

LATEST FROM CONGER.

Members of the Tsung li Yamen May Act For China.

REPORTED RETREAT OF ALLIES.

A St. Petersburg Dispatch Declares They Were Defeated In Pekin. Losing 1,800 Men—Allies Capture the District West of the Walled City.

Washington, Aug. 28.—After several days' intermission in Chinese advices the government yesterday received two dispatches which presumably bring its advices up to the most recent date. There are indications that the principal delays in the lines of communication are encountered between Tien Tsin and Pekin, a fact explainable by the newspaper advices that small bands of Boxers are operating on the line of communication of the Pekin campaign force.

The important dispatch of the day was one from Minister Conger relative to the military situation in Pekin. Unfortunately it lacked a date, the minister presumably not having yet received the department's instructions to include the date in the body of his dispatches. The state department, concluding from internal evidences that Minister Conger's message was certainly later than any official emanation from the Chinese capital, the message was allowed publicity for what it was worth. The dispatch follows:

"No important movements since last dispatch. Military is trying to restore order. No representative of the Chinese government encountered yet. Several ministers of the tsung li yamen reported in the city and are expected to appear soon. Generals decide not to enter Imperial palace, leaving it practically vacant. Two thousand Germans arrived today."

Our minister's reference to the arrival of 2,000 fresh German troops caused some surprise, no one apparently having closely watched the movements of the German contingent, which is now arriving with fairly regular frequency in China, and which consequently may be expected soon to equal in numerical strength the military contingents of any of the European nations there represented.

A significant statement in Minister Conger's dispatch is that respecting the expected appearance in Pekin of some of the members of the tsung li yamen. A natural construction to be given to this statement is that these ministers wish to undertake to represent the Chinese government formally in negotiations with the powers. It having been found impossible up to this moment, according to Mr. Conger's statement, to meet any representative of the Chinese government in Pekin who was competent to open negotiations, it may be inferred that if these ministers actually appear with proper credentials one of the problems connected with the present difficult situation in China will be solved.

Ever since the fall of Pekin the principal difficulty confronting the government here has been to arrange for the next movement in its program. It could not withdraw its troops, even if so disposed, without arranging for indemnification for the heavy cost it has been put in the Pekin campaign. Also it must make arrangements with some responsible authority for the future protection of American interests in China, as our business interests cannot be withdrawn along with the army of occupation.

Another statement in Mr. Conger's dispatch, relative to the decision of the generals not to enter the imperial palace, appears to explain the movement of the American troops which the press dispatches were unable to clear up, in relaxing the attack upon the palace gates, after capturing all but one of them.

The first direct word from Gen. Chaffee since Aug. 18 came yesterday in the form of a cablegram dated yesterday at Taku, reporting the action of the Sixth cavalry with the enemy near Tien Tsin on the 19th. The cable is as follows:

"Col. Wint, on the 19th, reports marched at 4 a. m. and engaged large force of enemy seven miles from city; dispersed them, killing about 100, Americans lost five wounded."

This cable adds nothing to the information in the possession of the department relative to military movements, as it simply Gen. Chaffee's belated official report of an engagement previously reported by Admiral Remy.

The government has decided not to send any more troops to China. All the troops now at sea, amounting to about 4,000, together with those under orders for service in the far east, which have not sailed, amounting to about 3,000 more, will be sent to Manila. With the arrival at Taku of the Hancock and the troops she carried Gen. Chaffee will have 5,000 available men, which is deemed sufficient for all present purposes.

REPORTED RETREAT OF ALLIES.

Eighteen Hundred Killed in a Desperate Battle in Pekin.

London, Aug. 28.—The allies, resuming aggressive operations, have taken the district west of Pekin. This statement, based on Chinese authority, is cabled from Shanghai. From the same place comes the further statement that Li Hung Chang has wired the empress dowager at Hsian Fu, requesting the arrest of Prince Tuan and the disarmament of the Boxers, in order to give him an opening for negotiations with the powers.

A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to Le Siecle, of Paris, says:

"It is persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the Russian government has received a dispatch asserting that after a fierce battle inside Pekin the allies retreated, losing 1,800 men, mostly Russians. It is further said that the Chinese occupy fortified positions, from which they are bombarding the allies in a murderous manner."

"Russian journals agree," says the Moscow correspondent of The Standard, "that it is impossible to deal with China in the spirit of revenge, as suggested by Emperor William. They believe that methods less drastic can better accomplish the ends of Russia in

Manchuria. The question would be satisfactorily settled to Russian minds by the seizure of the northern provinces."

Gen. Dorward, in his report of the engagement outside of Tien Tsin Aug. 19, when the Americans, British and Japanese signally defeated a large force of Boxers, killing over 300, says, in a dispatch dated Aug. 25:

"The lines of communication near Tien Tsin are now free from danger. The enemy had been treating the villagers badly. Several decapitated bodies were found near their camp. The villagers are now flocking to Tien Tsin at the rate of about a thousand a day. As there is not more than a month's food supply, there is every prospect of a famine shortly."

WOMAN DEFIED OFFICERS.

Three Killed, Four Wounded and the Woman's Home Destroyed.

Gilman, Ills., Aug. 28.—Two men killed, three wounded, two of them perhaps fatally, one woman wounded, and her residence burned, are the results of an all night battle between a mob and Mrs. A. W. Wright, who was accused of the murder of Desse Salter.

The dead: John Myers, laborer, employed by Mrs. Dr. Wright; Michael Ryan, citizen, serving as deputy constable. Fatally wounded: Lawrence Ryan, brother of the dead man, wounded in the abdomen; George Willoughby, citizen, shot through left lung; Mrs. Dr. C. W. Wright, shot through right shoulder, bullet taking downward course. Seriously wounded: Peter Lauer, member of the citizens' attacking party, shot through stomach.

The conflict was precipitated by the investigation of the coroner's jury into the death of Desse Salter, a 16-year-old girl of Leonard, Ills., who died in Mrs. Wright's lying-in hospital Friday night, and was taken to her home in Leonard under cover of darkness early Saturday morning. When a constable went to arrest the woman they were met with bullets. After a desperate battle, resulting in the above casualties, the house was burned to the ground.

Mrs. Dr. Wright is about 50 years old. It is stated that she was formerly an actress. For some time she has been conducting a lying-in hospital on the outskirts of Gilman. She is in jail, and will probably die.

Stevenson the Populist Nominee.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—At a meeting of the People's party national committee yesterday the declination of Charles A. Towne as the vice presidential nominee of the party was accepted, and the name of Adlai E. Stevenson was put in his place. This result was obtained after a long debate. Senator Marion Butler, chairman of the committee, advocated leaving the place blank. A motion was made to endorse Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Washburn, of Massachusetts, moved as a substitute that a Populist be placed upon the ticket. The substitute was lost and the original motion was then adopted by a viva voce vote.

Fitz Retires From the Ring.

New York, Aug. 28.—Fitzsimmons and William A. Brady, manager for Jeffries, met yesterday afternoon to arrange a match between the two men. Fitzsimmons said he was in good condition, and wished to fight next Friday night, and Brady replied that Jeffries was not in trim for a fight and could not prepare himself in the few days intervening. The men separated without coming to any agreement except that there would be no contest on Aug. 31. Fitzsimmons last night announced his retirement from the pugilistic ring. He will open a training school in Chicago.

Roumania and Bulgaria May Fight.

London, Aug. 28.—Referring to the tension between Roumania and Bulgaria, recently accentuated by the unsatisfactory character of the reply of the Sofia government to the Roumanian demand for the suppression of the Macedonian revolutionary committee, the Bucharest correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The outlook becomes more and more serious. The opinion of the general public here is that Bulgaria must be taught a lesson by arms if necessary. The expulsion of Bulgarians from Roumania continues."

Still Another Charley Ross.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 28.—In jail in this city is a tramp who started the recorder's court yesterday by stoutly asserting that he is Charley Ross, kidnaped from his parents at Philadelphia nearly 25 years ago. The man produces documents intended to substantiate his assertion, and has assured the police that a man lives in New York who can prove that what he says is true. Chief of Police McCabe has requested the New York police to investigate the story.

Natives Dying Like Flies.

London, Aug. 28.—"The present epidemic of cholera," says the Simla correspondent of The Daily Mail, "is one of the worst outbreaks on record. The bubonic plague is child's play compared with it. The natives are dying like flies at the rate of 3,000 a week. The epidemic is undoubtedly due to the pollution of the scanty water supply during the famine."

Fisherman's Fatal Treat.

Pittston, Pa., Aug. 28.—Anthony Michonis, aged 42, single, was drowned in the Susquehanna river here last night. He was fishing in a boat when he met another boat in which were two friends of his. Michonis wanted to treat his friends, and while in the act of handing them the bottle his boat upset, and he went to the bottom. His body was recovered.

Bresel Attempts Suicide.

Rome, Aug. 28.—Bresel, the assassin of King Humbert, ineffectually attempted to commit suicide Sunday. He now refuses food, saying that he has no intention to give the bourgeoisie the satisfaction of seeing him condemned. He shows signs of aberration of intellect.

Ready For the Advance.

Cape Town, Aug. 27.—Lord Roberts arrived Saturday at Belfast, a few miles west of Machadorod, where he met Sir Redvers Buller, Gen. French and Gen. Pole-Carew. Everything is now in readiness for the advance.

TRAGEDY IN A HOTEL.

Torridity, Drink and Jealousy Caused a Double Shooting.

TRIED MURDER, THEN SUICIDED.

Chicago Contractor Went to the Room of His Friend, Where the Crimes Were Committed—The Wounded Man May Survive.

New York, Aug. 28.—At the Hotel Vendome yesterday John W. Esson (or Essin), of Chicago, fired two bullets, one into the head and the other into the body of his friend and associate, Harold H. Stridron, and then thrusting the muzzle of the revolver between his teeth sent a bullet through his own head. The suicide expired immediately. His victim has a fighting chance for his life. The police are of the opinion that the man who attempted the murder and then committed suicide was crazed by the extreme heat and maddened by drink and jealousy.

Both men came from Chicago originally. Esson, or Essin, is said to have been a contractor in that city. His friends assert that he came to New York with the expectation of getting a contract on the underground road now being constructed in this city.

To the Coroner Stridron made the following statement: "Coroner Zucca, I am Harold H. Stridron, of No. 119 Seelye avenue, Chicago. I came here for the Fitzsimmons and Ruhlin fight from Chicago. I met John Esson here two weeks ago and saw him several times afterward. We drank together and went around together. I met him yesterday afternoon, Sunday, Aug. 26. I got him a room at the Vendome and I signed for his meals. This morning he came to my room and we went out for an automobile ride on Riverside drive. When we returned to the hotel he insisted upon going to my room to lie down. While there he shot me.

"On Saturday afternoon he told me that he had attempted to commit suicide, but was stopped. He asked me to telephone a girl that he had attempted to commit suicide. Shortly after I telephoned the girl hunted him up and demanded her jewelry. She then went away with Esson. While we were riding in the automobile he told me that he expected to get \$25,000 to give to this girl, but I never saw him with any money or jewelry of any kind."

Coroner Zucca afterward learned that the woman was Mrs. Lillian Hayes. She approached that official yesterday and told him that she had loaned the suicide \$1,000 worth of diamonds because he was in desperate circumstances.

To a reporter Mrs. Hayes explained that she came here from Chicago two months ago. She said that she knew the dead man in Chicago, that he brought his friends around to see her, and soon grew jealous. Mrs. Hayes said that if he had not been drinking he would not have been jealous.

This note was found on the dead man: "The better the day the better the deed. The world and my friends will be rid of me. Those who have been kind will forgive me, as I hope God will. I am a failure."

THE LATE KING HUMBERT'S PLEA.

Assassinated Ruler Contemplated Giving Up Home to Hierarchy.

London, Aug. 28.—"As the result of the outcry against the declaration of The Osservatore Romano," says the Rome correspondent of The Daily Express, "that the late King Humbert had mediated giving up Rome to hierarchy, the clerical papers have been instructed to publish a statement giving confirmation and details."

"According to this account, King Humbert, some months before his death, wrote to Cardinal Giuseppe Prisco, archbishop of Naples, requesting that a trustworthy priest be sent to hear his confession. A priest was sent, but absolution was refused unless Humbert would agree to abdicate and give up Rome. The king asked time to consider, as he was anxious to receive the sacrament, and according to the clerical version, 'it was this communication to the priest that induced the Holy See to grant Christian burial.'"

"King Humbert's letter to Cardinal Prisco will be published. A Catholic note from the Vatican to the Catholic powers declares that, so long as Italy contests the rights of the Holy See, the pope will only recognize Victor Emmanuel as king of Sardinia. The note appeals to the powers to relieve the pope from an intolerable situation, declaring that the condition of the papacy under Italian rule is steadily growing worse."

Regarding Political Assessments.

Washington, Aug. 28.—In accordance with the recent general request of the civil service commission, Postmaster General Smith yesterday issued an order calling the attention of postmaster, officers and employees of the postal service to the postal laws relating to political assessments or contributions. A strict observance of these regulations is enjoined and any disregard thereof will be promptly dealt with.

Diamond Torn From Her Ear.

New York, Aug. 28.—While Mrs. Moses Lewis, with a pair of diamond earrings valued at \$400 in her ears, was walking through Grand street yesterday Otto Dietrich, a boy, tore one of the earrings from her right ear and fled, pursued by a crowd. He was caught and held in \$2,000 bail for examination on a charge of highway robbery. This is the second case of this kind in this city within two weeks.

No Indications of a Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 28.—None of the coal operators of this section of the anthracite field attended the conference at Hazleton yesterday. Several operators who were interviewed said they did not look for a strike. The miners are very reticent. They say they will be governed by the action of their leaders. The general impression seems to be, however, that there will be no immediate trouble.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Aug. 22.

The population of Minneapolis, Minn., is 202,718; that of St. Paul 163,632.

It is estimated that \$10,000,000 damage has been done by forest fires in Colorado and Wyoming.

Fifteen thousand women have signed a petition against the woman suffrage bill in Victoria, Australia.

The Argentine Republic is preparing to subsidize a steamship line between Buenos Ayres and New York.

George Gould, it is said, will furnish the money to prevent the sale of the Castellane chateau in France.

The engagement of Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, to Prince Frederick Adolf, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, is announced.

Commander Shaw, of the Grand Army of the Republic, says he will endeavor to have Decoration Day changed to the last Sunday in May.

Thursday, Aug. 23.

Louis G. Borrick was yesterday nominated for governor of Wisconsin.

An anarchist meeting held in Berlin was dispersed by the police, who arrested the speakers.

The Boers are giving the English troops much fighting, and President Kruger will not yield.

By the explosion of a projectile on a Russian battleship three marines were killed and nine wounded.

There are 375,000 Russian troops already in the far east, or on the way there by land and sea.

George H. Hosmer, one of the best known oarsmen in the world, is dead at the Carney hospital in Boston.

In accepting the Populist nomination for president at Topeka, Kan., William J. Bryan declared that silver is still an issue.

Friday, Aug. 24.

The population of Philadelphia is 1,293,897.

Andrew Carnegie, who is in Scotland, denies the report that he will stump for Bryan.

The population of the city of Cleveland, O., is 381,768; Toledo, 131,822, and Columbus, 125,560.

In the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight at Coney Island tonight Sharkey was knocked out in the second round.

An investigation is demanded into the recent race riot in New York by colored men who are British subjects.

The negro Peck, whose attempted lynching for assaulting a little girl caused the recent fatal riot at Akron, O., was today sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson is dead and four of her children are in the hospital at Atlanta in a serious condition from eating ice cream which was made in an improperly cleansed freezer.

Saturday, Aug. 25.

The population of St. Louis is 575,238. By a recent court decision all squatters on the 60-foot strip along Nome Beach, Alaska, must vacate.

The steamer Mariposa brought over \$6,000,000 in specie from Sydney, Australia, to San Francisco, yesterday.

During a storm two little children of Charles Zunker, named Frida and Adele, of Milwaukee, Wis., were killed by a bolt of lightning.

Bethel Baptist church at Fairview, Ky., built as a memorial on the site of Jefferson Davis' birthplace, has been struck by lightning and destroyed.

Henry E. Youtsey, in jail awaiting trial for complicity in the Goebel murder and who has been ill, has become worse and is reported to be in a serious condition.

Monday, Aug. 27.

Hon. Charles Denby, Democrat, examiner to China, has declared for McKinley.

The Vesper Boat club, of Philadelphia, won the senior eight oared championship in the Paris exposition race.

Congressman Charles H. Boutelle, of Maine, is rapidly recovering his health at a sanitarium at Waverly, Mass.

After jauntily ordering and drinking a glass of whisky, Edward Sexton blew out his brains in a barroom at White Plains, N. Y.

While bathing at Portsmouth, N. H., Burt H. Kaufman, of St. Louis, struck his head against a gas bracket, fell into the bathtub and was drowned.

The bankruptcy report for Great Britain for 1899 shows a decrease of 481 failures and £1,125,000 in liabilities as compared with the previous year.

Tuesday, Aug. 28.

The population of Denver, Colo., is 132,859, against 106,713 in 1890.

Yesterday's baseball games: At Chicago—Chicago, 2; St. Louis, 1. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 9; New York, 2.

During the last few days terrific thunderstorms have caused much damage in the districts of Stuttgart, Leipzig and Rostock, Germany.

The population of Baltimore, as just bulletined by the census bureau, is 608,957, against 434,439 in 1890. This is an increase of 74,518, or 17.15 per cent.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—Flour well maintained; superfine, \$2.40; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.30; extra, \$2.20. Rye flour quiet and steady at \$1.90 per barrel. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, in elevator, \$1.97; No. 2 white, clipped, \$2.25; lower grades, \$2.07. Hay steady; choice timothy, \$4 for large bales; beef steady; beef hams, \$13.50; pork dull; family, \$15.50; mess, \$13.00. Lard dull; western steamed, \$7.10. Live poultry quoted at \$1.10; for choice western fowls and \$1.00; for spring chickens, as to quality. Dressed poultry (fresh killed), choice western fowls, 11c.; old roasters, 6c.; nearby spring chickens, 12c.; western spring chickens, 11c. Butter steady; creamery, 19c.; factory, 16c.; imitation creamery, 15c. New York dairy, 16c. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 16c. Jersey sweets, \$2.50. Cabbages quiet; Long Island, \$2.50 per 100.

New York, Aug. 27.—Steers firm to 1c. higher; rough stuff opened stronger, but closed dull with the advance lost; steers, \$4.75; Texan, 4c. oxen and stags, \$3.50; hogs, \$4.25; cows, \$3.50. Veals steady to a shade higher; veals, \$5.00; choice and extra, \$5.00; grassers and buttermilks, \$2.75. Sheep dull; lambs firm for top grades, others steady; sheep, \$2.75; choice and export wethers, \$3.75; culls, \$2.25; lambs, \$1.25; culls, \$1.00. Hogs lower at \$5.00; choice light state hogs and pigs, \$5.00.

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