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NO SOLUTION OF PEKIN MYSTERY IMPORTANT CONFERENCE OF REPUBLICANS.

of Yesterday Reveal Nothing.

ADMIRAL REMEY SILENT

This Is Regarded by Some as a Hopeful Indication-Li Hung Chang Decides to Remain in Canton Until the Allied Forces Have Defeated the Army of Prince Tuan-Accounts of Desperate Fighting Between Cossacks and Boxers at Tien

London, July 14.-The scanty cable dispetches received today add nothing to the knowledge in London of the Chinese situation,

It is stated positively from Canton that Li Hung Chang will remain there until the allied troops have defeated Prince Tuan's forces and will then go north to lend his powerful aid in arranging terms of peace, co-operating with Prince Ching, Yung-Lu and the other pro-foreign viceroys. For the present Li Hung Chang considers that he can best control and direct the viceroys from Canton and also keep in Kwang Tung.

All the foreigners and missionaries have yacated Wen Chau and have arrived at Ning Po. Large bodies of threatened to exterminate the foreigners and Christians. They also distributed banners, badges and inflamma-

tory anti-foreign appeals. The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Express, telegraphing under date of July 3, asserts that the Chinese are daily driving in the ailies. They mounted, says the correspondent, twelve fresh guns in advantageous positions, with which they are sweeping the streets of the foreign settlement, the incessent fire rendering position after position quite untenable.

The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent says that in the last six hours' battle outside of Tien-Tsin, the Cossacks captured six Krupp guns and killed numbers of flecing Boxers. The Chinese lost 3,000 killed, including Gen-

No Word from Remey.

Washington, July 13 .- Secretary Long stated at a late hour tonight that he had not received a word during the day or evening from Admiral Remey, in command of the Asiatic station, and now in Chinese waters. The fact that the admiral has not made any report of United States senate and house of representathe conditions said to exist in Pekin and the reported murder of the ministers, the secretary regards as a hopeful sign, as he inclines to the opinion that had any finality occurred in the capital some word or rumor of it might have found its way to Tien-Tsin or Taku.

Brussels, July 13 .- M. De Fabereau, minister of foreign affairs, has received a telegram from M. De Cartier De Marchienne, secretary of the Belgian legation at Pekin, dated at Shanghai. stating, on the authority of a Chinese source, that troops faithful to General Nieh Si Chang had defeated the rebels near Pekin, and that they recognized the authority of Prince Ching and General Yung Lu, who strived to defend the Europeans.

French Minister's Reply.

Paris, July 13 .- The Chinese minister here has communicated to M. Delcasse, the minister of foreign affairs, an imperial edict, dated June 29, To this M. Delcasse has replied that since the Chinese government has the means to communicate with its representatives abroad it ought to guarantee communications between the foreign powers and their representatives at Pekin, and he has, therefore, charged trict. the Chinese minister to transmit telegram to M. Pichon, the French

Brussels, July 13.—The Belgian forpatch from Shanghai announcing on Chinese authority that General Nieh-31-Chang has defeated the rebels near ng to defend the Europeans.

Gloom at Berlin.

Berlin, July 13 .- No Chinese advices inve been received at the foreign oftee today, which fact is interpreted y the press as ominous of disastrous ews in a few days. It is said that a seling of unrest exists in Shan Tung ecause of the withdrawal of a part the German troops from Taku to Isin-Tau.

At a meeting held here, at which vere present a number of the highest politicians, leading bankers and other persons of prominence, a society was organized to collect money to provide physicians and nurses for the China expedition. Offers of persons to serve as nurses have been so numerous that

no more can be accepted at present. The foreign office teday denied energetically to a representative of the Associated Press the statement contained in the cable dispatches from China to some London papers that Baron von Ketteler caused his own death through his harsh treatment of

Scanty Cable Dispatches [M. Lea, E. W. Clarke, jr., E. C. Miller and E. L. Owen resigned from the heard, and W. E. L. Owen resigned from the board, and W. H. Barnes, John P. Green, Samuel Rea and C. De Witt Cuyler, Pennsylvania railroad directors, cere elected to fill the vacancies.

DISASTER AT NITRAL'S NEK.

Evidence That Lincolnshires Lost Half of Their Officers.

London, July 14.-Lord Roberts has nothing further concerning the Nitrals Nek affair. Pretoria dispatches, however, show that the Lincolnshires lost half of their officers, including Colonel Roberts, who was wounded and taken orisoner. Stragglers continue to arrive at the camp, but few further detalls can be gathered.

The British fought stubbornly until nightfall, when the cavalry turned their horses loose. The Boer report of the engagement places the British ensunities at over 200.

NO POLITICS IN THE ENCAMPMENT

National Convention Closed Last Night-Important Papers Read Before the Convention-The Platform

Chicago, July 13.-The Post today says: "The fact that William J. Bryan had not been invited to the Grand Army encampment to be held here next month was brought to the attention of Mayor Harrison today and the mayor at once addressed a letter to the encampment committee pointing out the omission. Unless at the meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, roys from Canton and also keep in which President McKinley is certain check the turbulent province of to attend, the same attention is paid to the presidential candidates of both parties, Mayor Harrison said the encampment would pass without official ecognition of the city."
Regarding reports that the Grand

Boxers appeared at Wen Chau and Army encampment is to have a political aspect, Executive Director Harper said tonight:

> There is absolutely no politics in the coming there is assemblely no politics in the coming rational encampment. Never in the history of this organization has there been an annual encampment to which the president of the United States has not been invited as the chief executive officer of the nation. We naturally follow the precedent established in this matter. Mr. McKinley, however, is also the most distinguished comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is not to be the only special guest of Chiago and the encampment. The list of notable non whom we have asked to come to Chicago as pocial gravite numbers nearly twenty-five people, When the formal invitation was sent by General John C. Black, chairman of the committee on invitations to President McKinley, a similar inlotler was forwarded to William The president has accepted. Mr. Bryan almost immediately acknowledged the receipt of the invitation but did not give us a definite reply. We want him here at the time of encampment and will certainly extend to him every country n our power. There is no politics in this en-ampment. All we want is an immense crowd in Chicago to welcome and honor the survivors the Civil war. More than 5,000 general in-tations have already been sent broadcast, the st including the president and his cabinet, he foreign legations at Washington, the judges f the supreme court, every member of the ves, the governor and other leading executive ficers of every state in the union and hunireds of notable men in private life

Not for a moment has any man's politics been anxidered. Invitations have been acknowledged y ex-Presidents Harrison and Cleveland, and n none of the mass of replies received has solities been mentioned. Absolutely and posiively, this encomponent will be a non-partisan flair, irrespective of the claims of any political

arty or party managers. The only parades sanctioned by the encamp-nent committee are those stready arranged for take the work." he naval veterans and ex-prisoners of war on Monday, and the grand parode of the Grand Army of the Republic on Tuesday. These proessions will be exclusively of veterans-political

organizations are barred. All the working committees of the encampment were organized irrespective of politics.

THE INTER-OCEAN CASE.

Pending on Appeal Before United States Courts for Seventh Circuit.

Chicago, July 13.-The injunction suit began by the Inter-Ocean Publishing empany against The Associated Press of New York, to prohibit the use of the name "Associated Press," is now pending on appeal before the United States court of appeals for the seventh dis-

The suit was filed originally in the circuit court of Illinois, but was removed by the defendant to the United States circuit court, where an order was entered on Saturday, June 39, modifying the original order of the state court so as to leave the defendant restrained only from procuring or Pekin and has relieved Princo Ching endeavoring to procure the cancella-ted General Yung Lu, who were try-News agency or any other news agency having contracts with the Associated Press of Illinois, respecting the collection, distribution or sale of any news. The Inter-Ocean filed an appeal from this order, which was granted, thus sending the case to the United States circuit court of appeals.

Strikers Carry a Black Flag.

St. Johns, N. F., July 13.—Four hundred strikers paraded at Bell Island today, headed by black flag. They are determined to do no work and to permit none to be done while their leaders are imprisoned. The strikers have induced all the men who came to work to throw down their tools, the aon-strikers being unable to obtain lodgings or goods on the island.

Quiet Prevails at Canton.

Canton, O., July 15 .- After the crush of people nd the exciting incidents of Thursday co tive quiet prevailed at the McKinley home toon, but near the house the gardeners have dent McKinley with Mrs. McKinley and several friends went out during the day.

Death from Lockjaw.

Philadelphia, July 13.—The board of directors of the Western New York and Pennsylvania rallwad met here today and ratified the lessing of the railroad to the Pennsylvania company. The lease will go into effect on Aug. 1. Charles Toledo, O., July 13,-Clifford Billshy, a son o

PERRY S. HEATH TO SUCCEED GEN. DICK

The Resignation of General Charles Dick as Secretary of the National Republican Committee Is Accepted. He Will Devote His Entire Time and Energy to the Party's Interest in Ohio-Mr. Heath Will Resign as First Assistant Postmaster General to Succeed General Dick.

Cleveland, O., July 13.-An important political conference, attended by a number of prominent Republican leaders, was held at Senator Hanna's office here today.

The meeting was called by Mr. Hanna to discuss and decide upon the personnel of the new executive committee and name a secretary of the national committee to succeed General Charles Dick. Among those present at the conference were Chairman Hanna, Cornelius N. Bliss, Perry S. Heath, Charles F. Dick, Henry C. Payne, Charles Dawes, Myron T. Herrick, R. C. Kerens, Graham Stuart, M. B. Scott, Harry S. New and Frederick

Senator Hanna announced that the following named had been chosen as members of the national executive committee: Graham Stuart, Illinois; H. C. Payne, Wisconsin; R. C. Kerens, Missouri; J. H. Manley, Maine; M. B. Scott, West Virginia; F. S. Gibbs, New York: Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Harry S. New, Indiana; chalrman, M. A. Hanna; secretary, Perry S. Heath; treasurer, C. N. Bliss.

General Charles F. Dick's resignation as secretary to the national Republis can committee was received and accepted, Messrs, Hanna, Heath and Payne were named as a committee to draft resolutions concerning the resignation of General Dick. Mr. Hanna stated that the personnel of an advisory committee was under consideration, but that it would not be announced for ten days or two weeks. It was also said that all of the members of the old national committee of 1896 requested President McKinley to consent to the resignation of Mr. Heath as first assistant postmaster general, in order that he might become the secre tary of the national committee. The president, it was added, strongly demurred to this proposition until yes-terday, when he finally gave his consent. Mr. Heath will tender his resignation to the president in about a week or ten days.

General Heath Interviewed. In an interview this afternoon First Assistant Postmaster General Heath said to the Associated Press corres-

pondent: "The subject which culminated to day in my selection as secretary of the Republican national committee was first broached to me by Chairman Hanna and members of the committee ome weeks ago and was renewed with much earnestness and insistence at the Philadelphia convention.

"At first I was much averse to taking up this work knowing what it meant in volume and character. President McKinley did not wish me to quit my position in the postoffice depart-

ment. "I was summoned from Maine on Saturday last to Cleveland by Chairman Hanna and requested to attend meeting of the executive committee here today.

"Here the subject was renewed by all the members of the executive committee in a such a personal and earnest manner that I consented to under-

When asked as to his intentions respecting his resignation as first assistant postmaster general, Mr. Heath

the president and Postmaster General Smith and will renew the subject with

services with the national committee will. I presume, be needed as soon as the Chicago headquarters are opened the latter part of this month.' Concerning Mr. Heath's resignation is first assistant postmaster general, Senator Hanna said this afternoon that Mr. Heath did not consent to acept the secretaryship of the national

committee until after he and members of the committee had personally and frequently insisted. The new executive committee this afternoon adopted the following resolution in reference to General Dick's resignation as secretary of the national Republican committee:

The executive committee receives with sincere and deep regret the resignation of Hon. Charles Dick, secretary of the Republican national committee. The resignation comes as the result of the unanimous election by the Ohio state central committee and the call of the party of the state to lead in this important campaign and is recog nized as the universal desire of the party organization of the state. The Republican national committee and the party at large are under obligations to General Dick for efficient, effective, loyal and indefatigible service. In accepting his resignation the committee defers to the judgment of General Dick that he can best serve his party by devoting his entire time and energy to the party's interest in Ohio, the home of the president."

It is the understanding of the executive committee that President McKinley also requested General Dick to take charge of the Ohio campaign.

Herrick Succeeds Cox.

The executive committee chose Myron T. Herrick, of this city, to fill the vacancy on the national committee, caused by the resignation of George B. Cox. of Cincinnati. The committee late this afternoon renewed the lease for the rooms occupied as headquarters in the Metropolitan Life Insurance build-

ing, Madison square, New York. Messrs. Payne and Stuart were instructed to look over the ground in Chicago, with a view to securing a location for the national committee in that city. It is expected that the Chicago headquarters will be opened dur- tions of American exporters.

ing the latter part of the present

The committee, after considerable discussion, decided to maintain no spedal bureaus during the coming campaign. In 1896 a number of these, including negro, German and woman's bureaus, were operated as auxiliaries to the national headquarters. This work will be assumed now by the officers of the several committees.

TRAIN ROBBER CAPTURED.

His Partner Escapes After a Desper-

ate Battle with Officers. St. Louis, July 13 .- Charles W. Parnes, of 4300 West Bell Place, this city, suspected of being one of the robbers who looted an express car on the Illinois Central railway of several thousand dollars, near Wickliffe, Ky., Wednesday morning, was arrested at his home

John Nelson, of 3658 Finney avenue, Barnes' alleged partner, escaped, leaving a trail of blood. Forty shots were exchanged between the fugitive and the officers, who pursued him to Mandeventer station, where he disappeared.

Special Agent George Murray, of the Illionis Central railway detective bureau, was shot by Nelson, but will Barnes was taken without bloodshed. At police headquarters Express Messenger Hickox, whose car was robbed, partially identified Barnes, who, he said, resembles the robber who saved him from death at the hands of the others.

Late this afternoon Barnes confessed Chief of Detectives Desmond and Chief of Police Campbell that he, together with John Nelson and a man named Dyer, allas Conley, robbed the Illinois Central railroad train in Kentucky. Barnes stated that Dyer came from San Francisco four months ago, and that the plot was all arranged in this city.

Bornes said he went to the scene of and was joined there by Nelson and Dyer. When the train which they had decided to rob approached they flagged it. He covered the fireman with a reolver, while Nelson and Dyer went

through the express cars. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Nelson will be subjected to a further investigation by

Chief Desmond It developed today that Barnes and detectives say that they got enough certained that these men had taken a night boat on the river near Cairo and were making their way up the stream, It was learned that the men descried the boat at St. Genevive and boarded an Iron Mountain train for St. Louis, arriving in the city some time last Thursday night.

THE EDUCATORS AT CHARLESTON

Executive Director Harper Makes a Statement-McKinley and Bryan Both Received Invitations to Chi-

Charleston, S. C., July 13.-The Naonvention here tonight. During the day two sessions of the general convention were held, at which the following papers were read: "The Influnce of Poetry in Education from the Basis Aesthetics," William Beard- in some places, shear, president, Iowa State Agricul- Cotton speculi tural college; "The Value of English Literature in Ethical Training," Reuben Post Halleck, Louisville, Ky .: 'Educational Values in Literature,' of Pennsylvania, recently chosen com-"What Manner of Child Shall This "At Canton yesterday I talked with superintendent of public instruction for Georgia; "The Status of Public

School Education in the South," George the postmaster general on Monday, My | B. Book, superintendent of schools, Hot Springs, Ark. President-elect Green, of New York, was introduced and spoke briefly at the night session, after which the comnittee on resolutions made its report. Before the department of business ducation, Dr. H. M. Rowe, of Baltimore, read a paper on the advantages and difficulties experienced in introlucing commercial branches into the higher grades of the public schools.

Several other departments which did not conclude their work yesterday held brief sessions during the afternoon. The executive board, which has unler consideration the matter of the next meeting place, will visit Cincinnati and Decroit early in October.

Democratic Committee.

New York, July 13. -- Frank Campbell, chairan of the Democratic state committee, tonight utive committee: James K. McGuire, Syra-ise, chairman; David B. Hill, Richard Croker, cuse, chairman; David B. Hitt, Richard Croker, Edward Murphy, Hugh McLaughlin, Ellot Dan-forth, Conrad Diehl, rayor of Buffalo; John Whalen, Arthur A. McLean, Newburgh; Pergy Belmont, Jacob Gerling, of Rochester; Frank B. Creamer, Brooklyn; John B. Shea, Brook-lyn; William F. Grelt, John J. Kennedy, Buf-Chas. N. Bulger, Oswego, and Thos. K. Bowd, of Salamanea,

Steamship Arrivals. New York, July 13 -Arrived: Preteria, urg and Plymonth. Havre-Arrived: La Touraine, New York, Lizard-Passed: Kensington, New York for Hamburg, Hamburg-Arfived: Kaiser Friedrich, New York via Plymouth and Cherboarg, Genoa-Arrived: Aller, New York via Gibrattar and Naples. Southampton-Sailed; Forst Bismarck, New York. Moville-Sailed; Furnesaia, New York Browheat-Passed; Et-ruria, New York for Queenstown and Liverpool,

The Pan-American Stamps. Washington, July 13.-The inscription nemorate series, 1901," instead of "Pan-Ameri-an series, 1991," will be borne on the stamps the government in commemoration be Buffalo Pan-American exposition. This i a accordance with an opinion rendered today y Assistant Attorney General Typer, on

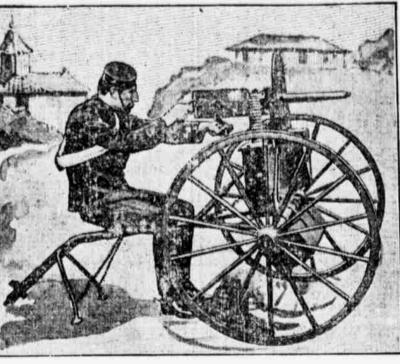
sestion submitted by Third Assistant Postmas

ter General Madden.

Germany Will Modify Meat Bill.

Washington, July 15.—The German governments United States minister at Berlin, Mr. White, to modify the new meet inspection bill, so that it will not interfere with existing contract obligaa month. Philip Sweitzer, Scranton, \$12.

DUNDONALD GUN SNIPING BOXERS.



This swift repeater keeps the yellow devils at Tien Tsin at bay more effectually than platoon of infantry. It proves very handy to the English troops in the beleaguered town, specially in quick field work through the suburbs, requiring frequent changes of base,

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Business Has Been Conducted Safely Under Conditions of Danger.

New York, July 13.-R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

There was an increase in failures to \$100,570,134 in the first half of 1900, against \$49,664,661 last year and to \$43,893,979 in the second quarter, the robbery on an Illinois Central train against \$21,695,635 last year. But today it is shown that thirty banking failures for \$25,822,632, against thirty one last year for \$7,601,728, accounted for much of the difference; that 265 brokerage and real estate failures for \$22,122,346, against 145 last year for only \$2,328,215 accounted for another part, and that in building and lumber working and trade, other large failures distinctly connected with those Nelson are cousing. Right after the in real estate, explain much more of robbery Special Agent Murray and his the difference between manufacturing men went to work on the case. At and trading failures last year and this, Cairo Michael Conley was arrested In these and much less important and accused of being in the gang. The changes in a few lines are seen substantially all the comercial disasters out of him to warrant them in follow- as yet resulting from an amazing rise ing two men to St. Louis. They are in prices last fall, followed by weary, in prices last fall, followed by weary, ertain they have identified the fugt- but largely successful efforts during tives in Barnes and Nelson. It was as- the past few months to get back to a normal state of business. When this is seen and the remarkable steadiness in many features not exceptional amounts, there appears ground for esspecial satisfaction that business has een on the whole so soundly conducted under conditions of equal danger.

The Iron Age makes the output of plg 283,413 tons weekly July 1, but the lecrense of 16,000 tons has been exded, other furnaces having stopped this month and repairs of works and of wage scales may yet occupy some weeks. The increase of \$6.958 tons in stocks unsold implies decrease in manufacture more than double the decrease in output and works of five of the great corporations are awaiting for decline in wages just when the workers have looked for an increase. Open markets are now admitted at tional Education association closed its | Pittsburg, where quotations have been | the Democratic candidates for state for some time nominal and bessemer pig is offered there at \$16. Structural steel bars there and plates at Philadelphia are said to have sold at \$1.15

Cotton speculation has held the price spinners who have not provided for all the Fall River committee to close for New England mills will clear away dis- has not as many days to live as I have missioner of education for Porto Rico; pute about the market for goods. The fingers on my hands." woolen manufacturer is in no better Be?" Hon, George R. Glenn, state position, with some of the best mills of the uncertainty of demand.

Price of shoes are not quotably make concessions. Leather grows

weaker in tone. The end of the crop year has brought the usual estimates, which command of the conspiracy. D. Meade Woodson, no more confidence than usual. If the called 547,000,000 bushels, all it wants for food, and 200,000,000 bushels for export, with considerable left over in sight, It is the easy inference that unxiety is needless

There is not evidence as yet, and for some time to come cannot be, that injuries sustained have been as great as some suppose, so that alarm is not more necessary than it was last year Failures for the week have been 196 in the United States, against 169 last year, and 26 in Canada, against 24 last year.

DEMOCRACY'S FAST MILE.

A Feature of the Races at Titus-

ville. Titusville, Pa., July 13.-This favorites day at the J. C. McKinney driving park, Dillonite, Democracy and Marion Eddy capturing the three events in practically straight heats The feature of the race was Democracy's fast mile pace, making a track record of 2:08 5-4. The weather was perfect, track fast, and the attendance large, estimated at \$,000 people. Sum-

First race, 2.24 class, trotting; purse \$400. Dillouite, won; Lake Shore Girl, accoud; Ezeta, third. Time—2.284; 2.214; 2.214; 2.214; 2.68 class, pace; purse \$400—Democracy, won; Effie Powers, second: Charles B, third. Time-2.08%; 2.10%; 2.10%. class, pace; purse \$400—Marion Eddy. 2.20 class, pace: purse \$400—Marion Eddy, won; Dr. Benny, second; Gem 8, third. Time -2.1854; 2.1052; 2.2152.

Bonner Counted Out.

New York, July 13.-Billy Hanrahan, of this ty, and Jack Bonner, of Summit Hill, Pa., were the star attractions at the Broadway Athletic club tonight. They were billed to fight twenty-five rounds at catchweights, but in the twenty-first round Bonner was put through the ropes and counted out. It was a very tame abibition all through,

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, July 13.—John N. Eddinger, of White Haven, has been granted a pension of \$8

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

GENERALLY FAIR.

1 General—Pekin Mystery Still Unsolved, Effort Is Being Made to Send a Message to Minister Conger. Perry Heath Succeeds Gen. Dick on the National Republican Executive Committee,

The Tribune's Educational Context. Pinancial and Commercial.

Local-Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Religious News of the Week.

Editorial News and Comment. Local-Social and Personal.

One Woman's Views. Local-Day's Doings in the Lackawanna Courts. Lawyer Burns Takes Issue with the City

Solicitor on Paving Law. Local-Taxes Doubled by the New Appraise ment Law. Ablington Road a Disgrace to Mayor and

Local-West Scranton and Suburban,

Round About the County.

10 Local--Live News of the Industrial World.

GOEBEL MURDER TRIAL.

The Jury Completed in Case of Ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers. Col. Campbell's Opening Address.

Georgetown, Ky., July 13 .- The jury was completed today in the case of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel shooting, and the first evidence was heard. Before the hearing of evidence began, Colonel Campbell stated the ase for the prosecution. He reviewed the political events of last fall, and especially the events following the election and the instituting of contests by offices. He said that Caleb Powers was the most aggressive among those who makers decide not to reduce prices, but sought to settle the contest by violence, and that to him largely was due the importation to Frankfort of the band of mountain men, 175 of whom were retained in Frankfort regularly. too high for the comfort of foreign He charged that a majority of them had killed from one to several men their wants, but the arrangement by each. He claimed it will be put in evi-Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, University a month or more a large part of the made use of a statement that "Goebel answer to the American government,

He reviewed the facts in connection with the assassination and claimed closed in part, or wholly, on account that the state house yard had been Pekin, surrounded by such safeguards cleared in furtherance of the conspircy, cited the closing of the executive weaker, but makers appear disposed to building against the police officers, the At the same time, it is remembered calling out of troops and other maters which have already come out in the examining trials, as further proof country can get out of a crop, officially made the measurements by which the prosecution through mathematical demonstrations attempts to prove that the shot was fired from Powers' office, was the first witness. He described in detail the result of his measurements.

BLAZE AT LANCASTER.

Twelve Buildings Consumed-Fire Companies Refuse to Respond.

Lancaster, Pa., July 13.-Fire at noon o-day destroyed twelve dwellings in Watts, just east of Columbia. Five buildings were destroyed, three brick four of frame. The fire was started by a spark from a locomotive. As the houses were outside of the borough limits the fire companies at Ma-

detta refused to respond. The loss is \$10,000. The properties vere owned by the Coleman Estate and Benson & Cotrell.

Fire Destroys Storehouses.

St. Paul, July 12.—Fire which broke out in the Chicago Great Western railway shops at South Park this afterneon, destroyed all the buildings formerly occupied by the Great West-ern shops. The shops of the railroad company have been moved to Oelsvin, Iowa. The buildings were used as storchouses. The less, it is estimated, will be from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The buildings were filled with shingles.

Will Be Maguire's Assistants.

New York, July 13.—Mayor James K. Maguire, I Syracuse, who is managing the Bryan camign in this state, was in conference today Croker was invited to serve as a the executive committee of the state com sittee and be accepted. David B. Hill has also ecepted to serve as a member of this commitas have also Hugh McLaughlin and ex-

Fireman Killed.

Lock Haven, Pa., July 13.-Wharton M. Hershey, of Sunbury, aged 38 years, a firstnan, stepped off the engine of an east bound freight train below the city today and was struck by the engine of the west bound news express. He died in the hospital an hour later without regaining consciousness.

MESSAGE IS SENT TO MR. CONGER

A Trial Effort Is Made to Solve the Pekin Mystery.

TEST DESPATCH STARTED

Minister Wu Executing Every Effort to Insure Speed in the Delivery of the Message Which Will Reveal the Fate of the American Minister and Others Thought to Have Been Slain at Pekin-The Dispatch Now Two Days on the

Washington, July 13 .- The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu, has undertaken to get through a cipher cable message from Secretary Hay to United States Minister Conger at Pekin and to deliver back the reply of Mr. Conger if he is alive. Minister Wu for-warded the cipher dispatch, together with an extended explanatory dispatch of his own, on Wednesday, and the results are now being eagerly awaited, both by Secretary Hay and the Chinese minister, although it is appreciated that some days must elapse before runners can carry out this plan of opening up communication between the American government at Washington and the American minis-

ter at Pekin. It was soon after Minister Wu presented the text of the edict issued by the Chinese imperial government that Mr. Hay requested him to get through message to Minister Conger, Since the Chinese government has succeeded in getting through its own communication from Pekin, Mr. Hay felt that it was quite reasonable to ask that like communication be opened between our minister and the government here. Mr. Wu readily assented to the proposition and evinced an earnest desire to use all his personal and official influence in getting through the message. He suggested, however, that Secretary Hay himself should write the message in cipher, as this would be proof posi-tive to Mr. Conger of its genuineness, whereas eny open message to the minister might be under the suspicion of having emanated from the Boxers. Mr. Hay thereupon wrote the mes-

The contents were not made known to Minister Wu.

sage and had it translated into the

t cipher of the state department.

Wu's Influence. He was asked to put it in the hands f Minister Conger at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Wu determined to act through the medium of an influential imperial officer at Shanghai, who, by reason of his position, is better able than any one else in China to execute

such a message. Besides forwarding the message, Mr. Wu sent to the Chinese official a detailed and urgent explanatory message in which he set forth the imperative importance of performing this service for the American government, The official was urged to spare no effort or expense in forwarding the message by couriers, runners or any other means into the hands of Minister Conger and dence that on January 28 Mr. Powers to use like means in getting back the Two days have now elapsed since the message to Mr. Conger went forward and it is confidently believed that it is now on its way from Shanghai to and such efforts for speed that a reasonably early answer may be expected. that it took ten days for China's official decree to get from Pekin to Washington. Minister Wu is bending every energy to accomplish this task at the ex-city engineer of Frankfort, who earliest possible moment, for he looks upon it not only as a duty, but as a means by which Chinese officials can show their sincere desire to render every assistance to the American government in the present emergency.

A telegram received at the office of the Chinese imperial maritime customs in London from the governor of Shan Tung is identical with United States Consul Goodnow's report of the bombardment of the legations July 7. The officials here regard the dispatch as leaving little room to hope the legas tions have survived.

MURDER SUSPECTED.

The Body of John Webber Found in Hopper's Pond.

New York, July 13 .- What the police of Paterson, N. J., believe to have been a murder, was revealed when the body of John Webber, seventy years old, was found today in Hopper's pond, on the outskirts of Paterson. There were marks on the dead man's head and face, which indicated foul play, and the police are making a careful inves-

tigation. Webber had not lived with his wife for the last seven years. The body was found in the water near his wife's home. When Mrs. Webber was told of her husband's death

and was asked to view the body, she

Floods in Chile. Santiago De Chile, via Galveston, Texas, July

refused to look at it.

flooding several cities. ++++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

the country, washing away sixteen bridges and

WEATHERS

Washington, July 1d.—Forecast for —
washington, July 1d. Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsyl
vania—Generally fair with continued
moderate temperature Saturday and
Sunday: light to fresh northwesterly