

LI HUNG CHANG IS ACCEPTED AS AN ENVOY

Russia Joins with United States in Peace Proposals.

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPAN

The Situation Simplified by the Retirement of the Forces of the Mikado from Amoy—It Now Remains for Russia to Take Similar Action in Regard to Troops at Rock-chiang—Message from Mr. Rockhill States That He Is About to Leave for Peking.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The United States government having acted upon the Russian proposition as to the withdrawal of troops from Peking, it is now quietly waiting for responses to the notes which have been sent to our various representatives abroad for presentation to the powers.

According to their formal expressions, all of the powers are agreed upon this one point; they do not desire to enter upon a formal war on China. The United States government is trying to bring about this result. For the moment it finds itself side by side with Russia, whose earnestness cannot be questioned at this time.

The United States government has been earnestly championing the cause of Li Hung Chang from a desire to speedily rehabilitate the Chinese government in order that it may carry out its express desire to settle the difficulties which have arisen. This has been the object of the negotiations during the last few days and the Russian note and the United States response were but the parts of the general plan.

Embarrassed by Delay. The state department is already embarrassed by delays experienced in securing responses to its note challenging the production of objections to Li Hung Chang. It appears that much confusion exists at Taku as to what actually had been decided upon respecting the treatment of Li Hung Chang should he arrive at that place en route to Peking.

The reports of the naval commanders to their home governments rather increased the confusion in an international sense. Admiral Remy found it difficult to state the facts at Taku. Now the state department finds the replies so far received from Europe vague and unsatisfactory for the reason that the various governments appear to have different understandings as to the exact conditions at Taku. It could not be learned from whom the replies were received and which were missing, but it can be stated that at present the question as to the acceptability of Earl Li as an envoy and his freedom from interference is unsettled.

Secretary Root, in speaking today of the statement in the Conger dispatch saying that Prince Ching was coming to Peking, said that it was a favorable indication. Prince Ching has been known as friendly to the foreigners, and has been among the more progressive of the Chinese officials.

MR. WU IS OPTIMISTIC.

Thinks the Difficulty Over Peace Arrangements Will Soon Be Settled. Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to this country, passed through this city today on his way from Washington to Cape May. He expressed the opinion that the difficulty over the arrangements for peace negotiations will be adjusted satisfactorily. He said: "I sincerely hope and believe that the united States and Russia are together in their efforts to bring about peace in my country; and I equally firmly hope and believe that the other powers will see the wisdom and importance of uniting in the interests of peace."

To Establish Whipping Post. Arrada, Ind., Aug. 30.—A lawyer of this city is preparing a bill, which will be introduced at the next session of the legislature, providing for the establishment of the whipping post in Indiana. The offenses for which this drastic punishment is to be administered are: Habitual drunkenness, abuse of family, profligacy or vagrancy in the presence of women, disturbing public meetings and insulting women in the streets or other public places.

CAPE NOME IS NOT A SUCCESS

Tons Upon Tons of Machinery and Supplies Lying Untouched—Crime in Unchecked Sway.

Tacoma, Aug. 30.—Vigorous opinions as to the Cape Nome mining region are expressed by D. O. Smith, of this city, who has just returned. He says: "The 'golden sand of Nome' has been run through a thousand sluice boxes, and each shovel-full as it flattered across the rifled registered 'rollers,' five million feet of lumber, thousands of tons of high class machinery, a thousand horses running loose in the tundra, five hundred wagons never put together, and countless stores of merchandise, bear true and bitter testimony to the inscription: 'Failure.' From Golovin bay to Port Clarence, a distance of 200 miles, are strewn tons and tons of machinery, covered with rust and sand, all abandoned here by 'conquerors' as much money has never been unaccounted for and today is offered for sale at less than its cost in the states.

Nome City is today the most poverty-stricken town in the United States. Probably not in the history of this country, and certainly not in the history of mining camps, has such universal and absolute failure been recorded. The White Pass and Chitilstown which their competitors for many years searched after wealth when finally the goal was reached; but none of the 20,000 stampedes of 1900 can bring away anything but recollection.

SHIPWRECK OF BRITISH STEAMER

The Topeka Reports the Sinking of the Cutch Near Juneau.

Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 30.—The steamship Topeka arrived from the north at 11 o'clock last night with 150 passengers and \$100,000 in gold dust. Officers of the Topeka report the British steamship Cutch ashore on Horse Shoe Reef, in Stephens' Passage, twenty miles from Juneau. At low tide the Cutch is high and dry and is badly damaged. The Cutch was in charge of the second officer when she struck on the night of August 24, and rapidly filled with water. The passengers and crew managed to reach the beach, where they were camped when the Topeka passed. The Topeka offered assistance, which was refused, but the cargo was being thrown aboard.

TIEN TSIEN TREASURY LOOTED.

Russians Said to Have Sent 4,000,000 Taels to the Coast. Victoria, B. C., Aug. 30.—It is reported in mail advices from China that the Russians looted 4,000,000 taels in silver from the Tien Tsien treasury for which no account can be given other than that it was dispatched to the coast in carts. The civil administration at Tien Tsien when the mail work was working successfully, although there was international jealousy. It was at first proposed to get several hundred consulars from Japan, but afterward it was decided to employ Chinese as police and a few Japanese as constabulary. Documents found at Tien Tsien show that the viceroy there supplied the boxes with food, money and clothes and otherwise prove that the Chinese government was in league with them.

BUBONIC PLAGUE REACHES GLASGOW

Fact Officially Announced—All Ships from That Port to Be Quarantined.

Glasgow, Aug. 30.—The post mortem examination of the body of the person who died from the bubonic plague Aug. 7, establishes the disease as bubonic plague. This has been officially announced by Dr. Chambers, the chief medical officer, and is supported by Prof. Muir and Dr. Brownlie.

The foreign consuls are in communication with the medical authorities and all Glasgow ships may be quarantined.

INSURANCE AGENTS MEET.

Fifth Annual Convention Held at Milwaukee. Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 30.—The fifth annual convention of the association of local fire insurance agents met here today with 30 delegates present.

Class Legislation. It is our opinion that the bankruptcy law as it now stands and as it will stand if the amendments are adopted, does not furnish a sufficient compensation to the creditor for the loss that he suffers in being obliged to give up his remedy against the future earnings of the debtor.

RUSSIANS AT TSI TSI HAR.

Losses During the Advance Three Officers and Twenty-Two Men. St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—Dispatches received here under today's date report that General Benckamp's flying column is pushing rapidly toward Tsi Tsi Har.

COMMISSIONER OF BANKING KILLED

Thomas J. Powers Meets Death by Falling from a Pennsylvania Train—His Career.

Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—Thomas J. Powers, commissioner of banking for Pennsylvania, was killed by falling from a train in the outskirts of this city last night. His badly mangled body was found under the Pennsylvania railroad bridge spanning the Delaware river at the northern end of this city this morning by three men gunning in the marshes. Mr. Powers had been spending the summer at Atlantic City with his family and it is presumed that he fell from the train from that resort which reaches this city via the bridge route at 10.30 p. m. Mr. Powers' home was in Frankford, a Philadelphia suburb, which is the first station this side of the Delaware river. He probably left his seat in the car while the train was crossing the bridge, so as to be in readiness to leave the train when it reached Frankford, which is only a short distance beyond the Philadelphia terminus of the structure. Mr. Powers was a man of heroic build, measuring considerably over six feet and weighing about 275 pounds. His friends express the theory that he had gone to the platform to escape the heat in the car and was jolted off while the train was on a curve.

Thomas J. Powers was born in Ireland, Jan. 10, 1845, and came to this country at the age of 5 years. He entered the United States army when scarcely 17 years of age, serving in the Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Fifteenth Pennsylvania regiments, Dana troop of cavalry and the Second New Jersey cavalry. He participated in many of the important battles of the Civil war. In 1868 he attached himself to the National Guard of Pennsylvania and continued a member until his death. He had been prominent in local and state politics for the past twenty-five years and held office almost continually during that time. Twenty years ago he was chief clerk in the office of recorder of deeds under Colonel M. S. Quay, and was made deputy recorder after the latter's resignation. In 1880 he was appointed coroner of Philadelphia by Governor Hoyt, and in 1883 was elected to that office. Since then he has been United States inspector of customs at this port, state oil inspector and state commissioner of banking, to which he was appointed by Governor Stone in 1899.

He was also a prominent Mason and a member of Post No. 51, G. A. O. Colonel Powers was one of the two hundred and six national delegates who held out for the nomination of President Grant for a third term. One of his sons, Lieutenant Thomas J. Powers, Jr., is in the regular army at Manila.

Harrisburg, Aug. 30.—The death of Colonel Powers was a great shock to his official associates here. He was appointed banking commissioner by Governor Stone on March 1, 1899, and was very popular with the office-holders on Capitol Hill.

CAR BURGLARS ARRESTED.

Believed to Belong to Gang Operating on New York Central. Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Two car burglars were arrested late last night by Detective La Pointe and his assistants at the New York Central railroad, who gave their names as Herman Francis and Albert Smith, alias Darling.

The prisoners, who it is believed are members of a gang which has been systematically robbing freight cars in Western New York, are charged with having robbed a car in the fast freight running between Utica and Suspension Bridge, at East Rochester, last Sunday night, of property valued at \$500, which included a large number of rifles and ammunition of all kinds.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 30.—The state convention of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association which has been in session in this city the past three days adjourned here today. The following were elected delegates to the supreme council: M. J. McMahon and J. J. Shusell, Pittsburg, and T. J. Jennings, Scranton. Alternates: William Barrett, of Erie; M. A. Carmody, of Pittsburg, and P. C. Wagner, of Honesdale. The officers of the grand council elected yesterday were formally installed by Supreme Deputy M. H. Hager, of Pittsburg. It was decided to hold the next convention at Harrisburg three years hence.

TRANSPORT THOMAS ARRIVES.

Brings 201 Sick and Wounded Soldiers from Manila. San Francisco, Aug. 30.—The transport Thomas arrived last night, twenty-nine days from Manila via Yokohama. She has on board 201 sick and wounded soldiers, thirty-one military prisoners, fifty-one cabin and 170 stowaway passengers and seven stowaways.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Aug. 30.—Sailed: Friedrich Dier Grosse, Bremen via Cherbourg; L'Aquitaine, Havre; Kaiser Friedrich, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Plymouth—Arrived: Forest Birch, New York for Hamburg; Queenstown—Sailed: Teutonic (from Liverpool), New York; Havre—Arrived: La Louise, New York; Cherbourg—Sailed: Trave (from Southampton), New York; Lahn, Southampton for New York; Rotterdam—Sailed: Amsterdam, New York and Boulogne; Liverpool—Arrived: Germania, New York via Queenstown; Serbia, New York.

BANKRUPTCY LAW IS DISCUSSED

Interesting Report at the Meeting of American Bar Association.

THE RAY BILL ENDORSED

Committee on Commercial Law Makes an Exhaustive Report at Saratoga Springs at the Meeting of Bar Association—Present Bankruptcy Law Designated as Class Legislation—The Various Amendments Proposed.

Saratoga Springs, Aug. 30.—The American Bar association reassembled this forenoon at 10.30 o'clock. The subject of the meeting was the "Bankruptcy Law." The committee on commercial law made a long report on the bankruptcy law.

This bill, it will be recalled, proposed sweeping amendments in the act's relation to voluntary bankruptcy. The existing act grants discharge from bankruptcy unless the applicant for discharge has committed an offense punishable by imprisonment or "with fraudulent intent to conceal his true financial condition and in contemplation of bankruptcy despoiled, concealed or failed to keep books of account or records from which his true condition might be ascertained." The Ray bill retains these two exceptions and adds six more, namely:

(1) obtained property on credit, which has been paid for or restored at the time the petition is filed; or (2) made a materially false statement in writing made to him, or of being communicated to the trustee, or to the person from whom he obtained such property on credit; or (3) made a fraudulent preference which has not been surrendered within ten days after demand by a receiver or trustee; or (4) made a fraudulent conveyance of a portion of his property to any person; or (5) materially contributed to or brought on his bankruptcy by gambling; or (6) been granted a discharge in bankruptcy within six years; or (7) in the course of his proceeding refused to obey any lawful order or to answer any question approved by the court.

NEWS FROM CONGER.

Allies Planned to Enter Peking Palace Aug. 25—Prince Ching Expelled in the Capital.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The state department makes public the following cable message from Minister Conger, received today through the United States consul at Choefoo: From Choefoo, received Aug. 29, 6.44 a. m. Secretary of State, Washington, 3966.—Following is the substance of the cable received from Minister Conger, which says: "Russia, German, French and Italian troops arriving in the city, which I grieve to see. Military promenade of all nations made through it after a short and unceremonious occupation, as expected in a few days—Conger." Fowler.

The state department officials say Mr. Conger's despatch is dated "yesterday" (Aug. 29) probably because the date it was sent from Taku to Choefoo. They do not believe Peking, Aug. 29, is meant.

Mr. Conger's message is of special interest because of his reference to the coming to Peking of Prince Ching. In a recent despatch Mr. Conger stated that several members of the Tsung-tsi Yamen were in Peking, and would soon appear publicly. Those facts indicate that there is gathering at Peking a respectable fragment of the Chinese government, which may afford the basis sought by our government and that of Russia for peace negotiations.

MAX HAYES DISCHARGED.

Judge Kennedy Decides That Police Overstepped Their Authority. Cleveland, Aug. 30.—Max Hayes, the well known lawyer, who was yesterday vice president on the Social Law ticket some time since was discharged at the central police court today at the conclusion of his trial on the charge of disorderly conduct.

EXPLOSION NEAR FOO-CHOW.

Thirty-Two Chinese Killed While Mining the River There. Victoria, B. C., Aug. 30.—In Oriental advices it is reported that the Chinese were laying torpedoes in the river near Foo-Chow, workmen in endeavoring to move one which had struck in a ground caused an explosion which killed thirty-two men.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

London, Aug. 30.—Sunset Henry Maxwell, first Baron Farham, is dead. He was born in 1849.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Generally Fair. 1. General—Russia and the United States Join in Peace Proposals. 2. American Bar Association Discusses Bankruptcy Law. 3. General—Northern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. The Tribune's Educational Contest. 4. Local—Select Council Votes to Oust Dr. Stately. Court Proceedings. 5. Editorial. First Century of American Diplomacy. 6. Local—Today's Funeral of Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick. Mayor Will Sign the Extension Resolution. 7. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 8. Round about the County. 9. General—Live News of the Industrial World. McCoy-Coylett Prize Fight.

PRISONER OF WAR OVER 35 YEARS

Curious Case of an ex-Confederate Officer on Parole Forgotten by War Department.

St. Paul, Aug. 30.—Though thirty-five years have passed since the close of the civil war, Captain Platt B. Walker, of this city, still a prisoner on parole. He was captured by the Union soldiers, sent to Fort Snelling and released on parole. He has never received further attention, and is as much a prisoner of war now as the day he was captured.

DETROIT'S INCREASE.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The census bureau announces that the population of Detroit, Mich., is 255,791, as against 205,876 in 1890. This is an increase of 24,915, or 12.1 per cent.

MAGEE DENOUNCED WITH LOUD YELLS

Democratic Convention at Pittsburg Objects to the Proceedings of the Senatorial Gathering.

Pittsburg, Aug. 30.—The Democratic county convention met this forenoon in old City Hall to nominate a county ticket and adopt rules for the governing of the party in this county. It was incidentally others matters were attended to, such as the repudiation of the convention held in the Forty-third senatorial district, where C. L. Magee was nominated. This convention was denounced in the strongest terms and its members accused of treachery to their party. A noisy demonstration followed.

NEW GERMAN CABLE.

Messages Exchanged Between the Emperor William and President McKinley.

New York, Aug. 30.—Direct telegraphic communication between the United States and Germany was opened today through the new German cable in conjunction with the Commercial Cable company's system from New York to Fayal and thence to Emden, Germany.

DO NOT ANTICIPATE STRIKE.

Ashland, Pa., Aug. 30.—The miners of this district do not anticipate a strike of the anthracite coal workers. The colliers here have been working six and three-quarters days a week recently and operators saw they will continue six days for some time.

BRYAN BOOM IN BOSTON.

Boston, Aug. 30.—The Democratic state committee sent out a call for the annual state convention of the party to be held here on October 2. All voters of whatever party affiliation in the past, who intend to vote for Bryan and Stevenson are invited to send delegates to the convention and the words of the invitation.

GORMAN WILL ENTER THE RING

New York, Aug. 30.—Former Senator Arthur P. Gorman, from Maryland, called at the former Senator Murphy's headquarters at the Hoffman House today and had a conference with Mr. Croker and Mr. Murphy. Mr. Gorman is on his way home from his vacation. He said that he expected to take an active part in the campaign later on.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair with Friday and Saturday, light southerly winds.