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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1900.

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ATTEMPT TO HALT ALLIED COLUMN

Chinese Are Playing a Desperate Game.

MINISTERS IN DANGER

They May Yet Be Turned Over to the Blood-thirsty Boxers Unless the Chinese Can Profit by Their Release—No Change in the Military Programme Has Been Ordered.
Other News from China.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The Chinese imperial government is putting forth the most powerful efforts to secure, through negotiation, the abandonment of the international movement upon Peking. All the cables received at the state department today from Earl Li Hung Chang tend to demonstrate his desire to secure the safety of the ministers and their delivery at Tien Tsin, if it can be safely effected, trusting that in return the international column can be halted. Unquestionably a proper assurance of a safe delivery of the ministers would have some effect upon the temper of the powers, and it is possible that the United States government would give ear to overtures in that direction were not the attempt made by the Chinese to impose conditions upon the delivery that are altogether objectionable. Such, for instance, is a stipulation that the Chinese imperial authorities shall be absolved in advance of the consequences of the attempt and for liability for what has taken place in Peking. The first stipulation might be regarded as a direct invitation to the Boxers to murder the ministers on their way to the coast, and, therefore, our government will leave it to Minister Conger himself whether or not he regards it as safe to leave Peking when the opportunity is held out.

No Change in Programme.
Meanwhile there has been no change as to the military programme, so far as our government is advised. The senior United States naval officer at Taku already is under the most positive instructions to urge a forward movement, those having been sent by Secretary Long, just as the receipt of the original Conger message, and he was advised also of the intention of the government to add to his force. These matters are referred to in the belated dispatch from Tien-Tsin, which touches upon the military situation and the prospects of a speedy forward movement. But no additional instructions on this point were sent to the United States army officers today, and the government is allowing its officers on the spot to shape their own campaign, relying particularly upon the very full and comprehensive instructions previously given to General Chaffee, both in person and by cable, upon his arrival at Nagasaki.

Secretary Root said today that there had been no developments in the diplomatic situation which would play the advance on Peking, and that General Chaffee had orders to cover any contingency which might arise. A statement has been made in the dispatches from Europe to the effect that the United States is pushing General Chaffee for chief command. It was said at the war department today that such was not the case, though it was recognized that the situation might be such as to make it necessary for him to accept command if tendered him by the other powers.

SITUATION AT PEKIN.

Terrors of the Siege Told by a Chicago Correspondent.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—A cable dispatch to the Daily News from Chefoo, dated July 31, via Shanghai, Aug. 1, says: "Dr. Robert Colman, Jr., the staff correspondent of the Chicago Record in Peking, who had not been heard from since July 12, sends the following dispatch: Peking, July 21.—Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, was murdered by Chinese troops and his secretary wounded June 29, while on his way to the young li garden. The facilities are besieged in the British legation and have been under a daily fire from artillery and rifles.

The cowardice of the Chinese fortunately prevented them from making successful rushes. Our losses are sixty killed and severely wounded. The Chinese losses exceed 1,000. There has been no word from the outside world. Food is plentiful, such as it is, rice and horse flesh.

Yesterday, under a flag of truce, a message was sent by Yung Li asking if Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, would consent to a truce. The minister replied that he was willing, provided the Chinese came no closer. The shell firing then ceased and trenches both night and day.

All the legations except the British are utterly wrecked by shot and shell. The Austrian, Italian, Belgian and Holland buildings are burned to the ground. The British legation is also much shattered. The United States marines still hold a vital position on the city wall, commanding the legations.

After a brilliant sortie on the night of July 3, Captain Myers succeeded in driving back the Kanam mounted troops. During the fight Captain Myers was slightly wounded. Secretary Squires, of the United States legation, deserves the greatest credit for his services throughout the siege. His military experience and energy are invaluable. Many flags and rifles were captured by Captain Myers.

We fear that treachery is possible when the

ALTGELD'S TALK ON IMPERIALISM

A DEMOCRATIC KEYNOTE IS SOUNDED AT TOLEDO.

The Illinois Governor, Who Pardoned the Chicago Anarchists, Directs the Batteries of Oratory at the United States Government—He Discovers Something Wrong with the Whole System—Throws Mud at Roosevelt, but Does Not Wish to Appear Severe.

Toledo, O., Aug. 1.—The principal speech before the Ohio association of Democratic clubs in session here today was delivered by John P. Altgeld, who as governor of Illinois, pardoned Oscar Neebe, the Chicago anarchist implicated in the Haymarket riot. His theme was imperialism. In the course of his remarks he said:

ALLIES START FOR PEKIN

They Are Now Eighteen Miles from Tien Tsin and Should Reach the City in 8 Days.

Brussels, Aug. 1.—M. De Faveau, minister of foreign affairs, has received the following dispatch, dated Shanghai, Aug. 1, from M. De Cartier De Marchienne, secretary of the Belgian legation, now acting as charge d'affaires of Belgium at Shanghai:

"The allies are marching on Peking. They are eighteen miles from Tien Tsin and should reach Peking in eight days.

"All the Europeans have taken refuge in the inner inclosure of the Imperial City."

POWERS ON THE STAND.

The Defendant in the Goebel Trial Gives His Version of the Case.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 1.—Former Secretary of State Caleb Powers, on trial for alleged complicity in the shooting of Governor Goebel, began his third day in the witness box this morning. He was subjected to a rigid cross-examination regarding the organization of the mountaineer army. He said that Taylor and himself were the primary spirits in getting it up. The military companies were brought along, he said, because they had some discipline and could be more easily controlled. Moreover, he said, they were already armed.

The witness said he had asked Governor Taylor, while the contest committee was sitting, to call out the military companies and to send the bulk of the other mountain people home, and had secured a partial promise from the governor to do it. This was to be done in order that they might hold possession of the state office till the Supreme court of the United States had passed on the merits of the case.

Mr. Powers, do you not know that of the \$100,000 appropriated the sum of \$95,584 remains in the hands of the commissioner unused?"

The witness said he had no knowledge of this point. The witness also cited various instances of what he considered as hostile demonstrations on the part of the people of Frankfort toward him, which increased his apprehensions as to his safety and his unwillingness to be tried before a Frankfort jury.

The cross-examination was concluded at 2:10 and Powers quit the witness box, where he has been since 10 o'clock Monday morning, or a total of over fifteen hours.

SENATOR HOAR'S DECISION.

Will Make No Campaign Speeches Outside of His Own State.

New York, Aug. 1.—Senator Scott received a letter today at Republican headquarters in Albany in reply to an invitation extended to him to make campaign speeches outside of his own state. Senator Hoar expressed his hearty sympathy with the work of the Republican national committee.

Kanally Starved to Death.

Elmhurst, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Patrick Kanally has starved to death at his home in Great Bend, Pa. He was 57 years old and had suffered for some time with a complaint which had been diagnosed as cancer of the stomach. He had been unable to eat for some time and had become emaciated.

Postal Delivery at Kennett Square.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Bural free delivery postal service has been ordered established on Aug. 15, at Kennett Square, Chester county, Pa.

BRITONS BOMBARDING BOXERS IN STRONGHOLDS ABOUT TONG-KU.

MAJOR SMITH'S FIGHT FOR HIS REPUTATION

REVIVAL OF SEVENTY-FIRST REGIMENT CONTROVERSY.

Arguments Before Justice Giegerich on the Case Arose an Unusual Amount of Ill-Feeling—Colonel Bacon and Major Smith Become Excited During the Proceedings. Mr. Coyne's Argument.

EXAMINES TEDDY'S RECORD.

Who, then, is this man, and what is his history. Personalities are not to be indulged in here. But, surely, when we are thus brutally assaulted we may ask who it is that is berating us. I will notice only a few of the incidents of his public career. When he was six and one-half million of men who supported Mr. Bryan in 1896, and to the eleven millions of free men who are going to support him in 1900. The question arises in this language of a sincere and discreet man, and therefore worthy of notice, or is it simply the hysterical rant of a political mountebank, and, therefore, to be treated with contempt?

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ALTGELD THROWS VITRIOL.

Again, the modern historians tell us that it was he who first demonstrated to mankind that the use of dynamite was to be science, and not a mere toy. He was the first to use it in the mines, and he was the first to use it in the streets.

AMELIE RIVES ILL.

Afflicted by a Nervous Disease—One of the Features of Her Illness Is a Strange Antipathy to Her Husband.

COLLECTIONS IN THE NINTH DISTRICT.

Leicester, Pa., Aug. 1.—Revenue Collector Herley, of the Ninth internal revenue district, reports the following receipts for July: Cigars, \$29,774.19; tobacco, \$2,652.25; snuff, \$41,490.45; spirits, \$17,088.41; special tax, \$27,258.17; miscellaneous, \$27,085.99; documentary stamps, \$9,033.90; proprietary stamps, \$67,251; sundries, \$5,351.60. Total amount, \$205,222.14. The receipts for June were \$210,372.38. The sale of cigar stamps showed a decrease of \$17,901.24, as compared with last month.

CONFIRMATION AT CONVOY.

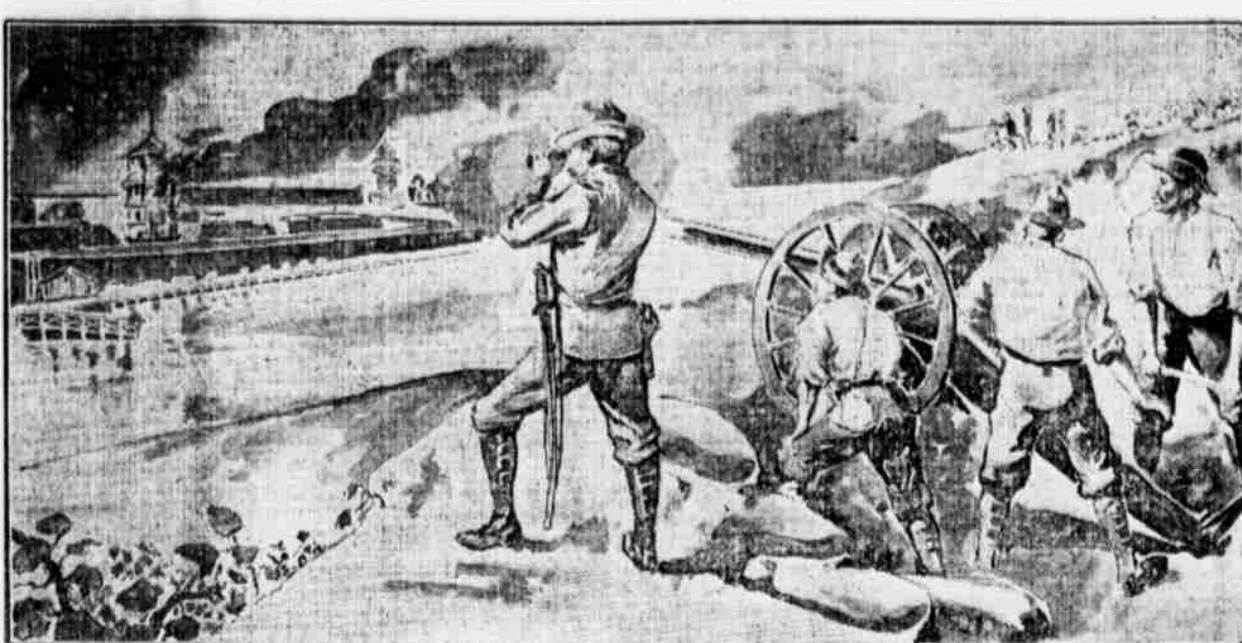
Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 1.—A large part of the business section of Convo, Ohio, twenty miles east of here, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will be from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The burned buildings include the post-office, the town hall, the Columbia hotel, six store buildings and a number of residences.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Aug. 1.—Arrived: Steamers Werra, Goma; City of Nebraska, Glasgow; Deutsche, from Bremen; L'Amiraline, Ha-tai; Gossa, from San Francisco; Kaiser Friedrich, Hamburg, via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Sailed: Westernland, Southampton and Antwerp; Majestic, Liverpool; Patria, Naples, via Glasgow-Arrived: Europa, from New York; Sardinian, New York, Plymouth-Arrived: Pretoria, New York for Hamburg; Southampton-Sailed: Sailed Lahn (from Bremen), New York via Cherbourg; Liverpool-Sailed: Teutonic, New York via Queenstown; Sicily-Passet; Buffalo, Hamburg for New York; St. Louis, New York for Southampton; Bodensee-Arrived: Spanish, New York for Rotterdam and proceeded.

REVIEW AT MT. GRETTA.

Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—Word was received from General Miles, commander of the United States army, that he would review the state militia at Mt. Gretna next Monday, instead of Wednesday as previously announced.



Britons Bombarding Boxers in Strongholds About Tong-Ku.

THE STORY OF PEKIN IS TOLD

Chinese Government is Guilty of Infamous Conduct.

DR. MORRISON'S REVIEW

The Infamy and Duplicity of the Peking Officials Exceeds the Summation of Its Worst Detectives—The Safety of Ministers at Peking Due Entirely to the Capture of Tien Tsin—An Imperial Edict.

London, Aug. 2, 2 n. m.—At last the story of Peking has been told. Dr. Morrison in today's Times holds up the Chinese government before the world as guilty, and to the degree of infamy and duplicity that exceeds the surmise of its worst detectives. In the same dispatch he gives a more hopeful view of the prospects of the besieged than has been expressed by any of the others who have been heard from.

MORE BOERS SURRENDER.

The Total Number Will Reach About 4,000—Evacuation of Machadodorp Reported.

VISITED THE PRESIDENT.

Chairmen Nash and Dick Headed a Delegation of One Hundred.

NATIONAL GUARD ORDERS.

Officers on the Retired List—Lieutenant Henderson Discharged.

Affected by Coupler Law.

Employment as brakemen on the different divisions of the Delaware and Hudson road in northern Pennsylvania, was discharged. It is said the cause of the reduction is the company's compliance with the interstate-commerce law, which requires that all railroad companies should equip their cars with automatic couplers and air brakes by Aug. 1.

Will Not Discuss Income Tax.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—W. J. Bryan announced today that he will not discuss the income tax in his nomination speech at Indianapolis, but will deal with the subject in his letter of acceptance. Mr. Bryan said the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, according to his idea, is an endorsement of the income tax principle.

Italy's King at Monza.

Monza, Aug. 1.—The King and Queen of Italy arrived here this evening.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today.
- GENERALLY FAIR.
- 1 General-China Endeavoring to Halt International Movement Toward Peking.
 - 2 Heated Words in the Seventy-first Regiment Controversy.
 - 3 China Charged with Infamy and Duplicity.
 - 4 Ex-Governor Altgeld on Imperialism.
 - 5 The Tribune's Educational Content.
 - 6 Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
 - 7 Local-Strike Is Over at the North Scranton Mines.
 - 8 Advance Detail of the Guard Out for Mt. Gretna.
 - 9 Editorial.
 - 10 News and Comment.
 - 11 Local-Ground Broken for the New Army.
 - 12 Nantuxen Charged with 35th U.S. Major.
 - 13 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
 - 14 Round About the County.
 - 15 Local-East News of the Industrial World.
 - 16 Coal Production of the United States.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; light to fresh northwesterly winds.