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OUR TROOPS MUST PRESS ON TO PEKIN

Conger's Latest Message.

EVIDENCE OF TRICKERY

Chinese Government Has Misrepresented the Situation to the Ministers at Pekin in Order to Get Them Out of the City-The Officials at Washington Still Uncertain as to Whether Any Messages Have Reached Mr. Conger-No Satisfactory Answers Have Been Received of Queries That Have Been Addressed to Him.

Washington, Aug. 10.-In the light of latest disputches from Minister Conger, received by the state department through Minister Wu today, the attitude of the administration is that there is but one thing to be done in the present circumstances, namely, to press on to the relief of the besieged garrison at Pekin. This was made known after extended communications between Washington and the president at Canton. The Conger dispatch was accepted as showing conclusive justifieation for the imperative demand of the United States sent to the Chinese government on Wednesday night, insisting that the imperial troops cooperate with the international forces in the rescue of ministers, and until this condition, as well as that for the cessation of bombardment, is fully conceded by China, there is no other course open but to press steadily onward in the mission of relief.

The Conger dispatch was received before daylight at the Chinese legation, and as soon as the official day oppned Minister Wu presented it to Acting Secretary Adee at the state department. It was in the American cipher, and was found to be an identical note with that of the other ministers at Pekin (that of the French minister, M. Pichon, already having appeared), with the additional fact that seven members of the American Charles F. Weaver. guard had been killed and sixteen wounded. The text of the message as as follows:

Conger's Message.

Secretary of the State, Washington: The Tsung-Li-Yamen states to the diplomatic corps that the various foreign governments havrepeatedly asked through the respective Chinese points that we immediately depart from Political transfers that we immedia date of our departure. Our reply is that we will seek instructions from our governments and that in the absence of such instructions we annot leave our posts. I must inform you that in order to insure our safe departure, foreign troops only can escert us and they must be in sufficient force to safely guard 800 foreigners including 200 women and children and 3,000 native Christians, who cannot be abandoned to certain massacre. We cannot accept a Chine escort under any circumstances. All my coleagues are despatching the foregoing to their respective governments. Of the American ma-rines seven have been killed and sixteen wounded. Among the latter are Captain Myers and Dr. Lippitt, who are getting along well

Conger.

(Signed)

The discussion with the president led to the determination to reply to the Conger message at once, and accordingly Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Adee conferred on the terms of this reply. The text was ready by 3 o'clock, and it was forwarded late in the day. It was announced officially and positively that this message would not be made public, either in whole or in substance. It was made plain, however, that the message was sufficiently guarded as not to further increase the jeopardy of our minister in case the Chinese have access to our cipher. As to the terms of the message, they are believed to make plain that this govunder Chinese escort, when the minister has advised Washington that this would mean certain death. Moreover, the reply doubtless lets the ministe know that there is an unaccountable error in the statement of the Chinese government, as conveyed to him through the tsung-li-yamen, that the foreign governments had urged repeatedly that the ministers be sent out of Pekin under suitable escort. This clause, contained in Mr. Conger's latest dispatch, clearly shows that the Chinese government is leading him to believe that it is the wish of Washington that he leave under a Chinese escort, whereas the United States government never has entertained for a moment the idea of having the mints ter set out on the dangerous pilgrimage from Pekin to the coast under Chinese protection.

There is no probability that the attention of the Chinese government will be directed to its apparent double dealing, as indicated by the Conger dis-This government has transmitted to the other powers interested the note to the Chinese government entrusted to Minister Wu on the night of the 8th. It has assurances from the other powers that they have not advised their representatives to accept Chinese excort from Pekin. It was officially stated at the close of the day that no further representations hav been made to the Chinese government since the note of the 8th, and that none would be made until the Chinese government had given some intention of the attitude it will assume, complying with or denying the demands of the

There Are Still Doubts.

While the state department is conto dispatch messages to Minister Conger upon the assurance of the iese government that communica-

This Course Justified by ton is uninterrupted, it is doing so with comparatively small hope of their delivery. This assertion was borne out tonight when Secretary Root said that there was no convincing evidence in the possession of this government that any of the dispatches really had reached Minister Conger. This indicates that the minister has not given a direct and satisfactory answer to any of the queries that have been addressed him by the department of

No additional dispatches were received today bearing upon the military situation either from General Chaffee or Admiral Remey and the last information leaves the international forces at Yang Tsung last Monday night.

TERRORS OF THE

HEATED TERM

Five Deaths and Twenty Prostrations at Philadelphia-The Thermometer Continues to Jump at Pittsburg.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.-The intense heat today resulted in five deaths and twenty prostrations. The fatalities

Daniel Drum, found dead in bed; John Bradley, aged 20 years; Charles Boss, aged 45; Lewis Givins, 8 months, and Marc Sanderson, 11 months. The maximum temperature was reached at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the government thermometer on top on the building registered 97 degrees. The minimum was - degrees at 3.40 this morning. At 8 o'clock the nercury had the 85 mark and by 10 clock had jumped to 92. At noon three additional degrees were noted and at 2 o'clock 96 degrees were registered. The mean temperature was 88, twelve above normal. The average for the past four days was higher than any similar period on record.

The local forecast officials says thunlerstorms may be expected at any time, but that they will afford only temporary relief. Many large factories throughout the city are working on half time, the heat of the afternoons being too great for the employes to

Pittsburg, Aug. 10.-Instead of going lower the thermometer jumped up a peg today, reaching 97 on the governprostrations are directly attributable to the hot weather. They are: Mrs. Isaphane Burns, Michael Resinger, Tony Lenz, Charles J. Inggold and

Chicago, Aug. 10.-Nine deaths and perature was above 90 for the greater part of the day, and for one hour of the afternoon touched 95 degrees.

New York, Aug. 10.-Eleven persons died here today from the excessive a let up. The greatest suffering is endured by the people of the lower East Side districts, which are so thickly populated. The infant mortality is very great. At 3 o'clock this morning the government thermometer registered 79 degrees. It gradually climber up to 94 degrees at 6 o'clock this evening. Then it slowly dropped to 82 degrees at midnight. At 4 o'clock street thermometers registered 100 degrees,

DENIAL FROM ADMIRAL DEWEY Says He Did Not Assert We Were at

War with China.

Washington, Aug. 10.-Admiral Dewey said today, commenting on a published account of an interview with him on Philippine and Chinese affairs:

"My attention has been drawn to the article as published in the Brooklyn Eagle. I made use of no words saying or intimating that 'whatever of resistance to our authority there is at the present time in the Philippines will be kept up until after our election in November. The insurrection is kept alive by the leaders who hold out to the soldiers the hope ernment will not advise, much less of Bryan's election.' Neither did I say direct, that Mr. Conger leave Pekin or intimate that in my opinion a state China. These statements attributed to case. me are absolutely incorrect."

Pennsylvania Prohibitionists.

Pittsburg, Aug. 10.-The Prohibition hosts are reparing for an aggressive campaign in Penn-ylvanta this fall. State Chairman Jones said sterday that it was the intention to have the national candidates spent a week in this state during October. They will arrive in Pittsorg on Saturday night. A big meeting will plan to have the candidates address about thirtylvs meetings.

Texas Democratic Nominations. Waco, Texas, Aug. 10.—The Democratic stat vention today nominated the following ticket: J. D. Sayers; licutement governor, Browning; attorney general, Thomas S. Smith; commissioner of the land office, Chan-loogan; comptroller, R. M. Lave; state treas-ner, John W. Robbing. The platform adopted tives endorsement to the nomination of Bryan

Drowned in the Surf.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 10.—Charles Reddig, f Lancaster, Pu., aged about 25 years, an emwe of the Union News company, was drowned while hathing in the surf at 8.30 o'clock this morning. Although Reddig's cries for help were heard by those on the beach they were powerloss

Will Be Hanged for Assault.

Marletta, Gg., Aug. 10.-Samue' Robinson, charged with criminal assault on Mrs. George Inzer, was today convicted and sen-tenced to hing Sept. 1. He confessed after con-Two companies of Georgia militia

and from this place. He is now at Atlanta for

State Fair at Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes Barre. Aug. 19.—The next state fair lield in high esteem by them, till be held in Wilkes Barre. At a meeting of be board of trade tonight the necessary funds

BUSINESS MORE STABLE

NOT TO RETIRE by R. G. Dun & Co. New York, Aug. 10.-R, G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomor-

LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIM BY HIS COLONELS.

REQUEST GOBIN

The General Was Much Affected and Announced That He Would Give the Request His Earnest Consideration-Last Day of the Thirteenth in Camp-Reveille Will Be Sounded This Morning at 4 O'Clock-The Ninth Broke Camp Yesterday Afternoon-Notes of the Camp.

Camp Hawkins, Mt. Gretna, Pa., Aug. 10.-The colonels of the five regiments comprising the Third brigade waited on General Gobin at his headtoken of their respect;

gade, N. G. P. Sir: The regimental commanders of your bri-cade having noticed in the public press an inmost marked degree the absolute confidence and fayalty and devotion of every officer and man

General J. P. S. Gobin, commanding Third Bri-

your brigade. your long service in the National During your long service in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, as a captain, colonel, and for the last atteen years commander of the Third brigade, you have so impressed yourself on the National Guard, and especially in your present command, that we cannot but feel that it would be a distinct less to the brigade and the National Guard would you retire at this

- ime. Very respectively.
 C. B. Boughery, Colonel Ninth Regiment.
 L. A. Watres, Colonel Thirteenth Regiment.
 C. M. Clement, Colonel Twelfth Regiment. F. Hoffman, Colonel Eighth Regiment,
- C. T. O'Neill, Colonel Fourth Regiment. The general was much affected and

announced that he would give the request careful consideration before delding whether or not he would re-

as any experienced previously and as a consequence there were no drills the lowest since March, 1899, when the in the afternoon. The concluding feature of the encampment, as far as the mental dress parade at 6 o'clock, Reweille will be sounded in the morning at 4 o'clock, that the men may have put of pig, with steadily increasing extime to break camp and have everything inclosed by 8 o'clock, which is leaving time

Colonel Watres ordered that there be none of the last night's raising of ment instrument. Five deaths and six the closing of an encampment and is determined that the men shall sleep, about 7 o'clock for home, Captain Gilman, of Company A. will be officer of the day today and Lieutenant Ezra the United States, against 136 last Ripple, of Company D, officer of the year, and 23 in Canada against 29

The Last Day. This is the last day that the Thir

teenth regiment will spend at Mt. Gretna this year, and preparations are already being made for its departure. Captain F. M. Vandling, the regimental quartermaster, said this morning still continues, with little prospects of that he expects to be able to get the regiment out of camp promptly at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, the time set for its leaving in the general order issued from division headquar-

Reveille will be sounded in the morning earlier than usual, or at 4 o'clock, and it is hoped that before 8 o'clock the ten wagons allotted by the state to the regiment will have succeeded in carrying all the equipments to the train. The boys will have to strike their own tents unless it rains tought, and that is a very farway possibility. The canvas must be rolled up, but is to be left on the grounds and will be carried away by the men from the state arsenal, who are here for the purpose,

The only thing that may prevent the egiment from leaving on time will be the searcity of trains on the Pennsylvania on account of the enormous travel to the various seashsore re sorts along the Atlantic coast this week. The railroad people are quoted is saying that they will do all in their power to get the troops off on time, but that the above-mentioned fact must be taken into consideration Some of the officers are fearful that the regiment may be kept waiting without shelter and food till 5 or 6 'clock in the evening, but they are of war exists between this country and praying that such may not be the

Officers Packing Up.

Today all the officers are packing up their chests and these are bing carried down to the station in a wagon in charge of Quartermaster Sergeant Gould. The companies are also packing up as much of their stuff as they can, so as to lighten tomorrow's work as far as possible. Should the regiment be able to leave promptly at o'clock, the boys will arrive in Scranton some time between 5 and 6

clock in the evening Though today is the last day, there was no let up in the drills this morning. After a most excellently conducted guard mount, Lieutenant David J. Davies, of Company L, being officer of the guard, and Captain Grant Lane. of Company E, officer of the day, the regiment was taken out on the and put through a regimental drill lasting nearly an hour, by Colonel Watres. The thermometer today gisters about 95 degrees in the shade and the far-famed Mt. Gretna dust is getting in its good work as usual.

Company I, of Easton, which had the highest rating of any company in the regiment at the spring election, was selected this morning by Provost Marshal Calder for Provost duty. This is deemed a most important distincion, as only the crack companies of the state are assigned to this duty. The men, headed by the captain formed in front of regimental headquarters a little after 7 o'clock in heavy marching order and Colonel Watres made a brief little speech comolimenting them upon being one of the finest companies in the state and assuring them that they were always

Headed by Bauer's band the com-[Continued on Page 8.]

Rosy View of the Situation Given

Progress has been made toward more stable position of business with

few more heavy contracts to hold the ground already gained. London sales of 40,000 shares of stocks and some bonds, and Ameri-can purchases of the new foreign loan, explain why gold goes out in the face of foreign commerce returns which show for New York alone, for the week, an excess of exports over im-

ports of more than \$5,000,000. Cotton fell so sharply that some recovery ensued in an oversold speculative market and spot sold at 10 cents when the official report appeared, notwithstanding many indications of further reduction in consumption. Wheat advanced about a cent, helped by poor foreign crop reports. The domestic outlook is fairly cheerful, and farmers have marketed freely, receipts at inquarters this afternoon and presented terior cities aggregating 6,287,581 bush-him with the following letter as a is against 3,918,216 last year. Exports from Atlantic ports were only 1.720,-962 bushels wheat, flour included against 2,503,344 last year, although purchases on foreign account were large and promise an increased move ination upon your part that you mught reason to timation upon your command, beg leave to say that it is not conty the unanimous wish of the regimental commanders, but of every man in the brigade that you should remain at its head. It is not necessary for us to assure you that you enjoy in a contynicated decrea the absolute confidence and the remainders of th ment hereafter. Corn gained nearly more than a million bushels than the same week in 1899.

Improvement is slow in boots and shoes, with only a small percentage of eastern shops at work. The textile markets have been free from such features as marked the recent revisions of prices, but business is of fair volume. In woolen goods orders are not up to expectations, and some serges sell lower. The tone of the raw wool market is firmer, though prices are unchanged.

Although the conference at Chicago ecently failed to agree to reduce the utput of pig iron, individuals have icted independently, and on Aug. only 240 furnaces were in blast, with a weekly capacity of 244,426 tons, according to the Iron Age. This compares with a production of 283,413 July The weather today was just as hot 1, by 284 furnaces, and 267,672 a year ago by 187 plants. Present figures are stocks are 505,341 tons, against 421,038 Thirteenth is concerned, being a regi- July 1. Reduction of capacity is larger in proportion than the recent ac cumulation of stocks. A smaller outports and moderate activity in structural and finished material, promises to put this industry on a more satisfactory basis. Prices have steadied on the lower level in most directions, but Cain which generally accompanies in some products the struggle is still on between buyers and sellers. serious feature is the wage controver-The Ninth regiment broke camp this sy which extends over the territory, afternoon at 2 o'clock and left at Production of coke decreases in proportion to the smaller output of iron. Fallures for the week were 177 in

last year. SCALPERS ARRESTED.

Dealers in Tickets Are Held to Bail at Atlantic City.

and 23 in Canada, against 29

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 10.-George Emig, Charles O'Donnell and Andrew Thompson, who were arrested yesterday on the charge of "ticket scalping," on complaint of Detective D. Miles Rigor, of the Pennsylvania railroad, have been held in ball for trial. Detective Rigor at the hearing testified that he had purchased several tickets over the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad and some Pittsburg at prices ranging from \$3 to nearly \$9

O'Donnell and Emig pleaded guilty, and were held under \$500 bail for trial. Thompson was held under a similar amount of bail, but entered a plea of not guilty. He claimed that two acquaintances had left at a hotel where he is employed two return coupons of Pittsburg tickets, to be sold by any ne who happened to be in charge of the place; that he had handed the detective the tickets when he said he wanted to purchase a ticket to Pittsburg, and that he (Thompson) had placed the money paid for them in the me envelope, which was marked the owner's name.

Detective Rigor has evidence against number of ticket scalpers.

SENATOR BUTLER ABSENT. Did Not Attend Meeting of Pops to Select Towne's Sucessor.

decided to call a meeting of the na-tional committee of that party to be four rounds was the aggressor. He held in this city on August 27. At that meeting the question of filling the va- Fitzsimmons' face and swung his cancy on the presidential ticket occasioned by Mr. Towne's declination of ful force. Several of these blows the nomination for the vice presidency staggered Fitz, but none of them landwill be disposed of. Eight out of ten of the members of the executive committee were present. Senator Butler, chairman of the committee, was one of the absentces. He made no explanation of his failure to attend, and the other members are at a loss to account for it.

Members of the committee stated that Mr. Stevenson would, doubt, be endorsed by the full committee when it meets.

YELLOW FEVER AT HAVANA.

Fifty-two Cases Are Under Treatment-Eighteen Americans. Havana, Aug. 10.-Fifty-two cases of yellow fever are now under treat-ment in Havana. Of the victims, taking nine seconds of the count arose eighteen are Americans.

been about 25 per cent, of those at- man and was ready for him. As soon

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Aug. 19.—William H. Tripp, e-scrunton, has been granted a pension of \$6 nonth.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Doylestown, Pa., Aug. 10,-Nathan C. Jame one of the oldest members of the Bucks county bar, died at his home here today, aged 76 years. Mr. James was admitted to the bar in 1851 and was the second person elected to the office of attorney in Bucks county under the ac

Constantinople, Aug. 10.-Djevad Pastia, the

This is the first authentic photograph ever offered to the Western World of the notoious Sheng, Director General of the Imperial Chinese Telegraph System, who is one of the most mendacious of all the mendacity-manufacturing mandarins of Kwang Su's barbarous empire. This photograph was taken at Tien-Tsin, shortly before the capture of that city by the allies. It shows Sheng in his workaday costume.

DIRECTOR-GEN. SHENG, CHINESE TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FITZSIMMONS DOWNS THE AKRON GIANT

GUS RUHLIN KNOCKED OUT IN THE SIXTH ROUND.

A Fierce Fight at Madison Square Garden Last Evening Is Witnessed by a Large Audience-The Ohioan Is Put to Sleep by the Fearful Body Blows of Lanky Bob-The Fight by Rounds.

New York, Aug. 10 .- Bob Fitzsimnons, of Australia, but now an American citizen, met Gus Ruhlin, the Akron Giant, tonight before the Twentieth Century club at Madison Square Garby knocking the Objoan down and out in the sixth round. fore the fight, and for some weeks past, there have been many reports to the effect that Fitzsimmons was too old to cope successfully with his younger opponent. It was argued that Fitz's well-known knowledge of the game and his capability of hard hitting would not be able to counterbalance the youth and strength, as well as the recently acquired ring tactics, of the Ohlo man. Then, however, all this has been changed. Fitzsimmons did the trick cleanly and cleverly. It was a flerce and bloody battle while it lasted, and at times it looked as if Ruhlin would get the better of the older man, but Fitz at the proper time would cut loose with his fearful body blows, which finally snuffed out the

Ohio boxer's light. The betting all along had favored Fitzsimmons, many wagers at the rate of 100 to 80 on Lanky Bob being made. Tonight, however, at the ringside there was a flush of Ruhlin money, which forced the odds to take a turn in Ruhlin's favor at the rate of 100 to 90. This state of affairs did not last long, however, and by the time the men put up their hands for the opening round they were equal favorites, even money

Fitz conceded about thirty-two pounds to Hublin, and this in itself was a serious handleap, But the result showed Fitz was equal to the task he had set himself and won out with that terrible solor plexus blowwhich, whenever, it landed, shook Ruhlin from head to foot. From the word the men started in with hurri-Select Towne's Sucessor. cane-like force. Both men were wild Chicago, Aug. 10.—The executive at times, but Fitz was always the ommittee of the Populist party today | quicker to steady himself. Ruhlin landed some hard straight lefts on right to the body and head with feared on the mark, as Fitz was too shifty. At times both missed swings with either hand, but many of Ruhlin's were dodged in the cleverest manner.

The Finale.

In the sixth round Ruhlin was slow in coming to time, while Fitz jumped at his man. Fitz got around Ruhlin and while the latter sent straight lefts for Fitz's head, Bob side stepped safe- | to the practical work of the societies ly and landed lefts on the body and ight to the head. With a volley of lefts on the body

and right to the head and neck, and with a fearful left on the solar plexus, Fitz sent Ruhlin in a heap to floor. This was the beginning of the of the blow. Fitz knew he had his Thus far the mortality rate has of the blow. Fitz kenw he had his as Ruhlin got up, Fitz rushed, sending two lefts to the face, and then shot his right with fearful force to the point of Ruhlin's jaw. pitched forward as if struck with an axe and fell on his face to the floor, where he was counted out and had to be carried to his corner.

Wild scenes were then enacted in and about the ring. It seemed as if every one in the building wanted to greet the winner or sympathize with the loser and the police officers had a busy quarter of an hour in getting the people out of the building.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today, GENERALLY FAIR.

General-Relief Column Must Rescue Be siegrei Ministers.
China Wants Peace.
Encampment at Mt. Gretna Ends.
Fitzsfrumons Knocks Gut Ruhlin.
General—Northeustern Pennsylvania News.

Financial and Commercial. The Tribune's Educational Contest. General-Rev. Dr. Pierce's Third Foreign Letter. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow Religious News of the Week.

Editorial.

News and Comment. Story-"The Bride Changed Her Mind,"

New port Fashions, Local-Moffitt Escapes Murder Charge. Lively Report Expected Over the Missing Five Horses.

7 Local-Organization of D., L. & W. Min

- Two Victims of the Heated Term. S Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- a Round About the County.

10 General-The World of Sport.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

Last Sessions of the Convention of the C. T. A. U. at Philadelphia.

ession of the convention of the Cathoic Total Abstinence Union of America was devoted principally to the various resolutions and the election of officers. Hartford, Conn., was selected as the place for the next annual meeting. Numerous resolutions were presented

by the committee on resolutions and were all adopted without objection. The most important was the follow-

"The virtue of the nation is never higher than the virtue of its women, The mothers of the nation form the habits of the youth. It is a lamentable fact that the drinking customs of society today foster the use of intoxieants among women-women of the higher grade of society; women of culture, wealth and influence, who should eminent in respectability and virtue. As the example is apt to be followed and the customs become ab-

"Resolved, That we urgently advocate the establishment of women's total abstinence societies, and the forming of public opinion against this growing abuse.

"Resolved, That we recommend open meetings, lectures and the distribution which the interest in total abstinence

is flagging." These officers were elected: President, E. F. Gillecuddy, Worcester, Mass.: first vice-president, J. Washington Logue, Philadelphia; second vice-president, Hon. J. Walter Gibbons, Chicago: third vice-president, Leonora M. Lake, St. Louis; general ago Bracchi told him one night, when treasurer, Rev. John Curran, Scranon, Pa.; general secretary, Rev. A. P.

Doyle, New York. At the afternoon session addresses vere made by the newly-elected officers and others on subjects pertaining The convention then adjourned, and many of the delegates departed immediately for their homes, others remaining over until tomorrow.

NEARING A CLOSE.

Last Days of the Powers Trial at

Georgetown. Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 10.-Several vitnesses in rebuttal were introduced by the prosecution this afternoon. The jury will be taken to Frankfort either Monday or Tuesday to view the scene of the tragedy. When it comes to considering the evidence the jury will not have to decide the question of which side has dealt in perjury, but which side has been burdened with the larger amount of that product, as during the past few days contradiction and impeachment have been the leading

features. There are few who believe the trial will result in a conviction, but many anticipate disagreement.

PEACE IS DESIRED BY CHINA

Li Hung Chang Has Been Authorized to Ncgotiate.

PEKIN'S IMPERIAL EDICT

Shanghai Reports That an Imperial Edict to That Effect Has Been Received There - Reiteration of the Statement That Russo-Japanese Force Is Moving on Pekin from the North-3,000 French Troops to Be Landed at Shanghal Next Week.

London, Aug. 10.-An edict emanating from Pekin and authorizing Li Hung Chang to negotiate with the powers for peace has, it is reported from Shanghal under yesterday's date, been received there.

The correspondents at Yokohama again send the statement that a Russo-Japanese force is moving on Pekin from the north. The movements and number of that force are, it is added, kept secret in order to prevent accurate intelligence from reaching Pekin.

The French consul at Shanghai says that 2.000 Annamite troops will arrive there next week for the protection of the French settlement,

China in Earnest.

London, Aug. 11, 4.10 a. m .- The morning papers express satisfaction at the latest developments in China. The average comment is that China is now genuinely sueing for peace through LI

Hung Chang. Dispatches printed this morning give further details of the taking of Yang-Tsun. According to the Daily Mail's correspondent, the attack was led by the Americans and British. The Chinese position consisted of several lines of entrenchments. The enemy fell back from one to another, until, driven from the last line, they fled toward Pekin, completely demoralized. The Chinese say they retreated because the British "poured poison" into their troops. This refers to the lyddite shells, which the Chinese then experienced for the first time. The correspondent adds that the British casualties were 200 and Americans 250; but this latter estimate, it will be noticed, is four times greater than that of General Chaffee's report. A St. Petersburg special says the Chinese minister there, Yang Yu, has received a telegram announcing that Li Hung Chang is dangerously ill and confined to his bed, and that he has been granted a month's leave.

Another St. Petersburg dispatch aserts that the Russian general staff have been notified that the Chinese, 12,600 strong, are moving from Hu Nan and Hu Pei toward Pekin and Tien Tsin.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News, wiring Thursday, announces that the Chinese merchants Philadelphia, Aug. 10 .- The last day's are petitioning the authorities not to

land troops. Washington, Aug. 10 .- Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, is displaying a great deal of interest in the reports that Li Hung Chang has been appointed a minister plenipotentiary to negotiate peace with the powers. He said tonight that he had not received any confirmation of the reports. Li has the implicit confidence of his government, the minister said, and his appointment to the place named would be an eminently appropriate one.

BRACCHI WAS VIOLENT.

A Richmond Anarchist Attempts to Assault a Witness.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 10 .- Alexander Bracchi, the alleged anarchist, who was arrested here on suspicion and upon complaint that he had threatened to blow St. Peter's cathedral up during the Italian demonstration in honor of King Humbert, created a sensation in the police court this morning by springing upon and striking the first witness against him. This incldent practically ended the examination, as the police justice sentenced of temperance literature in places in Bracchi to jail in default of \$1,000 security.

The witness the prisoner attacked was named Jacobini, and while on the stand not only repeated his statement that Bracchi told him three days before the assassination of King Humbert that the crime would be committed, but said further that two years they were drinking together, that he had two barrels of dynamite stowed away near Richmond, and was ready to finish some of the enemies of the

Convention Postponed.

New York, Aug. 10.-The quadrennial convenion of Democratic clubs, originally set for 8 at Indianapolis, has been postponed until Oct. W. R. Hearst, president of the national association, today announced the postponement and explained that it was due to the desire of the national leaders, as well as the state leaders of Indiana. Mr. Bryan wrged that the date or changed and the suggestion was approved by Adlai E. Stevenson. Delegates to the number of 40,000 are expected to attend.

Telegraph Operator Killed.

Shamokin, Aug. 10.—Calvin N. Snyder, a Philadelphia and Reading railroad telegraph operator at Paxinos, near here, while returning home from work this morning on a bicycle, turned a sharp curve on the Northern Central railroad and was killed by a passenger train.

+++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 10.-Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania-Generally fair Saturday and Sun-