

ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE PEKING ORDERS ISSUED.

United States Legation to be Moved to Shanghai at Once—The Soldiers Will Quit China by October 1.

Telegrams from Washington, dated Wednesday, say: Within the last 24 hours the United States government has received from its representatives in foreign capitals much material information in regard to the attitude of the powers in the Russian proposal to evacuate Peking. These give the general nature of the responses made to Russia by certain of the powers. It is stated authoritatively that if there was at any time a prospect of a serious international clash, this has been very largely, not entirely, removed by the harmonious character of the communications the several governments are making.

It is reported that 2,000 Boxers have been killed and wounded in conflicts with the troops. Many soldiers have been killed and wounded in conflicts with the troops. Many soldiers have been killed and wounded in conflicts with the troops.

Unless Minister Cerny, in reply to questions sent by cable to him nearly a week ago by direct communication, gives better reasons than are now known for his continuance at Peking he will be instructed to leave the city without delay.

Gen. Chaffee's troops will escort the minister and legation to the coast. The main American military force will probably not remain in Peking, but will be sent to the coast.

Archbishop Martinelli, the papal delegate, has consented to open the cathedral at Savannah, Ga., on October 18.

At Des Moines, Iowa, Mattie Mash and her husband, William Foster, were arrested on charges of kidnapping.

South Sharon, a suburb of Maryland, has been destroyed by a fire.

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LATEST NEWS NOTES.

The mad dog panic at Wheeling, Va., is increasing.

There is an epidemic of dysentery in Mercer county, Pa., almost everywhere.

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THOUSANDS PERISHED BY FLOODS

Storm's Awful Havoc. Three Thousand Human Lives Lost in Galveston, Texas—Four Thousand Houses Wrecked by Wind and Water.

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A NOVEL WEAPON.

An Ohio Woman Terribly Slashed With a Hook Affixed to a Pole in the Hands of Burglars.

Mrs. A. F. Smith is lying at her home in Bowling Green, O., terribly injured by wounds inflicted by a large hook in the hands of a pair of burglars.

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OUR COMMERCE WITH PORTO RICO

LARGELY INCREASED. Under the New Tariff Act the Island is Making a Remarkable Showing—Acquisition by United States.

Commerce between the United States and Puerto Rico has developed rapidly since the new act went into effect on May 1, 1900.

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THE NATIONAL PARTY.

Senator Caffery of Louisiana, and A. M. Howe of Massachusetts, Nominations—Platform Opposed to McKinley and Bryan.

The National party, the official name of the third party, met in convention Wednesday in Carnegie hall, New York city, and nominated these candidates for President and vice president: Senator Caffery—Dunsmuir Caffery, of Louisiana.

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DR. TALMAGE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE. Subject: Lessons to Be Learned From the Three Crosses—The Right and the Wrong of the Cross.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The famous paintings in the picture galleries of Munich seem to have suggested the topic of this discourse, which Dr. Talmage reads from the pulpit of the Central Church, New York city.

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NEGRO EXODUS THREATENED.

Fifty Thousand to Leave North Carolina—A Dependence on New Amendment.

George White, the only negro congressman in the United States, has announced that he will give up his seat in North Carolina if the recently proposed amendment to the constitution is held valid by the courts.

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WILSON TALKS TO YOUNG MEN.

The Secretary of Agriculture Advises Boys to Make a Study of Scientific Farming.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in a speech before the Stark county, Ohio, Young Men's Association, advised the young men to make a study of scientific farming.

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