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# LI'S ACTIONS ARE SINISTER

# The Latest News from China Is Not Encouraging.

### EPIDEMIC OF DIPLOMACY

Representatives of the Flowery Kingdom Seem to Be Keeping Something Back in All Communications-The Power of Ping Hong Is Regarded as a Bad Sign-Chaffee's Unexpected Telegram.

Washington Aug. 3 .-- Another move was made today in the diplomatic situation by the return of an evasive answer by Li Hung Chang to Secretary Hay's peremptory demand of tion that they cease creating disturb-August 1 to be put in communication with the foreign ministers at Pekin. Li's answer is not final, and leaves the matter open diplomatically. But Li's actions, as reported by Consul General Goodnow, are unquestionably sinister and will emount to a final reection of the american proposition if persisted in. 4r. Goodnow's dispatch contains some further information bearing on he question of responsibility for Pe in conditions in the statement that the commander of the Chinese troops by inference answerable to the Chinese government, ordered the Pao Ting massacre. It is learned here that Li Ping Hong, the commander referred to, is a civil official and well known to all the Chinese officials abroad as one of the most rabid anti-foreign leaders in China. He is a close friend of Prince Tuan and the association of these two in Pekin affairs with power enough behind them to cause the ignominous death of two high officials, is regarded

here as a bad sign. Simultaneously with Mr. Goodnow's dispatch, came a characteristically diplomatic message from Yuan Shih Kai, governor of Shan Tung, repeating the story of two day's ago that the Chinese government was arranging to deliver the ministers in safety at Tien Tsin. No effort is made to reconcile that statement with Earl Li's refusat to allow communication with the min-

## Severe Battle Anticipated.

unexpected resistance offered to the Japanese reconnoitering expedition is regarded by military men here as forecasting a greater degree of opposition to the international advance than had been anticipated, and they are now satisfied that the Chinese troops will furnish material for at least one severe battle before the way is clear to

The navy department today issued an order for the co-operation of United States officers abroad with the officers of the army in landing and in transporting troops destined for Chinese service. This revives the situation that existed in Cuba when Shafter's army corps was landed largely through the efforts of the navy

It is thought in the department that the navy can lend considerable assistance to General Chaffee's troops, not only in aiding their debarkation, but possibly in furnishing them boat transportation, if a move is made along the Pel-Ho.

It appears that some misunderstands ing exists as to a St. Petersburg dispatch printed here this morning, say the governor of Shan-Tung, demandmunication was, in fact, a joint meing Minister Wu in Washington. It ion outlook in this end of the state. was forwarded by Minister Yeng-Lu at St. Petersburg, because the latter is the dean of the Chinese diplomatic service. It was transmitted through warded to Pekin. This action is considered very important, as indicating ion that the situation is no longer to trifled with. Their action may by ts outcome is awaited with great in-

Meanwhile the government of the United States, like the governments its minister at Pekin by independent neans, and the state department has instructed Consul General Goodnow, at the Democrats everywhere full of the to the presentation of the order as Shanghal, Consul Fowler, at Chefon, and Consul Ragsdale, at Tien Tsin, to spare no effort or expense to open up direct communication with Mr. Conger.

Secret Cable Report. In addition to his short message relative to the Japanese check, transmitted through Admiral Remey and received this morning, General Chaffee made another and a direct cable report this afternoon. The measage WAS withheld from publication by Secretary Root, who declined to make its purport public. It was presumably voted to a recital of General Chaffee's needs in a military way. In view of the London statement that the ad vance on Pekin actually began with the present week there is also a possibility that General Chaffee's message has some bearing on that subject. though it is evident from his report of this morning that the advance, if started, could not have progressed far beyond Tien Tsin, as the outpost affair described by him took place only ten miles out of town

Second Assistant Secretary Adee is to act as secretary of state for a few weeks during the absence of Secretary

Hay, who left Washington this afternoon to visit his family at their summer home at Sunapee lake, N. H.

Conger's Dispatch Genuine. Washington, Aug. 3.-The state department today issued the following: "The state department has received disaptch from Mr. Fowler, United States consul at Chefoo, dated at night on the 2d of August, stating that when he learned from the Shanghai papers that doubts were entertained of the genuineness of the Conger cipher telegram, he wired on the 27th to the governor of Shan-Tung to send him the original by courier. The governor at once complied with his request, sending a special postman, who by traveling night and day, for five days, made the journey which in ordinary times would have required twelve days. He delivered to Mr. Fowler the original of the Conger cipher dispatch. It is signed by Mr. Conger and dated the 17th of July. It is precisely the same as the message received at the state department with several words prefixed which came in an unintelligible

month in the British legation. Mr. Fowler has no doubt of its genuine-Amnesty to Boxers.

form to the Chinese legation here.

The dispatch in its complete form says

that the members of the American

legation had been besieged for a

Shanghai, Aug. 3.-Li Hung Chang s preparing a proclamation granting virtual amnesty to Boxers, on condi-

### ADVANCE ON PEKIN.

#### Rumor That the Column Is Thirtyfive Miles from Tien Tsin.

London, Aug. 4, 3.55 a. m .- According to a special dispatch fom Shanghai dated August 3, the advancing column of the allies was reported there yesterday to have reached a point thirtyfive miles beyond Tien Tsin. Nothing from any other point corroborates this statement. In fact, the Standard goes advance apart from preliminary measures, has not yet begun.

Tien Tsin dispatches dated July 30 tell of an action which is termed a onnoissance between the Japanese and Chinese," two miles beyond the to his brother Ike Golden and said Hsiku arsenal, in which the Japanese to him: "Don't you know that a withdrew, after suffering thirty casunities.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, under date of July 27, declares that the Americans and Germans have been ordered to move forward without waiting for the British. A Che Foo special, dated August 1, announces the safety of all the Ameri-

cans in Pekin and the reception of letter from Dr. Cheltman, dated the British minister had agreed to a truce, provided the Chinese came no loser, and adding:

having defeated the Chinese, we are

and digging trenches." infantry at Tien Tsin, China, on July 15. furnished by General McArthur, include among the killed the name of Colonel Emerson H. Liscum and sev- fort from the western part of the state. enteen privates. Among the latter is the name of Clyde J. Jamison, who enlisted in Philadelphia. His nearest relative as recorded in the roll is his Haven, Pa.

The only other Pennsylvania enlistment in General MacArthur's list is Robert B. Golden woh enlisted in Philadelphia, and who gave as his nearest relative the name of his sister in Ogden, Utah.

## BOOMING FUSION.

## Colonel Guffey Believes That Democ-

racy Favors the Movement. Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Colonel James M. Guffey, the Democratic leader, with Democratic State Chairman Rilling. arrived in the city early this morning ing that the Chinese minister there and and spent the day conferring with his colleagues in Europe had cabled Democratic county leaders in the eastern section of the state. The object ing that free communication be opened of the conference was the perfection between the Pekin ministers and their of plans for fusion with the anti-Quay respective governments. This com- Republicans in the legislative districts. Before his departure for Pittsmorial to the throne, concurred in by burg tonight Colonel Guffey expressed all Chinese ministers abroad, includ- himself as well satisfied with the fus-"I have nothing to add at present to "I came here today with Mr. Rilling governor of Shan-Tung to be for- to consult with Chairman Donnelly, of the Philadelphia Democracy, and other eastern county leaders respecting fusthat the Chinese ministers abroad have ion in legislative districts, and will reat least reached a unanimous conclus- fer you to Mr. Rilling for any news," State Chairman Hilling said, in part: "Our visit to Philadelphia today was regarded as a final effort on their part for the purpose of consulting with to influence the home government, and | Chairman Donnelly and other eastern Democratic leaders relative to the fuson plans by which they will contribute to the election of a majority of the members of the next legislature favorof Europe, has not abandoned its ef- able to needed reforms in our regisforts to establish communication with tration and ballot laws. All I can say at this time is that the outlook could hardly be more satisfactory. I find idea that this is the opportune time

#### for such a movement." President Leaves for Canton.

Vashington, Aug. 3.-President McKinley left he city this evening on his return to Canton o resume his vacation. Accompanying him was Hon. Charles G. Dawes, the comptroller the currency. The party occupied the private ar Grassmere, which was attached to the regucaving here at 7.45. Secretaries Root and Wil on, Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith bye. They went aboard the train with the chief cocutive and remained until it started, each having to jump off while the train was moving.

## Big Saw Mill Destroyed.

St. Johns N. F., Aug. 3.-A forest fire at Soppe Arm, White bay, has destroyed a large naw mill, several million feet of lumber and a settlement of 120 houses. The whole place wax surned out. A schooner that happened to be the residents to a place of safety.

## Searching for Anarchists.

Berlin, Aug. 3 .- The police throughout Ger many are arresting anarchist suspects. Among them is Profesor Stably, an Italian, who has reently lectured on the subject of the Mans in

# DEFENSE CONTINUES IN POWERS TRIAL

### THE DRIFT OF THE TESTIMONY PRESENTED.

Harkleroad Heard It Stated That Powers Was Innocent - Others Who State That He Objected to Violence-Witness Who Saw Mr. Weaver in Another Locality on the Day That He Claimed to Have Been in Frankfort.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug 3.—At the trial of Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel shooting, Sain, H. Stone, for-mer state auditor, testified that W. W. Culton, once a clerk in his office, had been removed because he had stolen \$1,000 from the state. The prosecution objected and the court reserved a ruling on it. On cross-examination Captain Stone said he did not go before the grand jury and ask the indictment of Culton for the defalcation.

The defense next called George L. Danforth, of Louisville, who was witness Carpenter in the state senate chamber at the time of the shooting of Goebel. He did not leave the grounds for thirty minutes after the shooting and soldiers had not arrived on the scene, C. H. Gibson, of Barbourville came next. He was asked to tell of an occurence in a barber shop at Barbourville, when witness Wharton Golden displayed a large roll Before the prosecution of money. could object, witness answered that such a thing had occurred. The prosecution asked for the exclusion of the testimony, and by agreement the wit-

NORTH END shop the incident is said to have ocsa far as to say that it fears the real | curred, was called. He said that Golden told him on the day that defendant Powers was arrested, that Powers was innocent. Later, he said, Golden came into his shop and in his presence displayed a roll of paper money to him: "Don't you know that a \$100,000 reward fund is being circu- he refused to marry her.

Inted? On cross-examination the prosecu tion attacked the credibility of the witness, attempting to show that that he had been indicted for the illegal

sale of liquor. Witness Gibson was recalled and corroborated Harkleroad's testimony. J. L. Butler, of Butler county, followed Gibson on the stand. He at-Pekin, July 20, saying that on the previous day Sir Claude MacDonald, defendant Powers some days before the shooting, at which the raising of money to pay expenses of witnesses was discussed. Sheriff Burton, of "We hope this means relief; but, Breckinridge county, there displayed aving defeated the Chinese, we are some cartridges, and, according to the fearful of treachery. All are exhaust-ed with constant watching, fighting could best be settled with them. Powers told Burton that he must not talk Washington, Aug. 3 .- The list of in that way, and would rather give up casualties in the Ninth United States his office than cause bloodshed. Witness said Powers' visit to Louisville on the morning of the shooting was to arrange for an excursion to Frank-

## Locating Weaver.

Recess was then taken, and witness Butler resumed at the opening of the father, whose residence is at Beach afternoon session of court. He was cross-examined, but nothing material brought out.

It was announced by the defense that several witnesses would be pur on the stand to prove that the witness Weaver, introduced by the prosecution and who testified that he was in Frankfort on the day of the shooting of Senator Goebel, was at Grayson's Springs on that day. They first presented C. W. Carter. He said that Weaver installed the officers of a lodge of Woodmen of the World at Grayson's Springs on January 20, and brought the lodge records to prove his statement. Witness heard of the shooting at Frankfort before noon on that Weaver, he declared, was walking along the street with the witness when he received the news.

## The Cipher Signal.

Daniel R. Collier, of Lancaster, who held the office of adjutant general in the Taylor administration, was next called. He said that the cipher signal, "all right," used by telegrams sent by him to the state guard officers what I have already said on the sub- on the day of the shooting was arject of fusion," said Colonel Guffey, ranged by him before Taylor became governor. The telegrams were sent out no sooner than fifteen minutes after the shooting. The local company of state guards on duty at the arsenal was not on the scene, he said, until thirty minutes after Goebel was carried off the grounds. General Colter said he gave no orders earlier that day to the local company at the arsenal about preparing for action.

At another point in his testimony, itness produced a written order to him, signed by Governor Taylor and lelivered to him after the shooting, directing him to call the state troops to Frankfort and to be in charge of them after conferring with the civil authorities. The prosecution objected evidence because it had not been entered on the executive journal was not made in accordance with the statutes of the state.

Judge Cantrill sustained the objetion, saying: "I cannot submit this paper to the jury without explaining that the governor had no right under the statute to issue it."

The judge next ruled out a letter addressed by General Collier to the civil authorities of Frankfort county about co-operating with them At the close of the direct examination court adjourned for the day.

### Hungarian Provided for Burial. Kaston, Aug. 2.—Joseph Toud, the Hungarian who was badly burned yesterday by an explosion

at the Alpha Portland Cement works, when Imri Tofenzki was killed, died in the Easton hospita today. Before he died Toad informed the hos pital authorities that he had 840 sewed in the lining of his coat which would bury him.

Milwaukee's Population. Washington, Aug. 3.—The population of Mil-wankee, Wis., according to the count just com-pleted at the census office, is 285,315. In 1800 the population was 204,468. The increase is 39.54



MINISTER CONGER'S PRIVATE PARLOR IN AMERICAN LEGATION BUILDING AT PEKIN

## SUIT AGAINST GEN. ARMES.

#### Miss Ella M. Platt, the Artist, Wants \$50,000 Damages.

Washington, Aug. 3 .- Miss Ella M. Platt, an artist of this city, today instituted suit at law in the district supreme court for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise against Major George A. Armes, a retired United States army officer. The defendant bas gained some national notoriety in several ways, once by tweaking the nose of General Beaver, then governor of the state of Pennsylvania, and anness was stood aside to be called other time by a controversy with war department officials.

The suit alleges breach of promise to marry, practice of deception and the commission of personal assault on the plaintiff. Among other things it alleges that he deceived her in making her believe that the signing of an agreement reciting that "they hereby become man and wife" constituted a valid marriage. She avers that after she discovered the alleged deception

#### Encouraging Symptoms of General Business May Be Looked for-Iron Trade Continues Good.

New York, Aug. 3 .- R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say: It is often hard to read encouraging now it is reasonable to look for them. | serves to be called the 'father of his Some raw materials, and some manufactured products one stage removed strength which comes from the love prices than at any time since last rear's advance set in; but there is onfidence among buyers that the downward swing is nearly over, while ellers are adopting a cautious policy, which until repently characterized the attitude of buyers.

Iron and steel markets were startled by reports of sales of steel bars at 90 ents per one hundred pounds, but pusiness at the same time was the argest in months at Chicago on a casis of about \$1.25. Increasing de mand for bar iron from makers of agricultural implements and car builders was a feature, contracts placed being estimated at 110,000 tons in bars and plates. The trade believes that orders will increase as the season advances and that total needs of iron onsumers will compare well with last year. Heavy bids appear for foundry iron, buyers being uneasy, with output reducing and selling prices of many descriptions approximating cost. Export orders increase and makers do not fully accept reports of purchases of foreign rails for delivery in the south. Some traders are not flush with the result of the Chicago conference pointing to the report of duction of pig iron in the first half of the year exceeding all records and contrasting it with recent dull mar-

Copper exports in July are estimated at 19,661 tons, against 7,150 in 1899, and the amount coming into sight in the last half year for home consumption is only 65,225 tons, a decrease of 19,467 tons. The foreign demand for bituminous coal is heavy, but producers home prices tending upward. An increased movement in boots and shoes is more in specialties and trade in staple lines remains dull, many shops working about one-third capacity, Leather is weaker, some lines declining a cent, but there is more activity. The wool market has been more actve, but the average of prices is slight-

ly lower. Failures for the week were 228 in the United States against 182 last year, and 24 in Canada against 23 last year.

### HILLABY HELD TO BAIL. Charged with Embezzling \$5,000 in

England. Philadelphia, Aug. 3.-Henry Hillav, of Yorkshire, England, was today

held in \$5,000 bail by United States Commissioner Craig for a further hearing, charged with embezzling \$5,000 from the Griggleston Coal company, of Wakefield. Yorkshire, Eng-The warrant for Hillaby's arrest

was issued by United States Commissioner Edmunds at the instance of the British consul, Wilfred Powell. Hillaby was employed in a clerical capacity by the coal company and came to this country last December. Since then Pinkerton detectives had been searching for him, but he eluded them until today.

Addicks Faction Surprises DuPonts. Dover, Del., Aug. 3. - The Union Republicans the Addicks faction), posted notices thr the state today calling for primary elections to-norrow to elect delegates to a state consention to be held in this city August 6. This conven-tion had previously been called to meet on Au-gust 25, two days after the date fixed for the atate convention of the regular (DuPont faction) and the suddenly announced change is a great surprise to the latter.

### PROCLAMATION OF EMMANUEL III

### ITALY'S YOUNG KING AD-DRESSES HIS SUBJECTS.

Will Endeavor to Follow in the Footsteps of His Father and Grandfather in Looking After the Welfare of His Country-Grateful for the Sympathy of the People.

Monza, Aug. 3 .- King Victor Emandel III. has addressed the following proclamation to the Italian people:
"The second king of Italy is dead. Escaping, thanks to his valor as a soldier, the danger of battle, and de-parting unharmed, thanks to Providence, from the risks he confronted so courageously to end public calamities, this good and virtuous king fell a victim to atrocious crime, while, with easy conscience and without fear of danger, he was participating in the

joys of his people in their fetes. "It was not permitted to me to be present at the last breath of my father; but I understand my first duty to be to follow the counsels he left me and to imitate the virtues of the king and first citizen of Italy.

"In this moment of profound sadness I have the strength which comes symptoms of general business in de-dining prices of commodities, but just father and of that great king who decountry.' I have also as a support the devotion of the Italian people for the king whom they venerated and weep for.

"There remain to us the institutions which he loyally preserved and which he attempted to render permanent during the twenty-two years of his eign. These institutions are given to me as the sacred traditions of my house; and the warm love which Italans have for them protected with a firm and energetic hand from assault or any violence from whatever source comes, assures me. I am certain of the prosperity and grandeur of the country. It was the glory of my grandfather to have given Italy its unity and independence. It was the glory of my father to have jealously guarded this unity and this independ-

"My reign shall be outlined by these mperishable remembrances. May God aid me and may the love of my people fortify me, so that I may consecrate all my cares as a king to the guardianship of liberty and the de- prostrate body and then turning quickfence of the monarchy united by indissoluble bonds for the supreme interest of the country.

"Italians! render your tribute of ars and honor to the sacred memory of Humbert of Savoy. You, in the bitter sorrow which has struck my house, have shown that you consider this sorrow as though it were of each individual among you.

"This solidity of thought and affection will always be the most certain bulwark of my reign and the best guarantee of the unity of the country, which unites in the august name of intangible Rome, symbol of hesitate to contract shipments with grandeur and pledge of integrity for Italy Such are my hopes, such is my ambition as citizen and as king. Monza, Aug. 3.—The remains of King Humbert were today placed in a casket of walnut, covered with lead and glass, in such a manner as to leave Justice Giegerich Disposes of the the face exposed. The ceremony which took place in the presence of the royal family was very teuching. Queen Margarheta placed the Italian flag with the arms of the house of Savoy

### over the corpse. Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Aug. 3.-Arrived: Columbia, Hamog. etc. Cleared: Werra, Naples and Genoa; mbrin, Liverpool; Maaslam, Rotterdam via sulogne; Patricia, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg, Sailed: Cuffe, Liverpool, Havre Arrived: La Champagne, New York, Moyille Salled: Astoriz, Glasgow for New York, South-ampton—Salled: Auguste Victoria, from Ham-burg, New York via Cherbourg, Brow Head— Passed: Lucania, New York, for Ouccustown and Liverpool Lizard-Passed: Southwark, for Ant-werp; Statendam, Rotterdam for New York, Naples—Arrived: Ems, New York via Gibraltar for Greea and proceeded. Queenstown—Arrived: Lucania, New York for Liverpool and proceeded.

## Mysterious Body Found.

rovidence, R. L. Aug. &-A body supposed to that of Arthur McCleary, of Atlantic City, is found in a car load of lumber this after-on. Working unleading the lumber found the body and its position leads to the belief that man was stealing a ride and the lumber diffied pinning him against the end of the car The man was about 30 years of age and had been dead about forty-eight hours.

#### Shah Will Not Visit England. Lendon, Aug. 3.—It is afficially announced that a consequence of the death of the Duke of Saxochurg and Gotha the Shah has abandened his

Hanged for Double Murder. Richmond, Va., Aug. 3.-Grand Reed, colored.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

# Weather Indications Today,

FAIR; MODERATE TEMPERATURE. General-Sinister Actions of Li Hung Chang Evil Influences Control Pokin, Emanuel III Issues a Proclamation.

Evidence in the Powers Triat, The Tribune's Educational Contest

Financial and Commercial. General-First Letter from Rev. Dr. R. P. Y. Pierce. Sunday School Lesson for Temorrow, Religious News of the Week.

Editorial, News and Comment.

Local—One Woman's Views, Plays and Players.

Local-Poor Board Does Not Know the Value of Expert Testimony, Decided Decrease in Special Taxes,

Local-Thirteenth Regiment Off for the En

The Lackawanna Wishes to Be Independent of the "Pennsy." 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban

9 Round About the County. General—Gossip in the World of Sport. Industrial Joitings.

### SHOT FIVE TIMES.

#### Assistant Chief of Police Prince Shoots Inspector Cannon, of Norfolk-No Cause for the Murder.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 3.-Charles J. annon, a prominent citizen and local politician and also state cyster inspeckilled on the street by First Assistant Chief of Police M. H. Prince shortly before noon today. No cause for the deed is assigned by Captain Prince or his friends and the killing is a mystery. Thetwo men were thought to be the closest of friends, both sodally and politically, Mr. Cannon having been one of Prince's chief workers in the latter's recent carvass for the

position of chief of police. Captain Prince and Cannon met on Main street, between the custom house and the Citizens' bank building, about 11.30 this morning. The former placed his arm about Mr. Cannon's shoulders and the two walked to the side of the postoffice, some thirty feet from the street, where they talked together for several minutes. Witnesses say Captain Price suddenly draw his revolver and fired upon Mr. Cannon five times, thrice after he fell. After firing the fourth shot, Captain Prince walked several feet from Mr. Cannon's iv went back and placed the last bullet in his revolver in Cannon's head. He surrendered himself to a officer and walked to pelice headquarters. Cannon died almost instantly. Cannon leaves a wife and five chil-

The coroner's inquest returned verdict that death was caused by pis-

tol shots fired by Prince. At a special meeting of the police board this afternoon, Prince was sucpended from the force. As the shooting was on government property, the government is moving to secure jurisdiction in the case. Local government officials have served a warrant on Prince and it is understood he is United States prisoner.

# GOVERNOR HAD POWER. Smith Case.

New York, Aug. 3 .- The writ of certiorarl granted by Justice McAdam, of the Supreme court, requiring Adjutant General Hoffman to return the records of the board of examination. convened by Governor Roosevelt to pass on the fitness or unfitness of Major Clinton H. Smith, of the Seventy-first regiment, to be an officer of the National Guard, was today vacated by Justice Glegerich.

Justice Giegerich holds that the governor had the power to appoint the board of examination; that the proreedings of the board did not partake of the character of a judicial inquiry, and that the approval by the governor was a function which, under the law, was vested in him in connection with the state military department.

#### Bishop Horstmann's Illness. Cleveland, Aug. 5.-The reports of the illne-

f Bishop Ignatius F. Horstmann, of the Catho te discret of Ohio, appear to have been great; exaggerated. Chanceller Houck says that with the hishop has been slightly ill, he has been able to attend to business every day and his condition i in no wise seriosa-

## Ninth Off for Camp.

Wilkes-Harre, Aug. 3.—The Ninth regiment National Guard of Pennsylvania, left here at 13 Colock tonight for Mt. Gretna. There were companies with an average of forty-five men to a company.

# Pennsylvania Pensions.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 3.—Grand Reed, colored, Washington, Aug. 3.—Penaieus granted; Lewis was hanged at Madison court house touay. His crime was a double one, the murder of his wife and her father.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Penaieus granted; Lewis Lewis, Parsons, Luzerne county, 80; William Bear, Orchard Luzerne, 86; Simon Smith, Wyoming Luzerne, 810

# LI PING IN CONTROL

# The Author of Pao-Ting Atrocity Commands in Pekin.

### INFLUENCE

Communication with Envoys Stopped Again-Two Pro-Foreign Members of the Tsung-li-Yamen Beheaded for Urging Preservation of Ministers-Li Hung Chang Said to Have Advised Government to Keep Ping Quiet-United States Consul Assured That Diplomats Are Safe and on Friendly Terms with Pekin Authorities-Sheng, However, Says They Are Being Held as Hostages.

Washington Aug. 3.-The state department makes public the following telegram received today (Aug. 3) from the consul general at Shanghal,

Shanghal, Aug. 3. Americans left Chanking yesterday. Li told French consul today to messages will be de-livered ministers because foreigners advancing on Pekin. Two pro-foreign members of the tyang-li-yamen beheaded 27th, by order of Li Ping Hang, now commanding troops Pekin, for rging preservation ministers. Li Ping Hang or-

dered Pao-Ting massacre. Chefoo, Aug. 2, via Shanghai, Aug. 3 .- Governor Yuan-Shi-Kai states that he has received a note from the tsung. li-yamen, dated July 30, in which it is asserted that the ministers at the German legation and others were at that time well and that their relations with the government were friendly. They were conferring, it was added, with a view of arranging measures to protect the ministers to Tien-Tsin.

### Sheng's Threat.

Shanghai, Aug. 2.-Liu-Kun-Yi, viceroy of Nanking, and Sheng, director of telegraphs and railways and taotal of Shanghal, have declared officially that the foreign ministers are held by the Chinese government as hostages, and that if the allies march to Pekin they

nese only are starting for Pekin, and that they are 23,000 strong. Another Chinese exodus from Shanghai has begun. It was caused by disquieting reports published in the na-tive and some foreign newspapers.

It is said that the Russians and Jap-

The following message has been sent by the United States consul here to the state department in Washington: Secretary of State, Washington;

Just received telegram from governor of Shan fring requesting me to transmit to you the ollowing: "Have just received telegram dated July 30, tsung-li-pamen, starting various ministers, the German legation, and others (foreigners) all well; not in slistness. Provisions were repeatedly sent Relations most friendly. Now conferring as to proper measures to protect various ministers to Tien Tain for temporary shelter, which conference will seem be ended. helter, which conference will seen be

## CONVERTS MURDERED.

## Between Ten and Fifteen Thousand

Defenceless People Slaughtered. London, Aug. 3 .- "Watching, fightng and digging trenches. The greatest credit is due to Mr. Squiers, secretary of the United States legation. whose military experience and energy are invaluable.

The Shanghai correspondent of the

Daily News says the consuls there regret the independent action taken by the American association and the China association, on the ground that it is injudicious. He says: "The settlement being international, pelly jealousies must disappear. The

China association is of little local in-

duence." Presumably he refers to the American Asiatic association. The Shaughai correspondent of the Daily Express announces the arrival at Hong Kong from San Francisco of Homer Lea, for some time secret agent in the United States of the Society for the Reformation of the Chinese Empire, with 60,000 pounds sterling, which will presumably be utilized in connection with the revolutionary movement against the empress dowager, a movement quiescent since 1888 until

within the last few weeks." Nearly all the correspondents confirm the reports of a wholesale massacre of Christians outside Pekin, a correspondent of the Dally News giving the number of killed as between ten and fifteen thousand, all defenceess converts. Imperial troops, so it

is stated, did the ghastly work, According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, one of the members of the tsung-ll-yamen men-tioned by United States Consul Goods now as having been beheaded for proforeign tendencies was Hsu Ching Cheng, former minister to Russia, The correspondent says the empress dows ager ordered his execution on the ad-

Vice of Li Ping Hang. Li Hung Chang has been informed from Pekin that Prince Ching's only prominent supporters in his peace poly are General Yung Lu and Wang Wen Shah, president of the board of revenue, whose influence is small.

## "Tallow Dick's" Denial.

Cincinnati, Aug. 3.—A Times-Star special from Scorgetown mys: "'Tailow Dick' Coombs' says Georgetewn mays: ""Tallow Dick" Coombs' says among other statements made to him was one to the effect that Mason Hockeruniti told him he had been offered \$1,200 to kill Goebel. combs absolutely denied having made any of he remarks with which he was credited."

#### . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 2.-Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennaylvania, fair Saturday and Sunday with moderate temperatures; light northerly