

AGAINST EXTRA SESSION

Cabinet Decides That It Is Not Yet Justified.

DISCUSSING PLANS OF CAMPAIGN.

Available Forces in United States.

Cuba and Porto Rico to Be Rushed to China—Minister Wu Hears That Massacre Story Was False.

Washington, July 18.—A decidedly more hopeful feeling with regard to the Chinese situation is apparent in all administration circles. The tide of sentiment, which had been markedly pessimistic, turned yesterday with the announcement of the victory of the allies at Tientsin and the capture of the forts and native city and gathered further strength from Minister Wu's cablegram declaring that the foreign ministers at Peking were safe July 9. Aside from these dispatches the arrival of the president and the special cabinet meeting called to consider the situation were the features of the day. They met at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, less than an hour after the president reached the White House. Over 100 newspaper men thronged the corridors while the cabinet was sitting behind closed doors. The scene resembled the hottest days of the Spanish war.

There were present Secretary Hay, Secretary Root, Secretary Long, Secretary Gage and Postmaster General Smith. At the conclusion of the session, which lasted two and one-half hours, Secretary Root gave out the following formal statement of the action of the cabinet:

"The president has determined that the facts now known to us do not require or justify calling an extra session of congress. Should future developments indicate that he is unable to do what is required with the means now at his command and the action of congress is necessary to furnish either men or money or authority he will not hesitate to call it together."

More Hopeful Feeling.

While only this meager formal statement was given out it was ascertained that the whole Chinese situation was thoroughly discussed by the cabinet. The decision that an extra session of congress was not demanded by existing conditions was the outcome of the showing which both Secretary Root and Secretary Long were able to make as to the force that can be thrown into China without the authorization of additional troops by congress and also the decidedly more hopeful feeling entertained by the president and the members of his cabinet as to the safety of Minister Conger and the other foreigners in Peking, due to the cable of Minister Wu reporting the safety of the ministers July 9, two days after their reported massacre.

While this cable is not regarded as conclusive, it is accepted in good faith for the present. But the administration, it can be definitely stated, has set in motion some machinery by which it is confidently predicted absolutely authentic news as to the fate of our minister and the other foreigners at Peking will be ascertained. Through what channel the administration expects to receive this all important news is not known, but that a definite statement of the situation in Peking is daily if not hourly expected can be stated with the utmost positiveness. The advice received from Peking probably will be the determining factor in blazing the future course of this government. If Minister Conger has been murdered, an extra session of congress seems inevitable.

To Rush Re-enforcements.

Admiral Keme's message of the success following the earlier hard fighting at Tientsin helped to relieve the anxiety of the president and his advisers, but Minister Wu's message was responsible for the really hopeful feeling that prevailed. Secretary Root furnished to the cabinet a summary of the troops available not only in this country, but in Cuba and gave it as his opinion that between 10,000 and 12,000 troops in all could be spared for service in China. These re-enforcements are to be rushed through at the earliest possible moment. Most if not all of them, it is believed, can be landed by the end of August or early in September.

The Appointment of Earl Li as Viceroy of Chihli is considered by Minister Wu as one of the most important developments in the entire situation. Chihli is the great province in which Peking is located and is the very heart of the Boxer movement, so that the great viceroy now assumes supreme power at the point of greatest danger. Minister Wu is satisfied that if Li Heng Chang had been at Peking there would have been no such outbreak as has occurred, as the viceroy is a stern military man, who believes in nipping such movements in the bud. The state department officials are anxious to accept Wu's message as accurate, but there are some grounds of doubt about it. The question naturally arises, as it has many times in the past two weeks, if the Chinese government can communicate in this way with its representatives abroad, why can it not permit the foreign ministers represented to be under its protection also to communicate with their governments?

Illinois Battery Wants to Fight.

Springfield, Ill., July 18.—Governor Tanner last evening received the tender to the government for service in China of Battery A of the Illinois national guard at Danville. The governor transmitted the communication to Washington.

Three Regiments From Indiana.

Indianapolis, July 18.—Governor Mount has telegraphed President McKinley offering the services in China of three regiments and three batteries of Indiana for protection of Americans in China.

Third Georgia Volunteers.

Athens, Ga., July 18.—Colonel R. U. Thomson of the Third Georgia regiment has offered the services of his regiment to fight the Chinese.

Lieutenant Hobson Ill.

San Francisco, July 18.—The Capt. and Lieutenant Hobson as a passenger from Honolulu for San Francisco, but he was obliged to leave the vessel at Yokohama for medical treatment. He is afflicted with oriental ophthalmia and will go from Yokohama to Tokyo to consult a Japanese specialist.

More Marine Corps Officers.

Washington, July 18.—Judge Advocate General Lemley has rendered a decision to the effect that the president has the authority to appoint 16 more second lieutenants in the United States marine corps.

THE POWERS TRIAL.

Finley Anderson Testifies That Prisoner Said He Would Kill Goebel.

Georgetown, Ky., July 18.—Not since the opening of the trial of Caleb Powers has there been a day so full of sensations and dramatic incidents as yesterday's sitting of the court brought forth. The two incidents that stand out with the greatest prominence are the testimony of Finley Anderson, the Western Union telegrapher of Barbourville, and the examination upon the witness stand of Miss Lucy Brock of London, Ky., the supposed sweetheart of Powers.

Anderson spoke of a conference among Republican leaders at the hotel of his father on the night of Jan. 3 and related a conversation between Caleb Powers and himself, which contained the most startling statement as yet testified to.

"He told me," the witness said, "that he wanted a body of a thousand mountain men to go to Frankfort in order to intimidate the legislature and, if necessary, to kill off enough Democratic leaders to give the Republicans a majority. He had another conversation with me at the telegraph office on the night of Jan. 24, when he said: 'Goebel will never live to be governor. If we cannot get some one else to do it, I will kill him myself.'"

Anderson testified to other facts of minor importance, which went to prove that Powers took an active part in having the mountain army go to Frankfort.

Following Anderson Miss Lucy Brock took the stand. She was questioned as to a conversation between herself and Caleb Powers which occurred at her home in London the day before the mountain men went to Frankfort. She said: "I remember correctly, Mr. Powers said that it was Governor Taylor who had told the men he brought to Frankfort, but Mr. Powers himself said that if Democrats did not quit robbing the Republicans he was in favor of an open declaration of war."

This closed the testimony of Miss Brock and the morning session of the court as well.

Senator Newton Frazer testified that the shot could not have come from the steps of the executive building, as he was facing the steps at the time, not 50 feet away, and they were unoccupied.

Other witnesses were Captain F. J. Hahn and James K. Watkins of Barbourville and Williamsburg, who stated that Powers wanted the companies to join the band of mountain men, and they had refused to allow it.

Bold Robbery in Jersey City.

New York, July 18.—A bold robbery and one that incidentally resulted in the death of an aged woman was committed in Jersey City yesterday. Laura Rieckhoff, 23 years old, the cashier of the Prudential Life Insurance company in Jersey City, went into the Hudson County National bank yesterday to make a deposit. She carried in her hand a grip in which was \$1,000 in cash and checks. Just as she stepped inside the doorway she felt her arm pinched, and her grasp on the bag was relaxed. At that moment the grip was snatched from her hand. Turning quickly, she saw a man run down the street, and she raised a loud cry of "Stop thief!" In answer to her cry a crowd of fully 200 persons joined in the pursuit. The thief jumped over a number of fences and finally rushed into the flat house at 101 Sussex street. In the doorway of 103 saw Mrs. Henrietta Fulding, 61 years old, an invalid. When she saw the thief running, she thought he was making for her, and giving one scream she fell back in the chair dead. The man escaped.

Boston Chinamen Address McKinley.

Boston, July 18.—The inhabitants of Boston's Chinatown all of whom have been much agitated over the reports of the outrages committed by the revolutionists in Peking and other places in the north of China, met yesterday to express their sentiments on the matter. C. W. Hoey, one of the most intelligent Chinamen in Boston and a leader in social affairs here, presided. He read a letter which had been drawn up and directed to President McKinley. The text of the letter expressed sympathy with the American people for the losses in China and said that the Chinamen of Boston are true Americans and hate those who are opposed to reform and progress in China. At the end of the meeting all of the prominent Chinamen signed the letter, and it was forwarded to Washington.

Deaths From Heat.

New York, July 18.—There was no relief for suffering New Yorkers yesterday. In fact, it was hotter than Monday, and there was scarcely any breeze. As was the case Monday, many business houses were compelled to close early in the afternoon, and it was almost impossible for laboring men to work in the streets after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. In Greater New York there were about 35 cases of heat prostration. Three persons died from the effects of the heat, and one person who had been overcome and taken to a hospital committed suicide. Officially the mercury ranged from 92 to 100 degrees between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m., but many thermometers at different points throughout the city registered as high as 106.

Appointed to Elmira Reformatory.

Elmira, N. Y., July 18.—The board of managers of the Elmira reformatory at its meeting yesterday appointed P. J. McDonnell assistant superintendent of the institution, which means that he will ultimately succeed Z. R. Brockway as superintendent. Mr. McDonnell was formerly warden of the Erie county penitentiary in Buffalo. He assumed the duties of his new position at once. No charges were preferred against Brockway, as was expected, at the meeting of the board, but it is intimated by the members that such action may yet be taken.

The Blanket Indian Trouble.

Red Lake, Minn., July 18.—A large force is being armed here in anticipation of trouble with the Blanket Indians across the lake. They were given until last night to desist from the war dance, but it is reported, they have not done so. It was rumored last night that a member of the Indian police force had been fired on from a blanket. It is feared the Canadian Indians will join the Blankets if hostilities are opened.

Killed in Three Corned Duel.

Owensboro, Ky., July 18.—In a three cornered fight at Havesville last evening between Allen and Frank Pulliam and Jack Hesson, Hesson and Allen Pulliam were killed. Hesson killed Jack C. Daniel in 1897. The Pulliams are nephews of Judge A. M. Pulliam.

Weather Forecast.

Fair; fresh to brisk southerly winds.

BREVITIES.

Hazle park has been engaged by the Highland Social Club for next Saturday evening, and the members of the club propose to conduct one of the biggest picnics ever held at the park. Special trolley cars will leave Freeland at 7.12 p. m.

Heavy thunder showers passed over the region last evening and the rain was gratefully received by those who suffered from the intense heat of the past three days. The thermometers of town yesterday registered from 110 to 112.

The Christian Endeavor Society of St. John's Reformed church last Sunday raised \$15 for the India famine sufferers.

Mrs. Edward Stehling, whose serious illness was announced on Monday, is improving and is now out of danger.

The sidewalks along a number of streets are in need of repairs. If not given attention soon, accidents to pedestrians will result and damage suits against the borough will follow.

Smoke the John Smith. At Keiper's. Attorney George T. Brown has removed his office from the Birkbeck brick to his father's property, corner of Centre and Walnut streets.

A marriage license has been granted to Eugene H. West, the popular bartender at Condy O. Boyle's hotel, and Miss Bertha C. Betterly, of Drums.

Councilman Kline is having his house remodeled and treated with a fresh coat of paint.

Mrs. William Weaver and family, of Jeddo, have moved into town.

An alley ball game for \$25 a side will be played on Saturday at Hazleton. Burns and Jacko, of Jeddo, will test their skill against Carter and Chisnell, of that city.

Jessie and Laurie Cabey, the two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Cabey, of South Birkbeck street, are recovering from a slight attack of measles.

The Ladies Aid Society of St. John's Reformed church will hold an ice cream social at the Public park in the near future.

Dwelling houses are again becoming scarce.

A young son has arrived at the home of Morgan Jones, West Walnut street.

Jacob Nagle, of North Washington street, is recovering from an attack of cholera morbus.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald's. He has a nice variety.

St. Ann's band has been engaged to furnish dance music for the White Haven Relief Association picnic at Mountain park on August 25.

Matthew Thompson, the Traction Company motorman who was running car No. 38 at the time of the collision on Sunday, has tendered his resignation, and the same has been accepted.

Morgan DeFoy, of town, had a narrow escape from drowning at Hazle park Monday afternoon. He was bathing in the pond and went down three times. He was rescued by companions.

PERSONAL.

Edgar Schmidt, who taught school the past term in Montgomery county but who has been appointed to a similar position in town, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Parry, of Elwood, Indiana, are visiting Thomas Roberts, West Walnut street.

Mrs. Lucia Reynolds, of Penobscot, is expected tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Tuttle, South Birkbeck street.

Mrs. William Roth, of South Birkbeck street, will go to Conyngham on Friday to spend a few days with relatives.

Robert Boyle, of Walnut street, is spending the week at Tamqua.

Miss Maude Schaller, of Wilkesbarre, is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Davis, South Birkbeck street.

James Boner and John Gallagher, of Adams street, are spending a two weeks' vacation at Atlantic City.

Miss Nettie Neuburger is visiting relatives at the county seat.

Miss Sarah Solt, of North Washington street, and her guest, Miss Blanche Brock, of Scranton, called on Difton and Jeddo friends yesterday.

Myron Zimmerman, of North Washington street, who has been assisting his father-in-law at Pond Creek the past two weeks, returned home last evening.

Was Not a Success.

For some reason or other, the early closing agreement has not proven a success. Nearly all the stores were more or less open for business last evening, and merchants or clerks worked until 9 o'clock or later. The promoters of the agreement claim that the movement would have succeeded had all business people been parties to it. With a few remaining open, the temptation to do likewise was too much for those who favored it.

PLEASURE.

July 21.—Trolley party of Highland Social Club to Hazle park. Round trip tickets, 25 cents.

July 28.—Trolley excursion of Fearnots Athletic Association to Hazle park. Round trip tickets, 25 cents.

ROUND THE REGION.

John Colver and Charles Pashka, Hungarians, of Wilburton, Columbia county, were given a hearing before United States Commissioner Hill, in Hazleton yesterday. The men refused to answer questions asked by a census enumerator. They were committed to jail in default of \$300 bail.

Postoffice Inspector Gorman arrested James Flaherty, Patrick Holleran and Martin Golden, of Parsons, yesterday, on the charge of robbing the postoffice at Parsons. The prisoners were held in default of \$1,500 bail.

Sam Lee, an Olyphant Chinaman, is supposed to be suffering from leprosy. The local Board of Health is investigating the case.

Michael A. Costanzo, aged 27 years, employed as a repairman on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, was instantly killed near Pottsville yesterday by an express train.

Joseph Fitlar, aged 38 years, of Stenton, was struck by the "Dorothy," the private engine of the officials of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, at Coplay, and instantly killed.

The McAdoo Industrial Works are idle, the female employes having struck for a half-holiday every Saturday during the summer months. The girls work from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The Switchback Railroad at Mauch Chunk broke its record on Sunday by carrying 3,200 passengers.

Many prostrations, in which death followed in some cases, occurred throughout the region during the past few days.

Chief of Police Ferry, of Hazleton, has received a letter from an attorney in Hartford, Conn., requesting information as to the whereabouts of August Schrimmer, a former resident of that city, to whom a large fortune is due. Efforts are being made to locate him.

The second convention of the Polish Young Men's Alliance of America is in session at Wilkesbarre. The delegates are from Buffalo, Chicago, Milwaukee, Brooklyn, Hartford and many Pennsylvania cities. The alliance is six years old, was organized in Chicago and has many members.

Motorman John Scanlan has been promoted to engineer at the power house of the Lehigh Traction Company at Hazleton, succeeding Hugh McNells, whose failing health compelled him to resign.

Sheppton is to build a \$4,000 brick school house.

Frank Eckman came east to attend the funeral of his brother, William, a justice of the peace at Trevorton, and while the mourners were on their way to the grave a detective arrested Frank for deserting his wife several years ago. Eckman was committed to jail.

Epworth League Officers.

The following have been chosen as officers of the Epworth League of the Park M. E. church:

President—William Beers.
First vice president—Carrie Welch.
Second vice president—Elmer Hinton.
Third vice president—Anna Sensesbach.
Fourth vice president—Bessie Shelhamer.
Secretary—Mabel Mismar.
Treasurer—Edward M. Jones.
Junior League superintendent—Mrs. C. O. Stroh.

Tigers vs. Plymouth.

At the Tigers park next Sunday the Tigers will cross bats with the Plymouth team, one of the strongest base ball clubs in the upper section of the county. The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

In connection with the game the Plymouth club will run an excursion to Freeland over the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

CERTAIN MATTERS.

Irish mayors are advised that in future they need not meet judges nor attend courts.

English volunteers are to be pensioned if wounded or invalidated when on active service.

The Royal Scots militia, over 600 men, at present in Ireland, have volunteered for active service.

It is said that South Africa has entirely knocked out Brazil as a diamond exporting country.

The revenue of the Manchester (England) ship canal in the last six months was \$140,591, and the expenditure \$29,806.

The Japanese House of Representatives has passed a proposal to prohibit boys below the age of twenty from smoking.

The Spanish village of Ataquines has been to a considerable extent destroyed by fire. Over 420 houses were burned.

On the opening day's sale in London of works contributed by British artists to aid the war fund, \$7,359 was realized.

Descendants of the missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands constitute about one-twentieth of the white population, exclusive of the Portuguese.

A Sheffield, England, firm has produced a steel plate three-sixteenths of an inch thick which cannot be drilled or pierced by a Lee-Metford bullet.

A sail maker in Sydney, Australia, has fallen a victim to the plague. It is believed that the infection was traceable to a dead rat.

An "authors' home," under the protection of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar is to be established in the little university town of Jena.

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