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MRS. CORA GILSON, Yates, Manistee Co., Mich., writes:

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MRS. PERLEY MOULTON, Thetford, Vt., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I think Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is an excellent medicine. I took several bottles of it before the birth of my baby and got along nicely. I had no after-pains and am now strong and enjoying good health. Baby is also fat and healthy."

MRS. CHAS. GERBIG, 304 South Monroe St., Baltimore, Md., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was unable to become pregnant; but since I have used it my health is much improved, and I have a big baby boy, the joy and pride of our home."

OUR POLICY IN CHINA.

Latest Developments Point to Withdrawal of Troops.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

No Confirmation of the Report That They Will Remain in Pekin Regardless of Other Powers—Further Confirmation of Chinese Treachery.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The latest developments in the Chinese situation still point to a speedy withdrawal of the United States troops from China. Gen. Chaffee has added the weight of his opinion to that already entertained by many officials here. It probably is significant that the general's statement on this point was given publicity by the administration.

No confirmation is at hand here of the report that Great Britain and Germany have joined in an agreement to remain together in Pekin, regardless of the attitude of the other powers. Should this be true the fact doubtless would hasten the rearward movement of the American troops, for there is a firm determination to avoid becoming involved in any clash between the powers, such as might reasonably be expected to follow the execution of this reported British-German program.

If there have been further responses to the Russian note relative to evacuation their purport cannot be ascertained. This delay no longer interferes with the execution of the American policy. The state department has a reasonably accurate understanding of the attitude of even those powers that have not made formal responses to the Russian note, so that the mere written record of their views is not of importance.

It is believed that a prompt answer will be made by the state department to the latest Chinese imperial edict appointing Li Hung Chang as plenipotentiary, with absolute powers to negotiate terms of peace. Dr. Hill, the acting secretary of state, was in conference over the long distance telephone with the president at Somerset last evening in regard to this matter, and the wishes of the executive were fully explained. So far as the personality of Li Hung Chang is concerned, it is not believed there will be any objection to him by our government.

CHINESE OFFICIALS' TREACHERY.

Further Confirmation of the Murderous Methods of the Government.

London, Sept. 11.—Dr. Morrison, the Pekin correspondent of The Times, wiring Aug. 31, confirms the reports of the treachery of the Chinese government and the issuance of imperial decrees ordering the extermination of foreigners. "The imperial troops," he says, "mined the British legation and probably in another day there would have been a terrible explosion. A similar mine, made by the Chinese imperial troops, exploded in the Pei Tang cathedral and engulfed 200 native Christians.

"The most profound indignation is felt here that Sir Chih Chen Lofengluh and Wu Ting Fang, whse shameless lies and transmissions of bogus imperial edicts delayed the departure of the relief column until nearly too late, are still received with honor in London and Washington."

The Shanhai correspondent of The Times, wiring Sept. 9, says:

"The Chinese minister in St. Petersburg has telegraphed Li Hung Chang that the proposal to evacuate Pekin presupposes that satisfactory assurances will be given of the return of the imperial court to the capital at once. A later message urges Earl Li to endeavor earnestly to bring the powers to agree to evacuation, since, if Russia is obliged to reconsider her decision, a loss of prestige is inevitable. Li Hung Chang has memoralized the throne, urging the immediate return of the court to Pekin."

Lord Salisbury will return to London Friday, when some fresh developments in the Chinese situation is expected. Beyond Japan's reply showing her intention to continue to occupy Pekin, there is little to throw further light.

The Murdered Missionaries.

Shanghai, Sept. 11.—Mr. John Goodnow, the United States consul general here, after inquiries in every possible source, learns that the number of British and American missionaries probably murdered during the uprising in China has been 93, while 170 others stationed in Chi-Li and Shan Si provinces are unaccounted for, and there is reason for the belief that they have met the same fate. Of those whose deaths have been absolutely proven 22 were Americans—eight men, eight women and six children—and 34 were British—nine men, fifteen women and ten children. There is strong proof that 37 more were killed near Tai-Yuen. The list of missing numbers: Americans, 20 men, 21 women and 20 children; British, 41 men, 49 women and 19 children.

Farmer Austin Confesses Murder.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Peter Austin, the former of Stormville, who has been in jail since Friday on suspicion of having killed Charles Brower, his farm hand, 14 years ago, confessed yesterday that he killed Brower, but says that he did it in self defense. The crime was brought to light through the finding of a skeleton in a well on a farm formerly occupied by Austin, which was identified as the remains of Brower by a shin bone which was known to have been broken and not properly set.

Deutschland Wins the Ocean Race.

London, Sept. 10.—The North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was sighted by the Deutschland at daybreak last Wednesday and was passed at noon. She was out of sight at nightfall. The race, therefore, was of brief duration, the Deutschland overhauling and outstripping her rival easily. The Deutschland made the trip to Plymouth in 5 days, 8 hours and 10 minutes, beating the best previous record, made by herself, by 3 hours and 35 minutes.

Portland, Sept. 11.—Maine went Republican in the state election yesterday by about 32,975 majority. The Republican state ticket was elected, with all four congressmen and a great majority of the legislature. The campaign throughout the state, except perhaps in Cumberland county, was fought entirely on national issues. In Cumberland county, with Portland as a center, there was fought one of the most interesting contests in the state. This was solely on the liquor law, its enforcement or its non-enforcement, the Republicans representing the latter and a Prohibition candidate the former issue. Returns indicate that the Prohibitionists have landed their candidate for sheriff, Samuel F. Pearson, of this city.

Battleships Nearing Completion.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Two of the six new first class battleships are practically completed and another one is fast nearing that stage, according to a statement issued by the bureau of the construction and repair, navy department. The Alabama, which recently had her initial trial, is set down as 99 per cent completed, and the Wisconsin, which is scheduled to make her trial run on the Pacific coast the latter part of this month, is stated to be 96 per cent completed. The Illinois, which will be the next of the big warships to be launched, is building at Newport News, and stands at 85 per cent.

Terrible Quadruple Tragedy.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 11.—A horrible quadruple tragedy occurred at West Station, five miles north of here, yesterday. George W. Moore, a prominent merchant of the place, who has been suffering with periods of insanity for some time, administered strychnine to his wife and two little children, telling them it was quinine to keep off chills. Within a few minutes all three were dead. Moore then took a pistol and fired two bullets through his own heart, falling to the floor across the dead body of one of his little children.

McKINLEY'S LETTER

Formally Accepting the Renomination For President.

REPUBLICANISM VS. IMPERIALISM

The President Denies the Charges of His Political Opponents, and Declares That the Principal Issue of the Campaign Is the Money Question

Washington, Aug 10.—The letter of President McKinley accepting the renomination for his high office is in substance as follows:

Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, Chairman Notification Committee.

My Dear Sir: The nomination of the Republican national convention of June 19, 1900, for the office of president of the United States, which, as the official representative of the convention, you have conveyed to me, is accepted. I have carefully examined the platform adopted and give it my hearty approval. Upon the great issue of the last national election it is clear. It upholds the gold standard and endorses the legislation of the present congress, by which that standard has been effectively strengthened. The stability of our national currency is therefore secure so long as those who adhere to this platform are kept in control of the government.

As in 1896, the silver parties are united, under the same leader who immediately after the election of that year, in an address to the bimetallists, said:

"The friends of bimetallism have not been vanquished, they have simply been overcome. They believe that the gold standard is a conspiracy of the money changers against the welfare of the human race, and they will continue the warfare against it."

So the issue is presented. It will be noted that the demand is for the immediate restoration of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. If another issue is paramount, this is immediate. It will admit of no delay and will suffer no postponement.

After declaring that the Republican party remains faithful to the principle of protection, the president urges the construction and control of a Pacific canal, urges American built ships and declares that our government was the only one to offer its services to bring about peace in Africa. Regarding trusts he says:

Combinations of capital which control the market in commodities to the general use of the people, by suppressing natural and ordinary competition, thus enhancing prices to the general consumer, are obnoxious to the common law and the public welfare. They are dangerous conspiracies against the public good, and should be made the subject of prohibitory or penal legislation. Publicity will be a helpful influence to check this evil.

Discussing Cuba the president declares we have restored tranquility and prosperity to the island, and that we have given to Porto Rico a much larger measure of self government than was given the inhabitants of Louisiana under Jefferson. He then enters into an exhaustive discussion of the Philippines question, in the course of which he says:

Nobody who will avail himself of the facts will longer hold that there was any alliance between our soldiers and the insurgents, or that any promise of independence was made to them. Long before their leader had reached Manila they had resolved, if the commander of the American navy would give them arms with which to fight the Spanish army, they would later turn upon us, which they did murderously and without the shadow of cause or justification.

There has been no time since the destruction of the enemy's fleet when we could or should have left the Philippine archipelago. After the treaty of peace was ratified no power but congress could surrender our sovereignty or alienate a foot of the territory thus acquired. The congress has not seen fit to do the one or the other, and the president had no authority to do either, if he had been so inclined, which he was not. So long as the sovereignty remains in us it is the duty of the executive, whoever he may be, to uphold that sovereignty and if it be attacked to suppress the assailants. Would our political adversaries do less?

It has been asserted that there would have been no fighting in the Philippines if congress had declared its purpose to give independence to the Tagal insurgents. The insurgents did not wait for the action of congress. They assumed the offensive; they opened fire on our army. Those who assert our responsibility for the beginning of the conflict have forgotten that before the treaty was ratified in the senate, and while it was being debated in that body, and while the Bacon resolution was under discussion, on Feb. 4, 1899, the insurgents attacked the American army, after being previously advised that the American forces were under orders not to fire upon them except in defense. The papers found in the recently captured archives of the insurgents demonstrate that this attack had been carefully planned for weeks before it occurred.

It is our purpose to establish in the Philippines a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the inhabitants and to prepare them for self government, and to give them self government when they are ready for it and as rapidly as they are ready for it. That I am aiming to do under my constitutional authority, and will continue to do until congress shall determine the political status of the inhabitants of the archipelago.

Are our opponents against the treaty? If so, they must be reminded that it could not have been ratified in the senate but for their assistance. The senate which ratified the treaty and the congress which added its sanction by a large appropriation comprised senators and representatives of the people of all parties.

Would our opponents surrender to the insurgents, abandon our sovereignty or cede it to them? If that be not their purpose, then it should be promptly disclaimed, for only evil can result from the hopes raised by our opponents in the minds of the Filipinos, that with their success at the polls in November there will be a withdrawal of our army and of American sovereignty over the archipelago; the complete independence of the Talalog people recognized and the powers of government over all the other peoples of the archipelago conferred upon the Talalog leaders.

The effect of a belief in the minds of the insurgents that this will be done has already prolonged the rebellion and increases the necessity for the continuance of a large army. It is now delaying full peace in the archipelago.

The American people will not make the murderers of our soldiers the agents of the republic to convey the blessings of liberty and order to the Philippines. They will not make them the builders of the new commonwealth. Such a course would be a betrayal of our sacred obligations to the peaceful Filipinos, and would place at the mercy of dangerous adventurers the lives and property of the natives and foreigners. It would make possible and easy the commission of such atrocities as were secretly planned to be executed on the 22d of February, 1899, in the city of Manila, when only the vigilance of our army prevented the attempt.

There were those who two years ago were rushing us on to war with Spain who are unwilling now to accept its clear consequence, as there are those among us who advocated the ratification of the treaty of peace, but now protest against its obligations. Nations which go to war must be prepared to accept its resultant obligations, and when they make treaties must keep them.

Those who profess to distrust the liberal and honorable purposes of the administration in its treatement of the Philippines are not justified. Imperialism has no place in its creed or conduct. Freedom is the rock upon which the Republican party is builded and now rests. Liberty is the great Republican doctrine for which the people went to war. Our opponents may distrust themselves, but they have no right to discredit the good faith and patriotism of the majority of the people, who are opposed to them; they may fear the worst form of imperialism with the helpless Filipinos in their hands, but if they do it is because they have parted with the spirit and faith of the fathers and have lost the virility of the founders of the party which they profess to represent.

The letter concludes with a brief reference to the Chinese controversy and the thorough reunion of the north and south through the Spanish war.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Glasgow has now 13 cases of bubonic plague, with 103 under observation.

The population of Richmond, Va., is 85,050; in 1890, 81,388. Charleston, S. C., 55,807; in 1890, 54,955.

It is reported that Gen. Delarey, the Boer commander, has died of wounds received at Eland's River.

Arthur Sewall, Democratic candidate for vice president in 1896, died at his summer home near Bath, Me., aged 64.

Senator Wellington, of Maryland, appeared on the stump with William J. Bryan at Cumberland, and formally announced his alliance with the Democrats.

Zack Montgomery, who was assistant attorney general during President Cleveland's first administration, died at Los Angeles, Cal., Monday night, after an illness of several days.

New York's Republican nominees: For governor, Benjamin B. Odell of Newburg; lieutenant governor, Timothy C. Woodruff; secretary of state, John T. McDonough; comptroller, William Morgan (since dead); state treasurer, John P. Jaeckel; attorney general, J. C. Davies; state engineer and surveyor, E. A. Bond.

Thursday, Sept. 6.

The Duke of Marlborough, it is said, will succeed Lord Cadogan as lord lieutenant of Ireland.

Richard Olney, secretary of state under Cleveland, announces his intention to support Bryan for president.

Isaac Goldman, 12 years old, is under arrest in New York for deliberately killing Philip Markowitz, aged 14, with a brick.

William J. Morgan, controller of New York state, renominated yesterday by the Republicans, died at Albany today.

The population of Canton, O., is 30,677; in 1890, 26,189. Dayton, O., 85,333; in 1890, 61,220. Salt Lake City, 53,351; in 1890, 44,843.

The National party (anti-imperialist), in convention at New York, nominated Senator Donaldson Caffrey, of Louisiana, for president.

The Republicans of the Third New Jersey district, in convention at New Brunswick, N. J., yesterday renominated Benjamin F. Howell for congress.

Friday, Sept. 7.

The Republican plurality in the Vermont election is 21,468.

The population of Atlantic City, N. J., is 27,838; in 1890, 13,055.

A report that ex-President Cleveland will support Bryan for president lacks confirmation.

At McKeesport, Pa., Mrs. Jessie Lee was burned to death yesterday in saving her two baby boys.

Montana Republicans nominated David E. Folsom for governor and A. J. Bennett for lieutenant governor.

Mgr. James McMahon yesterday transferred property valued at $90,000 to the Catholic university at Washington.

The shortage of the American cotton crop and its prospective delay are causing fears of a cotton crisis in England.

Saturday, Sept. 8.

The population of the city of Scranton, Pa., is 102,026; in 1890, 75,215.

Railroads south and west of the Mississippi will hereafter charge presidential and vice presidential candidates on their campaign tours.

An imperial degree, issued yesterday, dissolves the lower house of the Austrian reichsrath and directs a new election immediately.

The tobacco growers of Cuba have submitted a petition to Governor General Wood asking the removal of the export duty on tobacco.

Powder explosion at the Sterling colliery in Shamokin, Pa., set fire to mine gas. Four men were terribly burned, two perhaps fatally.

Monday, Sept. 10.

The voting population of Baltimore is 132,880, of whom 20,494 are colored.

Because he refused to marry her, Mattie Mash shot and fatally wounded William Foster at Des Moines, Ia. Both are colored.

After being idle for ten weeks the Illinois Steel company's plant of Bayview, Mich., resumed operations today with a force of 900 men.

At noon today Gen. Joseph Wheeler, commander of the department of the lakes, ceased to be an officer of the United States army, having reached the age limit of 64 years.

Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The wife of Pugilist "Kid" McCoy, who is suing for divorce, declares the Corbett-McCoy fight was "faked."

At Boston last night James L. McCusker won from Cavill, the English swimmer, the world's swimming championship.

As a result of a fight between Italians, Caesaro Ceno is dead at Hoboken, N. J., and Zana and Michael Delmonico, brothers, are under arrest.

Zed Floyd, a negro, was taken from the jail at Werumpka, Ala., late Sunday night and hanged. Floyd attempted to assault a white woman.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Sept. 10.—Flour in light demand; winter superfine, $2.40@2.60; Pennsylvania roller, clear, $3.20@3.25; city mills, extra, $2.65@2.90. Rye flour quiet and steady at $3@3.10 per barrel. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, spot, in elevator, 72¾@73c. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, in elevator, 46@46½c.; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 47c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 27⅝@28c.; lower grades, as to quality, 23@27c. Hay firm; choice timothy, $15.50 for large bales. Beef quiet; beef hams, $18.50@19.50. Pork steady; family, $15.50@16. Lard firm; western steamed, $7.15@7.20. Butter steady; creamery, 17@21½c.; factory, 14@16¼c.; June creamery, 18@21c.; imitation creamery, 15½@17½c.; New York dairy, 16½@20c.; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 24@27c.; do. wholesale, 23c. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 17@19½c.; western, regular packing, at mark, 11@17c.; western, loss off, 18@19c. Potatoes quiet; Jerseys, $1.25@1.75; Long Island, $1.50@1.75; Jersey sweets, $3.25@3.50. Cabbages quiet; Long Island, $2@2.50 per 100. Live poultry quoted at 11@13c. for spring chickens and 10@10½c. for choice western fowls. Dressed poultry (fresh killed), choice western fowls, 11c.; old roosters, 6½c.; nearby spring chickens, 13@15c.; western spring chickens, 11@13c.

East Liberty, Pa., Sept. 10.—Cattle dull and lower; extra, $5.60@5.85; prime, $5.35@5.80; common, $3.50@4. Hogs active and higher; best assorted mediums, $5.80; best light Yorkers, $5.75@5.80; best heavy Yorkers, $5.70@5.75; heavy mediums, $5.65@5.75; pigs, as to weight and quality, $5.55@5.70; common to fair Yorkers, grassers and thin pigs, $5.40@5.60; roughs, $3.50@5. Sheep firm; lambs slow; choice wethers, $4.20@4.35; common, $1.50@2.50; choice lambs, $5.50@5.75; common to good, $3.50@5.50; veal calves $7@7.50.

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