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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Count von Waldersee started for China.

Roumania and Bulgaria are on the verge of war.

The emperor and empress dowager have left Peking.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, will support McKinley.

A tornado did great damage in several Wisconsin towns.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls left an estate valued at \$250,000.

Japanese are beginning to distrust the Continental Europeans.

Chicago's population as shown by the United States census, is 1,698,575.

More rebels are reported to have surrendered in the United States of Colombia.

A drunken Kansas doctor killed three persons, and was shot dead by a sheriff's son.

William M. Johnson, of New Jersey, succeeds Perry Heath as assistant postmaster-general.

Lord Roberts issued a proclamation prescribing severe penalties for Boers who violate their oaths.

Estimates of the shortage in the Pacific coast salmon pack vary between 600,000 and 1,000,000 cases.

A postoffice employe killed a Kansas City woman and wounded her husband as a result of a quarrel over rent.

The Chinese government asks that Conger or some other American be appointed to open peace negotiations.

The Willamette valley hop crop is practically out of danger. The yield will be heavy and prices are advancing.

The state board of agriculture orders the erection of 150 additional stalls for livestock exhibit at the state fair at Salem, Or.

The reported of the plague in Manila for the two weeks ending July 17, as just reported to the marine hospital service, is seven new cases and five deaths. Of the new cases four were Filipinos and three Chinese.

The Kansas City firemen, in a class created at the Paris exposition for paid firemen, won the world's championship cup. The officers received gold medals, and silver medals and the money prize, 600 francs, was divided among the officers and men. The minister of war, General Andre, presented the prizes to Captain Hale. Portugal won the volunteer championship.

American troops shared in the assault on Peking.

Fire in Wellington, Ohio, caused a loss of \$50,000.

Frenchmen accuse England of duplicity at Shanghai.

Unirrigated crops in Idaho are suffering from drought.

Another attempt was made to assassinate the shah of Persia.

The Typographical Union has refused to enter the political field.

Two persons were killed in an accident at the Paris exposition.

The population of Greater New York is shown by the census to be 3,437,202.

Four deaths and 15 prostrations as a result of another hot wave in Chicago.

Steel mills at Wilmington, Delaware, shut down, affecting 1,500 men.

The Shanghai muddle is beginning to assume a serious aspect, international troops being landed.

Puget sound salmon pack for this season is about 199,000 cases, compared with 328,000 for 1899.

Philip Koenigberger, a New York tobacco dealer, cut his throat in a barber shop in San Francisco.

Caleb Powers was convicted of complicity in the Goebel murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Lord Roberts will be recalled from Africa in October and appointed commander-in-chief of the British army.

War in China caused the closing of a large mill in Biddeford, Me., throwing 3,000 hands out of employment.

Shipments of lumber from the state of Washington for the year just ended amount, approximately, to \$7,500,000.

Foreign anarchists, said to have come to this country to assassinate President McKinley, are under arrest at New York.

Ex-President Ignacio Andrade, who was deposed from the presidency of Venezuela and succeeded by Cipriano Castro, the present incumbent, is dead.

A forest fire near Encampment, Wyoming, has burned over a territory eight by 10 miles in extent and now threatens two towns. Two thousand sheep and one man have perished in the flames.

LATER NEWS.

Borala won the \$10,000 trotting stakes at Readville, Mass.

The Russian expedition to China consists of 375,000 troops.

Wisconsin Democrats and Populists fused on presidential electors.

Eight thousand Boers, with artillery, are assembled at Machadodorp.

Cables are received announcing the safety of missionaries at Peking.

Carl Smith, the well-known American sculptor, died at Copenhagen.

Two persons were killed and many wounded by a mob at Akron, Ohio.

Americans attacked the imperial palace in Peking and captured four courts.

The United States' reply, rejecting the Chinese offer, was sent to Li Hung Chang.

Louis G. Bohmrich was nominated for governor of Wisconsin by the Democrats.

The population of Philadelphia, according to the United States census, is 1,283,697.

Three persons were burned to death at Denver from efforts to kindle a fire with coal oil.

An anarchist meeting held in Berlin was dispersed by the police, who arrested the speakers.

Captain H. J. Reilly, of the Fifth United States artillery, was killed in the assault on Peking.

United States Consul Fee, at Bombay, India, reports to the state department that cholera is raging there.

United States Marshal Hasey, of Ketchikan, Alaska, shot and killed Dan Robinson, a cannery boss, while the latter was resisting arrest.

The vast makers of New York city have won their strike for the union scale of wages and the 10-hour working day. The strike affected 2,000 men, women and girls.

Fire in the immense elevator of the American Cereal Company at Akron, Ohio, damaged the plant \$75,000. A hundred and fifty thousand bushels of grain were ruined.

King Oscar, of Sweden, has formally agreed to act as arbitrator of the claims for compensation for losses sustained by British and German subjects and American citizens in Samoa.

During the last few weeks duels have been a perfect slaughter in Italy. As many as four duellists were killed in one day. During the last year 2,400 duels have been fought in Italy, and 480 deaths have resulted. Most of these combats were between army officers and based on the most trivial pretenses.

The foreign envoys are on their way to Tien Tsin.

The flags of the allies float from the Peking imperial palace.

Two men went insane in Des Moines, Ia., on account of heat.

Five men were smothered in a coal mine at Issaquah, Wash.

Fitzsimmons refused to take \$100,000 to lose his fight to Sharkey.

Forest fires caused \$10,000,000 damage in Colorado and Wyoming.

Seven persons were killed in a freight train collision at Kenosha, N. Y.

The new treaty with Spain has been signed by Minister Storer at Madrid.

The United States government has rejected Li Hung Chang's peace terms.

Democratic papers demand the withdrawal of American troops from China.

Six men lost their lives by the caving in of a well at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Chinese viceroys ask that no indignities be shown the emperor and empress.

Intense heat killed four persons in St. Louis, where the thermometer registered 99 degrees.

The transport Sherman left San Francisco for Nagasaki with 1,600 officers and men for China.

Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is engaged to Prince Frederick Adolf, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

St. Paul's population, according to the United States census, is 163,632; that of Minneapolis, 202,718.

Several lives were lost and much property destroyed by terrific electrical wind and rain storms in Maryland.

Colonel Marchand, of French Fashona fame, has been appointed to the general staff of the China expeditionary force.

One fireman dead, four injured and \$30,000 worth of property destroyed is the work of a fireing in two fires at Peoria, Ill.

Operations have been resumed at all the factories of the National Glass Company at Pittsburg. The resumption gives employment to 4,000 men.

Sol Bloom, a music publisher of Chicago, has brought suit for \$25,000 damages against the Union restaurant and hotel for refusing to serve him while he was clad in a shirt waist and minus a coat. The manager of the restaurant, when questioned regarding the refusal, said that patrons wearing shirt waists would only be served at tables adjoining the main dining room. No person would be permitted to enter the dining room unless wearing a coat.

EARL LI'S OFFER REJECTED

United States Cannot Accept His Offer.

CHINA HAS NO GOVERNMENT

United States Will Act With Extreme Caution in Whatever Action It May Take on the Matter.

Washington, August 23.—The cabinet session today practically opened the consideration of the momentous questions growing out of the capture of Peking and the war in China. Until today's session the absorbing question has been the safety of Minister Conger and the legation in Peking. Now, however, that has given place to problems of a more intricate and far-reaching character, touching the existence of the Chinese empire and the part which the American government is to take in the reconstruction of that country.

The meeting today was devoted entirely to the Chinese situation. Secretaries Hay and Root, who have been most active in directing affairs, were absent from the city, so that the attendance was comparatively small, the president having with him Secretaries Gage, Hitchcock and Wilson and Postmaster-General Smith. Several questions were awaiting attention.

Earl Li's Offer Rejected.

First of these was the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of Minister Conger or some other commissioner to negotiate for the cessation of hostilities. The decision arrived at was to reject the appeal, and a reply of this character will be sent to Minister Wu, to be forwarded to Li Hung Chang. The moving cause for this action is that this government is at present very much in the dark as to whether there is any existing government in China. With the capital in the hands of the allies, the emperor and empress dowager fugitives in hiding, and the entire governmental fabric paralyzed, there is no evidence of an authority adequate to conduct negotiations and secure results which will be final and binding.

It was stated by members of the cabinet that the Chinese establishment, instead of being a government, appears to be an enormous headless affair, without knowledge of what is for its best good, and without power to enforce its wishes. With the recognized ruler in flight, no one seems to know if anybody is directing its affairs. As China is an absolute monarchy, without any executive branch, the emperor and empress dowager are all-powerful, and practically they are the empire of China. Under the present remarkable conditions, the United States will act with extreme caution in whatever steps it may take toward a solution of the pending problems.

In the meantime there is reason to believe that the United States and all the other powers interested will keep their armed forces on the ground, so that order may be maintained and at least a semblance of stable government brought out of the existing chaos.

Freight Train Collision.

New York, August 23.—In a freight train collision at Kenosha, N. Y., tonight, seven persons were killed and others are missing. Kenosha is on the Harlem division of the New York Central railroad, about 16 miles from New York. At 8:30 tonight, while a freight train was standing at the depot, a second freight dashed into the rear end of it. The engine of the second train smashed the caboose of the first train and then turned over. Reports from the scene of the accident say that the engineer and fireman of the second train are dead under the wreck, and two others of the train crew are buried in the debris. So far as can be learned the accident was caused by the engineer of the second train running past a block signal that had been set against him.

Minnesota Butcher Caught.

St. Paul, August 23.—An Arlington, Minn., special to the Dispatch says: Wallert, who yesterday butchered his wife and four step-children and seriously wounded another 16-year-old step-son, was captured this morning in a barn on the place of his sister, Mrs. Steinborn, about two miles from the scene of the crime. He was hidden under a manger. Wallert made a somewhat incoherent confession, but became more confused under questioning. When Wallert, in custody of officers, passed through where the bodies of the murdered family lay, a hastily organized crowd attempted to lynch him, but he was taken away in safety by the officers.

Woman Killed by a Burglar.

Pittsfield, Mass., August 23.—Miss May Fosburg, the 24-year-old daughter of R. L. Fosburg, a contractor of Buffalo, N. Y., was shot and killed early this morning by a burglar. Her brother, E. F. Fosburg, was badly beaten by one of the men, whom he tried to capture. There were three of the burglars and all escaped. Mr. Fosburg is living in this city while engaged on some work for an electrical company.

IN THE FORBIDDEN CITY.

Americans Attacked the Imperial Palace in Peking.

London, August 24.—"Today 1,500 Americans attacked the imperial palace," says a dispatch to the Morning Post from Peking, dated August 15, "and captured four of the courts. The American flag is flying over the imperial granary and the imperial bank has been looted."

Describing the relief, the Daily Mail's correspondent cables:

"August 12, the Tsung li Yamun requested a conference with a view to peace. No armistice was granted, however, and that night we endured the longest fusillade of the whole siege. It lasted 12 hours. August 13 the Tsung li Yamun begged to be excused from any conference, saying that the members were too busy. Later they wrote that they had forbidden firing on us and would court-martial any who disobeyed. During the evening many shells fell in the legation grounds."

The Daily Chronicle publishes an interview with the Japanese minister in London, which represents him as having said:

"The empress is the heart and soul of China. As long as she lives, so long as she remains in China, whether the supreme power is taken from her or not, she will always be the greatest force, the one above all others to be reckoned with. The difficulty will be to get any one who can speak for her. I fear that the powers must come to a final understanding quickly. Riots, anarchy, bloodshed and misery throughout China will be the inevitable result of the policy that does not immediately disclose itself. The government must be re-established."

The Japanese envoy expressed his approval of the reported American suggestion regarding a conference of the powers and said he believed that satisfactory pecuniary compensation could be secured, despite the fact that the revenues are pledged.

Field Marshal von Waldersee, expresses the opinion that his labors in China will be of long duration, "as pacification will be a difficult undertaking."

Three hundred and seventy-five thousand Russian troops are already in the far East or already on the way there by land and sea and under orders to embark.

BOER FORCES MASSED.

Eight Thousand of Them Are Gathered at Middelburg.

Tweedejaar, August 24.—Through secret intelligence agents, the British authorities learn that General Louis Botha, the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces; General Lucas Meyer, the commander of the Orange Free State forces, and General Scheiburger, vice-president of the Transvaal republic, with 8,000 Boers, have assembled at Machadodorp (generally understood to be the headquarters of President Kruger, on the Pretoria-Delagoa bay railroad), with the whole Boer artillery, including the heavy pieces formerly at Pretoria.

Pretoria Plotters Convicted.

Pretoria, August 24.—The trial of Lieutenant Cordua, formerly of the Transvaal artillery, on charge of being concerned in the plot to kidnap General Lord Roberts, was concluded today.

The prisoner was found guilty of all the counts in the indictment against him, but sentence was deferred until the findings of the court shall have been confirmed by Lord Roberts.

Colonel Godfrey, the judge, in summing up, caused a sensation by declaring that a violation of parole was punishable with death. His speech, which dilated on the weakness and vagueness of the prisoners' defense, was listened to with profound interest by the audience, which was mostly composed by men of Dutch birth. A period of 45 minutes was occupied in considering the verdict.

Motorman Responsible.

St. Louis, August 24.—In a verdict rendered today the coroner's jury, which has been hearing an inquest over the remains of Blanche E. Ince, who was beheaded in an accident on the Transit line Sunday, finds Motorman W. H. Gilbert guilty of criminal carelessness. Gilbert was locked up by the police. A crowd of South siders who saw the accident made an attempt to lynch the motorman Sunday, but he escaped.

Expectations From Cuba.

Washington, August 24.—According to a statement made today by the division of customs and insular affairs of the war department, the total exportations from Cuba through the port of Havana for the seven months ending July 31, 1900, was \$16,698,605, as against \$16,796,971 for the same period last year, a decrease of \$98,366. The total exports from Havana for the month of July alone were \$2,237,864.

Dakota Crops Damaged.

St. Paul, Minn., August 22.—Specials to the Dispatch tell of heavy damage to property and crops in North Dakota by severe electric storms. At Nicholson, Towel and other places many buildings were wrecked and cars lifted from the track by the fierce wind. The rainfall was over two inches.