

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 1900.

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UNITED STATES WILL PROTECT TREATY RIGHTS

No Thought of Taking a Backward Step in China.

DECLARATIONS OF WAR

They Have Not Been Made by Russia, Germany or Japan—In Case Formal Invitation Should Be Given It Is Doubtful if the United States Would Retire from China.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Russia, Germany and Japan have not declared war upon China, either directly or in concert. This statement is made upon authority of the highest character.

What those nations may do within the next forty-eight hours, or within the next fortnight, is a question which no one in Washington is prepared to answer.

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Advices from General Chaffee are expected hourly, as the military telegraph line between Tien Tsin and Peking, which has been interrupted, presumably is being repaired.

Later in the day a dispatch was received at the Japanese legation from the foreign office in Tokyo, the latest and most authentic information of the situation in and around Peking.

The Japanese Dispatch. As made public by Minister Takahira, the dispatch from the Japanese foreign office at Tokyo is as follows:

"An official telegram dated Peking, August 18, was received at Tokyo from General Yamaguchi, commander of the Japanese forces, to the effect that: 'The capital is now entirely cleared of the enemy. A cavalry regiment which had been sent to Wan Shan Shan, (where the emperor's dwelling palace is located), reports that the imperial family, who had left Peking August 14, started, after a short rest at Wan Shan Shan, for the west and were under the escort of General Ma and his troops, consisting of only about 500 horsemen and twenty carriages. The Japanese force occupy the treasury department, in which over two millions taels in silver and a large quantity of rice was found.'

"Another telegraphic dispatch dated Taku, August 23, states that as the Chinese troops and Boxers who had gathered at Nan Yun, were about to attack the foreign forces at Peking, Japanese and Russian cavalry were expected to encounter them on the 20th. The dispatch further states that Chinese infantry, some 9,000 strong, with fifteen guns are advancing northward from Shan Tung to make a rear attack on the allies."

ELECTRICAL STORMS.

Much Damage in New York and Vicinity—Havoc Elsewhere.

New York, Aug. 26.—Severe electrical storms passed over New York and vicinity this afternoon, a number of houses being struck by lightning.

At Union Hill, N. J., the annual festival of the Plattauscher Verein was being celebrated when the storm came up. Most of the crowd sought shelter in the pavilions. One of these, in which were about a dozen persons, was struck by lightning, and two young men, Joseph Schoenig, of Union Hill, and another who was not known, were killed. Every person in the pavilion was affected by the shock.

AMERICAN WARSHIP ARRIVES AT MOROCCO

Will Support Claim Arising from the Murder of Marius Essagin, Naturalized American Citizen.

Tangier, Morocco, Aug. 26.—A United States warship has arrived here to support the claim arising out of the murder last June of Marius Essagin, a naturalized American citizen, who was the manager of the Fez branch of the French firm of Braunswieg & Co.

Essagin, while riding on horseback through a narrow street in Tangier, jolted against the mule of a Moroccan religious fanatic and a dispute ensued, the crowd siding with the priest. In self defense Essagin drew his revolver and fired, wounding a native. This was the signal for a general attack upon the American who received dozens of knife wounds and whose body was burned, according to some accounts, before life was extinct.

SACRED SONG OPENS THE ENCAMPMENT

Fully 13,000 People Packed Into the Chicago Coliseum—A Drizzling Rain.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Despite a drizzling rain the grand patriotic and sacred song service at the Coliseum tonight was attended by a throng which taxed the capacity of the immense building to the utmost. It is estimated that fully 13,000 people were packed into the hall and thousands were unable to gain admission.

After a musical selection had been rendered by the band the vast audience joined in the Lord's prayer, and then eloquent welcome to the visiting veterans, Commander in Chief Shaw, then spoke at some length upon "True Patriotism." He dwelt upon the services which had been rendered to this nation in particular and to the world at large by the members of the Grand Army and pointed out the need of training the coming generations in the duties which patriotism demands of the nation's citizens.

Rev. E. G. Hirsch delivered a patriotic address, and Rev. T. D. Wallace pronounced the benediction. Between the addresses musical numbers were given by the band of 100 pieces, and several selections were given by soloists, quartettes and the chorus.

During the afternoon a service for children was given at the Coliseum, which was attended by fully 10,000 people. Addresses were made by Commander in Chief Shaw, Bishop Fallows and Rev. B. W. Arnet, of Wilberforce, Ohio.

DEFIANT VICEROY.

He Threatens Fight if Powers Try to Extort Territory.

London, Aug. 26.—A dispatch received here from Shanghai, dated Aug. 25, says: "Chih Tung, viceroy of Han-Kow, declares that he will resist any attempt to extort territory or to interfere with the armies of the various viceroys."

McEachern Wins.

New York, Aug. 26.—Archie McEachern, the Canadian wheelman, defeated J. P. Jacobson in a match pursuit race at the Vailsburg board track today. Jacobson drew up to the Canadian at the start but soon lost his advantage.

THE CUBANS CONSIDER CONVENTION

Subjects Introduced at Official Banquet to General Wood

THE ARCHBISHOP'S SPEECH

He Advises Consolidation of Political Parties Until a Constitution for Cuba Has Been Framed—The United States Government Is Sincere in Promises Made—General Wood's Remarks—The Cuban People Should Have Liberty for All.

Santiago De Cuba, Aug. 26.—Governor General Wood was officially banqueted last night by the Republican and Democratic parties. The civil government, the archbishop of Cuba, the principal judicial and military authorities and a hundred representative merchants were present.

The archbishop in the course of his remarks said the time had arrived for peace and that he believed a consolidation of political parties would be of greater benefit to Cuba in the future than a house divided against itself. Senator Tamayo, secretary of state, in a forcible speech, said: "This is one of the most important epochs in the political history of Cuba. A constitutional convention, where the fundamental law of the land is to be framed, is about to be held. This is a moment when political opinion should be set aside. The feeling is national. Cuba is about to obtain what three generations had for, and if the constitutional convention is not what it should be the noble deed will rise to demand that blood should be shed in vain."

Governor General Wood, on rising, was greeted with shouts of applause. He spoke in part as follows: "I am here as your friend, and in no other capacity. Everybody in the United States was astonished and surprised when the municipal elections were held. McKinley personally assured that he thought the time for the next step had come. Whatever the ultimate destiny of Cuba may be, its immediate future is independent. This is no political move on the part of the United States, but a sincere desire to do what is right. Therefore, I beg you as a personal favor to me and to the United States government to sink your political differences and passions and to send me to the convention who are renowned for honor and capacity, so that the convention may be permanent. The Cubans even now anticipate. I care not what your party politics are; but whatever they are, for the present party considerations must be suspended for the sake of the great and permanent end that will make history and affect the welfare of all Cuban people."

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INSURANCE REPORT.

Harrisburg, Aug. 26.—The annual report of Daniel W. Durkin, commissioner of insurance, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1899, shows an increase of \$2,735,410 in the business of the life insurance companies of Pennsylvania over the preceding year of 1898. The total losses paid by all life companies in the state during 1899 was \$12,477,939.61, of which some companies paid \$1,822,452 and companies of other states \$10,655,487.61. The insurance in force at the end of the year upon the lives of residents of Pennsylvania was \$1,235,247,218. The total assets of the companies, including industrial policies of small amounts was \$867,725,742, of which \$138,234,218 were Pennsylvania companies. The total assets of the companies in 1898 were \$1,235,247,218, of which \$864,715,025 was paid to policy holders. The entire income of all companies of this state for the year 1899 was \$12,477,939.61. The assessment life companies of other states licensed to do business in this state show in 1899 a total income of \$2,948,268. The total income assessment accident companies reporting to the department show in 1899 a total income of \$2,500,202.55.

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BRITISH OFFICERS OF THE FIRST BENGAL LANCERS.

Lieutenant H. B. Cheyne, Captain Griffin, Lieutenant J. R. Gausson, 3d B. C., Lieutenant James Lillingstone.



Captain Finch, Major Mould, I. M. S., Colonel Gartside-Tipping, Commanding, Major Haynes, 2d in Command, Captain Roberts, Lieutenant Macaulay, Off. Adjutant.

SUICIDE OF AN EX-NUN.

Margaret Minehan Leaps from a French Line Steamer.

New York, Aug. 26.—The French line steamer L'Aquitaine, which arrived this morning from Havre, had a death among its cabin passengers, Margaret Minehan, a former nun, committed suicide by jumping overboard at 5 a. m. on Aug. 23. The alarm was quickly given, a boat lowered and the woman was picked up, but too late to restore her to consciousness. A Roman Catholic priest among the passengers, performed a burial service over the remains, assisted by a number of other priests and nuns who were on board the steamer, and the body was committed to the sea.

A passenger on board said that the deceased was a nun in a Roman Catholic institution in France and she was dismissed for some reason which he did not know. During the voyage Miss Minehan had confided to some of her fellow passengers that she had been a nun, but her love for a young man caused her to leave the convent and she felt she had disgraced her family. She said she was on the way to her brother, a priest located in Pennsylvania.

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PREACHING AGAINST PROPOSED STRIKE

HAZLETON CLERGYMEN GIVE ADVICE TO PARISHIONERS.

While Not Taking Sides on the Issues, They Earnestly Request the Men to Refuse to Go Out Even if a Strike Is Ordered—United Mine Workers Ask for a Joint Conference to Arrange a Wage Scale. Statement of the Organizers.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 26.—The United Mine Workers of the anthracite coal region have invited the operators to meet them here in joint conference tomorrow for the purpose of agreeing on a wage scale and the settlement of a number of grievances presented through the committee appointed for that purpose at the convention held in this city two weeks ago. From present indications not an operator will be present, so no joint conference will be possible. What will be done by the convention is a matter of doubt. Only a few of the two hundred or more delegates who will represent the various mine workers' locals of the three anthracite districts are on the ground, and it rests entirely with them what action will be taken. There have been frequent reports that a strike would be ordered if the operators refused to grant the concessions demanded, but the mine workers, as stated in their bill of grievances, are not in favor of striking until all means for an amicable adjustment of existing differences have been exhausted. Hence the convention may agree on another plan for securing concessions from the operators.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today. Local rains and thunderstorms. General—Uncle Sam Will Protect Treaty Rights in China. Ex-Governor Denby Urges McKinley's Re-Election. Hazleton Clergymen Urge Miners Not to Strike. Families Threaten Tien Tsin. General—Northern Pennsylvania News. Financial and Commercial. The Tribune's Educational Content. Local—Comments on the Mining Question. Mention of Some Men of the Hour. Editorial. News and Comment. Local—Hemlock's Seals Cause His Death. Convention of the Christian Alliance. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County. Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

CHINESE PREPARE TO RESUME BATTLE

Well Entrenched Force Located by the Bengal Lancers—Thanksgiving Service at Peking.

Peking, Aug. 19, via Taku, Aug. 24.—Armed Chinese are reported to the southward and westward. A well entrenched force has been located by the Bengal Lancers in a village four miles to the southwest. It is believed that the best Chinese leaders are in command. Detachments of the allied force were out today reconnoitering and looting. The imperial city and the forbidden city was under close guard by the international authorities. This morning a thanksgiving service was attended by the members of the British and American legations, the missionaries and the marines.

MORE RACE RIOTS IN NEW YORK

Several Negroes Assaulted, but Not Seriously Injured—Shooting of a Messenger Boy the Cause.

New York, Aug. 26.—A number of incontinent race riots broke out here today, the direct cause being the shooting on Saturday night of John Brennan, a messenger boy, aged 20 years, by John Davis, a negro. Brennan was one of a crowd of whites who taunted Davis and bullets from the black's revolver lodged in his stomach and chest. He is in a hospital and likely to die. The shooting was done on Sixty-second street, and becoming noisy about, the rough white element began to search out negroes. Several negroes were assaulted, but not seriously injured. Some of the white element were captured by the police and a few negroes were also arrested for disorderly conduct. All day long the police in the neighborhood of Sixtieth street and Amsterdam avenue were kept busy dispersing small mobs bent on mischief.

THE DEATH EMBRACE.

Altha Ritenour Drowned While Trying to Save a Friend.

Uniontown, Pa., Aug. 26.—Altha T. Ritenour, of this place, lost his life today through the death embrace of a friend he was trying to save from drowning. Samuel Trimble, of East End, Pittsburgh, attempted to swim across the Monongahela river, several miles above Point Marion at 5 o'clock, and when some distance from the other side gave out and called for help. Young Ritenour went to his rescue, and when he reached the drowning man the latter clutched him about the body in a desperate manner, in such a way that Ritenour's arms were held against his body, and both went down.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Aug. 26.—Arrived: Furness, Glasgow; Calcutta, Liverpool, Havre—Passe; La Bretagne, New York for Havre, Queenstown—Sailed: Campania, from Liverpool, New York; Southampton—Sailed: Deutschland, from Hamburg, Cherbourg and New York; Pravia Point—Passe; Waterland, Antwerp for New York.

DENBY URGES RE-ELECTION OF MCKINLEY

Earnest Letter from the Ex-Minister to China.

A LIFE-LONG DEMOCRAT

Treats Upon Mr. Bryan's Attitude Towards the Philippines—Bryan Urged the Ratification of the Treaty Which He Now Condemns. A Strange Parody of Jekyll and Hyde—The Results of the Ratification—Government for the Philippines.

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