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Decree Calling It Will Be Promul- Will Carry Cavalrymen and Mules gated Today.

HAVANA, July 25 .- The decree calling for a constitutional convention and pro-viding for the election of delegates will be promulgated tomorrow. The election will be held the third Saturday in September, and the convention will meet in Ha-vana the first Monday in November. The convention, according to the terms of the decree, is called in conformity with the spirit of the joint resolution of Congrees and part of its duty will be to agree on the relations that are to exist be-een the Government of the Unlied States and the Government of Cuba.

England Will Walt.

LONDON, July 25 .- Lord Salisbury today notified Ambassador Choate that it mpossible to accept the evidence so far submitted by the Chinese or transmitted by the United States regarding the safety of the foreign Ministers at Pekin, and that until their safety was established, the British Government was largely taken up I id be unable to discuss any question with building aspor of mediation or kindred matters.

FIVE TRANSPORTS. From Seattle to China.

SEATTLE, July 55-Troop B, of the First United States Cavalry, arrived in Seattle this afternoon from Fort Russell. Wyo., and later troops J and L arrived and went into quarters at Inserbay. Still later, 13 cars of mules came in. All are on their way to the Orient. Five transports are here or are due here within a few days to carry the soldiers, horses and mules to the Orient. It is expected that the shipment of mules alone will number 570 animals. Lengue of Loan Associations.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 25 .- The first ses

sion of the convention of the United States League of Building and Loan As-sociations was held here today. Many men prominent in building and loan affairs in different parts of the country are in attendance. One of the prominent figures is Carroll D. Wright, United States

Commissioner of Labor, who will address the league tomorrow. The first session was largely taken up by addresses dealing with this accumulation of evidence of an impending big struggle, comes also the news of disagreements between the powers and the foreign commanders, which threaten to hamper united action R. & N. was thrown out of court. Ward Schmeer made gains. dations and their

army and armaments, military and naval, He has made an objection through the prefect of Kwan Chou to four small gunoats, two French, one American and one Dritish that are here to safeguard the ives of foreigners, and he asks that they be moved beyond the Bogue forts. His plans will be unmasked shortly after the allied powers ascertain definite facts concerning the massacre at Pekin. Chinese Gunboats Ready.

"Chinese gunboats infest the channel at the back of the Shameen, and 18 Chithe imperial government wharf. The Cantonese are daily becoming more hostile, and the situation is critical. Business is almost at a standstill, and leprosy and plague claim fresh victims daily. Na-tive Christians assert that the notorious Black Fing chief, Lan, who inflicted re-verses on the French in the Tonquin War, now refuses to obey Li Hung Chang's command to go north and fight the Boxers. His soldiers are here and compose the crews of the gunboats in the

According to the Shanghal correspondent of the Times, Li Hung Chang is re-miding at the residence of Llu, who was the envoy of the Empress Downger in the secret mission to Japan. He has received secret instructions to remain at Shanghal and to endeavor to open nego-tiations with a view of preventing the European advance. With this accumulation of evidence of

At the Powers trial McKenzie Todd testified

Chicago wheat rallies on reported damage to French crop, Local market heavily stocked with Oregon and California fruit.

Local. Deserted woman commits suicide in an East Side lodging-house. Portland wharf owners agree to maintain the 30-centr-an-hour wage scale for longshore-

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ment also had been addressed by Chinese Government in the effort to the Powers trial McKenste road testing that he saw Youtsey with a rife at a win-dow in the Secretary's office getting the range of the premises across the way. mob in New Orleans killed three negross and with Germany, and probably Russia have dow in the Secretary's office getting the range of the premises across the way. A mob in New Orleans killed three negroes and wounded several others. The police prevent-ed a lynching. Pacific Coast.

The crisis in the Frazer River fashermen's is. The State Department officinis say trouble has rafely passed, but troops will be kept on the ground a week longer. The strike is regarded as broken. Ids for the construction of a large warebouse and trustle at the mouth of the Columbia have been advertised for. The structure is said to be for the use of the Pacific Mall Stramship Company. Is Pure Round Collector of Customs has restain to be for the formany. The Puget Bound Collector of Customs has re-ceived orders from the Secretary of the Tresoury not to permit shipment of arms to the Chinese Government to secure an of the Chinese Government to secure an the Orient. An important mining strike is reported in Southern Oregon. Commercial. Profit-taking causes further break in New Tork stock market. Chicago wheat rallies on reported damage to Freuch erop. Local market heavily stocked with Oregon and for troops to get its contingent in position for the task before it.

Chaffee at Nagasaki.

Adjutant-General Corbin today received two cablegrams from Major-General Chaffee, both dated at Nagasaki today. The first reads:

among the powers, the southeast quarter being assigned to American troops, un-der Colonel Meade, Marine Corps, for police and protection. Since then the powers have instituted a temporary gov-Since then the rnment council under Colonel Dequayar, Russian: Lieutenant-Colonel Aoki, Japan-, and Lieutenant-Colonel Power, Brit-but it has not as yet gone into force. The American troops are still protecting their quarter."

A Stolen Cipher Code.

A question of authenticity of the dis-patch from Minister Conger, dated at Pekin the 18th instant, developed the fact today that several years ago a copy of the State Department cipher code disappeared and never has been recovered. These code books are numbered and re-celpted for when placed in the hands of those entitled to them. An inkling was given that the missing code book feil into th hands of the Chinese Govern-ment. This information was calculated to inspire a doubt of the authenticity of the Conger dispatch. The State Depart-ment officials decline to discuss the story of the theft of the code book, but do enter a denial that they over entertained a suspicion that it had fallen into the hands of the Chinese Government. It is known that several years ago a copy of the old State Department cloher, which since has been changed, was made. A copy of this, the authorities have strong reasons to believe found its way into the possession of another government-not the Chinese. This old code has been out of use for

many years, having been replaced by one which the State Department officials regard as better. Minister Conger had the old code.

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plaud and approve the expression in that Democratic platform sympathiating with the Boers-a people who may be robbed of free citizenship in order to help the English greed to gather to its coffers the onds and gold of South Africa. Only diamonds and good of course selfish pur-in the interest of her own selfish purposes does England desire the amity of the United States of America. This Republican Administration seems to lova England more than it loves its own country-the great Republic-which today to first in power, honor and place amongst the nations of the world. We cannot, we must not, encourage a weak and corrupt Administration to barter free institutions and civil liberty in a combination with the most autocratic, arrogant and selfish power in all Europe. I am compelled, with a sense of what is due to free America, that I love, to earnestly, actively support an American whom I believe loves his country, and whom I believe the high-est and best type of the American citi-

"I have served on the auditing committee during the past four years. Every dollar of money that was raised for the National Democratic party in 1886, so far as my knowledge goes, came - through Democratic sources. I alded in securing the active work of the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt in raising a campaign fund, declining absolutely to meet Cornelius N. Bliss, to receive any aid from him or from the Republican party. Mr. Hewitt raised for us a fund, mainly from New York Democrats, which enabled us to pay every dollar of our expenses and leave a bal-ance to our credit, which upon my motion before the executive committee was placed on deposit with the Indiana Trust Company. That money is there today. subject to our order, and if we cannot return it to the individuals who subscribed it. I move that, as it came from the Democrats of New York, it be restored to them in their state organization, and that the treasurer, Mr. Frenzel, be instructed to pay this sum of money, now in our treasury, to that splendid Demo-crat, the able leader of the Democrats of the East. David B. Hill, to use as his judgment may direct."

The withdrawal of Mr. Haldeman from the meeting was understood as a withdrawal from the committee and from all further connection with the Gold Democratic organization.

The Vote on Fusion.

When the vote on the question of fusion and third ticket was taken, Gordon Woodbury, of New Hampshire, proved to be the only committeeman present who favored a third party ticket. The vote was by ballot, and stood 26 to 1 against the proposition. Mr. Woodbury at once moved that the vote be made un and this was done. A committee of three was then appointed to draft a manifesto setting out the position of the National Democracy regarding the issues now before the people, and the committee ad-journed to receive the subcommittee's report.

The committee appointed at the conference at the Plaza Hotel, New York, gave out the following statement and call for a convention to be held in this city August 14:

"The National committee of the Gold Democrats has brought the usefulness of the organization to an end. It becomes the duty of the independent committee to enable the independent voters to place in the field a platform and candidates which they can conscientiously support. This can only be done by a new party, The Chinese Minister was shown the permanent in its aims, and prepared to

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