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# **CONGER WIRES AGAIN**

Washington Officials Refuse to Publish Message.

WHAT IT DOES NOT CONT.'IN.

Analously Availed News From Chaffee and the Belief Expedition Fails to Arrive-Diffenities In Way of Entering Peking.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- At the close of yesterday at the state department the following official announcement was bulletined:

The department of state announces that a message from Minister Conger has been received, but of uncertain date and not in reply to the telegram sent to him on Aug. S. It will not be made public."

This came at the conclusion of a pe ried of intense expectancy and yet one devoid of any actual developments save the foregoing meager announcement. Minister Conger's message was received in Washington shortly before noon, coming first to the Chinese legation by the usual route through Chinese officials. It was in the American cipher, without date and signed with the minister's name. It was at once transmitted to the state department and conferences began between Acting Secretary Adee and Secretary Root. Throughout the afternoon. however, the state department main tained an unaccountable reticence con cerning the subject, declining to admit that the message was in hand. The suspense was cleared up at 4 o'clock by the above announcement. It was stated anthoritatively that while the message was of a confidential character and for that reason could not and would not be given out, yet as a means of allaying possible misinterpretation it could be said that the dispatch showed neither a better condition nor a worse condition on the part of the legationers at Peking. It did not indicate whether Minister Conger has or has not received any messages from this government. Nothing was contained in the message which will cause any change in the instructions to General Chaffee. In fact, it was stated in this same authoritative quarter that the only additional instructions sent to General Chaffee since he left Washington were those of a more specific and explicit nature, which the developments in China and the information received by the war department necessitated. Throughout the day word was anx-

iously awaited from General Chaffee as to the development of the military sltuation near Peking, but not a word came, nor did Admiral Romey send anything on the situation. The last heard from General Chaffee he was at Ho-siwu, and according to all calculations he must now be very near Peking unless events have occurred to delay the advance. The officials are taking into account that an advance even up to Peking leaves much to be accomplished in a military way. It was stated yesterday by an official who has lived in Peking that nothing short of the heaviest artillery could make any impression upon the walls of the imperial city. He said light artillery would be of no avail, and for this reason the advance of a flying column even up to the walls of the city could effect little if a stubborn defense were determined upon. The walls are some 50 feet high and wide enough on top for two conches to pass abreast. From an offensive standpoint the walls afford opportunity for planting guns, while from a defensive standpoint they could not be breached except by the use of very heavy projectiles.

Although the situation admits of the prospect of an assault upon Peking, yet

#### CONDENSED DISPATCHES Notable Events of the Week Briefly

and Tersely Told. The Paris exposition jury has made 42,790 awards to exhibitors.

Two railway men were killed in a freight collision near Baltimore. The French have peaceably occupied the Touat oasis in North Africa.

An Alaskan steamer reached Seattle with \$200,000 worth of gold dust. The government leader at Ponoma said the rebel casualties in recent battles had been 600

Miss Helen Zimmerman of Cincinnatl flenied that she was engaged to the Duke of Manchester.

Bids for the new San Diego (Cal.) library, for which Andrew Carnegie gave \$50,000, exceeded that amount. The finnces of R. H. Ferrell, the con-

fessed murderer of Express Messenger Lane near Columbus, O., visited him in prison with her father.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 14.

A British-American union has been organized in San Francisco. A Mississippi negro was lynched at Corinth by a mob that took him from

inil. Three street railway strikers were arrested in St. Louis charged with dynamiting.

The fourth Zionist congress opened at London, Many American delegates were present.

Honolulu's death rate has grown until a quarantine against consumption has been discussed.

Philippine war veterans gathered in Denver to form the Society of the Army of the Philippines.

Three men were killed and four injured by the explosion of a pipe in the New York Steam company's building.

Major Russell B. Harrison's claim of \$677 for extra pay in the volunteer army was refused by the treasury department.

Two Asbury Park (N. J.) hotels allowed their men guests to sit in the dining room at breakfast and lunch yesterday in shirt waists.

The ameer of Afghanistan has begun nobilizing forces, and it was reported in Lahore, India, that he would cross the Russian frontier.

#### Monday, Aug. 15.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker is reported seriousy ill at her summer bome in Spring Lake, N. J.

One boy was killed and several per-sons injured in a train wreck near St. Charles, La.

The intense heat prevailing for-a week in the United States was broken by heavy rainstorms.

Twelve people were killed and 40 inrailway accident between jured in a Rome and Florence.

A movement is on foot among many influential citizens of Chicago to insist on a new federal census of the city.

Three lines of electric omnibuses intended to compete with the street cars for patronage in all parts of Chicago are projected.

At Norfolk Miss Mary Mathias, a girl of 18 years, whose home is at Fall River, Mass., saved from drowning Frank Brown, aged 19, of Birmingham, Ala.

Nine persons in Greater New York lost their lives in the terrific storm which put an end to the hot weather, and nine others were terribly hurt. Five of them, it is thought, will die.

#### Saturday, Ang. 11.

The apple crop in western New York has been damaged by the hot weather. Between 5,000 and 10,000 people were reported as facing starvation at Cape Nome.

An Italian crank tried to present a big brass projectile to the president at the White House,

## **INSURGENTS ACTIVE.**

Heavy American Losses Last Month In Panay.

GARRISONS CONTINUALLY HARASSED.

Amnesty Proclamation Fails to Accomplish What Was Expected. The Filipinos Are Using

#### Smokeless Powder.

MANILA, Aug. 15.-Reports from the Visayas islands show that there has been increased activity among the insurgents during the last six weeks.

The American losses in the island of Panay last month were greater than in any month since February last.

General Mojica in Leyte and General Luchan in Samar are harassing the garrisons, shooting into the towns during the night and ambushing small parties, firing and then retreating upon the larger bodies. The rebels possess an ample supply of ammunition and are organized to a considerable degree.

The Americans have garrisoned three towns on Samar island, two of which shelter a tenth of the original inhabitants, who suffer from the continual "sniping" of the rebels from the surrounding hills. The third is without any native inhabitants, the rebel outposts, a mile away, preventing their return to their homes. General Lucban punishes the islanders who have any relations with the Americans. Cebu is likewise disturbed.

Barring those who have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States the rebels are imprisoned in Manila. When amnesty was proclaimed, it practically was without effect, and the expectation that the proclamation would accomplish much in the unexpired time is daily diminishing.

Several minor engagements occurred last week in Luzon. The rebels used smokeless powder, which they must neeessarily have obtained by filibustering.

#### Aguinaldo Restless,

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 .- Copies of Manila papers received at the war department contain a letter purporting to be from a personal friend of Aguinaldo, which states that the Filipino chief does not take advantage of the amnesty proclamation because some time ago he gave orders to his followers to break up into guerrilla bands. The amnesty order excepts those who violated the laws of war, and it is stated that Aguinaldo fears that he would be in the excepted class should he undertake to surrender under the amnesty proclamation. The letter is dated at Biach-No-Bato, which is said to the present provisional headquarters be of Aguinaldo. It is stated, however, that Aguinaldo never stays more than one night in a place and only a few hours in any one locality. He allows no one to come near except his most intimate personal friends.

#### BASEBALL SCORES.

Results of Yesterday's Games In the National League.

Grady. Second game-Bowerman

May Name Woodruff

ALBANY, Aug. 15. - Congressman James S. Sherman of the Oneida district, passing through nore, said that mention of his name as a candidate for governor was without authorization. He said Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff will probably be the choice and is entitled to the nomination. This statement has much significance in view of the fact that the newspaper controlled by William Barnes, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican state committee, prints a column editorial in which it says, "If the convention should deem it wise to select Tim-othy L. Woodruff as its candidate for governor, it will make no mistake.'

#### King Humbert's Funeral,

ROME, Aug. 10.-With as much sim-plicity as the last rites to a king would permit the remains of the into King Humbert of Italy received their last honors and tributes from his loving country yesterday. The casket containing his body, borne on a gun carriage, preceded by his general aid-de-camp carrying his sword, followed by his favorite war horse and surrounded by those who were closest to him in the councils of state, was deposited after an imposing ceremony in the Pantheon. The city was a mass of somber decoration, giving Rome the appearance of being weighted down by deep grief and sorrow.

#### Worrying About New York.

LONDON, Aug. 14 .- In the course of its financial article this morning The Dai-ly Mail says: "Strange to say, the pivot of the international money market is New York. The export of gold to Europe, which New Yorkers talk about so ondescendingly, amounted last week to fully \$5,000,000. As much more is like ly to be shipped this week, and the New York reserves are likely to be depleted to the extent of \$50,000,000 by the end of August. It is a question if New York can stand it safely."

#### Fitzsimmons Whips Rublin.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 .- Bob Fitzsimmons of Australia, but now an American citizen, met Gus Ruhlin, the Akron giant. of Akron, O., last night before the Twentieth Century club at Madison Square Garden, and Fitzsimmons won by knocking the Ohioan down and out in the sixth round.

#### To Buy United States Cars. SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 14 .-The Chilean congress has voted \$2,500,-

000, Chilean currency, for a cargo of cars, the greater portion of which will be purchased in the United States. Tenders have been invited for building the great iron bridge over the river Maipu.

Colonel Honre's Column Safe. LONDON, Aug. 15 .- The Pretoria correspondent of The Daily News, wiring yesterday, announces the safety of Colo nel Hoare's column and the convoy re ported to have been captured by the Boers at Eland's river.

**Committee on Revision Meets.** SARATOGA, Aug. 15 .- The Presbyte rian general assembly committee on re-vision has met and organized. Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, moderator of the as sembly, is chairman of the committee.

#### Fitz and Sharkey to Fight.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 .- Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey have agreed to fight on Aug. 25 before the Coney Island Sporting club for a purse of \$25,000 Charley White is to be the referce.

Immense Apple Crop. SYRACUSE, Aug. 15 .- Oswego county's fruit crop promises to break all records. Growers expect 150,000 barrels of apples, larger than the banner crop of 1896.

#### New York Markets.



ried life will make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is radely handled The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change Many neglect which comes with marriage to deal with the unpleasant drains which are

drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness. As surely as the general health suffers when there is de rangement of the health of the delicate womanly organs, so surely when these organs are established in health the face and form at once witness to the fact in renewed come liness. Half a million women and more have found health and happiness in the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.



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overnment officials were decidedly more hopeful yesterday that a solution of the Chinese problem would be found without recourse to such heroic measures. The improved feeling is based largely on the belief that China, realizing that her sacred capital is about to be besieged by the armies of the world, will yield everything and that the legationers will be delievered on the terms of the allies.

#### NEARING PEKING.

#### Paris Dispatch Brings Allies Within Sixteen Miles of the City.

LONDON, Aug. 15 .- The only\_news which takes the advance upon Peking further than Ho-si-wu comes from Paris. The London morning papers contain nothing to confirm the French report that the allies are within 16 miles of Peking, although a Chefu dispatch is printed saying that they were within 27 miles of the goal on Saturday.

Confirming the report of the arrival of the international forces at Ho-si-wu, The Daily Mail's correspondent adds:

"The Chinese offered little real opposition. The arrival of the allies frastrated a determined attempt to divert the course of the river. The hent is intense, but the health of the troops is good."

A Port Arthur special announces that the women and children have been offi-cially notified to leave that place.

A special dispatch from Shanghai, dated Aug. 13, says numerous reports from Peking dated Aug. 8 have arrived there describing the situation at the Chinese capital. It appears the Chinese are again desperately attacking the legations, which had very few defenders left. It is also alleged that Prince Tuan and 100 officials have left Peking and that the news of the capture of Yang-tsun caused a heavy exodus of the residents.

Finally, it is said that the execution of Cheng Yin Huan, the Cantonese who was special embassador of China to Queen Victoria's jubilee, has created widespread terror, and it is believed to be a fact that Yu-Lu, the former viceroy of Chi-li, was killed in battle at Yang-tsun.

#### Fire at Glens Falls, N. Y.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 13 .- The most destructive fire since the burning of the Glens Falls Portland Cement company a year ago this month resulted in a loss of over \$100,000, partly covered by The fire originated in the insurance. workroom of Heffron & Linehan, shirt manufacturers, occupying the third floor of the A. S. Rugge collar and cuff fac tory, and spread from there to the building occupied by the Glens Falls Electric and Gas company and D. Robertson & Co., manufacturers of shirts and ladies' waists. The Central House, the Park hotel and the McGregor Park Music hall were then attacked by the flames.

#### Intense Heat In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 .- Nine deaths and 15 prostrations resulted from the excessive heat here yesterday. The temperature was above 90 the greater part of the day and for one hour during the afternoon touched 95 degrees.

The Kansas wheat crop this year has been officially put at 78,081,000 bushels, breaking the record.

Lord Russell of Killowen, chief justice of England, died in London after an operation for gastrie catarrh.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff was brought to the front again as a possible nominee for governor of New York.

Washington Turner jumped from a train near Anniston, Ala., with his wife and child. He had never ridden on a railway before.

Treasury statistics showed a 50 per cent increase in Porto Rican trade with the United States since the new tariff act was passed.

#### Friday, Aug. 10,

Cape Nome gold to the value of \$545,-000 arrived at Seattle.

President McKinley has arranged to return to Washington next Thursday.

A Texas man was sentenced to life imprisonment for leading a lynching party. Severe cases of yellow fever have been cured at Vera Cruz, Mexico, by a serum. The English cricket matches set for Philadelphia next month have been declared off.

The Turkish commandant at Bitlis has massacred 200 more Armenian men, women and children.

Johnny Reiff, the little American jockey, won two firsts and one second out of five races at Dublin.

Comptroller Coler refused to pay bills of certain experts in the Molineux case because they were so high.

#### Thursday, Aug. 9.

The Peruvian cabinet has resigned. The bursting of a Boston water main caused \$75,000 damage.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helene arrived in Rome.

Evidence accumulated that several accomplices aided Humbert's murderer. The population of Providence increased

38 per cent in ten years, being now 173, 000.

The British parliament adjourned. The queen's speech mentioned both South Africa and China!

The court ordered the telegraph companies to send Chicago board of trade quo-tations to Kansas City firms.

Embassador Choate has been made arbitrator between the British and C'inese governments in the Kow-Shing case.

Judge Lacombe, in the United States circuit court, rendered a decision indi cating that he will sign an order for the extradition of C. F. W. Neely, accused of embezzling Cuban postal funds.

#### Hent Shrivels Crops.

SALINA, Kan., Aug. 14.-An intense-ly hot wind has been blowing over central Kansas, and vegetation has withered rap-idly. The late corn that survived the last dry spell has been shriveling, and the crop percentage has been considerably decreased. The thermometer has registered as high as 112 dgrees in the busi-ness streets and has been above 100 de-

phy. At Chicago-Boston

Table of Percentages.

# Brooklyn. W. L. Pittsburg. 51 42 Phitadelphia. 47 42 Chicago 46 47 Boston. 45 47 St. Louis. 40 47 Cincinnati. 40 47 New York. 35 51

#### Senator Ingalls Dying.

ATCHISON, Kan., Aug. 15.-A num-ber of the friends of ex-United States Senator John J. Ingalls have been notified that Mr. Ingalls is dying at Las Vegas, N. M. His son has left for his bedside. Ellsworth Ingalls, the eldest son, who is at Sioux Falls, has been notified and will start immediately for New Mexico. Ralph Ingalls, another son, is now serving in the Philippines as a regimental commissary. Mr. Ingalls has suffered from throat trouble since March, 1899, when, on the advice of physicians, he gave up his work at Washington and removed to Atchison with his family. He placed himself under the care of a specialist, but grew no better and was advised to go south. He traveled through Arizona and New Mexico. Two months ago he prepared to return home. Physiclans were consulted and advised against his leaving Las Vegas. Soon thereafter Mrs. Ingalls joined her husband and has remained constantly at his side. From time to time in the past year reports that Senator Ingalls was seriously ill were circulated, but they were invariably de-nied both by the patient and his fami-ly. Mr. Ingails is 67 years old.

#### New Steel Lake Steamers.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 15 .- J. C. Gilchrist, the well known vessel owner, has contracted with the American Shipbuilding company for the construction of five steel steamers, to be completed by the opening of navigation next season. Each will have the capacity of 5,000 gross tous and will cost \$235,000, making the total of the contract more than \$1,000,-000.

#### Crop Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.-The Au-gust report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the following averages of condition on Aug. 1: Corn, 87.5; spring wheat, 56.4; oats, 85.0; barley, 71.6; spring rye, 76.0; buckwheat, 87.9; potatoes, 88.2; timothy hay, 79.0.

#### Jury Exonerates Baldwin.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The coroner's jury in the case of Ralph Miller, who was killed in a boxing bout with Victor Baldwin, both of Richmond Hill, Queens borough, about a week ago, has pendered a variet overantice Beller rendered a verdict exonerating Baldwir from all blame.

New York Markets. FLOUR-State and western, although unchanged, was a trifle steadler: Minne-sota patents, 33.0564.35; winter straights, 35.053.55; whiter extras, 32.7093; winter patents, 32.8564.35. WHEAT-Opened easy on disappointing cables, but recovered on the strangth of carn; September, 79%@894c.; October, 8940.

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corn; September, 79% @8044c.; October, 80460.
 RYE-Steady; state, 52@53c., c. 1. f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 564c., f. o. b., afloat.
 CORN-Strong and higher on reports of shorts; September, 43@43%c.; December, 40447404c.
 OATS-Quiet, but steadler; track, white, state, 26@33c.; track, white, western, 26@ 33c.

S3c. LARD-Steady; prime western steam,

6.95c. BUTTER-Steady: state dairy, 16@19%c.; CHEESE-Steady; large white, 104c.;

TURFENT-Steady, large white, 10%c.; small white, 10%c. Dull at 425024c. EGGS-Steady; state and Pennsylvania, at mark, 14517c.; western, loss off, 15%c. SUGAR-Haw firm: fair refining, 4%c.; centrifugal, 96 tost, 4%c.; refined steady; crushed, 6,00c.; powdercu, 6,20c. RICE-Firm; domestic, 4%g66%c.; Japan, 4%656.

12,656. TALLOW-Dull: city, 4 7-169445c.; coun-try, 45645c. HAY-Dull: shipping, 725675c.; good to choice, 809225c.

#### Military Halifax.

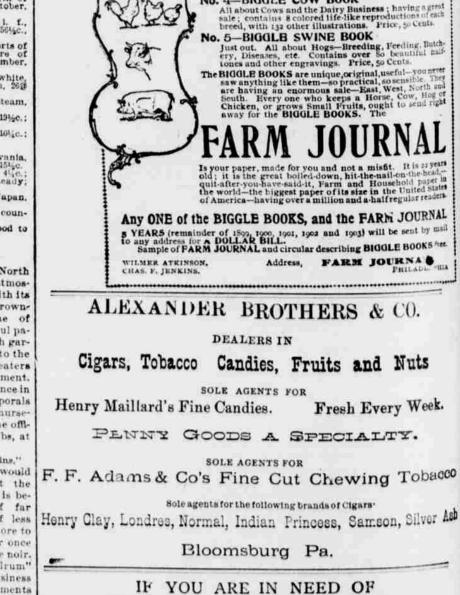
There are just three cities in North America that have a foreign atmosphere. They are New Orleans, with its French quarter; Quebec, with its frowning fortifications, reminding one of Ehrenbreitstein, and its wonderful patois, and Halifax, with its British garrison, which gives a dash of red to the streets, the public parks, the theaters and other places of amusement Tommy Atkins is greatly in evidence in Hallfax. The high privates, corporals and sergeants stroll with the nurse maids in the public gardens. The officers are conspicuous at the clubs, at dances and other social affairs.

"Oh, how I love you, Tommy Atkins,"

is strictly true of Halifax. It would seem a dull little place without the military. At the same time it is be lieved that Halifax would be of far more commercial importance if less time were given to society and more to business. A commercial traveler once told me that Hallfax was his bete noir. The men whom he wanted to "drum" were difficult to find in their business places, because they had engagements with Capt. or Col. or Maj. So-and-So at the club .-- Gustav Kobbe, in Truth.

#### Filipino Cannon.

Three curious water pipe cannon, which were actually used by the Filipinos against the Americans in the late campaign, have just been lent to the museum of the Royal United Service institution. How primitive they really are may be judged from the fact that the exterior surfaces are bound with hemp and galvanized wire and telegraph wire .-- London Chronicle.





A large lot of Window Curtains in stock