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Let the Owls Blink.

A Russian cruiser has been built in Cramps' shipyard, but has not been formally accepted by Russia. It is rumored that Russia has declared or is about to declare war against China. By a diplo-matic fiction the United States and China, whose soldiers are killing each other diligently in China, are not at war, but are on terms of the most cordial friendliness

Russia needs and probably intends to se the new cruiser in protecting American as well as her own interests in Chinese ports, yet some able sea lawyer, having nothing rational to occupy his mind, raises the point that the Variag may be contraband of war and that it ld be an unfriendly act to permit Russia to take her from an American port for use against our amiable friends, derers of China.

We are told that "diplomatic circles in Washington are gravely speculating over the outcome of this curious situa-So long as the diplomatic owls confine their activities in the matter to "grave speculation" and solemn blinking, no harm will be done, but if they go further and attempt to hinder the Russians in taking the Variag away it is to be hoped that the officials of the American government may have sufficient common sense to twist their necks, figuratively, and stop their hoot-

There is no time for pettifogging with international law or getting into a tangle of technicalities with our friends for the sake of "courtesy" to the general enemy. In times past if Russia "gravely speculated" over the outcome of ertain peculiar situations instead of ending her warships to American ports as a hint to England to keep her nose out of other people's affairs, there might have been today no United States.

It is neither necessary nor honest to do any diplomatic dodging to permit to take the Variag whenever she wants to. A fig for our "friendly relations" with the lunatic government of China. If China has the impudence to invoke the international law that she herself is violating outrageously every hour and the audacity to protest against the sailing of the Variag under the Russian flag, disdainful silence should be her answer .- Phila. North American

Popularity of Athletics.

It is an interesting evidence of the nduring popularity and importance of athletics, says an exchange, that the ancient Olympian games which delighted the Greeks should find their counter-part now in the international athletic which began in Paris recently and are still progressing. The competitors com-from all parts of the world, and so the world at large is watching the outcome.

In the end the performances of the addern young men in Paris will not be such unlike those of the ancient ath-Strength, wind and endurance. anaided by any device of modern in-vention, must determine the result, as they did in the original Olympian ames. It would be highly interesting, possible, to secure figures at this time showing how the athletes in Paris would compare with those of ancien

Up to date the Americans have wor nearly three-fourths of the prizes, showing the best results of outdoor sports and training in the gymnasium. Truly, we can afford to be considered a money-making people if we are also a nation of athletics.

TROOPS GETTING READY

Stirring Times on Governors Island.

FIFTEENTH ABOUT TO START.

Gallant Marines Also Leave For the Front-New York Scene of Military Activity Recalling Spanish War Times-Eighth Back From Cuba.

Times—Eighth Back From Cuba.

New York, July 23.—Within the last
day or two movements have been set on
foot here that will result in the almost
immediate dispatch of several thousand
troops to China, while New York has
been made the rendezvous of several
regiments that are now on the way from
Cuba and which are in the main to take
the place of troops being dispatched from

the place of troops being dispatched from various forts in the United States to China.

Two companies, E and F, of the Eighth United States regulars, which arrived from Cuba, started by rail yesterday for Fort Snelling, Minn. They comprised 240 men. There also started at the same time 130 marines, bound for the orient. Tomorrow eight companies of the Fifteenth regiment, United States infrantry, which has been stationed for several months at Governor Island, will start for San Francisco, to sail from there Aug. 1 for Manila and thence to China. The remaining companies of the Eighth regiment were delayed by a storm off Cape Hatteras and are expected to arrive here this morning and will immediately follow their comrades to Fort Snelling.

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Governors Island yesterday looked like the advanced post of an army on the march. Everything was on the qui vive. The troops, smart in their new khaki uniforms and tau colored shoes, were strolling about the grounds saying farewells to the girls they will soon leave behind them, chatting with friends and relatives about their departure or packing up the equipment of the regiment and burnishing up their bayonets and guns. The men seemed more alert than they have been for months. There was an air of expectancy about them as if they were eager to be on the way to the new fighting ground of the world's armies.

Warlike Scenes.

Soldiers were to be seen at every turn. They gathered in little groups on the Battery, stood around the dock on Governors Island, passed back and forth on the General Hancock, making that craft look like an army transport, and several hundred swarmed about the quarters of the Fifteenth regiment, packing up their tent equipments and helping get together the general bangage of the regiment.

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All the soldiers seemed to be in fine condition and exhibitanted by the prospect of soon having a chance in the field. They were bitterly disappointed, they said yesterday, because they were not sont to Cuba until after the fighting was over. The regiment, as an organization, has not yet seen service in the field, although some of its members are re-enlisted men who have seen fighting in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines or in the west. The majority, however, is composed of recruits, whose nearest approach to a battlefield was when they went into the province of Pneto Principe, Cuba, last December to garrison it.

Some of them were asked yesterday if they did not feel a trifle nervous about going to China after the terrible experience of the Ninth regiment before Tientsin.

"Not a bit," said a sergeant. "The

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"Not a bit," said a sergeant. "The more we hear about the trouble the Ninth had with the 'Chinks,' the more anxious we are to get over there and take a hand in it. We don't feel revengeful or anything like that, but we feel that we should like to be there and do some of the fightling."

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Colonel Moale, who commands the Fifteenth, is already on his way to China, having sailed from San Francisco a week ago. He will probably rejoin his regiment at Nagasaki or Tient-sin. Lieutenant Colonel Constant Williams is now the senior officer with the regiment and will command it until Colonel Moale joins it. The next in command now is Major George A. Cornish.

To Start Tomorrow.

Three companies, commanded by Captains Cook, Mitchell and Paxton, that are now acting as garrison at the island will start for San Francisco at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. A fourth company, under Captain Cotter, which has been stationed at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, will join these on the way to the Pacific. Other companies will be picked up or will assemble here before the Governors Island battallon starts and thus make up eight companies and more than 1.000 men before the regiment reaches San Francisco.

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Colonel Williams said yesterday that
his men were in excellent condition, finely
equipped in every way and all eager for
fight. He said that a few had deserted
within the last month, but they were
men the regiment could well spare, and
he would rather lagve them leave now
than waif until the regiment gets to
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than waif until the regiment gets to China. The regiment has been ordered to sail for Manila, the present base of supplies of the American army in the cast. This has caused some alarm in the breasts of the soldiers lest they be intended for service in the Philippines, but it is un-derstood by the officers that they will be hurried right through to Nagasaki, which the mikado has offered as a base for the United States troops, and thence to Tien-tsin.

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A battery from Fort Wadsworth will relieve the Fifteenth temporarily at Governors I sland today. As soon as the Eleventh regiment reaches here from Porto Rico it will be stationed at the Island and at other posts now occupied by the Fifteenth.

In heavy marching order and looking spruce in their uniforms of blue, 130 marines, the pick of Uncle Sam's fighting force at the navy yard, left yesterday morning for China.

For the marines and the officers who were in the detachment there was little out of the ordinary in their trip. It was all in the line of their duty. For their sweethearts and wives, however, it was a night of anxious waiting, and sun up found them hurrying to the navy yard to say goodby, that may shortly be followed by the news of a dear one lying cold in death in the land of the far east.

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Washington, July 23.—Five hundred marines, under command of Major Randolph Dickens, left Washington yesterday afternoon over the Chesapeake and Ohio railway for San Francisco, whence they will sail for China on an army trans-

port. Secretary Long went to the train to see them off and was much impressed. to see them off and was much impressed, he said, with their soldierly and stalwart bearing. General Heywood, commandant of the marine corps, also witnessed their departure. The marines were gathered from all the important navy yards and marine barracks on the Atlantic sea-board.

Rush to Enlist.

Chicago, July 23.—The United States recruiting offices, representing both the military and naval branches of the government, are being besieged with applications from day to day. The statement was made by the officer in charge of the military branch of the recruiting service that Chicago probably would lead the larger cities of the country in the number of men who have presented themselves for service in China during the present trouble. It is expected that the force stationed at Fort Sheridan will be force stationed at Fort Sheridan will be force of the present week, and, as a matter of fact, the naval end is simply besieged with applications.

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Victoria, B. C., July 23.—The steamer Bristol has arrived from St. Michael's after a passage of 9½ days. The passengers report new discoveries in Tanana. Urek creek claims are giving from 25 to 40 cents to the pan. A stampede to the diggings is expected. On June 15 a cave in of the bank of the Yukon buried a boat crew which is believed to number from three to five. Three bodies were recovered, but none has been identified. On June 20 a boat containing five passengers drifted out to sea from the mouth of the Yukon, and all are believed to have been lost. Four bodies of miners drowned from the capszing of boats have been picked up on the Yukon flats. A son of C. D. Lane is reported to have been shot at *Nome in a claim jumping quarrel. Passengers report over 100, if not more, cases of smallpox at Nome. The steamers Discovery, Utopia and Morning Star are quarantined at St. Michael's.

Michael's.

To Welcome Stevenson Home.
Bloomington, Ills., July 23.—It is a certainty that when Adlai E. Stevenson returns to his home in Bloomington he will receive an enormous welcome from his old richeds and neighbors, irrespective of political association. Mr. Stevenson has written that he will arrive by the Chicago and Alton at 230 p. m. on Saturday, Aug. 4. He will be conveyed at once to Franklin park, upon which the Stevenson homestead faces, and there will be formally congratulated. The chairman of this occasion will be Lawrence Weldon, judge of the United States court of claims, and an address will be delivered by Isaac R. Phillips, reporter for the state supreme court. Both Judge Weldon and Phillips are old legal associates and close personal friends of Mr. Stevenson, and both are Republicans.

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Servina King to Marry.

Belgrade, via Semlin, Hungary, July 23.—The Official Gazett this morning made its appearance unusually early with the astonishing announcement of the betrothal of King Alexander with the 36-year-old widow of a Servian physician, Dr. Maschin. Mmc. Maschin formerly was lady in waiting to former Queen Natalie, with whom for several years she has been on terms of intimacy. General amazement is manifested at the engagement, which Queen Natalie appears to favor, but the former King Milan has cut short his sojourn at Carlsbad, and has returned to Belgrade, a determined enemy to the match. It is likely that there was a violent interview between father and son when the former king arrived. A general amnesty is expected when his majesty is married.

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New York, July 23.—Richard Croker is a life saver. He will neither admit nor deny his connection with the incident. As the story goes, Mr. Croker and his friend and business partner, Peter F. Meyer, paid a visit on Friday to Lawrence Delmour at City Island. The day was warm, and a bath in the salt water was very inviting. Messrs. Croker and Meyer proceeded to bathe. They had been in the water for a few minutes when Mr. Meyer was seized with cramps. He shouted to Mr. Croker, who hastened to his side. Mr. Meyer was helpless, but Mr. Croker got him to the surface without much difficulty and started for the shore. It was no easy task, because Mr. Croker is suffering from an injured leg, but he fought manfully and soon had Mr. Meyer out of danger.

Philippines' Foreign Commerce,

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Washington, July 23.—The division of
customs and insular affairs, war department, has made public its regular monthjulletin on the subject of the trade
of the Philippine Islands for the six
months ended Dec. 31, 1899. The total
value of merchandise imported into the
islands for this period was \$11,456,670,
of which \$572,346 worth was admitted
free of duty. The total amount of import duty collected was \$2,971,706. The
total exportation from the archipelago
amounted to \$7,654,626, The export
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Strike Disturbances In St. Louis.
St. Louis, July 23.—Strike disturbances cocurred again Saturday night, and as a result the transit cars were very poorly patronized yesterday. Dynamite was placed under two cars, and the passengers were panic stricken, fleeing to the streets. In an attack on one of the cars some one in the crowd fired a revolver, and a stray bullet struck Mrs. Annie Koehlmeyer, who was passing, causing a serious wound. Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Stemmens was assaulted by a niob and badly beaten for riding on a transit car.

The Boer War.

London, July 23.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Pretoria, July 22:
"The Boers made a determined attack vesterday to destroy a post at the rail head, 13 miles east of Heidelberg, which they attacked with three guns and a pompon" and surrounded. They were, however, beaten off after a sharp engagement before re-enforcements summoned from Heidelberg arrived,"

Prominent Vermonter Dead,
Burlington, Yt., July 23.—Hon. L. E.
Chittenden, a well known lawyer, Vermont's historical writer and register of the United States treasury under President Lincoln, died at the home of his daughter in this city yesterday after a short illness of cholera morbus. He was 76 years of age, and his general health was weakened by an injury received by being struck by a team while crossing a treet in New York city.

Rumored Demand on Mr. Wu by Secretary Hay.

AMERICA ASKED TO MEDIATE.

Washington, July 22.—With the exception of the brief dispatch from Admiral Kempff announcing that the New ark was going to Nagasaki there habeen nothing received in Washingtoff by the state or nany department regarding China. This is also true of the Chinese legation, Minister Wu saying after dinner last night that he had not a word from his country. The latter continues extremely optimistic of the safety of the legations in Peking and hopes that the dispatch, from Minister Conger received here Friday is but the precursor of more detailed information of a still brighter character from the Chinese capital. Many of his callers inquired of him about the report that China had asked the United States government to exercise its good offices for his country in the present crisis, but he declined positively to make any statement on the subject.

At the Japanese legation, which has been a source of much of the news which has recenly come from China, the officials also were without advices. Nothing has been heard at the legation of the report yubished in the American newspapers that the Japanese government is about to dispatch a second division of troops from Yokohama for Chinese territory.

When Secretary Hay received the Conger dispatch on Friday, he promptly telegraphed the fact to our embassadors and ministers abroad, coupling it with instructions to lay it before the respective governments to which they are accredited and to urge upon them the necessity for co-operation for the relief of the foreigners in Peking. Several replies have been received at the state department in reponse to the secretary's dispatch, but they are withheld from publication for the present. The officials here will abate none of the efforts now making to obtain more definite news and to push forward the relief column on its way to the Chinese government to deliver Mr. Congers and his staff safe into the hands of Admiral Remey within a period linked to the staff of the legation to the coarty and the staff of the legation to the coarty and he t

friendly the state department will, it is stated, assure Minister Wu of its benevolent intentions.

Massacre Again Reported.

A report of the massacre of the foreigners in Peking has reached Newthwang. A Chinaman who has arrived there and who professes to have been a servant of a European in Peking states that he left the capital on July 12, on which date the envoys-were or had been murdered.

On the other hand, there is a new sheaf of Chinese assurance that the legations are still safe. Yans Shi Kai, according to one dispatch, now declares that "the authorities are devising means for the rescue and protection of the legations." Other advices represented the same official as wiring the British consul at Chefn that the legations had been attacked, but were safe on July 11.

Assurances of the safety of the foreign envoys were also given in London by attaches of the Chinese legation there. Sit Halliday Macartiey even went to the length of declaring that a message might be expected at any moment from Sir Chaude Macdonald and other ministers in Peking—that, in a word, the cipher dispatch from Mr. Conger was the first of a series. A similar communication was made to the French government.

In this connection it is to be noted that a Bhanghai correspondent, in a special dispatch published in this morning's Heraid, puts the date at which Mr. Conger's message was written as June 30. WashIngton officials, on the other hand, still maintain the view that the message was entirely reliable and left Peking on July 18.

The story that the dowager empress is removing the court to Hsien-fa, far away

FOR CONGER'S RELEASE TOWNE WON'T WITHDRAW.

Populists to Keep Him on Their Ticket With Bryan.

Ticket With Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., July 23.—The Populists say that Towne will not withdraw as the vice presidential candidate of that party. The official announcement has not yet been made, but it probably will be assoon as the national committee meets, some time during the week. When Towne left here ten duys ago, he was very frank in his statement that he did not wish to remain as a candidate, but was willing to abide by the judgment of the party leaders.

At that time Chairman Jones was strongly of the opinion that Towne was taking the right course, and in this opinion he was backed up by the other members of the executive committee here. Mr. Towne said he would do what Mr. Bryan said. Mr. Bryan would not say, and it was finally determined to await the state conventions of the fusion Populists. The sentiment in the former was strongly against substituting Stevenson for Towne, and the attendance at, the latter demonstrated an alarming antifusion strength.

The fact was laid before the Demoratic national committee that if Towne was withdrawn and Stevenson substituted Bryan might lose the 30 electoral votes represented by Nebraska, Kansas and the two Dakotas. In each of these the Populists are numerically stronger than the Democrats have finally acknowledged the force of the arguments, and as a result they have expressed a willingness to refer the entire matter to the Populists, with power to act and to do in each state as they advise. In Nebraska there are four Populists, three Democrats and a Silver Republican on the fusion electoral ticket. The Pemecrats have finally acknowledged the force of the arguments, and as a result they have expressed a willingness to refer the entire matter to the Populists, with power to act and to do in each state as they advise.

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BASEBALL SCORES.

Results of Yesterdny's Games In the Different Leagues, NATIONAL LEAGUE.

No games played.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Chicago—Chicago, 5; Cleveland,
At Milwaukee—Milwaukee, 6; Buff

At Detroit—Detroit, 6; Minneapolis, 4. At Kansas City—Kansas City, 2; Indi-

inapolis, 5.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

At Montreal, 9; Rochester, 9,
At Syracuse—Syracuse, 5; Hartford, 4,
At Providence—Providence, 9; Spring-field, 1.

Seld, 1.

Soldlers Who Died in Mexico,
Houston, July 23.—Colonel J. W. Sculy of the quartermaster's department, U.
S. A., has gone to Mexico to disinter and
pring back for burial in the San Antonio
government cemetery the bones of American soldiers who fell in the battle of
Bueau Vista, fought near Saltillo, Mexico, in 1846, between the Americans under General Zachary Taylor and the
Mexicans under Santa Anna. The remains of about 700 Americans lie where
they were buried on the battlefield. A
new railrond will go squarely across this
spot, and this has caused the American
government to act.

Yaquis Well Senttered.

City of Mexico, July 23.—General Luis Torres, governor of Sonora and commander in chief of the forces against the Yaquis, has come to this city to make a detailed report of the progress of the campaign to President Diaz and Minister of War Reis. From an interview with him it is gathered that the Yaquis have been pretty well scattered and broken up into small bodies and are not seriously troublesome at present. Several batches of prisoners have been sent to Guadalajara and other places with the view of making useful citizens out of them.

them.

Campania Sinks a Bark.

London, July 23.—A dense fog hung over the Irish channel when the Cunard line steamship Campania, en route for Liverpool from New York, struck the Liverpool bark Embleton, bound for New Zealand, amidships, cutting her in twain. The Embleton sank immediately. Seven of the crew were reseued, but it is believed the other 11 members of the ship's company, including the captain, were drowned. The Campania had her hows stove in, but arrived safely at Liverpool.

erpool.

Firebug Loose In Paterson.
Paterson, N. J., July 23.—A firebug turned this town upside down last night. He started seven fires in rapid succession, causing great confusion in the fire department. The apparatus were out, and they seemed to be driving in every direction, while the streets were thronged with excited persons running hither and thither as the different alarms were sent in. Police Chief Graul and Fire Chief Stagg say the same person caused four fires on Friday evening.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

The Crucible Steel Company of Amer-ca was incorporated at Trenton Satur-ay with an authorized capital stock of 50,000,000.

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A letter has been received by the director of the mint from the United States assay office at Senttle reporting that during the first 11 days of the present month gold arrivals there from Alaska amounted to \$4,400,000. Several millions are reported to be in transit.

Count Boni de Castellane, who married Miss Anna Gould of New York, fought a duel with swoods on Saturday with Count Orlowski in the outskirts of Paris. In the first assault Count Orlowski was wounded in the thorax, and the duel was stopped by the doctors. The cause of the duel was a newspaper article reciting a quarrel between the two.

RAILROAD TIMETABLES

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

May 27, 1900.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

LEAVE FREELAND.

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6 12 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Batherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Batherlown, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

7 40 a m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Pittson and Spranton.

8 18 a m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Ash in d. Weatherly, Shenandoah, Ash in d. Weatherly, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

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Oath, Mt. Carmel and Shamokin,
9 30 a m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and
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and Hazieton.

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LUTHER C. SMITH, Superintendent.

THE AFGHAN.

Lord Roberts Thought It Advisable That He Be Scrubbed.

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The following story on Lord Roberts
gained great currency in the British
army a few years ago. The dirthness
of the Afghan is proverbial, and it is
said that on one occasion General Roberts captured a soldier who was so exceptionally dirty that it was thought
necessary, for the safety of the whole
camp, that he should be washed. Two
genuine Tommy Atkinses were told off
for this purpose. They stripped the
prisoner and scrubbed at him for two
hours with formidable brushes and a
large quantity of soft soap. Then they
threw down their brushes in disgust
and went to their captain.
"What is it, men?"
"Well, sir," they replied, somewhat
excitedly, "we've washed that 'ere Afghan chap for two hours, but it does
no good. After scrubbing him, ir, until our arms were like to break, blessed
if we didn't come upon another suit of
zlothes!"—Collier's Weekly.

Admiral Dewey.



Not Dazzled by Youth.

"Yos," said a rich Oklohoma farmer to G. Lowell Miller yesterday, "I am proud of my girls, and would like to see them comfortably married, and as I have a little money they will not go to their husbands penniless. There's Mary, twenty-five years, and a real good girl. I shall give her \$5,000 when she is married. Then comes Bet, who won't see thirty-five again, and I shall give her \$10,000; and the man who takes Eliza, who is forty, will have \$15,000 with her." G. Lowell, reflecting a moment or so, then inquired: "You haven't one about fifty, have you?"—Oklahoma State Capital.