits of possibility that they may have been able to secure at least some of the women of the foreign party where they can weather the storm until relief reaches Peking. This is only a possibility, but, coming from one familiar with the Chinese situation, it contains at least a ray of hope for those who have friends in Peking.

BRUSSELS, July 18.—The Belgian minister of foreign affairs, M. De Faveaux, has received a telegram from the Belgian legation at Paris saying that the Chinese minister, Yu Keng, has received an official telegram announcing that the foreign ministers in Peking were safe on July 9.

VALLEJO, Cal., July 18.—Commander Francis J. Drake, of Mare Island, who has been in charge of the ordnance department at that post for some time, has been ordered to China.

Orders received at this station have been the cause for the greatest activity in the work on various ships now at Mare Island and in other warlike preparations. Work is being pressed on the Mohican, Alert, Marblehead, Bear and other vessels. It is believed they are destined for immediate service.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 18.—Orders were received from Washington today for volunteers from the marine guard at the naval training station to join the fleet which is to leave Washington in a few days for China, the quota being restricted to men who already have been in the corps six months and have two years of enlistment still to serve. The desired number of volunteers was obtained without difficulty and many more could have been secured. Twenty-five marines also will be selected from the Massachusetts and Indiana, and the two detachments, the one from the station consisting of twenty-four privates and four non-commissioned officers will leave tomorrow morning for Washington, and thence go to San Francisco.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—The cruiser Philadelphia sailed today from Bremerton naval station under secret orders, presumably for China.

LONDON, July 18.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that he has ascertained from an unimpeachable source that when the question of an alliance between China and Japan was under consideration last autumn, the empress dowager sent a commissioner to Tokio with a secret communication to the mikado.

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HONG KONG, July 17.—Liu Yee, the Black Flag chief, whose forces probably number 15,000 men, has obtained permission to call 5,000 more. A significant passage in the appeal presented to Li Hung Chang by the Chinese merchants and gentry of Canton requesting him not to leave that city, mentions that he has only provisions for four months, and urges the formation of a company to buy rice abroad and to protect the frontier.

BRUSSELS, July 18.—The Belgian consul at Hong Kong telegraphs that Li Hung Chang passed through that city today on his way to the north. Before his departure the viceroy had a long interview with the governor of Hong Kong.

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TO BUSY TO ATTEND TO BUSINESS.

Plot is being revealed. Broke down and wept. Happenings that led up to the murder of Gov. Goebel. Terimony is sensational. Husband of victim testifies. Idle skipper arrested. Yellow fever scare. Foul play suspected. Friends of Rev. T. H. James investigating his queer adventure. Will oppose Beckham. Certain element in the Kentucky Democratic convention. Lexington, Ky., July 18.—Only one thing appears to be down on the card for a certainty in the Democratic state convention, which will meet here tomorrow to nominate a candidate for governor. That is an extremely well defined and well developed opposition to Gov. Beckham's ambitions for the gubernatorial nomination.

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BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

- Weather Forecast for St. Paul. Generally Fair. 1-Latest From China. Sensation in Murder Trial. Mixing Taylor in. General Political News. 2-Test on the Charter. Grocers' and Butchers' Picnic. Miss Gould's Visit. 3-Minneapolis Matters. Anoka Murder Case. 4-Editorial. Short Story of the Day. 5-Sporting Page. Results of Ball Games. Local and State Politics. 6-News of Railroads. Northwest News. Popular Wants. 7-Markets of the World. Chicago Sept. Wheat, 76 1/8-80. Bar Silver, 61 1/4-c. Stocks Stagnant. 8-In Local Labor Field. Board of Equalization. Policemen Get Their Pay.

BOERS ATTACK BRITISH

FIFTEEN HUNDRED OF THEM BROKE THROUGH THE CORDON. LONDON, July 18.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, July 17.—Yesterday the enemy made a determined attack on the left of Pole-Carew's position and along our left flank, commanded by Hutton. The posts held by the Irish fusiliers and Canadian mounted infantry, under Lieut. Col. Anderson, were most gallantly defended. The enemy made repeated attempts to assault the positions, coming in close range and calling to the fusiliers to surrender. The enemy suffered severely. They had fifteen killed and fifty wounded, and four were taken prisoners. The British casualties were seven killed (including the Canadian lieutenants, Borden and Birch), thirty wounded and twenty-one missing. "An Hamilton's column advanced to Waterval yesterday unopposed, and today proceeded to Haman's Kraal. "Fifteen hundred Boers, with five guns, managed to break through the cordon formed by Hunter's and Ruddle's divisions, between Bethlehem and Eikeburg. They were making towards Lindley, being closely followed by Page's and Broadwood's brigades. "In a dispatch dated today, Lord Roberts pays a tribute to Lieuts. Borden and Birch, who, in his dispatch given above, he reported killed. Lord Roberts says: "They were killed most gallantly leading their men in a counter attack on the enemy's flank at a critical juncture of their assault on one position. Borden was twice brought to my notice in dispatches for gallant and intrepid conduct." "Mr. Wolmer's Arrested. "PRETORIA, July 18.—J. M. A. Wolmer, of the Transvaal executive council, has been arrested at his house with the British services, a packing of gold worth £5,000 and a quantity of arms were found concealed in the house.

IDLER SKIPPER ARRESTED

HE IS CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF MANSLAUGHTER. CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—Capt. Charles M. Holmes, the master of the Schooner yacht Idler, which exploded off Avon Point, with all her standing canvas set on July 7, drowning five women and a baby, was arrested today by the United States marshal on the charge of manslaughter. Holmes was fixed at \$1,000, which was furnished. At the coroner's inquest today the mate of the Idler testified that he suggested to the captain that he shorten sail when the schooner was approaching the point. Holmes said not to do so, as the squall would not be heavy and they would have a little excitement with the canvas up. It was the testimony of the mate which led to the arrest of Holmes.

YELLOW FEVER SCARE

Syrian Woman Believed to Have Died of the Plague. NEW YORK, July 18.—A Syrian woman, one of the second-class passengers of the steamer Hiram, which was detained on Hoffman Island, died suddenly today, and the body was removed to Swinburne Island for an autopsy. The autopsy showed suspicious indications that the woman died of yellow fever.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Friends of Rev. T. H. James Investigating His Queer Adventure. M'PIERSON, Kan., July 18.—Friends of Rev. T. H. James, the Kansas minister, who returned from London last week in a dazed condition after wandering in England for two months, are investigating the record of the Episcopal clergyman, who accompanied James across the ocean. Another consultation of physicians has resulted in a reiteration of the belief that James was drugged while on shipboard on the way to claim his fortune, and suspicion is directed against his companion. James' companion represented himself as having a church in California, but well received from the bishop of California today states that no such man is rector there, or has been in years. This lends further color to the claimed bad records of the alleged clergyman. James remains in an exhausted condition, and his mind is still clouded as to his movements abroad.

TO FREEZE THEM OUT

Steel Trust Planning Against the Small Manufacturers. CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—Information comes from trustworthy sources that a well defined plan is in operation to freeze out the small manufacturers of plate and bar iron and steel who began business during the recent boom in the iron market. During the last seven weeks the plate and bar prices have dropped from \$5 per ton to \$25 per ton. Already a number of small mills have been compelled to quit. The plan is to restore prices on Sept. 1 to the present basis of beams and channel iron, viz. \$38 per ton.

MURDER MYSTERY

Two Men Killed While on a Fishing Expedition. SOLOMONVILLE, Ariz., July 18.—The bodies of J. W. Wheeler and W. F. Howe, employees of the Detroit Copper company of Morenci, who left here on a fishing expedition on Eagle creek two weeks ago, were found today covered with brush nine miles above the pumping station on Eagle creek. Both men had been shot through the head. Neither man had any money, and the murder is a mystery. Howe leaves a wife and two children.

DAY AND PLACE FIXED

BRYAN AND STEVENSON TO BE NOTIFIED OF NOMINATION AUG. 8

INDIANAPOLIS IS THE PLACE

SECRETARY WALSH GIVES OUT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR GENERAL PUBLICATION

POPULISTS MAY JOIN IN EVENT

Gold Democrats and Anti-Imperialists Meet and Decide to Invite Independents to a Conference.

CHICAGO, July 18.—Secretary Walsh, of the national Democratic committee, at the request of Mr. James T. Richardson, gave the following official notice today to the press: "The notification meeting to notify presidential and vice-presidential candidates by the Kansas City convention will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., on Aug. 8, 1900. All members of the two notification committees are requested to meet at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, on the morning of that day."

LINCOLN, Neb., July 18.—Vice Chairman J. H. Edmisten, of the Populist National committee, said tonight that he did not know when the committee appointed at the South Falls national convention would officially notify W. J. Bryan of his nomination. He thought it possible the notification may occur at Indianapolis at the same time the Democrats meet.

Mr. Edmisten said Mr. Towne had not yet officially accepted the nomination or withdrawn from the Populist ticket, but he expected to hear from him before many days.

Mr. Bryan had no visitors of prominence today.

GOLD DEMOCRATS

Meet and Decide to Call Independents in Conference.

NEW YORK, July 18.—In response to a call issued a few days ago a number of gold Democrat and anti-imperialists in this city tonight to discuss the methods of bringing a third party ticket before the public.

An address was adopted assailing President McKinley's Philippine policy and "his scandalous appointments" to federal offices, characterizing Gov. Roosevelt as "the frank embodiment of militarism and despotism" and declaring that the Republican party stands for all forms of special privileges.

Mr. Bryan, the address says, is an objectionable President McKinley. "A vote for the Democratic ticket," says the address, "means a vote for free silver; it means a still further debauching of the civil service; a packing of the supreme court with men to be governed by the will of the executive."

The address asks independents to unite in the support of the nomination of some such satisfactory policy, as follows: First—The return to the political doctrines of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution. Second—The recognition that not only Cuba and the Philippines, but Porto Rico and Hawaii, are independent. Third—Genuine monetary reform. Fourth—Civil service reform. Fifth—The abolition of special privileges, whether of tariff or any other origin.

We are not concerned solely with this selection, but with the future of American political life. We are ready and anxious to favor the nomination of any party which shall adopt a platform presenting these issues.

Speeches were made on the address by Dr. Everett, of Massachusetts; George C. Ripley, of Michigan, and others. A resolution was adopted authorizing the chair to appoint a committee to issue an invitation to supporters of the third ticket movement to meet in Indianapolis on July 25, to take such steps as may be necessary to place such a ticket in the field.

STEUBENBERG DEFEATED

Idaho Democratic Convention Sends the Woods Delegation. COCATTELLO, Idaho, July 18.—After a bitter contest the Democratic state convention late this afternoon sent what is called the Woods delegation from Shoshone county (the Coeur d'Alene district) by a vote of 122 to 110.

This delegation is opposed to Gov. Steubenberg, and it was supported by those who favor the nomination of Fred T. Dubois for United States senator. The governor opposes the nomination of any candidate for senator.

Dubois was joined in the fight by J. H. Hawley, a candidate for senator. The result indicates that Dubois will be nominated. The other silver convention did practically nothing today.

WILL OPPOSE BECKHAM

Certain Element in the Kentucky Democratic Convention. LEXINGTON, Ky., July 18.—Only one thing appears to be down on the card for a certainty in the Democratic state convention, which will meet here tomorrow to nominate a candidate for governor. That is an extremely well defined and well developed opposition to Gov. Beckham's ambitions for the gubernatorial nomination.

This opposition is based upon the allegation that Beckham is committed to the Goebel election law. No plans have been formulated for temporary organization.

MR. HANNA IN CHICAGO

Was in Conference With Republican Leaders During Day. CHICAGO, July 18.—Senator Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee, arrived here today, and was taken to the Auditorium by National Committeeman Graeme Stewart. During the forenoon Senator Hanna denied himself to everybody not calling on official business. Committee men Kerens, New, Payne and Stewart laid before Mr. Hanna their ideas on places which might be used for the headquarters of the committee. Mr. Stewart said that the chairman would probably make his selection this evening.

TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK

Part of the Work Mapped Out for Mr. Bryan. NEW YORK, July 18.—It was stated at Democratic state headquarters today that Mr. Bryan will probably make several speeches in New York and other Eastern states.



ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF, The Russian Officer in Command of Allied Troops at Tien Tsin.

serious independent step, namely, to patrol the Yang Tse Kiang with German men-of-war. Such a step would be greatly resented by England, and it still more alarming news has been conveyed to the Daily Express from Tokio, to the effect that the apparent reluctance of Germany and Russia to consent to a Japanese commander for the army corps, has led the Japanese government to delay the forwarding of the division already mobilized.

The Standard, in an alarmist editorial, says: "It is useless any longer to hide from ourselves the fact that China has declared war on civilization, and has plunged into the conflict with rabid frenzy. It is equally futile to discuss whether hostilities are being waged by the Chinese government, inasmuch as it is evident that an administration of some kind exists and is directing the anti-foreign movement. Until unmistakable evidence exculpating the Peking government is promptly forthcoming, the powers should treat China as a belligerent state and act accordingly."

KILLED AT TIEN Tsin. A special dispatch from Tien Tsin distributes the number of those killed at the capture of the native city as follows: Russians, 100; Japanese, 87; British, 40; Americans, 37.

The correspondent who sends this asserts that thousands of Chinese were killed, and fighting was still going on when his dispatch was sent, in various parts of Tien Tsin.

With reference to the rumors that Europeans were seen working the Chinese guns at Tien Tsin the Standard learns that eight Russian military instructors, forcibly detained by the Chinese, were compelled to work the guns. One escaped and reached the Russian lines with his hands bound.

A special correspondent of the Daily Express at Tien Tsin contrasts the splendor of the Chinese with the squalor of the foreigners.

PRINCE TUAN'S HORDES

ST. PETERSBURG, July 18.—A dispatch from Che Foo says: "Prince Tuan has mobilized 950,000 men divided into different corps. The northern corps has been ordered to expel foreigners from Amur. The Peking army, which is divided into different corps, is first to begin operations."

did work and perfect equipment "of the Japanese, with the inadequate supplies of the British, German and American contingents, which are terribly lacking in the most obvious necessities."

SINISTER WORK. The first Boxer proclamation has made its appearance in Shanghai. It declares that Kwan, the war god, desires the blood of foreigners, and threatens ten plagues if the Boxer tenets are not followed and spread.

The governors of Hu Nan, Hu Pi and Ho Nan have now openly joined Prince Tuan, and are marching overland with their armies to Peking.

A German relief column sent into the interior of the province of Shan Tung to endeavor to rescue a party of thirty missionaries, German, American and English, has returned without having obtained any tidings of their whereabouts, and it is feared that all have been slain.

A special commission is sitting in St. Petersburg daily to arrange for the dispatch of troops to the far East.

It is announced from Shanghai that Gen. Nieh has been killed, but there is no confirmation of the rumor from Tien Tsin.

AMUR