

FAITH IN CHINA IS ON THE WANE

Worst Suspicions Are Confirmed by Report of Kempff.

HIS OFFICIAL DECLARATION

Entirely Contradictory to the Representations Made by the Imperial Government at Peking—Admiral Remy's Men Vindicated—The Proof That the Chinese Government Has Attempted a Gigantic Fraud Upon the World Will Doubtless Change Relations Between That Country and the United States.

Washington, July 26.—There were no developments today to warrant the assumption that there has been the slightest improvement in the Chinese situation. Indeed the general tendency of such news as found light was to add to the steadily growing doubt as to the good faith of the Chinese government as manifested in its acts.

The navy department today contributed a brief news item in the shape of a vindication by Admiral Remy, of the United States marines from the general charge of looting at Tientsin.

ADMIRAL KEMPPFF'S REPORT.

Satisfactory Explanation of His Action at Taku.

Washington, July 26.—The navy department has just made public the following additional chapter in Admiral Kempff's report:

First.—Referring to my recent actions in connection with the capture of the Taku forts and in afterward making common cause with the foreign forces in the production of the Chinese ultimatum.

Second.—The fact that under the existing circumstances the troops at the forts were given much extra drill, torpedoes were provided and it is claimed planted in the entrance of the forts, are considered interesting and by other naval officers, sufficient cause to justify them in demanding the temporary occupation of the forts.

Third.—It is now necessary to join with the other foreign powers for common defense and preservation of foreign people and the honor of our country.

Fourth.—I refused to join in taking possession of the Imperial Chinese railway station and also declined to join the demand for temporary occupation of the Taku forts for I thought it against the policy and wishes of our government to be entangled with other foreign powers in such a step and also because it endangered the lives of people in the interior in advance.

Fifth.—In opening the without warning an act of war was committed when many shots were fired at the place where the Monterey was moored about 5,000 yards from the forts.

Under these circumstances I regarded the situation as one for the protection of the national honor and preservation of our people and have acted accordingly.

Letter from Peking.

Fighting Has Now Ceased—Ministers Safe, It Is Alleged.

Tokio, Tuesday, July 24.—A message received here from Shanghai yesterday

day makes the following assertions: "Yuan Yi Ki, governor of Shan Tung, has received a letter from Peking, dated July 18, declaring that a legation courier was captured by the Chinese guards on July 13, and that thereupon General Yuan Lu petitioned the throne to employ the courier as a messenger to communicate with the ministers.

"This was carried out and a reply was received that all the ministers were well and were unanimous in favoring the restoration of peace.

"An official of the tang li yamen afterwards visited the legation and interviewed a minister, and it was subsequently decided to petition the emperor to supply the legations with food and to send them to Tien Tsin.

BOMBARDMENT OF BLAGOVESTCHENSK

Russians and Chinese Fighting Along the Border—Celestials Lose 300 Men; Russians, Seven.

St. Petersburg, July 26.—The Russian minister at Seoul, M. D. Goloff, reports that the Russian detachment, which left Port Arthur, en route to Pyongyang, reaching Jiju, Sunday, July 22, has arrived at Pyongyang, with the loss of fifteen killed and many wounded. They fought their way through opposing natives at the point of the bayonet, General Grodekoff, in a dispatch dated at Chabarovsky, Tuesday, July 24, states that a detachment of railway guards safely brought a caravan of 220 persons and officials from the railway to Zurushatu. Chinese troops, General Grodekoff adds, are raiding and looting in the Yalu valley. Another steamer, with Russian troops aboard, was bombarded by Chinese from the river bank, July 24. Securing reinforcements, the Russian commander returned to the scene and landed on the Chinese side of the Yalu river. He attacked the Chinese posts in the face of a heavy fire. Some Chinese pickets were taken prisoner. Three magazines were set on fire and exploded. The Chinese lost 300 killed, while the Russians' loss was only seven.

A desultory bombardment of Blagovestchensk continues.

The town of Alguin has been set on fire by the Russians.

The Chinese at Saghalla have been compelled to retreat and take a fresh entrenched position.

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS.

Priests and Converts Are Subjected to Horrible Tortures.

London, July 25.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Express writes as follows, under yesterday's date:

"An Italian priest has just arrived here from Hen Sen Fu, in Southern Hu An, where the Italian bishop and three priests have been massacred after torturing them.

The massacre took place on July 4. Six hundred converts were massacred after the women had been subjected to hideous brutalities. Six other priests fled to the hills where they were probably killed. The priest who escaped had fled in a coffin on board a river boat for seventeen days.

ACCIDENT AT PORTLAND.

Officials on Tour of Inspection Are Injured.

Easton, Pa., July 26.—A tour of inspection of the Bangor and Portland railroads by officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, the recent purchasers, resulted most disastrously this afternoon to three members of the party.

Charles N. Miller, general freight agent; C. A. Ward, master mechanic, and Harry Labary, a machinist, all on the Bangor and Portland road, and all residents of Bangor, were returning to that place from Portland, where they had taken three of the Lackawanna officials that they might catch a train for New York, when the "dummy" engine on which they were riding, collided at Mt. Bethel with a regulation side engine. Both engines were wrecked, and the men on the "dummy" were taken from the debris more dead than alive.

QUARANTINE AGAINST NOME.

Measure to Keep Smallpox Out of St. Michaels.

Victoria, B. C., July 25.—The steamship Manauense has arrived from St. Michaels. Her captain says a strict quarantine is being maintained against Nome on account of the smallpox epidemic. He reports a stampede to some beach diggings near St. Michaels, reported to be very rich. The Manauense had but thirty passengers and no gold. The steamships reported by the Bristol last week are still in quarantine at Egg Island.

Roberts Gets Mileage.

Washington, July 26.—The treasury department today drew a warrant for \$2,000 in favor of Richard H. Roberts, the amount allowed him in the deficiency act of June 8, 1899, as full satisfaction of salary, mileage and expenses incurred by him by virtue of his certificate of election as representative from the state of Utah.

England on Sale of Arms.

London, July 26.—In the house of lords today the bill prohibiting the exportation of arms and munitions of war passed its third reading.

GENERAL ROBERTS STILL ADVANCING

BOERS PUT TO FLIGHT SOUTH OF BALMORAL.

Burglers Engaged the British Cavalry, but Fled When in Danger of Being Surrounded—Two Days' Fight Near Bethlehem—Highland Brigade Believed to Have Trapped Force of Boers.

London, July 26.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office, under date of Balmoral, July 25, as follows:

"We marched here yesterday without seeing the enemy. The Boers on July 24 engaged French and Hutton six miles south of Balmoral. While Alderson's mounted infantry attacked the Boers' right flank, a turning movement around their left. Seeing their retreat threatened the Boers broke and fled. French and Hutton followed and proposed to cross Olyphant's river today at Naauwpoort.

"Our casualties were one killed and one wounded. In another report received later today, Lord Roberts says that General Archibald Hunter's command was engaged heavily on July 24 and 25, in the hills south of Bethlehem. The Boers were entrenched strongly. They fought stubbornly throughout the 24th and compelled the British to retire from some positions with about fifty casualties. At last accounts General Hunter had worked around into Brandwater basin, in the rear of the Boers.

"General Hunter, McDonald and General Bruce Hamilton were blocked out on the front of the federals, who had evacuated their position at Witnek.

NO MIRACLES OBSERVED.

The Relic of St. Ann Not Effective in the Way of Sudden Cures.

New York, July 26.—From early dawn today hundreds of afflicted persons, old and young, men and women, journeyed through the pouring rain to the Roman Catholic church of St. Jean the Baptist, to have their physical ailments cured by the application of the relic of St. Ann. The final step in the novena, or nine days' devotion in the little church, took place today by the application of the sacred relic. Today being the last of the days of devotion, the relic was offered to the afflicted to kiss and then being exposed, was applied to the afflicted parts of the persons seeking relief from their various ailments.

Many of the persons, walked upon crutches, but so far as could be seen, none of them abandoned the crutches immediately after the relic had been applied. There was no other outward demonstration that miracles had been wrought immediately. Many were of the opinion that the cure of the relic would be immediate. The priests of the church discouraged this idea, however, and contented that cures are effected only after much devotion and prayer. They say that it is true that cures are in some cases effected immediately and some are accomplished sooner than others. The relic is displayed at all times on its shrine in the church, but only once during the year is it applied.

CHAIRMAN MARTIN ANGRY.

He Does Not Propose to Be Held Up by Railroads.

Indianapolis, July 26.—Inquiry today of Chairman Martin, of the Democratic state committee, as to whether Mr. Bryan will speak here the evening of his notification brought a surprising reply. The chairman exclaimed angrily:

"It does not look right now as if Mr. Bryan will be here. It does not look as if the notification would be held here at all."

"Do you mean that Mr. Bryan cannot come?"

"I mean that unless the railroads give terms that are just this notification meeting will be called off, and not be held in the state of Indiana. The railroads have held the Democratic committee up for years and they are at the same old game. But my promise that unless better terms are made than those offered the notification meeting here will be declared off."

MR. BARRETT WILL SPEAK.

Ex-Minister to Siam Will Discuss Expansion.

New York, July 26.—Joseph H. Manly went to Republican national headquarters today and had a short conference with Senator Scott. He said: "I do not know exactly what part I will fill here. That will be decided when Senator Hanna reaches here. I know one thing, and that is that I shall not have charge of the speakers' bureau, and I am glad of it."

Senator Scott said he had received word from Senator Hanna that he would be here tomorrow and hold a conference at the national headquarters. John Barrett, former minister to Siam, under President Cleveland, was appointed a campaign speaker by the Republican state committee. Mr. Barrett called on Chairman Odell and said he would not speak on silver, but would confine himself to discussions and explanations of expansion.

BRITISH VICTORY IN ASHANTI.

Native Town Carried at Point of Bayonet and Razed.

Bekwai, Ashanti, July 26.—Colonel Bekwai, under instructions from Colonel Willcocks, with a force of infantry and five guns, attacked a large war camp at Kokofu. With a brilliant charge the stockades were rushed before the enemy had time to occupy them, and they were consequently forced to evacuate the town.

A large amount of ammunition and arms were captured. The town was then razed, thus removing a peril on Colonel Willcocks's flank.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Oakland, Cal., July 26.—Ex-Governor Bassell, of Nevada, died today at his home in this city from brain fever.

TUNNEL UNDER A PRISON.

Plot to Release Anarchist Berkman, Who Shot H. C. Frick.

Pittsburg, July 26.—The Western penitentiary authorities discovered, through accident, a plot to release prisoners confined in the Western penitentiary, Allegheny, by tunneling into the institution, chiefly with a view to liberating Alexander Berkman, the anarchist, who shot H. C. Frick, during the Homestead strike in 1892. The tunnel extended from a deserted house across Sterling street, a distance of over two hundred feet, 150 feet being inside the prison walls.

The house was recently sold to New York parties and a small payment had been made by the earth giving way from the recent heavy rain and precipitating a penitentiary officer into the tunnel.

The authorities tonight expressed the opinion that the intention of the tunnelers was the release of J. C. Boyd, imprisoned on the charge of real estate swindling. Boyd, it is alleged, is wanted in every state of the Union. He is serving a seven years' sentence in the penitentiary, and is reputed to be wealthy.

RACE RIOTS IN NEW ORLEANS

Five Hundred Special Policemen Sworn in and Fifteen Hundred Militiamen Called Out—Summary of Casualties.

New Orleans, July 26.—Disorderly scenes following the rioting of last night, prevented throughout the day today and resulted in the swearing in by the mayor of 500 special policemen and the ordering out of 1,500 of the state militia, Governor Hurd responding promptly to the appeal of Mayor Capdeville for assistance in suppressing the existing lawlessness and in preventing tonight a recurrence of the violence of last night. Throughout the day attacks were made by irresponsible mobs of whites upon the blacks. Before nightfall the negroes had been effectively chased from the street.

A summary of the casualties resulting from the disturbances last night and today shows that one negro was beaten to death, six were so badly wounded that their lives are despaired of, and about a score of people, white and black, are seriously wounded. The mayor has ordered the closing of gunshops and also the closing of every saloon in the city.

RUELLO HELD TO BAIL.

The Alleged Italian Counterfeiter Has a Hearing.

Philadelphia, July 26.—Bartho Ruello, alias Baccario, the Italian who was arrested yesterday by Secret Service agents Burns and Griffin, charged with making and passing counterfeit silver dollars, was held in \$3,500 bail for trial today by United States Commissioner Craig.

Amos Tucker, now in Moyamensing prison, testified to an acquaintance with Ruello, and said that prior to his Tucker's arrest in June he possessed counterfeit money, he met Ruello. The latter he said got him to pass nineteen silver dollars. Ruello, he said, had promised him \$10 if he passed twenty-five of the bogus coins. James Cash, a grocer, who caused Tucker's arrest, testified to having possessed a coin, and that he subsequently saw Tucker and Ruello together talking.

Operatives Burns and Griffin testified to finding in Ruello's rooms a crucible, base metal, a ladle and other paraphernalia used in counterfeiting.

LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION.

Full List of Officers Elected in New York.

New York, July 26.—Last night's session of the supreme lodge of the Loyal Orange institution continued until 2 a. m. and resulted in the election of a full list of officers, headed by: Supreme grand master, the Rev. George T. Lemon, of Vermont; supreme grand master, John Beatty, of Ohio; supreme grand deputy master, Thomas W. Johnston, of New York; supreme grand secretary, W. S. Eastley, of Pennsylvania, was chosen director of ceremonies, and Hugh Wilson, of Pennsylvania, and Alexander McClintock, of Pennsylvania, were placed on the committee on constitution and laws, and George C. Giesler, of Pennsylvania, on the committee on law enforcement.

Today the supreme grand lodge held a concluding session and installed the new officers.

The imperial grand council of the order also began its triennial meeting today.

SUPERIOR COURT DECISIONS.

Philadelphia, July 26.—Following was among decisions handed down by the superior court today:

Commonwealth vs. Llewellyn, et al., Q. S. Luzzo. Judgment reversed and venire tacita de novo awarded.

Martuchowski vs. Cravitz, C. P. Luzzo. Judgment reversed and venire tacita de novo awarded.

Nettelson vs. Clark, C. P. Luzzo. Judgment affirmed.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, July 26.—Arrived: Europe, London, Sailed: Funest Bismarck, Hamburg via Pigeon and Cherbourg; La Champagne, Havre; Friedrich Det Gross, Bremen via Harlingen (Queenstown-Sailed: Oceanic (from Liverpool), New York; Rotterdam-Sailed: Amsterdams, New York via Boulogne; Copenhagen-Arrived: Norge, New York for Seattle; Hamburg-Arrived: Pennsylvania, from New York; Bremen-Arrived: Kaiserin Maria Theresia, from New York; Lizard-Passed: La Bretagne, for Havre.

Pope in Excellent Health.

Rome, July 26.—The American pilgrims under direction of Father E. H. Porcile, of Brooklyn, were received by Pope Leo today. The bishop of Brooklyn and Burlington and students of the North American college were present. The pope appeared to be in excellent health.

TESTIMONY IN POWERS TRIAL.

WEAVING THE NET ABOUT THE ACCUSED.

Walter Bronston, H. Davis Harrod and Others on the Stand—Sensational Testimony of W. H. Mayner Against Powers and Youtsey—Alleged Remarks of the Latter Regarding Proper Disposal of Goebel.

Georgetown, Ky., July 26.—Walter Bronston, a Lexington attorney, who assisted in the arrest of Caleb Powers and John Davis at Lexington, was the first witness called today in the trial of Caleb Powers for alleged complicity in the Goebel shooting. Powers and Davis were disguised as soldiers and were both shot by the witness.

Witness identified them to the police officers. After a forcible arrest Powers was taken to jail where the pardon granted him by Governor Taylor and \$1,200 in money were found in his pockets. Deputy Sheriff Rodgers, of Lexington, corroborated this testimony.

H. Davis Harrod, constable of Frankfort, testified that when the shooting occurred, he ran to the executive building and entered the west door. The door of the ante room of the executive office was closed. Witness pushed it open with difficulty and encountered several men who thrust pistols in his face. He told them he was an officer but they kept their pistols aimed at him and made no reply. Harrod said that just as he entered the main door a short, stout man slammed the door of the secretary of state's office and dashed down the steps to the basement.

Pardon Exhibited.

Witness did not know Youtsey then. The pardon granted Powers by Governor Taylor was then exhibited to the jury.

Walter Bronston, re-called, told of a conversation with Powers after the arrest in which Powers, referring to the pardon, said:

"I know this looks a little bad, but we were making our way to a place where the pardon would have been recognized."

W. H. Mayner, of Whitley county, gave sensational testimony against both Powers and Youtsey this afternoon. He said he was in the secretary of state's office a few days before the shooting. A man whom he did not know, referring to Goebel, said:

"Somebody ought to kill the d—n rascal."

Youtsey said: "I have made up my mind to do that myself." On Saturday before the shooting, Caleb Powers said in conversation: "If we could get the head of the ticket to act we could do something. If he does not stand up, I intend to expose the whole business."

WON HER FATHER'S PARDON.

Daughter of Montana Convict Appealed to Senator Clark.

Des Moines, Ia., July 26.—John MacDonald, a former resident of Creston, Ia., while in Montana five years ago killed a man in a quarrel, and said that he had acted in self-defense, but he was convicted of murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

MacDonald's daughter, now twelve years old, lives at Creston. Knowing that ex-Senator Clark would be at the Democratic national convention, the girl raised money enough to buy a ticket and went to Kansas City. She called on Senator Clark and told her story. He made her his guest and promised to help her.

Later, after investigation, he instructed his attorneys in Montana to present the case to the board of pardons. Word arrived today that a pardon had been granted and that MacDonald would be released on Thursday.

TO EXAMINE ARMY PRISONERS.

Military Board Will Meet on Alcatraz Island Today.

San Francisco, July 26.—Under instructions from the war department General Shafter has appointed a board of officers to meet on Alcatraz Island today to examine all general prisoners in confinement there and submit recommendations looking to the release of such prisoners as deserve clemency.

The board is instructed to make careful inquiry into the merits of each case, so far as can be done in the light of the records on file. Special consideration is to be given to the conduct of prisoners since confinement and to the cases of young men convicted of purely military offenses. There are about 500 military prisoners on the island, many of them, it is said, having been convicted of trivial offenses.

WAR IN COLOMBIA.

An Opinion to the Effect That the Trouble Is Over.

New York, July 26.—Consul General Espinola, of the Republic of Colombia, said today of the revolution in Panama:

"I think it is over. Eight hundred government troops met 1,200 insurgents and either killed or wounded 400 of them. Reinforcements from the government came then, General Campos bringing 1,200 additional troops. There was nothing else to do and the insurgents just laid their arms down and surrendered."

Pipe Companies Fined.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 26.—John Clark, of the United States district court for the eastern district of Tennessee has disposed of the case against the six large pipe companies indicted for alleged violation of the anti-trust law. They were allowed to enter a joint plea of guilty and were fined \$1,800 and costs. The companies were indicted in April, 1897, but the cases were continued from term to term and were never tried.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, July 26.—A pension of \$12 a month has been granted to Perome Wade, of Dunmore, Lackawanna county.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today. PARTLY CLOUDY

- 1 General—Path in China on the Decline. London Theory Regarding Fate of Ministers. British Arriving in South Africa. Testimony in the Kentucky Shooting Trial.
2 General—The Tribune's Educational Contest. Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
3 Local—The Mayor Can Now Hold Speeches. One Day's Court Record.
4 Editorial. News and Comment.
5 Local—Successful Picnic of the Newsboys. Jail Delivery at Montrose.
6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
7 Round About the County.
8 Local—Live News of the Industrial World. The Dying Century Passed in Review.

WAR IN COLOMBIA.

Loss of the Rebels in Tuesday's Battle Was Terrific—Ambulance Corps from British Cruiser Lander Assists in Caring for the Wounded.

Colon, July 26.—A special train left here last evening with Savannah reinforcements under General Serrano. This addition to the government forces promises hopeful results of the civil war.

An ambulance corps from the British cruiser Lander is assisting to the utmost in the care of the wounded in Tuesday's battle. The killed and wounded number over 500. The rebel loss was terrific. The hospitals are full and some of the wounded are being brought to Colon.

CHARLES H. HOYT INSANE.

Committed to an Asylum in Hartford, Conn.

Hartford, Conn., July 26.—Charles H. Hoyt, the famous playwright, appeared before Judge Freeman this morning to oppose an application compelling him to the Retreat for the Insane in this city. Mr. Hoyt's remarks were perfectly rational, and only once during the hearing did he show any traces of extreme feeling, and that was just as he was going out, when he referred to the death of his wife and child.

Mr. Hoyt did most of the talking. Judge Freeman asked him a question now and then. The playwright said he hoped he would not be committed until he had been given an opportunity to engage counsel. He admitted that his condition was such that he needed rest and attention, but did not believe he should be confined in an institution.

Judge Freeman, at the conclusion of the hearing, ordered that Mr. Hoyt be committed until he recovers from his present trouble.

BOY WITNESSED MURDER.

Sensational Testimony Given at a Hearing in Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, July 26.—Anthony Lombardy, Michael Descomman and Javahiri Spone, charged with the murder of John Moran, an Italian peddler, near Freeland, last April, were given a habeas corpus hearing before Judge Woodward this evening. Michael Descomman, aged nine years, a relative of one of the men under arrest, testified that he saw Lombardy, Spone and a man named Joe Krewell at the place where the man had been murdered. After Moran had been shot his body was thrown into a hole eight feet deep. The boy witnessed said he saw the three men build a fire over the hole where the body was. They used kerosene from a bottle in starting the fire. The intention of the murderers evidently was to hide any traces of their crime. The testimony of the lad created somewhat of a sensation, as it was not thought there were any eye-witnesses to the tragedy. The prisoners were remanded to jail.

MURDER QUICKLY AVENGED.

American Soldiers Punish Blood-thirsty Filipinos at Oroquieta.

Manila, July 26.—At Oroquieta, in Northern Mindanao, two soldiers entered a native store for the purpose of buying food. While there, one of them was killed by a bolo and his head severed from his body. The other escaped and gave the alarm. A company of the Fourth Infantry, stationed at Cagayan, rushed to Oroquieta and killed eighty-nine natives, thirty of them being in a single house. Subsequently the gunboat Callao, commanded by Lieutenant George B. Bradshaw, shelled Oroquieta, burning the warehouses. One of the crew was killed. A force of the enemy, estimated to number 500, under the leadership of Alvarez, formerly the insurgent president of Igarasit, is making trouble in Northern Mindanao. A marine at the outpost of Isabela, De Basil, was killed by the natives and so badly wounded that he died. Isabela is tranquil.

RIOT ON AN EMIGRANT SHIP.

Icelanders Compel Captain to Give Them Fish for Food.

St. Johns, N. F., July 26.—The Elder Dempster Line steamship Montfort, Captain Jones, eight days out from Liverpool for Montreal, arrived here today with 1,100 immigrants on board—Icelanders, Danes, Poles and Slavs. On the passage a riot was started by 500 Icelanders because they were not supplied with fish for food. Captain Jones, fearing a serious outbreak, brought the vessel here in order to obtain a supply of fresh herring.

Centre County's Centennial.

Bellefonte, Pa., July 26.—Centre county's centennial celebration was concluded tonight. The principal features today were the civic and industrial parade, the addresses on actual home grounds, the races at the fair grounds and the pyrotechnic display in the evening. At the big airing an exhibition of pictures on the school grounds representing the history and progress of Centre county.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, July 26.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern Pennsylvania, partly rainy Friday and Saturday; light to fresh northerly winds.

NEW THEORY REGARDING MINISTERS

Impression That Representatives of Certain Powers May Be Safe.

London, July 27.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"Li Hung Chang now states that some of the members of the legations have already left Peking and may be expected shortly. He is becoming angry at the skepticism of the consuls.

"The impression is gaining ground here that the ministers of the powers to whom China has appealed for mediation may still be alive. The representatives of France, Japan, Russia and the United States have visited Li Hung Chang, but the others still keep aloof.

"The Americans here are indignant over the fact that United States Consul Goodnow has entered in relations with Earl Li; but Mr. Goodnow defends his action on the ground that he is following the instructions of his government.

"Trade in Shanghai is so paralyzed that the customs revenue will not suffice to secure the payment of the next installment of the foreign loan.

Warlike Preparations.

"Meanwhile active preparations in the Yangtze region for war are in progress, not for war against the rebels but against foreign powers. Junk loads of Chinese soldiers and Boxers, disguised as coolies, are arriving here daily. The arsenal is full of arms and supplies are constantly coming in. The Nankin and Wu Chang garrisons are being constantly reinforced, and the viceroys admit that they cannot much longer withstand the pressure brought to bear by Sheng and Li Hung Chang upon them to join the forces with Prince Tuan.

"It is hoped that the arrival of Admiral Seymour here may stiffen the backs of the foreign viceroys and destroy the security of the port.

"Two English missionary ladies, Miss Whitechurch and Miss Scarell (?), have been murdered at Hsiaoli in the province of Shan Si. Massacres are also reported from Tai Youan and Pao Ting Fu."

GENERAL MILLER ON DUTY.

Received His Commission from Governor Stone Yesterday.

Harrisburg, July 26.—General Charles Miller, of Franklin, the new major general of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, appeared for duty today to Governor Stone and received his commission. General Miller has already selected three staff officers, and he expects to complete his staff before the division commander at Mt. Gretna, Major John P. Penny, of Pittsburg, inspector of the Second brigade, takes the place of Lieutenant