

COLUMN IS COMPOSED OF TWENTY THOUSAND MEN.

That of the Allied Forces That is Advancing On the Chinese Capital.

IS EXPECTED TO REACH THERE AUG. 12.

United States' Answer to Li Hung's Suggestion--Slaughter of More Missionaries Reported.

Shanghai, Aug. 1.—The allies advanced toward Peking today. It is estimated the expedition numbers 20,000 men of all arms with 170 guns. It is hoped to reach Peking by the 12th.

Paris, Aug. 2.—The French consul general at Shanghai telegraphs as follows: "Li Hung Chang stated to the United States consuls that the ministers would be put in communication with their respective governments if the allies arrest the march on Peking."

"It is asserted that the foreigners are within the imperial city. The consular corps has decided to entrust the defenses of the concessions to the international naval forces."

Shanghai, Aug. 2.—Admiral Alexieff has gone to New Chwang, where the position of the Russians is regarded as serious.

Admiral Seymour, on board the British dispatch boat Alacrity, started for Nankin today to consult the viceroy of Nankin, who later wired Seymour that instructions have been given a warship to proceed down the river and escort the Alacrity to Nankin in case of a misunderstanding in passing the forts.

London, Aug. 2.—The Chinese inland mission has received the following from Rev. Stevenson today: "Shanghai, Aug. 2.—Probably Misses King, Burton, Rasmussen and Mrs. Cunnells have been murdered at Ho Shan, province of Shan Si. There is a local rebellion in Ning Po district. The worst is apprehended for all the workers."

THE UNITED STATES' REPLY

To the Suggestion of Li Hung Chang as to Sending or Missionaries to Tien Tsin.

Washington, August 2.—The following is reply of the state department to the suggestion of Li Hung Chang, that the ministers be sent under escort to Tien Tsin, provided the powers would not march on Peking: "No negotiations are advisable until the Chinese put the representatives of the powers in full communication with their respective governments and remove danger of lives and liberty. Urge Li to advise the imperial authorities to place themselves in cooperation with the relief expedition. They are assuming heavy responsibilities otherwise."

Hay will communicate this to the minister of foreign affairs.

Tien Tsin, July 27.—Gen. Gaselee arrived here today and assumed command of the British forces.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—Gen. Grodekoff telegraphs as follows: "The Chinese fortress at Hung Hun was stormed by Gen. Ajgustoff the 13th, thus relieving the posts of Novokijevskoje and Postja threatened by Hung Hun. The garrison and many

guns were taken. The Russian loss was two officers and six men killed and four wounded."

More Missionaries Murdered. Shanghai, Aug. 1.—It is reported 50 missionaries have been massacred in Shan Si province.

LONG LETTER FROM THE DESIRED.

London Times Correspondent Tells a Story of Dupletty.

Brussels, Aug. 2.—M. DeFavereau, minister of foreign affairs, has received the following dispatch, dated Shanghai, Aug. 1, from M. de Cartier de Marchienne, secretary of the Belgian legation, now acting as charge d'affaires of Belgium at Shanghai:

"The allies are marching on Peking. They are eighteen miles from Tien Tsin and should reach Peking in eight days. All the Europeans have taken refuge in the inner enclosure of the imperial city."

London, Aug. 2.—Dr. George Ernest Morrison, the Peking correspondent of The Times, has been heard from direct. The Times this morning prints the following dispatch from him, dated July 21:

"There has been a cessation of hostilities here (Peking) since July 18. A Shanghai special says Li Hung Chang has received a decree, dated July 28, commanding him to inform the consuls that the ministers were safe on that date."

though it has consisted in bombarding for one month defenseless women and children cooped up in the legation compound, using shell, shrapnel, round shot and expanding bullets. They posted proclamations assuring us of protection, and the same night they made a general attack in the hope of surprising us.

"There is still no news of Pei Tang cathedral. The wounded number 135, including the American surgeon, Hip-pitt, severely wounded, and Captain Myers, who is doing well. Seven Americans have been killed. All the ministers and members of the legations and their families are in good health. The general health of the community is excellent, and we are contentedly awaiting relief."

After enumerating the casualties already reported and giving the total of deaths, including American, as fifty-six, Morrison says: "The Chinese undermined the French legation, which is now a ruin; but the French minister (M. Pichon) was not present, having fled for protection to the British legation on the first day of the siege." The dispatch ends as follows: "The greatest peril we suffered during the siege was from fire, the Chinese in their determination to destroy the British legation burned the adjoining Han Lin Yuen (National college), one of the most sacred buildings in China, sacrificing the unique library."

Where is it known how great relief is placed upon Dr. Morrison in England the importance of his exposure of the Chinese government can scarcely be overestimated. It seems to banish all hopes entertained by Lord Salisbury that the Chinese government might yet be proved not directly responsible for the outrages, and it may result in an entire cessation of the negotiations with Chinese diplomats, if not in an open declaration of war on the part of the powers.

Commenting upon Dr. Morrison's dispatch The Times says: "It is now beyond doubt that the frequent assertions of the different Chinese representatives that for a month past the legations have been enjoying the protection of the throne are, one and all, unqualified falsehoods."

Another letter has been received at Tien Tsin from the British minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, dated July 24: "We are surrounded by imperial troops," he writes, "who are firing on us continuously. The enemy is enterprising, but cowardly. We have provisions for about a fortnight and are eating horse meat. The Chinese government, if there is one, has done nothing whatever to help us. If the Chinese do not press the attack we can hold out for, say, ten days. So no time should be lost in a terrible massacre is to be avoided."

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AB SIN HUMPHING HIMSELF.

He Wants to Avoid Foreign Occupation of Peking, but It Is No Go.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The Chinese imperial government is putting forth the most powerful efforts to secure through negotiation the abandonment of the international movement upon Peking. The cablegrams received at the state department from Earl Li Hung Chang all tend to demonstrate his desire to secure the success of the ministers at Peking and their delivery at Tien Tsin if this can be safely effected, trusting that in return the international column can be halted.

Unquestionably a proper assurance of the safe delivery of the ministers would have some effect upon the temper of the powers, and it is possible that the United States government would give ear to overtures in that direction, were not the attempt made by the Chinese to impose conditions upon the delivery that are altogether objectionable. Such, for instance, is a stipulation that the Chinese imperial authorities shall be absolved in advance from the consequences of the attempt, and for liability for what has taken place in Peking.

The first stipulation might be regarded as a direct invitation to the "Boxers" to murder the ministers on their way to the coast, and therefore our government will leave it to Congress itself whether or not he regards it as safe to leave Peking when the opportunity is held out. Meanwhile there has been no change as to the military programme, so far as our government is advised.

JESTER ACQUIT OF MURDER.

Old Man Goes Free and a Crime of Thirty Years Ago Is Still a Mystery.

Kansas City, Aug. 2.—A Times special from New London, Mo., says: Alexander Jester, the octogenarian, who has been on trial here for the past two weeks for the murder twenty-nine years ago of Gilbert Gates, was last night acquitted. The jury took three ballots.

When the jury filed into the court room it was filled with an expectant throng. As the judge read "We the jury find the defendant, Alexander Jester, not guilty," the old prisoner, bent with age and worn with watching, sat as if dazed for an instant, while the audience—at first too amazed to realize that the trial had so quickly come to an end—watched the actions of the judge in breathless silence. Jester finally realizing the import of the words arose, his face fairly beaming with joy.

A moment later the spectators gave vent to their feelings in a shout that made the court room ring. Then with common impulse a rush was made for Jester, and he was almost smothered with congratulations. The town generally rejoiced when the verdict was known. One feature of the trial was the spectacle of a woman testifying against her brother in an attempt to fasten murder committed nearly thirty years ago upon his head. Jester will leave here at once for Oklahoma to his old home, where he was arrested two years ago.

Have Been Married 15 Years.

Appleton, Wis., Aug. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hopkins, of the town of Dale, Outanmie county, have been married seventy-two years. Hopkins is 63 years of age, and Mrs. Hopkins 50.

OPENS THE CAMPAIGN.

Samuel Alschuler Sounds Democratic Keynote at Peoria.

IMPERIALISM IS THE CHIEF ISSUE

Other Addresses of the First Grand Rally Last Night.

Peoria, Aug. 2.—The democratic campaign in Illinois was formally opened here last night. The keynote was sounded by Hon. Samuel Alschuler, candidate for governor, when he said: "Shall the United States of America pursue the inaugurated policy of great and distant territorial acquisition and the inauguration of imperialistic colonial rule subversive of liberty at home as well as abroad or, taking warning rather than example from the most certain methods of caring for and preserving the lives and liberties of those who are now and hereafter may come within her borders. This is the burning question of the hour and the paramount issue, an issue not alone made by platforms but by the logic of events."

Imperialism, militarism and trusts were the three notes which chorde the signal for the democratic state campaign. Imperialism, in fact, was written all over the formalities of extending the opening of the great political battle in Illinois. Sam Alschuler, democratic candidate for governor, James Todd, candidate for attorney general, and George E. Parsons, candidate for auditor of public accounts, were the principal speakers in the old Tabernacle building, where the democracy of this state gathered to launch the state campaign. It was the same tabernacle, whose low-brooding roof and poor acoustic properties discourage the freedom of speech, that Miles Kehoe, of Chicago, introduced a pro-Boer resolution on the occasion of the republican state convention. The subcommittee on resolutions reported that the resolutions had been "turned down" and that the state of Illinois had nothing to do with territory across the salt seas. Kehoe protested, but the resolutions were passed and voted down. It was not so tonight.

The vast audience which greeted the democratic candidates cheered lustily when the cause of the South African republic was mentioned and the perspiring anti-imperialists were willing passengers in long trips made to the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Cuba.

All the addresses made a good effect and were enthusiastically applauded. A strong democratic county ticket in Peoria county was nominated.

REPUBLICANS OF IOWA.

Nominate a State Ticket and Adopt a Very Brief Platform.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 2.—Secretary of state, W. B. Martin, Greenfield, auditor of state, F. E. Merriam, Manchester; treasurer of state, G. S. Gilbertson, Forest City; attorney general, C. W. Mullan, Waterloo; judge of the supreme court, Emlin McClain, Iowa City; railway commissioner, D. J. Palmer, Washington; presidential electors-at-large—John N. Baldwin, Council Bluffs, and Ole O. Roe, Des Moines.

The above ticket was nominated yesterday by the Republican state convention. The new auditorium was packed almost to suffocation with delegates and visitors, but the work of the convention went off smoothly and without a hitch, notwithstanding the warm contests for the various offices.

No Work for the Credentials Committee.

Hon. W. L. Roach, of Muscatine, was the temporary chairman at the morning session and delivered a brilliant discussion of the issues from the Republican standpoint. Senator J. H. Trewin, of Allamakee county, was the permanent chairman at the afternoon session, but delivered no speech beyond thanking the convention for the honor. The committee on credentials reported every delegation present and no contests. The committee on resolutions not being ready to report balloting for the nominee for secretary of state was proceeded with and W. B. Martin was chosen on the third ballot.

Platform of Three Paragraphs.

The committee on resolutions then reported the shortest platform of the campaign. It consists of three paragraphs, the first of which indorses the state and national administration, and the Philadelphia platform which was presented with "unqualified approval," with the candidates nominated thereon. The second paragraph pays a tribute to the memory of Senator Gear. The third paragraph prays for the safety of Minister Conger who, "in the remote east, among a strange and alien people, in scenes of terror and of peril, is now representing not only the honor of his country but the dignity and manhood of the American people."

Rest of the Ticket Nominated.

State Auditor Frank F. Merriam, of Manchester, was renominated by acclamation. The ballot for state treasurer resulted in about a two-thirds majority for G. S. Gilbertson, of Forest City. D. J. Palmer, of Washington, was renominated for railway commissioner by acclamation, and C. W. Mullen, of Waterloo, chosen on the second ballot for attorney general. The big fight of the convention was over the nomination for supreme judge.

Four ballots were taken, resulting in the nomination of Emlin McClain, chancellor of the law department in the State university at Iowa City. At 7:15 p. m. the convention adjourned sine die.

District Electors Named. The district electors named were as follows: First district, E. V. Tucker, Lewis county; Second, J. A. L. Bartholomew, Jackson county; Third, L. B. Raymond, Franklin county; Fourth, C. H. McNider, Cerro Gordo county; Fifth, H. H. Read, Linn county; Sixth, S. H. Harper, Wapello county; Eighth, Marion F. Stookey, Decatur county; Ninth, P. L. Sever, Guthrie county; Tenth, Thomas Wray, Crawford county; Eleventh, George E. Bowers, Sioux county.

BRYAN'S TRIP TO INDIANAPOLIS.

Will Stop En Route and Be Given a Reception at Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Chairman Johnson and Secretary Walsh, of the executive committee of the Democratic national committee, and Chairman Gahan and Secretary Burke, of the Democratic county committee, had a conference Tuesday and completed the arrangements for the trip of Bryan and Stevenson to Indianapolis on the occasion of the notification celebration of Aug. 8.

It was announced that Bryan will get here from Lincoln at 8:30 a. m. of Aug. 7, and he will be met at the station by the German-American Democratic club, of which Frank Wenter is president. Mayor Harrison and Samuel Alschuler will also be in the receiving party. The club will escort Bryan to the Sherman House, where he will be met by Stevenson, and the two will hold a reception until noon.

The original plan of keeping the two candidates here until night was, at the request of Tom Taggart, of Indianapolis, changed, and the special train which is to take the party from here will leave on the "Big Four" at 1 p. m., and reach Indianapolis about 7 o'clock. The only stops of importance between Chicago and Indianapolis will be at Kankakee, Ill., and Lafayette, Ind. Bryan will not be expected to make any speeches, but Mayor Harrison and other spellbinders may be let loose for short efforts.

Populists of Kentucky.

Louisville, Aug. 2.—The Kentucky state Populist convention (middle-of-the-road) yesterday nominated for governor, O. H. Carden of Crittenden county, and also nominated presidential electors for the eleven congressional districts and for the state at large. The platform indorses the Omaha and Cincinnati declarations and Barker and Donnelly.

SOUTHERN VIEW OF THE CASE.

Race Issue Stated by a North Carolinian in Black Disfranchisement.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 2.—Hon. F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Democratic state committee, said last night: "The great battle for white supremacy in North Carolina has been fought and in less than twenty-four hours we shall know the result. * * * There is no hostility on the part of the Democrats towards the negro. We simply want him to know and intend he shall know his place."

"If his miserable white allies, who seek to use him to ride into office, would let him alone he and the white

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THE SHAH OF PERSIA IS ATTACKED BY ASSASSIN.

Villain Attempted to Mount Royal Carriage Containing Monarch, But Was Arrested.

PLAN OF TRAGEDY PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

Murderer of King Humbert Says It is "Czar's" Turn Next--More Proof of Collusion.

Paris, Aug. 2.—An attempt on the life of the shah of Persia was made this morning, but luckily resulted in no harm. The man broke through the line of policemen as the shah was leaving for his apartments and tried to mount the royal carriage step. He was arrested.

The would-be assassin declined to give his name or nationality. The police believe he is an Italian. He is about 26 years old. The shah received a letter this morning dated at Italy and signed with an Italian name, but posted in Paris, announcing that he would be assassinated today.

Rome, Aug. 2.—Bresci has been removed from Monza to Milan. The police have found evidence that he acted in collusion with others. Numerous arrests have been made.

Bresci Says Czar's Turn Next.

New York, Aug. 2.—According to a dispatch from Rome to the Journal Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, said to the warden today: "It will be the czar's turn next."

New King Reaches Monza.

Monza, Aug. 2.—The king and queen of Italy arrived here last evening. In the midst of a touching demonstration of welcome to the king two strangers cried "Viva Panarchia!" They were arrested and narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of the furious crowd.

An Elberfeld dispatch announces the arrest there of Giuseppe Bernardi, accused of declaring that Emperor William's turn to be assassinated would come next. He denied the charge, but is believed to be an anarchist.

Rome, Aug. 2.—The ministers have unanimously decided that the body of King Humbert shall rest in Rome.

London, Aug. 2.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily Chronicle, writing yesterday, says: "A rumor has reached here from Belgrade that an attempt was made to assassinate King Alexander this afternoon while he was driving through the town. It is said he was shot at, but was not injured. The rumor is unconfirmed."

POWERS IS OFF THE STAND.

Defendant in the Goebel Murder Trial Called a Good Witness.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 2.—In the Powers' trial yesterday the testimony of the defendant himself was concluded. It was generally conceded that while some of the admissions made by him were in a degree damaging he made upon the whole a most excellent witness.

Rev. John Stamper, the brother-in-law of Wharton Golden, was introduced, following Powers, and created something of a sensation on cross-examination by admitting that he as Powers' friend (but not in any sense his agent) sought to get Golden to leave the state and indirectly offered him \$5,000.

George F. Weaver, the star Colorado witness for the prosecution, languished in jail on a warrant charging him with perjury.

Poisoned by Tonsils.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—As a result of eating food stools mistaken for mushrooms, John Norris, of Harvey, Ill., his wife and three daughters, son and hired man are dangerously ill. Maude Norris is already dead. The others will probably recover.

Col. Loomis Dead.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Col. John Mason Loomis, lumber merchant, died at his home today aged 75.

The President in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The president arrived at 8 this morning.

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but for fear of treachery there has been no relaxation of vigilance. The Chinese soldiers continue to strengthen the barricades around the besieged area, and also the batteries on top of the imperial city wall, but in the meantime they have discontinued firing, probably because they are short of ammunition. The main bodies of the imperial soldiers have left Peking in order to meet the relief forces. Supplies are beginning to come in and the condition of the besieged is improving. The wounded are doing well. Our hospital arrangements are admirable.

"For Ways That Are Dark."

"The tung-li-yamen forwarded to Sir Claude Macdonald a copy of a dispatch telegraphed by the emperor to Queen Victoria, attributing all deeds of violence to bandits, and requesting her majesty's assistance to extricate the Chinese government from its difficulties. * * * This dispatch to the Queen was sent to tung-li-yamen by the grand council on July 3; yet the day before an imperial edict had been issued calling on the Boxers to continue to render loyal and patriotic services in exterminating the Christians. The edict also commanded viceroys and governors to expel all missionaries from China and to arrest all Christians and compel them to renounce their faith. Other decrees applauding the Boxers speak approvingly of their burning out and slaying converts. Their leaders are stated in a decree to be princes and ministers."

"And Tricks That Are Vain."

"On July 18 another decree made a complete volte-face, due to the victories of the foreign troops at Tien Tsin. In this decree for the first time, and one month after the occurrence—an allusion was made to the death of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, which was attributed to the action of local brigands, although there is no doubt that it was premeditated and that the assassination was committed by an imperial officer, as the survivor, Herr Cordes, can testify."

"BEATHEEN CHINESE IS PECULIAR."

Which the Same Will Further Appear from the Following.

The correspondent then tells something more of Ah Sin's "schlimness," as follows: "The force besieging the legation consists of the imperial troops under General Tung Lu and General Tung Fuh Shiang, whose gallantry is applauded in imperial decrees, al-

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