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The state department made special correspondence with L' Hung Chang, showing the United States had cut off negotiations with China, until open communication with our minister is established. The note attributed an "unfriendly" attitude to China.

Dr. George Ernest Morrison, the Pekin correspondent of the London Times, sent a letter in which he declared the Chinese government guilty of causing the present crisis.

TRI-STATE EVENTS. The miners at North Scranton, Pa., voted to end their strike. Advance details to pitch tents for the Pennsylvania national guard encampment arrived at Mt. Gretna, Pa.

Wilmington, Pa., councils appointed a committee to investigate bribery charges. Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles arrived in Camp Alexander L. Hawkins, Mt. Gretna, Pa., to pay an official visit to the Pennsylvania militia.

President McKinley spent a quiet Sunday at Canton, only leaving his home to attend church. Late Saturday night James Birbr, of Minneapolis, a member of the Daves Indian commission, reached the city and had a conference with the president.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson reached Washington while the president was there, and hence will not come to Canton at this time, as was expected. There are no important events forecasted for this week although it is probable a number of well-known people will be here.

Three of Pittsburg's building and loan associations have practically suspended business until Bank Examiner O. P. Cochran has examined into the bookkeeping methods of J. C. Robinson, secretary of the Industrial Building and Loan association, the Globe Mutual and the Cash associations.

RECORD OF CRIMES. The Chester county, Pa., coroner's inquest into the death of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sinclair, in Dufray Mawr, showed that Mrs. Sinclair shot her husband and then committed suicide.

Robert Lucas, a veteran employe of the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by a train and fatally hurt at Harrisburg. A million dollars' worth of property in the lumber district of Ashland, Wis., was burned. Two men are reported to have been killed while fighting the fire.

Duquesne Flyer on B. & O. collided with freight train near Cumberland. The injured were: Frank Whitehead, Cleveland, O., slightly cut about head and shoulders; Mrs. Harry Dolan, Pittsburg, spine injured.

D. M. Ball, Ballsville, N. Y., cut on the head. Dominic Cartney, Italian, cut about face. Henry Douglas, Locomacung, Md., passenger fireman, bruised in jumping. The passengers were all injured in being thrown by the sudden stop. No one is thought to be seriously hurt.

NEWS OF FOREIGN LANDS. The safety of the foreign ministers at Pekin seems to be assured, and the Chinese government is reported to have ordered them to Tien Tsin. Cable communication is permitted, but cipher messages are prohibited on the plea of military necessity.

It was reported that the advance of the international troops in Pekin started August 1. China was reported to have declared war June 28. It was reported from Shanghai that the Boxers attacked the missionaries and native Christians at Pao Ting Fu on July 8. A foreign physician and 2,000 converts were massacred.

BUSINESS NOTINGS. Personally conducted by representatives of the Lake Carriers' association and accompanied by representatives of the municipal government and of the Merchants' exchange, the river and harbor commission, the House of Representatives began their tour of inspection of the great lakes by a trip around Buffalo harbor and down the Niagara river.

MISCELLANEOUS. The Rt. Rev. Augustus Healy, Roman Catholic bishop of Portland, Me., died suddenly. Secretary of State John Hay is at his summer home in New Hampshire. Two bolts of lightning slew two deacons and two church members and probably fatally injured a minister near Columbia, S. C.

A sermon denunciating of Sunday golf and petty gambling was delivered to Newport society leaders. Mrs. Addie Snell, wife of a young New England millionaire, has slipped from her horse.

EVENTS OF A WEEK.

NEWS OF THE WORLD BRIEFLY NARRATED. The War in the Philippines, Crimes, Tri-State Happenings, Foreign, Business and Other Events Brevity For the Reader in a Hurry.

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES. Lieutenant Alstetter of the engineer corps, and an escort of 15 men, were overpowered by a band of 550 Filipinos between San Miguel and San Isidro. The rest were killed, three wounded and the rest captured.

Lieutenant Boston Hulesberg was ambushed and killed near Santa Cruz, province of Laguna. Five men of the Twenty-fourth Infantry were captured in Nueva Ecija, but Sergeant Schmidt, of the Twelfth Infantry, with seven men, trailed the captors and killed five.

Captain Lara, of the Manila native police, was dangerously shot by an unknown assailant while on the street. He had been effectively enforcing regulations and had made enemies among the Filipinos, some of whom had long threatened vengeance.

The Philippines commission Sept. 1 will become the legislative body of the Philippines, with power to take and appropriate insular monies, to establish judicial and educational systems and to make and pass all laws.

No money will be permitted to be drawn from the insular funds except by authorization of the commission. Judge Taft and his colleagues will also exercise certain executive functions.

General MacArthur will be the executive head to enforce the laws of the commission, and he will conduct the government in accordance with the same until the commission recommends to President McKinley the appointment of a civil governor.

HAPPENED IN WASHINGTON. Commander Tausig sent the following dispatch from Chefoo to the navy department: "The Foo, Aug. 6. British Fame reports unofficial engagement Pehsang Sunday morning, 3 to 10:30. Allied loss, killed and wounded, 1,200, chiefly Russian and Japanese. Chinese retreating."

A delayed note from Conger was received at the state department. It came through Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, who transmitted messages received by Mr. Ragsdale, United States consul at Tien Tsin, from Mr. Conger and Mr. Squiers, secretary of the United States legation at Pekin.

Mr. Goodnow's message was transmitted to President McKinley at Canton, and Mr. Adee, acting secretary of state, later issued the following statement concerning it: "Consul General Goodnow, in a cablegram dated Shanghai, August 5, which was received at the department of state at 4 o'clock (Sunday) morning, reports the receipt by Consul Ragsdale, at Tien Tsin, of messages from Mr. Conger and the secretary of the legation, Mr. Squiers, dated July 21, to the following effect:

"All well. No fighting since the 16th by agreement. Enough provisions. Hope for speedy relief." Mr. Goodnow adds that the director of posts, Sheng, had, on the 5th, communicated to him an imperial edict, dated July 30, ordering Jung Lu to provide an escort for the ministers to Tien Tsin when the ministers fix the date. The edict says the ministers can receive messages not in cipher; but notwithstanding this, plain messages were returned to some consuls on August 4.

While the messages from Minister Conger and Secretary Squiers bore date of July 21, the belief, founded not only upon them, but also upon collateral and later information, is that the legationaries are yet safe from at least immediate harm. At present there are no means of knowing whether the ministers will accept the offer of the Chinese imperial government to provide an escort for them to Tien Tsin; but it is surmised they will prefer to remain within the British legation at Pekin until the arrival of the allied forces. Should they leave for Tien Tsin in all probability it would be because they regarded it the safe course to pursue. It is thought to be not unlikely that the Chinese government may be insistent upon the departure of the ministers, in the hope, if they can be got to Tien Tsin in safety the storming of Pekin will be averted.

YOUTSEY CONFESSES.

He Implicates Governor Taylor in the Plot Against Goebel—Taylor Denies it as Infamously. Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 6.—The prosecution in the trial of Caleb Powers declared they have a written statement made by Henry E. Youtsey. According to the alleged confession, Youtsey arranged with "Tallow Dick" Combs and Mason Hockersmith on January 25 to kill Goebel on the morning of January 26. Combs and Hockersmith demanded \$1,500 for committing the murder. Youtsey had \$1,200 and he went to Governor Taylor and said he had at last found two men who had agreed to kill Goebel. Taylor on being told the two were negroes declared, "I'll be cussed if I will agree to bind myself to negroes; if anyone was to be hired to kill Goebel it would have to be a white man before he would become a party to it. Youtsey, the story goes, went again to see the governor and told him someone else could be hired.

Lawyers for the prosecution say that when Youtsey had gone that far Detective J. B. Matthews entered the room and Youtsey jumped up and exclaimed hysterically, "I'm ruined now! I'll say no more! I cannot tell!" He is said to have declined to tell to whom he gave the \$1,500 or whether he gave it to anyone. He did say, according to the lawyers, that a white man fired the shot from Powers' office, and also that "Jim" Howard was in the office at the time.

Colonel Campbell, one of the counsel for the prosecution, says that "Jim" Howard left Manchester on January 28 and reached Frankfort at 23 minutes to 10 o'clock on the morning Goebel was shot. Youtsey's last interview with Taylor, the lawyer declares, was when the governor gave \$500 to make up the \$1,500, and this was 24 hours before Howard left Manchester.

Indianapolis, Aug. 6.—Ex Governor Taylor, of Kentucky, was seen here. He said: "I don't believe for a moment that Youtsey made a statement so infamously false. I have nothing more to say."

Confidence of Buyers. Believe the Downward Swing of Prices is Over, Said Donors—Iron and Steel Started. If W. YORK, Aug. 4.—R. G. Dun & Co. a weekly review of trade, issued today, said in part:

"It is often hard to read encouraging symptoms of general business in declining prices of commodities, but just now it is reasonable to look for them. Some raw materials, and some manufactured products are stage recoveries from the south, and the selling of prices than at any time since last year's advance set in; but there is confidence among buyers that the downward swing is nearly over. Sellers are adopting a cautious policy, which until recently characterized the attitude of buyers.

Iron and steel markets were started by reports of a sale of 125,000 tons of iron at a basis of about \$12.50. Increasing demands for iron from makers of agricultural implements and car builders was a feature, contracts placed being estimated at 10,000 tons in bars and plates. The trade believes that orders will increase as the season advances and that total needs of iron consumers for many descriptions approximating cut. Export orders increase and makers do not fully accept reports of purchases of foreign mills for delivery in the south. Some traders are not satisfied with the result of the Chicago conference holding to the report of production of iron in the first half of the year exceeding all records and contrasting it with recent dull markets. The Boston steel market is heavy, but prices are slightly lower at 70 1/2 cents. Wire cuttings are reduced 15 to 20 cents, but the dollar market is heavy, and the steel market is steady at 100 cents per ton, and 24 in Canada, against 23 last year.

DEMAND ON TURKEY. Greece Again Urged the Ottoman Government to Settle. Constantinople, Aug. 6.—Mr. Lloyd Garrison, United States charge d'affaires, renewed his demands upon the Ottoman government for compensation for the losses of American citizens during the Armenian massacres. He insisted upon a prompt decision.

THE MARKETS. WHEAT—No. 2 red, 97 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, 97 1/2c; No. 2 white, 97 1/2c; No. 2 soft, 97 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 97 1/2c; No. 2 extra, 97 1/2c; No. 2 super, 97 1/2c; No. 2 choice, 97 1/2c; No. 2 prime, 97 1/2c; No. 2 extra, 97 1/2c; No. 2 super, 97 1/2c; No. 2 choice, 97 1/2c; No. 2 prime, 97 1/2c.

MINISTERS ORDERED TO GO TO TIEN Tsin. Proper Escort Directed by Imperial Edict and General Held Responsible for Their Safety. Paris, Aug. 6.—Cheng, director general of railway and telegraphs, communicated to consuls at Shanghai, according to a special dispatch to The Times, dated August 5, an imperial edict, dated August 2, authorizing the foreign ministers in Pekin to communicate without restriction with their governments, and ordering their departure for Tien Tsin under a good escort.

MASSACRE ORDERED. Governor of Monkon Issued a Decree for Killing of Christians in Manchuria. Paris, Aug. 6.—The French foreign office has received the following dispatch from the French consul at Chefoo, dated August 2: "The governor of Monkon, in a proclamation, has urged the people of Manchuria to massacre Christians. Nearly all the missions have been destroyed. The missionaries have organized for defense and are assisted by other Christians."

KING ALEXANDER MARRIED. Ceremony Performed With Great Pomp. Belgrade, Aug. 6.—King Alexander wedded Mme. Draga Maschin, the ceremony being performed with great pomp. In honor of the event the king granted an amnesty, together with numerous political pardons, including the former Radical, Premier Tauschnow.

TALMAGE DINED WITH CZAR. Entertained While in St. Petersburg. Berlin, Aug. 6.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, who arrived in Berlin with his family from St. Petersburg, preached in the American church on "Encouragement to Christian Workers," finding his text in the First Book of Samuel, chapter 30, verse 24.

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CHINESE RETREAT BEFORE THE ALLIED FORCES. Latter Reported to Have Lost 500 Men During the Fighting—A Report of the Battle Sent by Commander Tausig to the Navy Department. Washington, Aug. 7.—The navy department received the following from Commander Tausig: "The Foo, Aug. 6. "Bureau of Navigation, Washington: "British Fame reports (unofficial) engagement at Pehsang, Sunday morning, 3 to 10:30 o'clock. Allied losses—killed and wounded, 1,200, chiefly Russian and Japanese. Chinese forces retreating. Tausig."

A BIG BATTLE. Paris, Aug. 6.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Temps, telegraphing August 5, says: "The number of allies leaving Tien Tsin is no longer known here than are the facts as to the march itself; but it is rumored that the advance guard had been repulsed. "Li Ping Hong, former governor of Shan Tung, who is intensely hostile to Europeans, has been named as commander of the Chinese forces."

BOROUGH OFFICERS.

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Regular Terms of Court.

Fourth Monday of February. Third Monday of May. Fourth Monday of September. Third Monday of November.

Church and Sabbath School.

Presbyterian Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m.; M. E. Sabbath School at 10:30 a. m. Preaching in M. E. Church every Sabbath evening by Rev. C. R. Rumberger. Preaching in the F. M. Church every Sabbath evening at the usual hour. Rev. F. W. McClelland, Pastor. Services in the Presbyterian Church every Sabbath morning and evening. Rev. J. V. McAninch officiating. The regular meetings of the W. C. T. U. are held at the headquarters on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

TIENESTA LODGE, No. 369, I. O. O. F. Meets every Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall, Partridge building.

FOREST LODGE, No. 184, A. O. U. W. Meets every Friday evening in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta.

CAPT. GEORGE STOW POST, No. 274, G. A. R. Meets 1st and 3d Monday evening in each month, in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta.

CAPT. GEORGE STOW CORPS, No. 137, W. R. C. Meets first and third Wednesday evening of each month, in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta, Pa.

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