

CHINESE AFFAIR MORE INTRICATE

Cabinet Meeting to Consider Application of Li Hung Chang.

DIPLOMACY IS REQUIRED

The Reply of This Government to the Appeal of Viceroy That No Indignities Be Offered the Emperor and Empress Is Made in Language That Will Not Commit the Government—Impossibility of Mapping Out a General Policy at Present.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The cabinet session today finally opened the consideration of the momentous questions growing out of the capture of Peking and the war in China. Until today's session the absorbing question had been the safety of Minister Conger and the legation at Peking. Now, however, that has given place to problems of a more intricate and far-reaching character, to wit: the very existence of the Chinese empire and the part which the American government is to take in the reconstruction of that country.

The meeting today was devoted entirely to the Chinese situation. Secretaries Hay and Root, who have been most active in directing affairs, were absent from the city, so that the attendance was comparatively small, the president having with him Secretaries Gage, Hitchcock and Wilson and Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith. Several questions were awaiting attention, the first of which was the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of Minister Conger or some other commissioner to negotiate for the cessation of hostilities. The decision arrived at was to reject the appeal and a reply of this character will be sent to Minister Wu to be forwarded to Li Hung Chang.

The moving cause for this action is that this government is at present very much in the dark as to whether there is any existing government in China. With the capital in the hands of the allies, the emperor and empress dowager fugitives in hiding, and the entire governmental fabric paralyzed, there is no evidence of any authority adequate to conduct negotiations and secure results which will be final and binding.

It was said by members of the cabinet that the Chinese establishment, instead of being a government, appeared to be an enormous, headless affair, without knowledge of what is for its best good and without power to enforce it. With the recognized ruler in flight, no one seems to know who, if anybody, is directing the affairs. As China is an absolute monarchy, without any executive branch, the emperor and empress dowager are all-powerful, and practically they are the empire of China, under the present remarkably chaotic conditions. The States will not act with extreme caution in whatever steps it may take toward a solution of the pending problems. In the meantime, there is reason to believe that the United States and all the other powers interested will keep their armed forces on the ground, so that order may be maintained and at least a semblance of a stable government brought out of existing chaos.

The government's action upon the various issues they may be presented. It was stated tonight that the reply of this government to the appeal of Li Hung Chang for a cessation of hostilities and the appointment of a peace commissioner has not yet been transmitted to the viceroy. It is suggested in diplomatic circles that the delay is probably for the purpose of ascertaining the trend of opinion of the other foreign powers, inasmuch as the presumption is an identical appeal was made to all of them.

STORY OF THE BATTLE. Sounds of Attack Upon Legations Aroused Soldiers to Action. (Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.) Peking, Aug. 14, via Chefoo, Aug. 21.—The American and Russian flags were planted on the roof of Peking at 11 o'clock this morning. The Indian troops entered the British legation at 1 and the Americans at 3. There was a joyful reception from the wall. The emaciated tenants could have lasted

MESSAGE FROM CONGER.

The American Minister at Peking Sends His First Despatch to the Government Telling of the Rescue. Washington, August 21.—The department of state makes public the following extract from a telegram received last night from Minister Conger: "Secretary of State, Washington. "Saved. Relief arrived today. Entered city with little trouble. Do not yet know where Imperial family is. Except deaths already reported, all Americans are alive and well. Desperate effort made last night to exterminate us. Mitchell, American sailor, and a Russian and Japanese wounded; German killed. Advise Woodward, Chicago; Conger, Des Moines; Sims, Council Bluffs; Conger, Pasadena; Porter, Paris. (Signed) "Conger, by Fowler, Chefoo, August 20."

but little longer. They had only three days' rations. The Chinese had been attacking furiously for two days. Four thousand shells fell into the legation during the siege. Sixty-five were killed and 160 wounded. The Japanese began the battle before daylight and they are still fighting about the north wall, where a part of the Chinese are defending the imperial city. The Japanese casualties have not yet been ascertained. The Russians had five killed and twelve wounded. The plan was to make a general attack tomorrow, and the troops were arriving in camp, five miles east, at night. They were completely exhausted and slept in the corn fields in the rain. The generals, however, alarmed at the sounds of a heavy attack on the legations, pushed forward independently, the British, Americans and French on the left of the river and the Russians and Japanese on the right. Beginning at 2 o'clock in the morning, the Japanese diverted the brunt of the resistance to the north of the city, their artillery engaging the Chinese heavily there. The Americans and British met with but little resistance until they entered the city; here there was street fighting. Reilly's battery attempted to breach the inner wall. The troops finally entered the foreign settlement through the canal.

Company E, Fourth United States Infantry, planted its flag on the outer wall, Muscain Titus scaling the wall with a rope, by means of which the others climbed to the top. The Chinese had continually violated the armistice. Admiral Seymour Defends His Advance. The Daily Express prints this morning a long letter, said to have been written by Vice Admiral Seymour, in which he stoutly defends his action in advancing to the relief of the legations. "Two or three times our prospects were very dark and disaster seemed probable. Yet I never regretted that I had started, as I could not have respected myself if I had not done so."

Referring to the difficulties of controlling mixed troops, and to their characteristics, he says: "The Germans we admired most; but for dash and go none surpassed, or perhaps, equalled, the Americans. The French had no particular approachment with any other nationality. The Germans and Russians were inclined to hold together; but the Americans were with us always."

PROTECTED HIS HONOR. Charles F. Wheelers' Excuse for Killing Three Persons. Port Gibson, Miss., Aug. 21.—At Grand Gulf, a village eight miles from Port Gibson, Charles F. Wheeler, a leading merchant, today shot and killed W. C. Williams, a fisherman, and William Taylor's son. A negro boy standing near by was mortally wounded. "Wheeler said that he shot Williams to protect his honor."

Harrisburg Democratic Nominations. Harrisburg, Aug. 21.—The Dauphin county Democratic convention which was held in this city today, nominated Colonel W. S. Thomas, of Harrisburg, for senator; George E. Budd, of Williamsport, and Edward Hummel, of Hummelstown, for the legislature in the second district. The officers of the convention were: President, W. S. Thomas; Vice President, W. S. Thomas; Secretary, W. S. Thomas; and Treasurer, W. S. Thomas.

Death in a Gangway. Harrisburg, Aug. 21.—Wearry Noel, aged 40 years, a miner employed in Bear Valley school, Williamsport county, fell down the gangway today and was instantly killed.

BLAZE AT BRADDOCK. Eight Buildings Destroyed—Loss, \$50,000.

Bradock, Pa., Aug. 21.—One of the biggest fires in the history of the town visited this place to-night, destroying eight houses and causing a loss of \$50,000. The insurance cannot be given to-night. The fire was first discovered in J. C. Schmeisinger's photograph gallery. Before firemen could reach the scene the building was a mass of flames and quickly spread to surrounding properties, all of which were entirely destroyed: First Christian church, corner of Braddock and Corry avenues; Maggie Field's millinery store, Mrs. Anna McFeeley's grocery, the Bradock hotel, the gentlemen's furnishing store, Rodgers lumber yard and the Bradock Coal and Supply company. The Rodgers company is the heaviest loser, its loss being about \$20,000, with small insurance.

SEVEN ARE DEAD. Fatal Rear End Collision at Kenisco, New York—Engineer Runs Past Signal Block.

New York, Aug. 21.—There was a fatal rear end collision in front of the depot at Kenisco, N. Y., this evening.

Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—A special meeting of the Republican State committee was held here to-day to consider the fusion of the Anti-Quay Republicans and Democrats in certain legislative districts were denounced and a committee appointed to investigate alleged treachery and disloyal practices. Contrary to expectations the subject of ballot reform or of a constitutional convention was not discussed. The roll call showed 49 absentees of the total membership of 168. William H. Sayden, of Radnor township, Delaware county, was placed on the ticket as an elector at large to succeed Former Congressman W. C. Arnold, of Clearfield, who resigned, and selected Dr. Ely, of Wyoming county, as a district elector to fill the vacancy caused by the death of F. L. Kennear, of Bradford county. After these details had been disposed of Crosby M. Black, of Delaware county, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted: Whereas, It is openly charged that certain persons, claiming to be Republicans, are engaged in an effort to form a fusion with the Democratic party, even to the extent of voting for Democrats at the polls; and whereas, the Republican candidates in congressional, senatorial and representative districts may be imperiled; and whereas, such persons claiming to be Republicans are guilty of the treachery of making concessions at Republican primary elections and caucuses and with a dishonorable regard to the result of such primaries and have proceeded at once to conspire for the defeat of the nominees of such conventions where they have not been successful; and whereas, the candidates nominated in regular party conventions where such fusion Republicans have been successful in many cases openly boast of their success in securing a Republican caucus at the next session of the legislature and in many cases have sought the endorsement of the Democratic party while at the same time planning to defeat any colleagues they may have upon the ticket.

Resolved, That the Republican state committee of Pennsylvania condemn in the most emphatic terms the treachery and disloyal practices which are being pursued by such persons, and must inevitably lead to party disorganization and failure; and Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to investigate such charges and report to this committee at an early date the names of any person or persons claiming to be Republicans and who have been guilty of such treachery and disloyal practices, and the counties or districts in which such efforts of fusion may exist, so that the state committee may take prompt and effective action and may be able to make such recommendations to the next state convention as will enable that body to provide such rules and regulations as shall prevent such practices in the future.

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RECEIVED THE BLACK VEIL. Twenty-one Ladies Take Final Vows at Malineckrodt Convent. Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 21.—Twenty-one young ladies took the final vows and received the black veil at Malineckrodt convent this morning. Eight of the young ladies are natives of the United States and the others are from Germany.

Rev. P. Christ, of Scranton, officiated at the high mass and Rev. C. D. Macekell, S. J., of Buffalo, delivered the sermon. Among the clergymen from a distance were: Rev. Becker, Milwaukee; Stopper, Scranton; Baltz, Pittsburg; Schaefer, Harrisburg; Otterbein, New York; Hoerber, Danville.

Steamship Arrivals. New York Aug. 21.—Arrived: Sparadrom from Rotterdam; Sardinian, from Glasgow; La Champagne, from Antwerp; Noordland, Antwerp; Rotterdam, Rotterdam; Germania, Liverpool; St. Louis, Southampton; Sailed: Scotia, Liverpool; Kaiserin Maria Theresia, Brest; via Cherbourg and Southampton; Cyprie, Liverpool; Southampton; Sailed: Aller, for New York; Bally-Passad, for New York; New York for Hamburg; Amsterdam; New York for Rotterdam; Lahn, New York for Bremen.

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WILL FIGHT TRAITORS

Republican Committee Prepares to Deal with Fusionists.

TREACHERY DENOUNCED

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ENVOYS' WIVES AT PEKIN.

MRS. CONGER, MME. DE GIERS, MME. PICHON, Of America, Of Russia, Of France.



BARONESS NICHII, LADY MACDONALD, MME. KNOBEL, BARONESS VON HEYKING, Of Japan, Of England, Of Holland, Of Germany.

BRYAN TALKS SILVER.

An Appeal Made to the Citizens of Wahoo—The Situation the Same as in 1896.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 21.—Mr. Bryan addressed a large audience of Saunders county people at Wahoo, the county seat, to-day. The speech was an appeal to Republicans to vote the Democratic ticket. Giving his reasons for this appeal, Mr. Bryan said: "Now, if you were with us in 1896, there is no reason why you should be against us now, unless the new questions have changed your opinion or unless you have changed your opinion on the old questions. But I do not believe you can find in this county any man who voted with us in 1896 and who understood the issues before the country who has changed his mind on those issues and now believes that the Republican party is right in 1896. I believe you will find many people who were against us on the old issues and who are now with us on the new ones and will be on the old ones."

KILLED BY THE FAST EXPRESS

John Turner and Frederick Schwarz Are Struck by No. 8 on the Lackawanna and Hurl'd Thirty Feet in the Air.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Stroudsburg, Pa., Aug. 21.—Lackawanna's fast express train, No. 8, at 5:30 this morning crashed into a wagon in which were John Turner and Frederick Schwarz, of Ansonia, at the Tinkerton crossing, near Minsi. Turner was instantly killed and Schwarz so badly injured that his recovery is doubtful. The two horses were killed and the wagon smashed to kindling wood. Turner was a son of an Overseeer of the Poor Will-Hom Turner, of Stroud township, and was 30 years old and single. Schwarz is the youngest son of Hon. R. F. Schwarz, of Stroudville, and is 17 years of age. They left the Schwarz garage at 4:30 this morning on their way to Water Gap with a wagon load of fruit and vegetables. They were proceeding along at their usual gait when they reached the Tinkerton grade crossing, one of the most dangerous along this section. It is possible that they were watching the latter's approach.

They had ample time to cross before the freight came up, but they had just reached the last rails, the south-bound, when the express, one hour late, came thundering along. The engine struck the wagon at the front wheels and literally tossed it, horses, vegetables and men fully thirty feet in the air. The horses were thrown over a pile of ties on the right side of the track. One of the animals was completely disemboweled and the other had its head almost severed from its body.

Turner was caught by the pilot and carried about 200 yards down the track, where he was found by Harry J. Huffel, an eye witness, and the conductor of the train, laying face downward between the tracks. He was covered with blood and most likely died instantly. His body was put in the baggage car and taken to the Gap depot. It was later taken to his home by undertakers. "Fred Schwarz was found at the foot of an embankment about sixty feet from the track. He was also unrecognizable from blood and unconscious."

FITS DESTROYED HER HEAVEN.

Woman's Love Cooled Toward Man She Had Worshipped.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Sue L. Etlick, of St. Louis, Mo., got a divorce because she loved A. Wallis Patterson, a wealthy board of trade man of this city, and had decided to marry him. Her husband had several fits in her presence and she would not speak to him. Mrs. Etlick had the two arrested on the night of July 30 in an apartment house on Washburn avenue, which the board of trade man had fitted up for her that it looked like an Asiatic dream. Mrs. Patterson was found in a state of unconsciousness when she was taken to the hospital. "And when I knuckled on the door," said Turk, "it opened, and there stood Patterson in a 'kimono.' "Mrs. Etlick was in bed in her room. It was her 'kimono' that he was wearing. She called to us and we went in. Patterson sat down on the edge of the bed and in a minute slid off to the floor in some kind of a fit. She asked me to telephone for a doctor and I did."

Three Hundred Men Idle. Tanques, Pa., Aug. 21.—Over 300 men and boys were forced into idleness today at the Spring Tunnel workings of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, by the intense heat emanating from the burning mines at Summit Hill. A large force of men is engaged in fighting the flames which are spreading with alarming rapidity.

Roosevelt and Bryan at Chicago. Chicago, Aug. 21.—It was announced at Democratic National headquarters today that William J. Bryan will be in Chicago on Labor Day and speak at the picnic to be held in connection with the labor celebration. If this programme is adhered to it will result in Governor Roosevelt and Colonel Bryan appearing on the same platform.

AMERICAN ACTION IS APPROVED

Our Course in Dealing with Li Will Be Followed by Powers.

STORY OF THE BATTLE

The Troops Arriving Near the Walls of Peking Were Completely Exhausted from the Long March and Slept in the Corn-fields—The Generals Alarmed at the Sounds of Heavy Attack on Legations Pushed Forward Independently—Japanese Begin the Fight—Joyful Reception

London, Aug. 22, 3:35 p. m.—In the news that reached London this morning direct from China there is nothing to confirm the report that the empress dowager has been run to earth. The foreign envoys, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, are proceeding to Tien Tsin. The same correspondent avers that the sacred city was entered August 15, two days earlier than Rear Admiral Bruce reported.

"The flags of the allies," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday, "are now floating over the imperial palace. Street fighting, however, continues. Considerable assistance in the capture of Peking was rendered by four thousand armed native Christians. The legations were enabled to hold out by purchasing ammunition from the Chinese. American action in refusing to deal with Li Hung Chang in the peace proposals meets with unanimous approval at the hands of the morning papers. The Standard says: "We imagine that other powers will take the same course, at any rate until Earl Li produces satisfactory evidence of his authority to negotiate." "The Daily Chronicle says: "Mr. Conger has at last opened the eyes of the state department to the real character of Orientals."

MRS. MAYBRICK MAKES A DENIAL

She Declares that Lord Russell Always Interviewed Her Innocently—First Interview with Counsel.

London, Aug. 21.—For the first time since her life sentence was imposed, eleven years ago, Mrs. Florence Maybrick to-day had a private interview with her counsel, Dr. Clark Bell, of New York, at Aylesbury prison. A portion of the time counsel gave up a representative of the Associated Press, who, through the courtesy of the Home office, was granted an opportunity to talk to the prisoner. Mrs. Maybrick, like her many friends, is indignant at the attacks made by the Liverpool Post on the late Chief Justice of England, Lord Russell of Killowen, former counsel for the prisoner. "The only person up to the present who ever saw me alone," she said to the Associated Press representative, "was the chief justice. When the attacks were here last February, Lord Russell came to the prison and asked to see me, as was his official right, irrespective of the Home office or anyone. When he was starting to go he said: "Mrs. Maybrick, I am doing all in my power for your release. Whatever happens, remember this—that if there is one man in England who believes in your innocence I am that man."

"It was only by accident that I heard of Lord Russell's death, for I have not seen a newspaper for a decade. But I could not help but feel that in his death I had lost my best friend. It is an outrage, in view of this constant and unrelenting effort and friendship for me, that he should be attacked now that he is dead. I fully appreciate and am glad of the chance to express my gratitude to the officials in Washington and to my friends throughout America, especially the ladies, for what they are doing. It is that alone has upheld me these years. I have my friends in England, too, and cannot but believe the time will soon come when these long years of captivity will cease and I shall be restored to my mother and my country."

Mrs. Maybrick is now 36 years of age. She has the prison pallor, but her blue eyes and dark, wavy hair are still reminders of the attractions which made her a bride at 17. She wears a red star on the shoulder, indicative of it being her first offense, and of her former good character. Below this is the letter "L," meaning that she is a life prisoner, and her prison number, Mrs. Maybrick said her health was generally good, adding: "All the officials here or at the Home office can do to mitigate my prison life is done. They are universally kind, but no one alive can know the weight of these dragging years."

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Aug. 21.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: Local rains in showers to be followed by clearing and a day fair, fresh easterly winds, rapidly.