M'KINLEY AS MEDIATOR

REQUESTED BY CHINA TO MEDIATE WITH THE EUROPEAN POWERS.

ACCEPTS ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Mediation Will Not Prevent Strenuous Efforts for Relief of the Legations-No European Powers Put Any Faith in the Conger Message-A Reports of Safety of the Foreigners. Forces Under General Chaffee

Washington, July 22.-President Mcbe a direct appeal from the Chinese Imperial government to use his good offices to extricate that government from the difficult and dangerous position in which it has been placed as a result of the Boxer uprising and the

Although the exact text of the appeal made by the emperor of China to France has not been made known here, it is believed that the address to the president is similar in terms to that communication. The French governent answerd at once, but that answer will not serve America. It is none was injured, and that no attack tacitly admitted that an error was was at that time being made. He made by the powers in the beginning in not following the common-sense advice of the United States naval com- the dispatch of Mr. Conger of that mander at Taku. The point of difference between the state department and under fire at that time." the European governments is that the latter are proceeding upon the belief that all of the foreign ministers and missionaries and guards at Pekin have beeen killed. They insist upon dealing with the Chinese government upon that basis, thereby assuming a hostile Tung. attitude that tends to destroy the last chance of availing of whatever friendly sentiment may yet exist among the powerful Chinese viceroys and the im- Che Foo, dated July 21 saying perial government itself. Thus the French reply, as indicated in the four cording to reliable news from Pekin, conditions laid down by M. del Casse all the foreign ministers are safe and yesterday, sets an impossible task for the government is taking all necessary the imperial government in its present steps to deliver and protect them." straits and tends to drive it at once to make terms with the Boxers and Prince Tuan's party. On the other hand the American gov-

ment, while not guaranteeing the truth of the advices from the Chinese gov- Laying Blame on Missionaries - Orders ernment as to the safety of the foreign ministers, is willing to accept the statement temporarily, in the meantime remitting none of its efforts to get access to Mr. Conger through the partment has made public the followuse of military force if need be. By ing text of an edict delivered today by following out this policy the state department argues that it retains two chances instead of one. It may reach Mr. Conger with troops and it also States Consul Fowler at Che Foo, in may secure his deliverance through the his message received here yesterday: friendly offices of some of the powerful Chinese officials, which the powers are not likely to obtain for their own people by following out their present | Moon (July 17th) transmitted by the policy.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER. Weshington, 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 only upon conditions which first must be met by the Chinese de-

The exact nature of the terms proposed by the state department cannot be stated until tomorrow, when publication will be made of the text of the Chinese appeal and of the president's answer. It is known, however, that the answer is entirely consistent with the statement of principles laid down by Secretary Hay in his note to the powers and, moreover, it accepts as truthful the statement relative to the safety of the foreign ministers at Pe-

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 others. There must be confidence between them.

The United States does not go to the length of the French answer to a similar appeal in laying down conditions which the Chinese government could not meet, even if so disposed, if it actually is struggling for its existence. It does, however, look to the immediate relief of the foreign ministers in Pekin, and moreover to the protection of all foreigners, missionaries and traders in China, and to the restoration of order. With that much accomplished, the state department feels that it can properly approach the powers with the Chinese proposition for a settlement for what has occurred.

The Chinese appeal came to Secretary Hay yesterday through Mr. Wu. The secretary promptly telegraphed it to the president at Canton and after taking a full day for its consideration, the president's answer came this afternoon to the state department. It was put in the proper diplomatic form and a copy delivered to Minister Wu, who is to forward it to his own government.

The imperial edict, made public tothat the imperial government already has taken the first steps toward doing what the United States government regutres as the principal condition for the exercise of its good offices, in enjoining the viceroys, magistrates and leading men to stop the disorders and protect foreigners. Our government will await the result of this before proceeding further.

NO EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT BE-LIEVES IN THE CONGER

MESSAGE. It is expected that adverse criticism ment in this matter will be heard from spect this." Europe where the governments are acting upon the belief that all of the foreign ministers in Pekin have perished, but our government, nevertheless, regards its course as the correct one. All of the European powers have taken the stand above indicated. The last of the answers to Secretary Hay's note reciting the Conger message have come and all of them, in terms polite and diplomatic, express utter incredulity in the authenticity of the Conger

CONSUL GENERAL GOODNOW DOUBTS IT.

Consul General Goodnow himself, a man of good judgment, also cabled a warning to Secretary Hay against the acceptance of the message without confirmation; but the state department has fully considered the message in all of its aspects, has carefully weighed the numerous objections and suspicions put forth here and in Europe, Newark gone to Nagasaki for dockand, without guaranteeing the authen- ing."

matter of prime duty to act upon the

theory that it is genuine. Admiral Remey's notification to the navy department that he had gone in person up the Pei Ho from Taku to Tien Tsin is attributed to the receipt by him of Secretary Long's urgent message to hasten the efforts to get to Pekin, and important news from him is expected soon.

The war department, it appears, under estimated the time that would be required for the Grant to arrive at Nagasaki. She sailed on the 1st instant so that she is not yet quite due at that point with General Chaffee.

The Goodnow cablegram reciting the message from Prince Tuan as vouch-New Story of the Massacre-Other ing for the safety of the foreign ministers on July 18th, caused a ripple of excitement for a time at the state department, but the officials soon concluded from the context and other circumstances surrounding the message that Yuan was meant instead of Tuan, Kinley has received what purports to so that the message lost the value it would have had, if it had come from the redoubtable Boxer leader.

MORE REPORTS OF SAFETY OF LEGATIONS. London, July 23, 11:30 p. m.-Sir Hal-

iday Macartney, conusellor and English secretary of the Chinese legation ensuing hostile attitude of the great in London asserted this evening that the Pekin legations were safe and about to proceed to Tien Tsin. Washington, July 23.-The state department today made public the fol-

> "The state department has received a dispatch from Mr. Goodnow, the consul general at Shanghai, dated today, saying that Prince Tuan wires that an officer of the Tsung Li Yamen saw all the ministers on the 18th; that does not say to whom the dispatch of Prince Tuan was addressed and it is to a certain extent at variance with date, describing the legation as being

> The officials of the state department, after considering Consul General Goodnow's dispatch in the press, express the belief that a mistake has been made in the transmission of the message and that the name Tuan should have been Yuan, governor of Shan

Paris, July 23 .- M. del Casse, minister of foreign affairs has received a telegram from the French Consul at

"The governor informs me that, ac-

EDICT BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT

for Suppression of Disturbances.

Washington, July 23.-The state de-Minister Wu to Secretary Hay. This is the edict referred to by United "AN IMPERIAL EDICT."

"Issued on the first day of the sixth viceroy Liu Kun Yih on the 20th of July and received yy Minister Wu on

the 21st day of July at 7 o'clock: "The present conflict between China and the foreign powers had its origin in the long-standing antagonism between the people and Christian missions. The subsequent fall of the Taku forts precipitated the meeting of force with force. The imperial government, having due regard to the importance of international intercourse, still refused to go so far to interrupt the existing relations. We have already repeatedly issued decrees providing for the protection of the foreign degations and also commanded the provincial authorities to protect missionaries. Inasmuch as there is till no cessation in the employment of force, foreign merchants and subjects residing in China, who form a numerous body in the country, should be protected with distinction. 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 districts under their respective jurisdiction, and to afford them due protection in accordance with treaty stipulations, without fail.

"Last March we heard with astonishment and regret profound killing of the chanof the cellor of the Japanese legation, Mr. Akria, and the same fate befell the German minister shortly afterward The violent removal of the German minister, whose residence at the capital was necessary to the transaction of business between the two countries, affected us very deeply. It is the duty of the authorities concerned to cause stringent orders for the speedy arrest and punishment of the murderers to be carried out.

"Since the commencement of the attack in Tien Tsin there are foreign subjects and missionaries who have, on account of local disturbances, suffered death or loss of property through no fault of their own. We hereby command the governor of Pekin and the viceroy of Chi Li to cause investigations to be made by their respective subordinates of all such claims, except those arising directly from the day at the state department, shows said attack, with a view for their ultimate settlement.

"Moreover, local outlaws and rebellious subjects have of late given themselves up to burning, killing and plundering, to the great disquiet of our loyal subjects. This is an utter defiance of law. We hereby command and commanders of our forces to insuch measures for the protection of the offenders and restoration of order as the necessities of the case demand. "We hereby command this, our general edict to be made known for the in- tive building. upon the action of the state depart- formation of all it may concern. Re-

A significant statement in the above edict is noted in that passage which directs an investigation of all claims, "except those arising directly from the said attack," (attack on Tien Tsin) with a view to their ultimate settle-

This appears to make plain, not only the Chinese government will settle the claims for actual losses, but that it has not formally decreed an exception of those claims arising directly from the attack on Tien Tsin. It seems to indicate that the Chinese government holds that the attack on Tien Tsin was unwarraned.

REMEY GOES TO TIEN TSIN. Washington, July 23 .- The bureau of navigation this morning received the following form Admiral Remey:

"Taku, July 22. "Going to Tien Tsin today to look into matters, leaving senior officer here.

ticity of the message, feels it to be a EFFORTS TO GET POSITIVE NEWS FROM CONGER.

Washington, July 23.-There is reason to believe that the government is again using every effort to secure communication with Minister Conger and this time to get an answer from our minister which will be so conclusive as to remove every shadow of doubt.. In this connection, it was reported today that Minister Wu yesterday sent another cipher cable dispatch to ministe Conger, but there is strong disinclina tion in official quarters to discuss the various steps being taken, while they are still in an inconclusive form.

NEW STORY OF MASSACRE

Sald This Time to Have Occurred July 12th.

(Special to Baltimore Sun.)

Che Foo, China, July 21, (via Shanghai, China, July 22).-The captain of a British steamer just arrived from Newchwang reports the arrival there on July 19 of a Chinaman professing to be a foreigner's servant, who escaped from Pekin July 12, on which date the British legation was destroyed and the foreigners butchered. The story is credited in Newchwang.

London, July 24., 4 a. m.-The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphing July 23rd says:

A letter from a Chinese official in Shanghai has been received by a native here containing the following passage: "At the beginning of the month, the foreign missions made several attempts to send messages out of Pekin, but thanks to the strict watch kept on the city, the bearers were all caught and executed. On the 4th instant only 400 foreigners, much exhausted, were left alive in Pekin, and one night, when the big guns were incessantly fired, it was known that all the legations and the foreigners were finished, although pretended telegram contradict these

GENERAL CHAFEE'S FORCES. Washington, July 23.-Although the orders have not yet been issued it is pretty generally understood in military circles that Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, United States volunteers and Brigadier General Thomas H. Barry have been selected for assignment to duty with the military division in China. Their assignment together with that of Brigadier General James H. Wilson, United States volunteers already announced will give Major General Chaffee, command-inchief, three general officers of recognized ability to assist in the management of military operations in China. The transport Grant is expected to

arrive at Nagasaki early this week. Orders have gone forward for the Grant to proceed from Nagasaki to Taku with the utmost speed. It is expected that the troops from Manila, consisting of two battalions of the Fourteenth infantry and a battery of artillery will arrive at Taku tomorrow or Wednesday at the latest. These will give General Chaffee an effective fighting force including marines already there, of about 4,000 men.

AGAINST THE CREDIBILITY OF

THE CONGER MESSAGE London, July 23.-In the house of commons today the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, communicated certain statements of the Chinese authorities with regard to the safety of the legations at Pekin and said the Chinese minister declared them to be unharmed. Mr. Broderick read the text of the imperial edict of July 18th, commenting on Minister Conger's dispatch to the department of state of the United States. Mr. Broderick said that though the dispatch was of the same date as the edict's assurance of safety, the latter was not borne out by Mr. Conger. The governor replied that the United States minister's message was sent by

EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY

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the Tsun Li Yamen, by a messenger

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In the Powers-Goebel Case and How That Conspiracy Was Carried Out.

Georgetown, Ky., July 23.—Spectators were scarce to-day when the trial was resumed of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel shooting. The prosecution gave notice that they would excuse a half dozen persons summoned as witnesses for that side. Among those excused was Ike Golden, brother of Sergeant F. Wharton Gol-

Lieutenant John Ricketts, an officer in the Barboursville militia company of which John Powers was captain. was the first witness. He went to Frankfort January 25th with the train load of mountaineers. Before the out of the blood and entire system so train reached Franfort, the witness the symptoms cannot return. Give it said, the men were told to report to W. H. Culton for rations. The mer. were armed with guns and pistols. Arriving at Frankfort they took posses- 6 large bottles (full treatment) \$5. Be sion of the agricultural building and sure the bottle reads Botanic Blood stacked guns. Witness said that each Balm. So sufferers may test it, a trial morning a crowd of from three to six hundred mountain men occupied the yard in front of the executive building. He met Youtsey frequently and talked with him the day before the assissination. Youtsey said Goebel had to be out of the way and he (Youtsey) had \$100 which he would give for such a fund. Youtsey also said Goebel could be killed from the executive building; that the assassin could esthe said governors-general, governors cape through the basement and never as government agents for the employvestigate the situation and to take on Goebel being killed. Fifteen minutes before the assassination the withim he wanted twenty-five or thirty men to accompany him to the execu-

Continuing, the witness said: "Youtsey put us inside the executive building near the stairs. He told us something was going to happen and we must remain there. When we started through the hall I left and went into a private residence across the street from the executive building. It was shots. I did not know any of the men whom I left at the foot of the stairs in the executive building. The men whom Youtsey placed were just outside the office. of the secretary of

Witnes said he left because he did not want to be present in case of "a

killing." Cross examined, the witness said that when Youtsey placed the men in the hall he told them that as soon as come down the steps and go away

with them. Witness said when Youtsey left governor's office.

THE PEOPLE DETERMINED

TO STOP ELECTION INTERFENENCE BY FEDERAL OFFICE-HOLDERS.

FUSIONISTS BECOME DESPERATE

They Resort to Intimidation of Registrars and Stealing Registration Books Chairman Simmons Places Charges Against Office-Holders Before the Civil Service Commission-The Vance Statue Placed in Position-White Registered Majority in Wake 3,000

(Special to the Messenger.) Rialeigh, N. C., July 23.-Democratic State Chairman Simmons today forwarded to the civil service commission a copy of his recent letter to the president, and wrote the commission the following letter: "I herewith enclose a 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 federal officeholders in the state campaign which is now in progress in this state. I am now getting together affidavits, which I propose to submit to your commission, showing open and flagrant violation by these officers of the civil service laws and regulations, which it is your duty to enforce. As soon as I have secured these affidavitsI will submit them to your board for investigation and adjudication.'

Chairman Simmons is also in communication with ex-Senator Anthur P. Gorman; Senator Jones, chairman of the national executive committee; Senator Morgan, of Alabama; ex-Senator David B. Hill, of New York; Senators McLaurin and Tillman, of South Carolina; Senator Money, of Mississippi, and Senator McEnry, of Louisiana. He expects to enlist these gentlemen in behalf of the people of North Carolina, against the attempt of the federal officeholders to take charge of affairs of the state. He has asked these gentlemen to assist him in securing full investigation and adjudication by the commission. He has also written to ex-Senator Ransom, Governor Jarvis and Mr. C. B. Aycock upon the same subject, and asking not only their co-operation, but that they appear before the commission.

It is stated that affidavits are already coming in showing meddlesome interference of federal officeholders in matters of election as well as pernicious

It is further given out that not only Chairman Simmons, but the white people of North Carolina are determined to press this matter and to have a decision at as early a day as possible that this is a matter not only of state improtance, but of national concern; that if the republican party does not intend to enforce the civil service laws, it ought to repeal them; the national campaign will soon open and it is a good time to have an understonding as to what the civil service commission proposes to do about such conduct as is now taking place in North Carolina on the part of federal officeholders in

A tel gram to Democratic State Chairman Simmons says the registration books of Honeycutt's township Sampson county, were taken by a mob Saturday night The registrar says they show a democratic majority of twenty-seven. This is Senator Marion

Butler's own township. The registered majority in this county is 3,000. The state superintendent of public instruction today received \$600 from the Peabody fund for negro teachers'

institutions, of which four or five are to be held at points not yet selected. Vance statue was put in position this afternoon. The face is admirable, and the pose is good. The statue was covered a few minutes after it was put in place.

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Warning Against Swindlers. Norfolk, Va., July 23.-The comthat purpose and knew ten or twelve mandant of the Norfolk navy yard ing that a large force of the enemy is others who would also contribute to this afternoon sent out a statement moving on Honingspruit. All comthat a number of persons in North munication with Pretoria is cut off. Carolina, Virginia and Maryland have | The Third cavalry brigade is following been of late representing themselves | the enemy." be detected. He said his job depended ment of laborers and mechanics in the Norfolk navy yard. These parties are branded as frauds, as the governness saw Youtsey and the latter told ment has no agent or agents outside of the navy yard. As a consequence of the nefarious work of these parties it is probable that many men will come to Norfolk expecting to at once go to work in the navy yard and will be probably disappointed.

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Yellow Fever Among Federal Toops Havana, July 23.-Yellow fever has broken out in the barracks of the Seventh United States cavalry and the First United States infantry in Pinar del Rio. There have been nine deaths "something happened" a man would during the present month and eleven cases are now under treatment in the hospitals. To-day General Lee ordered the camp moved three miles into the men went in the direction of the the country and quarantine will be strictly enforced.

A TRAGIC SUICIDE

Surrounded by Strange Circumstauces in Which a Woman Figures.

Norfolk, Va., July 23.-A tragic death surrounded by strange circumstances occurred at the Monticello hotel last night. The dead man is George Allison Brown, of Baltimore, a man about 45 years of age, and well connected in the Monumental city. Brown registered at the Monticello Friday evening and was assigned a room on the sixth floor of the hotel. Saturday morning a woman giving her name as "Mrs. Gray," and who figures very conspicuously in the case, arrived in the city from Baltimore, and with a nurse who accompanied her, registered at the Monticello hotel, as from Virginia. She was assigned a room on the third floor of the hotel.

Saturday afternoon Dr. Stanley H. Graves was called to the hotel to attend "Mrs. Gray." whom he found to be in a critical condition, suffering from some violent poison which subsequently proved to be morphine and

Brown, who was found in her room, appeared very nervous and excited, and was anxious to know if the patient would die. He said that the woman had poisoned herself. After herole measures the patient began to revive and about 4 p. m. appeared to be on the road to recovery. Upon Dr. Graves leaving the woman to go to a telephone. Brown was allowed in the room with her alone, and upon the doctor's return the patient's condition was found to be more desperate than

Dr. Graves and the nurse worked 51st Annual Session, Opens Aug. 29th, 1900. upon the woman until 8 p. m., when she began to respond to treatment and 11 o'clock Saturday night she was out of danger.

Yesterday, on advice of Silvanus Stokes, the proprietor of the Monticello, the woman left the city for Bal-

At 8 o'clock last night Brown was found dead in his bed at the hotel, as the result of morphine and cocaine poisoning. His body was viewed by Coroner Newton, and was subsequently moved to an undertaking establish-

Coroner Newton and a jury of inquest to-day inquired into the circumstances of Brown's death and reached a verdict that he came to his death from morphine and cocaine poisoning administered by his own hands.

Brown, the suicide, is said to have been a brother of the late Dr. R. R. Brown, of Baltimore. The body was forwarded to Baltimore this evening.

The woman, Mrs. Massie, was originally Miss Lucy Paxton, the daughter of a Danville jeweller. She is a sister of Rev. John W. Paxton, a Presbyterian missionary now in China. She married Dr. George Lemmon, of Lynchburg, about 1883. After Dr. Massie, a prominent Danville attorney. Lemmon's death she married Hardin Mrs. Massie came to Norfolk with the intention of marrying Brown. When Mr. Stokes told her that Brown was a victim of the morphine habit she took his advice, refused to marry the man and left for Baltimore.

ROBERTS' COMMUNICATION CUT.

The Boers Cut Rail and Telegraph Line and Capture a Supply Train.

London, July 23 .- General DeWet has again succeeded in cutting Lord Roberts' communication, both by railway and telegraph, and captured 100 of the Highlanders. The story of the federal commander's bold raid comes in the form of a telegram from General Walker, dated at Cape Town, Sunday, July 23rd, forwarding a dispatch from General Knox as follows:

Kroonstad, July 22.-Following from Broadwood sent by dispatch rider to Honingspruit, wired thence to Kroon-

"Have followed commando since July 16th. Hard sharp fighting at Palmietfontein, July 19th. Prevented from pursuing laager by darkness. Eight dead Boers found. Our casualities five killed and seventy-six wounded. Reach Vaalkrantz today. Enemy doubled back through Paardelkraal in darkness. Shall march tomorrow to Roodevaal station. Send supplies for 3,000 men and horses, also anything of the enemy's movement. I believe the commando consists of 2,000 men and four guns and is accompanied by President Steyn and both theDeWets."

General Knox continues: "The wire and main line of the railway north of Koningspruit have been cut and also the telegraph to Pretoria via Potchefstroom. According to my information DeWet has crossed the roadway and is going north."

General Kelly-Kenny telegraphs from Bloemfontien under date of Sunday,

"The railway has been cut north of Honingspruit and a supply train and 100 Highlanders captured by the enemy. A report was received this morn-

The war office has received a telegram from Lord Roberts, dated Pretoria, Sunday, July 22, which repeats the news contained in General Walker's telegram given above, and continues: "Methuen continued his march after

the occupation of Heckport and engaged the enemy's rear guard at Zindsfontein July 20th. Casualities, one killed and one wounded. Early Saturday he attacked the enemy again at Oliphant's nek and completely dispersed them inflicting heavy loss. Our casualitie slight. By these successes Rustenberg has been relieved and Methuen and Baden-Powell have joined

"Hunter reports that Ian Hamilton secured a strong position on the Spitzray yesterday, with a battery and the Cameron Highlanders and 500 mounted men. Our casualities were three of the Camerons killed and Captain Keith Hamilton, of the Oxford, Captain Broton and Lieutenant Stewart and thirteen men of the Camerons wounded."

A Big Battle with the Boers. London, July 21 .- A special dispatch from Cape Town dated today says: "Lord Roberts has attacked middleburg in force and a big battle is in progress. President Kruger is with Burghers during the defense."

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