

LOOKS MUCH LIKE WAR

French Minister Ordered to Leave Bangkok.

LONDON NEWSPAPERS ARE BITTER

Say France's Action is Intended Solely for England--Sentiment all One Way.

PARIS, July 24.—The government has not yet notified the powers of an intention to blockade the Menam river. It is stated the French minister has been ordered to leave Bangkok in 24 hours. The government this afternoon notified the powers of its intention to blockade the Siamese coast without prejudice to other nations, and to secure the guarantee to which France is entitled. A cabinet council to decide on the additional measures will be held tomorrow. Arrangements are being made with other governments for the protection of French subjects during the absence of the French minister from Bangkok.

Cross Comment.
LONDON, July 22.—Commenting on the Franco-Siamese difficulty, the London Globe says: The flagrant French aggression is aimed at England. Siam is merely a pretext. Hence the duty of the British foreign office is one of extraordinary difficulty. England's place in the situation is paramount. Firmness is necessary, for doubtless the French are counting upon the feebleness of British counsel. She is not hunting for war nearer home than the Me-Kong river.

The St. James's Gazette says: One thought conveyed by Siam's reply to the French ultimatum is that she has suffered enough humiliation for a small power that has been unfortunate enough to get in the way of a big one, but France has gone forth to grab and extort her desires at the cannon's mouth. We can endure the pillage of Siam to the 18th parallel of latitude, but the pillage of Siam, China and Burmah to the 23d parallel is a different matter. We are afraid Lord Rosebery must let the governments at Bangkok and Paris know this is going a trifle too far. Such a check in the present temper of the French may have serious results.

The Pall Mall Gazette in an article headed "Blackmail" says: Siam has spoken with dignity and moderation. She gives up too much, but she does not for a moment recognize the other preposterous demands made upon her. In regard to these demands France must reckon with England. We must not hesitate to let our voices be heard. Lord Rosebery and Lord Dufferin must be alert and DeValle careful. If France cherishes the idea of bombarding Bangkok, let her remember the English gunboats in Siamese waters could blow the French gunboats off the waters in half an hour. Let France pocket her blackmail and be content.

No Excuse for France.
LONDON, July 24.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Paris says: "The tenor of the French ultimatum to Siam leaves no doubt as to France's intention. She would prefer not to receive the money down from Siam. The alternative of becoming a taxgatherer in the coveted districts of Angkor and Battambang is far more to her taste."

The Times this morning publishes an editorial which it is thought expresses the general English opinion of the merits of the Franco-Siamese dispute. In commenting on Siam's answer to the French ultimatum, the Times says: "Siam's refusal to go beyond the just and reasonable limits or to concede territory to which France never put in an effective claim until the other day, is no excuse for the measure of hostility ostensibly directed against the Siamese, but really striking at the commerce of England and other countries having commercial relations with Siam."

English Papers Are Belligerent.
LONDON, July 24.—The papers generally are commenting in a belligerent strain on the French proceedings in Siam. They declare they are really aimed at Great Britain, and must be severely checked.

The Ultimatum Rejected.
NEW YORK, July 24.—The World's Bangkok special says the French ultimatum has been rejected and diplomatic relations terminated. The French citizens have been placed under the protection of the Dutch consul.

LEAVES TOMORROW.
Diplomatic Relations Between France and Siam Suspended.

Bangkok, July 24.—M. Pavie, the French minister resident, has lowered the flag over his office and has notified the Siamese government he will leave the city to go aboard the French warship *Leconstante* Wednesday. He has requested the government to provide boats to conduct the *Lutin* and *Comete* down the river. The French subjects in Bangkok will be placed under the protection of the Dutch consul.

WILL BLOCKADE THE SIAMESE COAST.
PARIS, July 24.—The government today notified the powers that it intended to establish a blockade of the Siamese coast, without prejudice to other measures that may be taken, with the object

of securing to France the guarantees to which she is entitled. A council of ministers will be held tomorrow to decide what additional measures shall be taken to insure obtaining the guarantees from Siam. President Carnot is at Marley Leroy, and the cabinet will go there for deliberation. The ministers will meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, with President Carnot presiding.

Supposed Murderer of Sheriff Pascoe.
NEVADA CITY, CAL., July 24.—At 2 o'clock this morning a messenger arrived from Penn valley with a report that Fredericks, the murderer of Sheriff Pascoe, had attempted to kidnap the 12-year-old daughter of Supervisor Robinson. Robinson's family had been at a neighbor's house, and started home about 10 o'clock. Shortly before arriving there the little girl ran ahead and into the house, surprising a rough-looking stranger ransacking the rooms. He seized her, threw a sack over her head and carried her into the adjacent woods. She fought desperately upon first being caught, her clothing being torn to shreds. He said that he was the man accused of killing Pascoe, and would kill her too if she didn't subside. Reaching the forest she removed her struggles and managed to escape. When the family got to Robinson's house and failed to find the girl there, a search party started out, and, hearing her screaming in the woods, soon discovered her. The description she gives of her abductor tallies with that of Fredericks. Sheriff Douglass and a posse left for Penn valley immediately on the arrival of the messenger.

The Bimetallic Convention.
CHICAGO, July 24.—General A. J. Warner, member of congress from Ohio, and president of the American Bimetallic League, is here to arrange for the bimetallic convention August 1st. Over 1,000 prominent silver men are expected from all parts of the country. General Warner said today: Our convention is called to deliberate as to the course to be pursued by those opposed to the repeal of the Sherman law without a satisfactory substitute, and to give expression to public sentiment on the financial question. Steps will be taken to bring influence to bear upon congress, and to prevent the consummation of what the gold men, acting under the instigation of foreign influence, are attempting to carry out. I am confident that the Sherman law cannot be repealed without a satisfactory substitute. We believe the United States alone can maintain the parity of gold and silver at the present ratio; but, if the government cannot, we would then agree to a change of ratio.

Brighter Financial Prospects.
WASHINGTON, July 24.—As viewed at the treasury, the week begins with brighter financial prospects. A number of recently failed banks are taking the necessary steps to resume, and Comptroller Eckels is lending them all the aid possible. The First National bank of Santa Ana, Cal., which resumed Saturday, received in deposits \$42,000, while the withdrawals amounted to only \$6,000. This is regarded here as an evidence that confidence is practically restored on the Pacific coast.

TROUBLE WITH INSANE PEOPLE.
A Salem Lady's Experience With a Crazy Coachman.
SALEM, OR., July 24.—Three insane patients were received at the asylum today. One was Mrs. Mattie Keaton, of Caleb, Grant county, who says she is pursued by two girls who intend to destroy her. She is 30 years of age. Mrs. Sophia Walline of Marshfield, aged 74 years, has a desire to burn everything about her, and threatens to strike and kill her niece. She has been insane often during the past two years. Oliver Jones, a colored coachman, who had been working for J. L. Parrish three years, was committed from Salem. This morning he attempted to force Mr. Parrish's little son to drink liquor, but was prevented by its mother. Then he asked Mrs. Parrish for \$20. He was told to write a check for that amount and she would sign it. Instead he made the figure \$250, and tried to make the lady sign for that amount. Fearing that he would do her harm, she did so. He then went down town and tried to cash the same, but could not before word was sent to the banks. Later, a complaint was sworn out and he was taken before Judge Hubbard and adjudged insane.

CHANGED HANDS.

So Rumor Says of the Pacific Short Line and the Sioux City & Northern.
SIOUX FALLS, Ia., July 23.—It is said on tolerably reliable authority that the Illinois Central has closed a deal by which it takes possession of the Pacific Short Line, including the incomplete bridge across the Missouri river at this point. President Fish was here a few days ago, and is said to have relieved the Garretson combine of its lease at that time. The Journal gives it as the statement of an official of the road that the Short Line will be extended to Ogden, with probably a stub into the Black Hills within the next two years. President Hill of the Great Northern, is here and little attempt is made to conceal the fact that the Sioux City & Northern has passed into his hands. Has Asked England's Protection.
ROME, July 24.—Italy has asked England to protect Italian subjects in Siam.

TWO TRAIN WRECKS

Number of People Probably Fatally Injured.

MAIL CLERK INSTANTLY KILLED

CLEVELAND, July 25.—The world's fair excursion train on the Baltimore & Ohio road was wrecked near Akron this morning. Three coaches were derailed by spreading rails and thrown over an embankment. It is reported that many are seriously injured, but none were killed outright. In all twenty-one persons were seriously hurt, three fatally. Physicians were at once sent from Akron, and the injured taken to the hospital in that city. The accident was due to defective ties on a sharp curve. Most of the passengers were from Washington and Baltimore. The fatally injured are: J. H. Merck, Humesston, Ia.; Gudson Hunt, Philadelphia; Leta Hunt, Baltimore.

Ran Into a Freight Car.

BOSTON, July 25.—The New York mail train on the Providence division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was derailed at Dodgeville about 1 o'clock this morning. The engine and two forward cars were thrown from the track within a stone's throw of the station. A freight train from Boston switched off some cars at Dodgeville, and one was left on the main track in the way of the mail train. The train was making forty miles per hour when it met the obstruction. The engine was badly damaged, and the forward cars were completely wrecked. A mail clerk named C. J. Miller, belonging in New York, was instantly killed. Another clerk named Murphy was seriously hurt. Several passengers were injured—none seriously.

Killed by Cowboys.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 25.—News has reached this city of a conflict between cowboys and Mexican sheepherders on St. Augustine plains in Socorro county. Three unknown cowboys rode up to several sheepherders and began abusing and hitting them with their whips. Antonio Labato, one of the men abused, offered resistance and struck one of the cowboys, when the latter commenced shooting, one shot taking effect in the lower part of his body. The cowboys then rode off, and the companions of the wounded man took him to Socorro, where he died. For the past few years there has been bad blood between these men, and it is feared that the present killing will result in more bloodshed.

THE DEADENED CHOLERA.

Emigrants Preparing to Leave the Stricken Districts.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Surgeon-General Wyman has received the following cablegram from Assistant Surgeon C. B. Young, of the marine hospital service, at Naples: "Cholera prevails, and the condition is becoming worse. A large number of emigrants are leaving for America. Isolation on shore is impossible. The authorities refuse to permit detention on board. Passengers are transferred from train to ship, and isolation on the way is imperfect." To this Dr. Wyman sent the following: "Refuse a bill of health unless all regulations are complied with. Inform the companies that full fines will be imposed without bills."

Only Missionaries.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—So far as the state department is informed, there are no American citizens residing in Siam, except missionaries. It is not believed to be necessary to take any special measures for their protection. The United States has no representative in Siam and the consul-general at Bangkok, Mr. Boyd, is in this country at present, leaving the office in charge of his son, the vice-consul. If the welfare of our missionaries should be threatened, which is unlikely, they can without doubt secure protection on application to the minister of some other nation, as will be the case with the French residents. The commercial interests of the United States in Siam are insignificant, the exports being very few and the imports being made up of teak wood, used in shipbuilding, and some trifles of oriental and Malayesian decorative work.

The Behring Sea Arbitration.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 24.—Advices from Paris point to the probability of the Behring sea arbitration not reaching an award until late in August. The indications are regarded as not so favorable for the British case as a few weeks ago. It is feared the attitude of the British government in Siam is a question likely to affect French influence upon the arbitration.

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THE SILVER QUESTION.

The Reason Free Coinage Was Stopped in India.
NEW YORK, July 24.—Richard Lacey has received a letter on the silver question from Richard Lacey Everett, M. P. Cable reports of the proceedings in parliament have mentioned Everett several times as interrogating Gladstone. Everett's letter is as follows:

The feeling of many friends of the free coinage of both metals in England, that both should be a full legal tender, is strong against the action of the government as to India. First—Because it had taken a step of world-wide importance without consulting parliament, though parliament was sitting at the time. Second—Because, having in the early part of the session indignantly denounced "tampering with currency," it has now tampered with it in a way that adversely affects the dumb, helpless millions of India. Third—Because it did all it could to frustrate coming to an international agreement as to silver and gold at Brussels, while it now seeks to carry out bastard bimetalism between India and England by their joint action alone. Fourth—Because, having rallied at the folly of an idea attempting to fix an artificial value for one metal, it is now aiming at that very thing. Fifth—Because a further new demand for gold will be created by what is proposed, thus artificially further raising the value of that metal, and by consequent forcing down of the prices of commodities, to the further depression of industry and adding to the burden of all debts.

Sixth—Because new difficulties will be created between India and China, Japan and other silver-using countries. Seventh—Because the new policy tends to restrict the supply of money, instead of leaving it free and automatic. We look anxiously now to see what the United States will do. We earnestly hope free coinage at the same ratio will be America's answer. The supreme aim of the moneyed classes and the London press is to restrict the supply of money so as to enrich the owners of it at the expense of the raisers of produce and the owners of land and other real property. We hope the sharp intelligence of your people, in the main a nation of producers and land owners, will see through this cruel game of the moneyed classes and frustrate it. The miseries of the agricultural classes here are indescribable, but they do not clearly see why it is their prices are forced down to their ruin, so that it is difficult to get them moved. With the American farmers sharper, I hope our salvation will come from you.

The Crops in the Middle Northwest.

ST. PAUL, July 25.—Five days of the hottest weather known in the northwest in 10 years has seriously damaged the wheat crops. In some sections it is still in the milk, and the temperature, 94 to 106, has practically ruined a large portion of it. Farmers figure on only 40 to 60 per cent of a crop. Hundreds of acres, choked up with weeds, have been plowed up. The situation in North Dakota is worse than in Minnesota. Estimates of the crop run as low as 25,000,000 bushels. The average yield is scarcely above eight bushels per acre. The potato crop is also being ruined by the drouth.

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A Good One on Adial.

Judge Burnett told a good story on Adial while en route from Salem to Portland yesterday, according to the Telegram. He says that when Mr. Stevenson reached Missouri he told the people that if he ever left Illinois he would come to Missouri; that he told the people of New Mexico the same thing, and likewise the people of Arizona and California. When the party reached Needles the thermometer registered 120 deg. in the shade, and the members of the party were wondering if the vice-president would tell the people there that if he ever left Illinois he would come to Needles. "But he didn't," said the judge. "There were about 25 Indians standing around wearing nothing but blankets, and Mr. Stevenson, instead of telling them if he ever left Illinois he would come to Needles, told them if he ever changed his garb he would adopt theirs."

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