NO AUTHENTIC NEWS

Recent Chinese Reports Not Given Credence.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EMPEROR.

Japan's Formidable Preparations Viewed With Distrust by Powers, War to the Death Between Empress Downger and Tuan,

LONDON, July 11,-"No authentic news from Peking" is still the burden of the disputches from the far east, and, although the disposition is to believe the optimist reports from Chinese sources, no real confidence is possible until the legations, if they are still in existence, are permitted to communicate with their governments. If, as is alleged, the Boxer movement is losing ground in Peking, it might have been supposed that the Boxers would have endeavored to send up reenforcements from Tien-tsin, but instead of that they are still in great force in the neighborhood of the latter place and are assisted by the imperial Chinese troops with ample efficient artiflery.

The Shaughai correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing Tuesday, says "A message has arrived here from Em peror Kwang Hsu, dated July 2, by couriers from Peking to the viceroy of Nankin, who forwarded it here. It is addressed to the Russian, English and Jap anese governments. It deplores the recent occurrences and solemnly affirms that the foreign governments are mistaken in supposing that the Chinese government was protecting the Boxers against the Christians. The emperor further implores their aid in suppressing the rebellion and upholding the existing

"In a separate dispatch to the Japaaese government Kwang Hsu expresses deep regret for the murder of Legation Chancellor Sugiyama.

"These dispatches are taken to indicate that the emperor is in seclusion and is



PRINCE TUAN.

ignorant of the seriousness of recent The Chefu correspondent of The Ex-

oress, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "The Japanese force is equipped with 16 heavy mortars and 120 field guns and us pontoon and balloon sections. It is expected either Marshal Nodzu or Marthal Oyama will take command. The dan of campaign contemplates operaions extending two or three years

"A further force of 13,000 men will be anded at Taku a week hence and an adlitional 10,000 soon afterward. Before the rainy season is well advanced Japan sopes to have 63,000 troops in China.

These formidable preparations are lewed with great distrust by Russia. Jermany and Franc

According to the Shanghai correspondnt of The Express it is war to the knife etween the downger empress and Prince Fuan. In a recent edict the latter bolddiscards his mask and signs himself ts emperor. He warmly commends the growess of "his faithful Boxers" and in lowery language appeals to their cupidity and fanaticism. In the same decree Prince Tuan appoints Prince Tauan, the 'iron capped;' Prince Tsaisban, his imerial clausman, and Kang Yi to com-aand the three chief wings of the Boxer

Three hundred European refugees from Tien-tsin have arrived at Shanghai in a tate of destitution after terrible suffer

More Corn. Less Wheat.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Prelimina y returns to the statistician of the de-artment of agriculture on the acreage of ora planted indicate an increase of bout 1.200,000 acres or 1.5 per cent over he acreage harvested last year. Of the 2 states having 1,000,000 acres or up-card in corn in 1809 all but Alabama, lississippi. Arkansas, Tennessee and cansas show an increased acreage, and total decrease in the five states nam-I is less than 600,000 acres. The condion of winter wheat shows a further de line during June, being 80.8 on July 1, s compared with 82.7 on June 1, 65.6 on uly 1, 1850, 85.7 at the corresponding ate in 1808 and a ten year average of 5.8. The average condition of spring heat is 55.2, as compared with 87.3 one south ago, 91.7 on July 1, 1899, 95 at he corresponding date in 1898 and a ten-gar average of S0.5.

Freezing Weather in July would cause seat discomfort and loss, but fortunately it is seldom known. A vast amount of misery caused at this season, however, by impovrished blood, poor appetite and general de thty. These conditions may be remedied or enriching the blood and tooling the stomch with Hood's Eurapavilla, This medicine sems to put new life into the whole physial system, simply because of its wonderful ower to parily, until and vialize the lood, create an appellie and invigorate the igestive functions. We advise you to get a sottle and try it if you are not feeling just eght. It will do you more good than a six weeks vacation. It is the best medicine

STANDARD OIL FIRE. Loss Now Estimated at \$2,400,000.

Fire Department's Great Fight. NEW YORK, July 7.—The fire at the Standard Oil company's works at Bay onne, which was kindled by a stroke of lightning shortly before midnight July is practically under control. It was thought yesterday in the afternoon that the fire in tanks 10 and 14 would extend to 9 and 13 and thus render the whole plant subject to total destruction. The efforts of the combined fire departments of the Tidewater and Standard companies, using 14 streams, to keep the two threat-

did not ignite. The official estimate of damage is \$2,400,000. The Standard Oil company insures itself, a fund being set aside for that purpose.

The Bayonne fire companies have been at work continuously for 36 hours. The loss is as follows: Twenty oil tanks and contents destroyed, paraffin plant, in-cluding pressroom, in which was installed very expensive machinery; the sweetening plant portion of the new refinery, crude stills, 15 Union line tank cars and contents and four cars of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Cholera Sprending.

SIMLA, India, July 11.-Cholera has appeared in epidemic form at Kohat, 25 miles south of Peshawur. Two hundred and seven cases and 77 deaths occurred among the sepoys and camp followers between July 3 and July 9. The prospects for the monsoon are slightly more favor-

Nine Dead From Eating Tondstools. LITTLE ROCK, July 10 .- An entire of nine persons died near Calico Rock, Marion county, from cating poisonons tondstools, mistaking them for mushrooms. The family ate a hearty dinner, which included the supposed mushrooms, All were taken violently ill, and none re-

Through Ningara Rapids.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 10.-Yester day afternoon Peter Nissen of Chicago made a trip through the Whirlpool rapids to the whirlpool in a small boat 20 feet long, 6 feet beam and 4 feet deep. Wher Nissen came here, he gave the name of Bowser, while his boat was named the Fool Killer. His trip was wonderfully successful, and he has won all the hone such affairs have. He has spent t days in trying to get his boat in the rife er and has come in contact with the au thorities of two countries, who tried to drive him off, but he was determined to

New York Markets,

FLOUR-State and western sold in a small way at old prices, but had an easier tone and would have been lower on round lots: Minnesota patents, \$4.56.05; winter straights, \$3.9064.10; winter extras, \$2.7593.15; winter patents, \$4.1594.400.

WHEAT-Weak and lower through bearish cables, local unloading and uncertainty concerning the government report; September, \$149844c.; December, SSU-SSSGC. RYE—Dull: state, \$1662c., c. i. f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 65c., f. e

York, car lots; No. 2 b., affoat, b., affoat, corner sharply under rains CORN-Sold off sharply under rains west and lower cables; September, 485,61 404c. OATS-Quiet and weaker; track, white, state, 299725c.; track, white, western, 2

PORK-Quiet; mess, \$13.25@14; family, LARD-Easier: prime western steam. 20c.
BUTTER—Steady: state dairy, 169
Sig.; creamery, 176/194/2c.
CHEESE—Firm; large white, 94/2c.;
mall white, 94/2c.;
EGGS—Steady: state and Pennsylvaia, at mark, 13/6/154/2c.; western, loss off,

nia, at mark, terrison.

\$UGAR—Raw firm; fair refining, 44c.;
sugara, 96 test, 45c.; refined firm;
crushed, 6.40c.; powdered, 6.10c.
RICE—Stendy; domestic, 454645c.; Japan, 4%44%c. TALLOW-Quiet: city, 4%c.: country, 41-9743c. HAY-Steady: shipping, 70@75c.; good to choice, 809873c.

RECOVERED HER TEETH.

of a Philadelphia Woman After a Pug That Had Taken

Philadelphians on Diamond street were very much interested the other day in watching the chase of a young woman stylishly dressed after a pug dog, reports an exchange of that city. The wind was high and during a gust that came around a corner the young woman sneezed, gently at first, and then with some degree of violence. A cry of alarm escaped her lips as something resembling a string of pearls fell from her mouth to the pavement. For an instant the object glittered on the sidewalk, when the frisky dog bounded to the spot, picked up the glistening thing and bounded off again.

Blushing, the girl, in her perplexity east a wistful glance at the dog in the distance. Quickly she placed her trembling hand over her mouth and kept it there, while she started in pursuit of the dog. The chase was exciting. Pedestrians paused to watch. After many turns, rushes, dodges and halts the pretty maiden caught the dog at Tenth street. The anima! fell prostrate at her commands.

"Drop it, Fido: drop it!" she cried. The dog obeyed, opened its month and dropped upon the pavement with great reluctance the proud maiden's

set of false teeth. Eastly Explained.

Watts-Ever notice how kindly an audience takes to jokes about policemen or about women? That is, the men do. I'm afraid it is a bad sign.

Potts-Don't you worry. It is human nature to enjoy seeing one's bosses made fun of.-Indianapolis Press.

Keeping Cool About It. Mr. Crimsonbeak-Why, my dear, the

house is like an ice-box! Mrs. Crimsonbeak-Yes, I know it. I'm not going to have you go to the club and tell the boys I roast you every time you come home,-Yonkers States-

Among the sawmill towns and logging camps of northern Wisconsin 28 small libraries are circulating under the care of Rev. Stanley E. Lathrop, of Ashland. Often this is almost the only good literature that reaches these places, where most of the people are too poor to buy books. Many more libraries could be used to advantage; also illustrated newspapers and back numbers of magnines.

BIG INDIANS AT WAR.

A Bloody Foud Now Ruging in the Osage Nation Over the Question of Chiefship.

A civil war is raging in the Osage Indian nation, south of Wichita, Kan. It is caused, says a local exchange, by the fact that Peter Bigheart and Eagle Chief, two rich and influential Indians, want to be chief of the tribe. As only one can be elected, the feud that has been started threatens to outdo the Kentucky struggle so far despite an unfavorable wind the tanks as bloodshed goes. Already 20 Indians have been assassinated on account of the bitterness between these two factions, and the fight has just commenced.

> The fight commenced four years ago. Eagle Chief and Bigheart were then candidates for chief, and Bigheart won. Eagle Chief accused his rival of fraud, and in the contest that followed four or five Indians were killed. The defeated candidate represents the progressive element, and the present chief is in favor of running all the white men out of the country and going back to the first days of savagery. Notwithstanding his backward ways, he is the richest man in the tribe, and is said to be worth over \$3,000,000. He has made it all since he has been chief. By securing the passage of bills favorable to his oil wells and the extensive mines he owns. he has amassed a big fortune from his office. These facts are being made good use of in the campaign against him, and they are telling on the influence of the big chieftain.

> On the other hand, Eagle Chief is accused of trying to play into the hands of the whites by favoring allotment. Many campaign stories have been spread, in which there is not a grain of truth, and this has only served to add fuel to the flames. Each man has a large following.

SAN JUAN AND EL CANEY.

The Battlefields Are Overgrown with Weeds and the Blockhouses Going Into Decay.

"I thought you would probably like to hear about the old battle groundshow they look now," writes a correspondent of the Boston Transcript, "I went to Caney and went over the whole field of July 1. You would searcely recognize the places. The wire fence where Col. Haskell and Dickinson were shot has been repaired, and it is difficult to locate the spot. The bodies buried in the pineapple field-some 40 or more-have all been removed and the trench filled up. Parts of leggings, shoes, and other clothing of the dead can be seen lying about. The old stone fort is full of weeds and is crumbling down. The roof is entirely gone. The Spanish trenches near it are almost filled up. Down nearer the city the Spanish positions are difficult to determine. All of the wood blockhouses have either been burned or carried away by the Cubans for the lumber. The sunken road is the only natural looking place. There is a company of the Fifth infantry doing garrison duty at Caney. Their quarters are clean and cool, and it is considered a good station. The town is very free from filth. The streets are being repaired. waterworks being put in, a new plaza under construction, etc.

"San Juan hill is overgrown with rank vegetation. A Cuban peasant has a hut where once stood the famous blockhouse. Vandals have injured the Surrender tree some, but a strong double-barbed wire fence protects it, together with a penalty of punishment for any violation."

Smith-What's wrong, old man? You look worried. Jones-I am. You know I had my

life insured last week. Smith-Yes; but what has that got

to do with it?

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INDIANS ON MERRY-GO-ROUND.

Visiting Bucks and Squaws Have an Enjoyable Time in a Chicago Pleasure Resort.

Half a score of Indians, yelping in delight and capering like vehoulboys, attracted the attention of a large erowd of sightseers at a Chicago park one night recently as they raced toward a merry-go-round on which they were to have a ride. The great swing was standing vacant awaiting its noisy passengers as the crowd gathered around it. The bucks mounted the horses, while the squaws scrambled into the box seats with as broad a grin upon their faces as their stoicism would bermit. When the whiatle tooted a din equal to that the bucks had made in giving their war dance began.

Around the ring they rode, leaning forward on the neeks of the wooder horses or swinging at the side so that they narrowly escaped a number of hard knocks several times as they swept past the outer supports. Each warrior tried to outdo the other in feats of horsemanship. While one rode beneath his horse's neck with his legs wrapped around the swaying figure. unother climbed to the back of his mount and rode standing. Another stood over two horses, rocking up and down with the motion of the swing, but maintaining a position straight as an arrow all the time. One brief jour ney was not enough. Each redskin clamored for more and left the swing only under premise that the treat should be repeated the following night.

MAN IN TERTIARY AGE.

Important Discovery Claimed by a Colorado Explorer in New

Capt. Ceell A. Deane, of the Denver State Historical society, lately spen two weeks near Gallup, N. M., looking for a randstone house partially covered by a bed of laya. This, says a Denver exchange, he falled to find, but he discovered other evidence of the presence of man in that locality during the tertiary period. Near the given site of the clusive stone house they came upon the site of an old lake covered with lava. Fifty feet above the original level of the vanished lake a cliff house was found. From this long untenanted abode the explorers took two bushels of calcined corn, which, however, had not come into contact with any burning substance. It was of an altogether different variety from the corn that is and has been used by the Indians. Over the corn was a layer of chipped stone reddened by intense heat from the lava bed of solidified debris which lay above the burnt rock.

In the house in which the corn was stored there were no weapons or utensils made of lava. On the other hand, such weapons and utensils were plentiful in the cliff dwelling at a lower level. These facts have convinced Capt. Deane that the region was inhabited before and after the lava flow, which is of the later tertlary period.

Manila's Destructive Ants. The white ants of Manila are fond of wood. They bore holes from the outside, enter in thousands, and eat articles of furniture until little is left but mere shells. Sometimes they de-

your the legs of a chair, so that when a person sits down, the chair crumbles under him, and he suddenly and ungracefully lands on the floor. The Tortolse as a Weather Prophet A tortoise is an excellent weather prophet. Tortoise farmers on the Af-

tican coasts notice that, even 24 hours before rain falls, these curious animals prepare for it by sceking the convenient shelter of overhanging Canada Studying Census Methods. The Canadian government has sent

a representative of its census department to New York to study the methods which will be employed in counting the population of the metropolis.

The Mysterious Code. "How happily the Von Grootses seem

to live together." "Yes. I can't get at the secret of

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