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The President's Vacation. CANTON, O., July 1.-President Mc-Kinley had a day of almost unbroken rest in his home city. After the mail which came from Washington was disposed of and the commissions it contained signed and dispatched to Washington, no official cares were thrust on him. There was all the evening an almost unbroken line of bicycles and pleasure carriages passing the house. Many neighbors and friends dropped in during the day and evening

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 2-The total umber of bubonic plague cases reported nce Junuary 4 is 224. The fatal cases Memorial to Cant.

HELSINGFORS, Finland, July 1.—The Firmish Secarte has addressed a memorial to the Czar, declaring its imbility to promulgate the importal rescript regarding the imtroduction of the Russian language in Fisland, the limitation of the right of public meeting, and the granting of the right of Russians to carry on certain trades prohibited to Finns. Teachers From Caba.

BOSTON, July 2.—The United States Army transport Sedgwick, having on board more than 600 female teachers from Cuba, being the third of the feet bringing the instructors to this country for a season of study at Harvard University's Summer school, arrived today. Two more transports are yet to come.

Nebraska Delegates Arrange for a Climax to Nomination.

KANSAS CITY IS FILLING UP

Bill's Trip to Lincoln Came to Naught-Preliminary Work of the Convention Begun.

KANBAS CITY, Mo., July 2.—The throb and thrill of a great National assem-blage is beginning to take possession of this young Queen City of the Southwest. Throughout the day there has been a steady tramp, tramp of incoming thou-sands by every train, choking the railroad stations with a traveller travelers. stations with a struggling, travel-stained and sweitering throng, filling the streets with slow-moving, jestling crowds, emptywith slow-moving, jesting crowds, empty-ing into the hotel lobbies, where, amid cigar smoke and plies of baggage and the shout of badge-venders, the currents of carnest and excited men eddy into groups, declaiming the merits of candidates and Issues, arguing, protesting, ges-

The delegates have been arriving in scattered lots, some of them with bands and banners to add sound and color to the animated scene. Among the day's arrivals are many of the interesting figures of the party, including the smooth-faced, ministerial-looking Oldham, of Newborth and the state of the party including the smooth-faced, ministerial-looking Oldham, of Newborth and the state of the brasks, who will make the speech placing Mr. Bryan in nomination; Hill of New York, weighted with his long conference with Bryan at Lincoln, and weary with three days of constant travel; Perry Belmont, of New York, well groomed and debonair; Teller of Colorado, with his Jackson-like face, thin and worn; Senator Money, of Mississippi, tall and gaunt, with a strong contingent from the far South; a distinguished Populist trio, Sentators Allen, Heitfeld and Harris, here to aid the cause of Towne; John P. Altgeld, of Illionis, brown and smiling under his broad-brimmed panama; Governor W. W. Smith, of Maryland; the close confidant of Gorman; Arthur Bewall, the Maine shipbuilder, who ran with Bryan four years ago, and that unique figure of the Senate, who has brought excite-ment and sensation to its deliberators, Senator Pettigrew; Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, heading the delegation of "regulars," with two brass bands and an abundance of enthusiasm.

With this influx of leaders and delegates, the holding of caucuses and the organization of state delegations has begun under hot and oppressive conditions. It has been a sticky, nuggy day, with the sky overcast and threatenening and the air heavily charged with moisture, giving promise of humidiation ahead.

Convention Work Begins.

The great work of the convention began oday with a meeting of the National nittee to determine contests and secommittee to determine contests and se-lect temporary officers. Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, the choice for temporary chairman, is a German-American, reput-ed to be an orator of fine presence and effective Selivery. Tonight the National committee had a private dinner, a sort of family conference, as the guest of Daniel J. Campau, while great crowds of dele-gates and spectators centered at Con-vention Hall, which was formally opened with a band concert. The vast structure vention Hall, which was formally opened with a band concert. The vast structure is still surrounded with the debris of construction, an army of workmen and decorators are busy inside, but there is no soubt it will be complete and ready for the convention hosts by Wednesday morning. The Monetary League has been been supported to the convention of the convention hosts by Wednesday morning. its sessions today, with "Coin" Harvey and Mr. Towns as attractions, but this

The dominating influence of Mr. Bryan over the convention has been made mani-fest, causing some concern and just a little rebellion in some quarters. It is not by any authoritative or formal words or actions by him that this influence is exerted, but in ways none the less effective. Its importance, however, has not been so much in disclosing how strong a hand Mr. Bryan holds on the convention's course, as in showing that there is little likelihood of a modification or dilution of the silver plank.

arrival of the Nebraska delegation. fresh from conferences with the leader, was mainly instrumental in showing Mr. Bryan's attitude. They were hardly off Bryane attitude. They were hardly off the cars before they met in caucus and formally put forward a deciaration of principles. This expressed unalterable opposition to any surrender of the prin-ciple of himetalism, and a demand for a financial plank making a specific piedge for the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 15 to 1. inde-pendently of what any other mation may pendently of what any other mation may

The resolution was accepted as little short of notice to other delegations as to the sentiment of men very near to Mr. Some of them had just left him. and Judge Tibbets, head of the delegator-at-large, dined with Mr. Bryan and Governor Hill at Lincoln last night. "The platform must be straight out for 18 to 1; there is no question as to that," said Judge Tibbets. A like view was expressed by R. L. Metcalf, who will represent Nebraska on the platform committee. "I will urge that the financial plank of of the Chicago platform be reaffirmed and repeated," said he, "not necessarily in the same words, but in the same spir-it, with a declaration for free coinage at 16 to 1 without regard to the action other nations. Less than that would be weakness."

Bill's Trip Pruitless. The return of Senator Hill without tangible result which he was willing to disclose made it plain that his conference with Mr. Bryan at Lincoln had come to naught, and it served also to emphasize general feeling that Mr. Bryan would not tolerate any temporising on the platform. The Senator came back from Lin-coln on the car with the Nebraska delegation, mingled with them and exchanged But there was no evidence of the slightest sympathy among them for him as the companion of Bryan on the ticket.
"For the reason," as Judge Tibbets explained, "that Mr. Hill would not accept a nomination under the circumstances."

But the influence of Mr. Bryan over the convention and his unwavering insistence on 16 to 1 has created a counter move. This is among the practical politicians of the party, the leaders who run campaigns to secure votes. They want no surrender of silver, neither are they seeking immolation at this one altar. They seek compromise, concession and such a harmonis-ing that all sections can be brought together. As a result of this strong and growing sentiment, definite and urgent representations have been made to Mr. Bryan in the interest of harmony and moderation on the platform. The bearer of these overtures is James Kerr, secre-tary of the Congressional campaign committee, who is with Mr. Bryan in Lincoln miners today after conferring with the leaders consist here. It is certain that he reflects the mand.

strong sentiment of his own state, Penn-sylvania, and other Eastern localities, and it is understood that his mission has the sympathetic approval, if not the pos-litive authority, of the most influential party leaders now assembled here, includ-ing practically the entire membership of the executive committee except William

From what has developed today, how-ever, the mission is likely to prove no more productive of harmonizing results than the pilgrimage of Hill. Indeed, this feeling is so universal that the Eastern delegations reached a practical determination today to accept the inevitable and to confine their efforts to the platform committee, thus keeping the subject from becoming a source of discord on the floor

Vice-Presidential Talk. Quite independent of the Bryan influ-ence, the several Vice-Presidential movements have had varying fortunes during the day. Mr. Shively, of Indiana, retired finally and imperatively, so announcing his decision at the caucus of the Indiana state delegation, where he was taken at his word. The Hill movement, on the other hand, showed decided progress, not-withstanding the chill of the Lincoln conference. Arriving delegations showed marked favor, even enthusiasm, for him. Theseenator's pariors were besieged by hundreds of delegates and callers from Ohlo, Indiana, Pennsylvania and many other states. Among the steady stream of callers came ex-Governor Altgeld, a strong personal admirer of Hill, and O. H. P. Belmont and Elliott Danforth, both of the latter being Vice-Presidential possibilities. The Danforth movement took on some impetus when it became known that Illi regarded him as the best suited to go with Bryan on a straight-out silver platform. Mr. Towne profited materially during the day through the active work of the Nebraska delegation, who came in wearing "Bryan and Towne" badges. When James C. Dahlman, the next Na-tional committeeman from Nebraska, and a close friend of Mr. Bryan, was asked if this meant that Mr. Bryan was for

Towne, he said: "I have talked with Mr. Bryan re-cently and I think his attitude could be summed up in about this way: He is not favoring any one candidate. He wants us not to make all us not to make our wishes too promi-nent, as it will look as if they reflected his views, whereas he wants to keep en-tirely out of the Vice-Fresidential con-But we feel that we should express views for Towne, who is a favorite with most of the delegates and our work will be for him."
When Mr. Dahlman was further asked

when Mr. Daniman was further asked if Mr. Bryan opposed any particular man because of his financial views, he said:
"There is no opposition by name. But Mr. Bryan wants a man who can stand with him, firmly and fully, on the 16 to 1 platform, for that is what the pigtform will be Without discussing individuals." will be. Without discussing individuals, I think it can be put down that no man out of sympathy with such a platform will be nominated for Vice-President. The platform is more to Mr. Bryan than Vice-Fresidential candidates."

Bryun May Be on Hand. Mr. Dahiman also gave definite assur-ance of a dramatic climax to the nomina-tion of Mr. Bryan by his appearance on the floor of the convention with a speech that will electrify the convention and serve as a campaign keynote.

"We are going to insist on his coming down and appearing before the conven-tion," said Mr. Dahlman. "The Nebras-ka men will see that a resolution is passed inviting him here, and you may rost as-sured he will come, although he is per-sonally disinclined to do so." The suggestion that Mr. Bryan's nomi-

The suggestion that Mr. Bryan's nominating surrounded with the debris of truction, an army of workmen and rators are busy inside, but there is no it it will be complete and ready for convention hosts by Wednesday morn. The Monetary League also began to carry the plan into execution. As it is well understood that his selection would not be satisfactory to Mr. Bryan, and it is well understood that his selection would not be satisfactory to Mr. Bryan, and it is well understood that his selection would not be satisfactory. Fourth, and the convention, has met the approval of very many of the leaders and delegates already here. Agrangements are being made to carry the plan into execution. As it has deep the satisfactory to Mr. Bryan, and the would not be satisfactory to Mr. Bryan, would not be satisfactory to Mr. Bryan, and the satisfactory to Mr. Br now appears, the one obstacle that may arise to prevent the nomination from be-Aside from the formal proceedings, the day has brought many developments and some surprises in the general situation.

The dominating influence of Me Decoupled in the party to agree upon the platform to be adopted. Even that may not prevent it.

cratic leaders who went to Lincoln to see Mr. Bryan, a story with decidedly sensational features has been in circulation. According to the statements, if the com-mittee on resolutions reports simply an indorsement of the Chicago platform, without reiterating 16 to 1, Mr. Bryan may come here, and on the floor of the con-vention, offer an amendment and make a speech in favor of his favorite ratio. Should the convention fail to act favor-ably on his amendment. It is said he will be compelled to decline the nomination on the floor of the convention. At a meeting of the Nebraska delega-

tion today, called expressly for the pur-pose of making clear its position upon the financial question, the following specific deciaration in favor of the 16-to-1 proposition was adopted unanimously: "Resolved, That the Nebraska delega-

tion to the Democratic National Conven-tion is unalterably opposed to any sur-render of any of the principles of bimetalism, and is heartly in favor of inserting in the National platform a plank specifically pledging the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independently of what any other nation may do."

The significance of the utterances subsequently was emphasized by the pains taken by the members of the delegation to secure its wide and prompt distribution among the delegates and newspaper men. James Dahlman, who has been selected by the Nebraska delegation as that state's representative on the new National committee, made the positive statement to-day that the delegation was a unit in faof the nomination of Mr. Towne for Vice-President, Towne campaigned Ne-traska last year, and Mr. Dahlman says that his work on the stump gained for the Democratic party thousands of votes.

### TOWNE BOOMERS NEEDED. Minnesota Delegation Received Or-

ders to Hurry Up. ST. PAUL, July 2.—The state delegates to the Kansas City convention today received a message from Messrs, Rosining and Roxboro, who are at Kansas City, indicating that there is warm work before the Minnesota delegation, presuma-bly in the interest of Mr. Towne's cangation to be called together immediately and notified them to come by first train, as it was vitally important to be on the ground early Wednesday. Mr. Lane, sec- of the Democratic leaders have agreed retary of the State Central Committee, wired the delegates to come to St. Paul and start immediately. They went out this evening by the regular Great West-

At Democratic headquarters this move-At Democratic headquarters this movement from Kansas City is' deemed encouraging to the interests of Minnesota's candidate for Vice-President—Mr. Towne, fairly and with due consideration. He The special train engaged by the Silver Republicans will leave tomorrow after-

Labor Troubles In Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 2.—All the union miners in Alabama, about 10,000 in number, suspended work today pending cersions. The operators refuse this de-

Vice-Presidential Situation Is Not Cleared Much.

ALL DEPENDS ON THE PLATFORM

The Leading Candidates New Seen to Be Towne and Sulser-Hill Says Little.

KANSAS CITY, July 1-The Vice-Presidential situation has not cleared up in the air today and tonight apparently is in as much doubt as when the delegates to the National Democratic Convention were elected. There was a shifting of the scene today when Benjamin Shively, of Indiana, was taken out of the race his own emphatic statement to the Indiana delegation. Not only the Indiana men but other delegates in the city ac-cepted the statement of Mr. Shively and he is not now considered a probability in the race. As the contest stands after Shively's retirement, the two leading can-didates seem to be Charles A. Towns and William Sulser, with some man from New Fork like Judge Van Wyck or Eliott Danforth as a possibility under certain

The fact is that the Vice-Presidential situation is interwoven with the platform. If there is a simple reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, some New York man may be selected for Vice-President in the hope that he will assist in carrying that state. If there is a specific declaration for is to I, then Towns may be made Bryan's running mate. It is pointed out as not quite conceivable that a conven-tion which would refuse to make a specific declaration for 16 to 1 with a view of carrying some of the Eastern States would nominate Towne, who left the Republican party solely on the ground of his attachment to silver. It is conceded by all the Democratic leaders that Towne's strength is in the West and on a silver platform, and that he would not be strong In the East on a modified platform. While it is not a certainty that Towne would be nominated, even if there was a specific 16.40 1 declaration, it is generally be-lieved that his chances would be greatly improved by such action, and his friends are making every effort to bring about that result in the convention.

### New York a Mystery.

New York is still an uncertain quantity New York is still an uncertain quantity in the field. It is still asserted that she has po candidate, aithough there is more genuine activity in the Sulser canvass than any other that is being made. Mr. Sulser, while a New York man, is not the candidate of New York and is making his canvass outside of that delegation. That the delegation under favorable conditions, such as concessions in the conditions, such as concessions in the platform, would unite on some other man seems to be parfectly understood, but it would undoubtedly be brought about by a movement from outside the state. Whether the convention would unite on Danforth or Van Wyck is uncertain, because of the personality of HID. There is yet a great deal of talk about the ex-Senator in connection with the Vice-Presidential nomination, and in case of a upon the convention. At the same time it is well understood that his has doubts about his selection if he did want it. There may be some dark horses in the stable, some men who have not yet been considered possible or available, some man like Sewell, the presentation of whose name was a surprise and whose nomination was not even surmised. There are plenty of guesses made, but no one feels authorized to make definite predic-

Hill Noncommittal. Ex-Senator Hill returned from Lincoln today and it may be said that this return did not cause as great a sensation as did his departure. The mysterious silence which he maintained and which he explained by saying, 'Mr. Bryan and my-self agreed that nothing should be said regarding the conference between us." did not serve to what the political ap-petites very much. Of course, it was not expected that Mr. Hill would talk of the nference, but there was a belief that he might say something of interest relating to the platform and the prospects of a modification, but he was decidedly noncommittal. When asked a direct question as to his fight against a 15 to 1 declara-tion, he said the convention would not meet for two days. It might not act upon the platform for three days, therefore there was no reason to now discuss uestion as to what it was to con-Mr. Hill talked with many men and quite a long time with some, but to no one did he outline his intended position or give any intimation as to position Mr. Bryan had taken while discussing the coming convention. To some visitors Mr. Hill said his conference Mr. Bran was very satisfactory, but in what particular, he did not disclose.

The Towne Boom The Towns managers say very emphati-cally today that their man will win the Vice-Presidential sweepstakes. They have reached a point where they offer the Democrats certain terms and insist upon being heard. Their programme is this: The men authorized to speak for the Populists and Silver Republicans agree with Democratic managers that both conventions shall go shead and nominate Bryan on the first day, July 4, but no effort shall be made to nominate a Vice-Presidential candidate. Committees of conference shall be appointed with a view of agreeing upon a candidate to unite the forces of the three fusion

If the Democratic leaders do not agree to this programme, the Silver Republi-can convention will make no nomination didney. Mr. Rosining wired for the dele- of either President or Vice-President, but will appoint a committee of conference on both offices to confer with like committees that this is a fair proposition, and have assured the Towne managers that they will do what they can to carry it out. Another card the Towns men are play-ing is that Bryan is for the Minnesota thinks that the Populists and Sliver Republicans hold the balance of power in everal states, and when united with the Democrats will make those states sure for the allied forces. Bryan does not want a double-tailed ticket this campaign, and many of the leaders share his wishes. There is a possibility that the Populists and Silver Republicans may object to the settlement of the wage dispute be- and Silver Republicans may object to tween them and the operators. The old withdrawing the man they have nomiwage contract expired yesterday and the nated. So the Towns men think they are miners demand a raise and other con- in a very good position.

to Bryan. They believe that if Sulser is convinced that Bryan wants Towns he will not only step out of the way, but take the platform and nominate or second Towne's nomination. Of course, this may require a strong intimation from Bryan, an intimation that is scarcely probable, as Mr. Bryan does not want to appear in the role of dictating to the conven-

Sulser Making Much Noise. Meanwhile Mr. Sulzer is making a showy canvass, and talks with the most confidence of any man or the friends of

any man in the ruce.
"Why," he said today, "they can't stop me. They are coming to me so fast that I cannot keep track of them. I have pledges from 287 delegates outside of New York, and New York is ready to come to me as soon as any strength is shown. New York As for me. They say: "You can have our vote as soon as you show that the convention is for you. Now, if you want this, go in and win it, and we'll be for you as soon as you get the outside delegations. You don't want it un-less you win it that way,' and I told them 'No.' That's the kind of a fight I

All over the city are placards, signs and lithographs bearing the words "Bryan and Sulzer and Victory," and the head-quarters at the Savoy are labelled "Bryan-

Sulzer Headquarters."

New York, or that part of it known as Tammany is silent. Neither Croker nor ex-Senator Murphy is saying a word. "You're the man to run against Roose velt," Croker is said to have remarked to Judge Van Wyck. "You came very

to Judge Van Wyck. "You came very near defeating him for Governor, and the way they feel toward him in New York now, you can beat him."

Senator Murphy is said to have agreed to this statement. Judge Van Wyck is said to have protested that friends of his would not put him in the Vice-Presidential race, and he hoped nothing of the kind would be done. Some of the Southern kind would be done. Some of the Southern delegates are talking favorably of Van Wyck, and he may be the New York

card-to be played at the proper time. The visit of Senator Hill to Mr. Bryan is still a mystery to the Tammany men. They do not know what to make of it, and have been buslly speculating today. They have figured out that it was through Mayor Maguire, of Syracuse, who also is at Lincoin, that the invitation was sent by Mr. Bryan to Hill, and that the object of Bryan is to get Hill in line, so that he will not regudiate the platform of 1895, and remain quiet during the campaign. One thing is certain, the Democratic leaders from New York now here expect to have a conference with Mr. Hill, and until that conference takes place no programme will be accepted. place, no programme will be agreed upon.
Silver Republican leaders held a meeting at the Coates House tonight to us-

cuas Mr. Towne's prospects. A number of speeches were made going over the grounds of his availability, all agreeing that the prospects for their candidate were improving. A committee was appointed to prepare for active work in Mr. Towne's behalf, Senator Pettigrew being made chairman. Sub-committees will be appointed to visit various state delegans and present Mr. Towne's candidacy.

### ARRIVING DELEGATIONS.

Reception to Clark of Montana Colorado's Buckskin Suits.

KANSAS CITY, July 2.—Incoming clubs and organizations, headed by barrile, enlivened the streets and hotel lobries tonight, and the atmosphere has begun to

hake on a convention hue,
Accompanied by a brass band of 25 pieces and about 30 "rootera." W. A. Clark, of Montana, and the other members of the Clark contesting delegation from that state, arrived today and took up headquarters at the Midland Hotel, on the floor below that on which the Marcus Daly delegation has its headquarters. te a crowd had gathered in front of the hotel by the time the carriages arrived. Some one shouted "Speech" as Mr. Clark's carriage was driven up to the walk, and the cry was at once taken up by the crowd. After a moment's hesttation, Mr. Clark stood up in his seat in the carriage and made a brief speech, thanking those present for the welcome tendered him.

At this point, James A. Ross, a n ber of the National Association of Negro Democratic Clubs, who was standing close to Mr. Clark's carriage, climbed upon the wheel and shouted: "In behalf of the New York delegation, I nominate William A. Clark, of Montana, for Vice-President." The nomination was received with a cheer, and Mr. Clark, smiling and bowing, climbed down from the carriage and entered the hotel.

Governor Thomas, at the head of Colorado's delegation, accompanied by a band in the attire of buckskin and feathers, reached the city late today, and tonight the Governor and ladies and the band constituted the center of attraction at the

Coates House.

The California and Hawaiian delegations reached here early this evening. The same train brought also the Callfornia and Colorado delegates to the Silver Republican convention. The entire party occupied three special sleepers. The Californians brought with them a car-load of fruit and wines with which to entertain visitors at their headquarters.

## TAMMANY SPEAKS.

Croker Says It Will Abide by the Wish of the Majority.

KANSAS CITY, July 1.—'I wish to cor-rect the impression that Tammany is fighting against the insertion of a silver plank in the Democratic platform," said Richard Croker to an Associated Press representative tonight. "This is not and it is a point on which I and the whole organization have been more misrepresented and misunderstood than any I believe and have frequently stated that a more conservative stand on this question would be much more to the interests of the party, not only in New York, but all over the country, But, mark this, if it can be shown by the caucuses of the different state delegations and before the National convention that it is the belief of a majority of the party that the insertion of a 16 to 1 plank in the platform would bring more votes to the Democratic ticket throughout the West in the doubtful states, in the country at large-in fact, outside of New York-than would to the party in New York and state, then Tammany will yield cheerfully."

"Do you mean a simple reaffirmation the Chicago platform, or an explicit 16 to plank?" he was asked.
"I mean a flat declaration of free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1," Mr.

Croker replied. Mr. Croker was told of the statement of Alaska delegates that Pacific Coast business men would refuse to support Bryan, whether free silver was the issue

or not. Mr. Croker said: "You cannot help but admire a man for living up to his belief. He supported loyally by all, and I thoroughly believe that he will be elected. I be-lieve he will carry not only New York, but Ohio and Indiana as well."

KINGSTON, Jamaica, July 1.—Permic-cum fevor is prevalent on the Isthmus of nated. So the Towne men think they are no avery good position.

Another thing which makes the Towne men so confident is the loyalty of Sulzer opera company.

## THE COLUMN HALTS

Allies Are Not Advancing to the Relief of Pekin.

PRESENT FORCE IS TOO SMALL

Southern Provinces of China Are Gradually Breaking Away From the Empire.

LONDON, July 3, S A. M.—The allies are not advancing for the relief of Pekin. This announcement to the House of Commons by William St. John Broderick, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was received with exclamations of astonishment and dismay.

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Bir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett inquired for any information that had been received from the legations at Pekin, or as to the composition and command of the relieving force, and of the present position. Mr. Broderick read the dispatches received today, and said the total allied force available is now about 12,000, as troops have been rapidly advancing, adding:

"Wedonot yet know what arrangements have been made locally regarding the command of an expedition, but it has not

command of an expedition, but it has not yet been thought possible to attempt a further advance. The Consuls have been in communication with the Viceroys in the Yangste region and they are quite well aware that support will be given them by Her Majesty's Government in preserving order. It is obviously im-possible that the representatives of the powers at Pekin should be consult no communications are passing between

"The situation is desperate. Hasten." "The situation is desperate. Hasten."
These words from the message of Vor.
Bergen, a member of the German Legation at Pekin, countersigned by Sir Robert Hart, inspector-General of Customs,
and dated nine days ago, are the theme
of all private comment. They are preparing for news of a frightful tragedy. Nine
days ago the ammunition of the little garrison defending the foreigners was running low, and their food was nearly exhausted, while around them was a hords
of Kan Su braves having at their services
of Kan Su braves having at their services of Kan Su braves having at their services Krupp guns and repeating rifles. Pekin was in the hands of the revolutionaries. While nothing but sinister news comes from Northern China, Southern China is seemingly breaking away from the empire. All the provinces south of the Yellow River, whose Viceroys and Governors maintain friendly relations with the powers through the Company have been ers through the Consuls, have been in-formally constituted into a confederacy with Nankin as the capital.

According to an express cable from Shanghai, dated July 2, the Southern Viceroys wholly disavow Prince Tuan's Government. They have practically constituted an independent state, extending from the Hoang Ho to the British and Prench frontiers. French frontiers.

Little else to fluminate the profound obscurity of the situation reaches cable points. Chinese wires to Che Foo appear to be interrupted.

Last night St. Petersburg was inform-

ed over the St. Petersburg Wires that the destruction of the Russian railways in Manchuria continues, and it seems not improbable that Russia will be fully not improbable that Russia will be fully occupied for a time in suppressing the insurrection among its subject Chinese, and may be unable to send more troops immediately to Taku. The powers look more and more to Japan to supply the force necessary at once to grapple with the formidable rebellion. The Daily Telegraph urges the immedi-

The Times this morning editorially advocates strenuously that the powers invite Japan to intervene in China, or at least that they shall place no obstacle in the way of the extensive employment of Japanese troops in quelling the rebel-

### ITALY'S POLICY.

The Government Will Act in Concert

With the Other Powers. ROME, July 2.—In the Chamber of Deputies today the Marquis Visconti Venesta, Minister of Foreign Affairs, out-lined the policy of the government in China. He said:

"Harmony between the powers has never ceased since united action was taken. If the nearest nations arrived on the scene first, they acted in the com-mon interest. The Italian Government thus far has not sent any soldiers, but it will soon have six or seven warships with increased crews, able to disembark landing parties. Moreover, other measures have been taken which will enable Italy to be prepared for any eventuality, and we propose to maintain our position in the concert of European powers, all of whom are anxious to reestablish order in Pekin and create guar-antees for the safety of foreigners and peaceful interests. It would not only be out of piace, in the present climax, to speak of Italy's particular views, but it is necessary to add that we have abso-lutely no idea of having an opportunity to secure a foothold in China. Whenever a great question involving general inter-ests comes to the front, and when a con-cert of powers deals therewith in the superior interest of peace, we deem that Italy ought not to hold aloof, but on the contrary should accept the role that falls to her common task. It would be, in-deed, useless for Italy to pursue in China a policy in behalf of her commercial interests if she did not safeguard her prostige and authority, without which she could not protect, not merely the comnercial activity, but the personal secur-

ity of her citizens. "At the present moment we cannot foresee the ultimate developments of events. We take for our guide the interests of the country, which coincides with the work which is imposed on the powers in China." (Loud applause).

### LATEST FROM PEKIN.

Sir Robert Hart Reports the Situation Desperate. TIEN TSIN, June 29, via Che Foo, July and Shanghai, July 3.—A courier from

Str Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Customs at Pekin, has just arrived. He left Pekin Monday, June 25, and reports the situation desperate. June 18, he reports, Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister, and his secretary, attempted to visit the Tsung if Yamun. He was shot four times, and died at the rooms of the Tsung II Yamun. His secretary succeed-ed in making his escape. All of the legations except the British, German and mats and missionaries are in the British legation under rifle-fire. Cannon com-ment the legations, but they are not being

It is impossible to start relief at present Captain McCalla, commander of the New-ark, estimates that 50,000 soldiers will be required to relieve the Ministers in Pekin

France to Build an Observatory.

PARIS, July 2.—In the Chamber of Dep-utles today the government introduced a credit of 1,35,000 francs to erect an ob-