wishes to be taken in a purely specula-

Governor of Shan Tung, told him (Sheng) that a message had passed through to the United States from the Minister July 18,

telling of the conditions at the British legation. This cipher dispatch was "taked" By Chinese officials. It is pointed

out at the State Department, however, that there are plausible explanations of this curious fact which tend to show the

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# PRINCE TUAN KILLED.

Revolt at Pekin. LONDON, July 28.-The Shanghal correspondent of the Daily Express, wiring

vesterday, says; "It is reported here that a large sec tion of the Boxers have revolted against Prince Tuan, alleging that he is making

tools of them for his own ends. "A desperate conflict took place outside of Pekin Sunday. Prince Tuan personally ted his followers, two of his Generals having deserted him. The battle lasted several hours, and Prince Tuan was de-

#### To Take Li Back.

fented and killed."

HONG KONG, July 27 .- It is asserted here that a Chinese transport now coaling at Canton is going to Shanghai to ring Li Hung Chang back.
The United States auxiliary cruiser Buffule and the British third-class cruiser

#### DOMESTIC POSTAGE RATES. Said to Have Lost His Life in a Boxer Extended to Philippines, Guam and American Samon.

WASHINGTON, July 71.-Postmasterneral Smith has promulgated an important order giving the postage rates between the United States and the island possessions. It directs that all mail sent from the United States to the Island of Guam, the Philippine Archipelago, or Tutulla, including all adjacent islands of the Samoan group which are in possession of the United States, or from all these to the United States, or from one island to another, shall be subject to the United States domestic classification, conditions and rates of postage. The term United States includes Porto Rico and Hawaii.

Daily Treasury Statement.

# Ever since the receipt at Tien Teln of the autograph message from Mr. Conger, dated Pekin, July 4. State Department officials have had grave doubts as to the authenticity of the cipher message at-tributed to him, dated Pekin, July 18. There have been many little side lights on this message that afford grounds for suspicion, and now the British have added their quota to the krowing distrust of

Chinese Government Aiding Imprisoned Ministers.

THIS IS SHENG'S LATEST REPORT

The Message Does Not Cause Much Hope in London-Sir Claude Mac-Donald's Letter.

LONDON, July 28, 4 A. M.—Lyman J. Gage's statement that there is still hope but that it is constantly diminishing is held here to define accurately the sit-

The Chinese Minister in London, Sir Chin Chen Leh Feng Loh, yesterday re-ceived a telegram from Sheng, Director of Railways and Telegraphs, to the effect

that an imperial decree in the following terms was issued July 24: "It is fortunate that all the forgign representatives, except Baron von Kette ler, are found in safety and unharmed Provisions in the shape of food stuffs, vegetables and fruits will be supplied to the Legations in order to show our

Ourtesy."
The Morning Post goes so far as to assert that there is now direct commu-nication between the Chinese authorities in Pekin and London, and that the Ministers are safe. However this may be, it is certain that the attempts of the French, Italian and other Consule to get direct replies from Pekin have utterly falled, and it is pointed out that the ability to supply the Legations with fruit and vegetables involves the conclusion that communication is not impeded by the Boxers. Thus, despite the daily al-ternation of hopes and fears, the reiterated Chinese assertions of the safety of the Ministers fail to carry conviction, and the decision of the United States not to delay military measures is taken as the

only possible course to pursue.

The Daily News says that negotiations with Chinese authorities, if there be any in China, are useless. It turns out that as early as July 12 an appeal from the Empress of China to Queen Victoria for mediation dated July 12, was handed the Marquis of Salisbury, and it is understood other powers were not communicated with until July 20.

The Shanghal correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that three versions of Sir Claude MacDonald's letter of July 6 are current there, and that it is believed all three originated from Chiness sources. He adds, however, that Li
Hung Chang says the Legation party
ought is reach Tien Tsin Sunday.
The Morning Post correspondent at Che
Foo, wiring Wednesday, says there is a rumor that Prince Ching rescued the Legations and conveyed them to a place of safety.

Eighteen missionaries have been mas-sacred at Tung Chau, General Sir Alfred Gaselee has started

Germany and United States. The attitude of Germany and the United States respectively toward the Chinese problem is a theme of considerable disession. It is stated in Berlin, with a now of authority, that both Germany and Russia are determined to inflict ex-

Washington politicians use a great many words to say a simple thing, and this we know is one device of people who wish to slip out of an unwelcome obligathe time for action arrives. President McKiniey will not refuse to co-operate." The Daily Chronicle says: "Secretary Hay shows at last some grasp of the

The Daily Graphic, commenting today upon Germany's indignation at the at-titude of the United States toward China, contends that, save for the fact that Secretary Hay is less vindictive, there is no difference of policy between Washington and Berlin. "By the exercise of a little sobriety," it says, "the United States is careful to keep open diplomatic channels, while it is not a whit less serious or active for the rescue of the Europeans in Pekin. It is precisely a case justifying the policy of 'holding the candle to the devil's eye,' and Mr. Hay cannot be blamed for taking that course. Certainly such speeches as Emperor Willlam made yesterday are calculated to do more harm than good."

The only information regarding China that the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, William St. John Broderick, was able to impart to the House one was that preparations for the advance on Pekin seem to be ap-

proaching completion.

The alleged departure of the Ministers from Pekin has led to a reassertion of the belief that the story is part of a deeplaid plan by China to conceal the date of the massacre at Pekin, the suggestion being that Chinese officials will claim that the Ministers left Pekin under a strong escort, but were ambushed and massacred by Boxers en route to Tien Tsin. However, although it is still believed that a massacre has occurred of the colony at Pekin, the disposition now is to think the Ministers were somehow med from a tragic fate.

#### LOSING FAITH.

The Administration Beginning- to Distrust Chinese Assurances.

WASHINGTON, July 27.-Unless some

bentle assurance as to the conditions of the Americans in Pekin reaches the State Department within a day or two, the Administration is likely to abandon whatever faith it has manifested thus far in the truthfulness of Chinese informa-tion. The Chinese Minister is confident that within that time there will be new from Pekin of a character to soothe the most skeptical, and he is also confident that this will be good news from the American point of view. The State De-partment is still receptive, though look-ing with growing coldness upon the nu-merous edicts and telegrams which are coming from China, all without bringing any news. any news.

The contributions of the day were from Consul-General Goodnow, at Shang-hai, and Consul Fowler, at Che Foo. So much of these messages as was given out for publication related to the welfare of certain American missionaries who have been made the subject of inquiry by relatives in this country. The cables mangled these messages, and there is reason to doubt the value of the information at-tempted to be conveyed through them. Mr. Goodnow also had something to say about the political situation, and it is be-lieved that part of his message was not ment of the Treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows:

New Orleans Desperado, Located, Smoked Out and Shot.

their quota to the growing distrust of things Chinese. It seems that a Mr. Warren, at present acting as British Consul at Shanghai, had been told by Sheng, the famous Chinese Director of Posts and Telegraphs, that Yuan, the BUT FIRST HE KILLED FOUR MEN

Charles, the Negro Slayer of Officers Day and Lamb, Held the Police at Bay Till Fire Drove Him Out.

NEW ORLEANS, July 27.-Twelve perthat there are plausible explanations of this curious fact which tend to show the authenticity of the cipher dispatch. Secretary Hay cabled Mr. Conger that he might have implicit faith in the person who brought the dispatch to him. Mr. In New Orleans, which began with the amob entered the person armed with Winchesters and revolvers rushed in and fired into the body. Charles was girl, some so seriously that death is probable, is the casualty list of the troubles a mob entered the yard and dragged the

COMMANDERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN CHINA.

resorting to this method, the district being densely populated, but it was determined that the fire department should be called out to protect the surrounding property. At the moment of apparent indecision, some one went to a neighboring grocery, purchased a can of oil, and pouring it over the rear steps of the building, applied a match and soon started a fire. It became evident very soon that no human being could live in the building and picked men from the police. lice squad and soldiers stationed them-selves about the building in order to pick off the desperado as he attempted to

leave the house. A young soldier named Adolph Ander-son, a member of the Thirteenth Company of State Militia, was one of the first to see Charles as he left the steps. Charles ran across the yard, and as he did so, Anderson fired several times. He shot the negro in the breast and Charles fell and died soon afterward. As the negro fell, numbers of persons armed with Winchesters and revolvers rushed



Captain Lans,



General Sir Francis W. Grenfell, Who will command the British forces.

Conger, therefore, had to trust the man, attempt of Policemen Day and Lamb to and possibly he told him in a general way the contents of the dispatch, if the messenger should be obliged to destroy it to insure his own safety. However that may be, the British Government has thought Mr. Warren's report worthy the attention of the Crown Government.

Admiral Courrefelles,

ander of the French forces

The Chinese Cannot Bribe Us. State Department officials do not lke the European criticism more or less directly attributing to our Government lack of whole-heartedness in the effort to get to Pekin. They point to what the American troops and marines have al-ready done; to the loss of life and limb should the other powers agree to any such proposition, we would not consider it until Minister Conger's views were known. It is explained that to agree to such a plan might result in sending the Ministers forward with an inadequate establishment of the mid and sinsh in which he had call and if murdered we would then be a "perceptibly uncertain sound," and

stopped from demanding redress.
Admiral Remey's dispatches have not in any way altered the plans of the Government, and nothing at the Cabinet meeting occurred which changed in any way our position. The meeting was rather in the nature of a review of the dituation and an exchange of views. It is the earnest desire of this Governme that the forward movement on Pekin be made at the earliest possible moment.

The International Commander. commander is selected, it is the wish of the President that the American force should not be divided as to command, the governments themselves to decide the While the Secretary of State has sent no circular on this subject to those of the foreign Ministers who have seen him and who have broached the subject, he suggested this solution in the event of a hitch. It is earnestly hoped, how-ever, that no such necessity will arise, but that the commanders themselves will reach an agreement.

tI is reported that 25,000 soldlers are al-ready at Tien Tsin, not half of the force regarded as necessary to begin the move-ment upon Pekin. The State Department advices this afternoon, however, were to the effect that all of the Japanese troops have been landed, in which case the international force should be considerably augmented. The War Department, lacking exact information, owing to the slow means of telegraphic communication, be leves that it now has about 3500 trained and seasoned American troops in the vicinity of Tien Tsin under the immediate command of General Chaffee, assuming that the Grant has landed her passengers, which she should have done, if she sailed from Nagasaki as was the inten-

The department believes that the last reinforcements ordered from the Philip-pines-two battalions of the Fourteenth Infantry, and a battery of the Sixth Artillery, have arrived at Tien Tsin. If the spiencid marine force under Major Waller is placed under Chaffee's command, that officer will have altogether about 4260 troops. In addition to this force, about 9000 regulars are under orders, some of whom are on the way for China, so that altogether the United States should have a respectable contingent in the internaal column when it starts for Pekin.

CHINESE GAME EXPOSED. Could Not Get Word From the Ital-

ian Minister.

HONG KONG, July M.—In order to test the Chinese assurances regarding the safety of the Legations, the Italian Consul here yesterday requested the acting Viceroy of Canton to communicate with the Italian Minister, Marquis Salvago Reggi, and to obtain a reply from him cerning a matter known only to the Minister and the Consul. Today the acting Viceroy replied that it was impossible for him to accede to the request, as all messages were received from Pekin through the Governor of Shan Tung sp-For this reason he was co

arrest the negroes Charles and Pierce. The desperate negro, Robert Charles. whose crimes have caused the terrible events of the past two days, was located in a negro's dwelling on Saratoga street, and in effecting his capture the lives of four more white men-two policemen and two citizens, was sacrificed. Charles' resistance cost him his life, and with him was killed a negro companion who had aided him in his defiance of the authori-

ties. With the organization of a citizens police force last night the turbulent ele-ment yielded and peace and order were ready done; to the loss of life and limb suffered by them, and to the repeated urgings of the American officials at every point looking to a forward movement on Pekin. In answer to the intimation that they are responsive to Libiese sligits to bribe us by the delivery of Mr. Conger at Tien Tsin, and thus seduce us to abandon the Pekin campaign, the department lost no time this morning in making known the fact that it had not making known the fact that it had not and could not countenance any such proposition. The department rather strengthmaking known the fact that it had not and could not countenance any such proposition. The department rather strength-ened its position through being enabled in points. The general belief is that the force in hand is ample to suppress the emplary punishment. The Berlin papers, on the whole, adversely criticise President McKinley's conciliatory policy. The London Standard also complains that the official deciarations of Washington have

burning of his body, statements were made that the man killed was not really the desperado who had killed Day and Lamb, but papers found on his person and the fact that he fought so desperately for his life and shot so accurately, seem to leave little doubt that he was the

Sergeant Portcous, one of the best known officers on the force, and Ser-geant Lally, who has a record for bravery, were informed during the day by The Government will make no effort to a negro that Charles was in hiding in a press General Chaffee for command of house in Clio, near Saratoga street. The officers summoned a number of patroithe officers summoned a number of patrol-Government feels that he personally is men to their assitance and went to the fit for such an honor and if chosen would house. The negro informant of the poacquit himself with credit. If another lice accompanied the officers. They enlice accompanied the officers. They en-tered the side alloy, leading to the house, should not be divided as to command, should not be divided as to command, and began a furious and accurate and the commanders of the allies canforce should go through General Chaffee.

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The report of Charles' Winchester and the fact that the two officers lay bleeding in the yard raised tremendous excite ment. Hurry calls were sent to the May-or, the Chief of Police, and Colonel Wood, in command of the special police, and armed hosts were rushed to the scene. In a little while there was an immens crowd.

Fired on a Priest.

In the meantime Father Fitzgerald, of St. Johns Church, was summoned to ad-minister extreme unction to the police officers who were dying in the alley. priest was annointing the body of Por-teous, with Alfred Bloomfield, a young boy standing by his side, when Charles again appeared at the window. The lad saw him and begged the desperado not to shoot him. The negro, however, fired his Winchester again, and Bloomfield fell dead. The priest, unburt, left the scene, after pluckly performing the last offices for the dead officer.

When the ambulance arrived two men

volunteered to go into the alley and bring out the body of Lally. They entered and while they were attempting to take the body of the dead officer from that of his colleague, Charles fired again. The men got Lally's body out and afterward took Porteous' body out, also. In the meantime an immense crowd had gathered in the vicinity and schemes were set on foot to get Charles out of the building. Charles, however, did not propose to be captured without selling his life dearly. Time after time he came to the window and as men, one by one, entered the alley, he blazed away at them. In this manner Confectioner Le-ciero, who was one of the special police squad; ex-Policeman Evans, John Ban-ville and George H. Lyons, son of the head of a dry goods establishment, were

fire at the negro and he returned their fire. Andy Van Kuren, keeper of the police jail, got a bullet in the body and fell dead. Just afterward H. H. Ball. aged 65, working for the Mutual Benevo-lent Association, was hit and mortally wounded. About the same time Frank Bertucci received a shot in the left shoulder, and J. W. Bofel one in the right hand.

At this time the extra police began to

Building Sent Fire To.

body into the street. There the police and the mob emptled their revolvers into the corpse, while a son of one of the murdered men rushed up and stamped the face beyond recognition. There were loud cries that the body be taken to a vacant square in the vicinity and publicly burned. At this instant, however, a big squad of police arrived in a patrol wagon. Thousands of persons congregated in the vicinity and it looked as if there would be a clash. The police, somehow, seemed to have regained their courage and promptly pushed the crowd aside, picked up the body and threw it into the patrol wages. The driver whitehead up his borrel wagon. The driver whipped up his horses and the wagon started off, with 5000 people running after it and clamoring for the cremation of the body of the despera-do. The wagon was faster than the mob-and it ultimately made its way in safety to police headquarters. There an im-mense growd had gathered and great difficulty was experienced in taking the corpse of the negro from the wagon into the morgue. When Charles' body was stripped it was found to have been literally lacerated from head to foot by bul-

The Negro Identified.

Shortly after the body had been placed morgue and after regarding the body carefully, declared it was not that of Charles, but that of his brother, Siy Jackson, Later, however, Joseph Stassi, a responsible Italian, positively identified it as that of the murderer of Day and

Shortly after the body of Charles had been taken away a report spread that there were still more negroes in the burning building. The square was quickly surrounded by a guard of men with Win-chesters and a special squad made its way into the burning building. In a room which the fire had not yet reached three negroes were found dressed in women's clothes. They were hustled out and sent to jail in a patrol wagon. Subsequently a fourth negro, a mulatto, was discovered in the building. He made a desperate resistance, and while in the hands of the police was killed by a shot fired from a pistol in the hands of one of the dis orderly mob that had congregated in the

Just about the time that Charles' body reached the morgue the body of an un-known negro who had been shot and stabbed to death on Gallatin street was carried in. This negro was passing the French market when he was seen by a crowd of white men, all intensely ex-cited by the news of the killing of Porteous and others, and they immediately mobbed him. The unknown negro ran for his life and the angry mob kept at his heels, the crowd increasing in numbers every minute. The negro finally suc-ceeded in entering a house on Gallatin street. He ran upstairs and jumped from the gallery to the ground. Before he the gallery to the ground. Before he could rise the mob shot and stabbed him

to death. Last night passed with comparative absence of violence, except for the atrocious murder of Hannah Mabry, an old negress, at her home at 1929 Rosseau street. A mob went to her house at 1 o'clock this morning, outensibly to catch a couple of desperate negroes who were said to reside there. In the house were Hannah, her E-year-old husband, a son and an infant child. The mob broke into the house and shot the woman, who died on the way to the hospital. Her son claims that he recognized two of the murderers and gave their names to the po-

After midnight, a mob which had evaded the militia and citizens' police at-tacked the Thomy Lafon schoolhouse, Sixth and Rampart streets, upon supposition that negroes had stored arms and ammunition in the building. Unopposed they had no difficulty in gaining possession and firing the structure, destroying it completely. The school building was erected a few years ago by the city, and, being devoted exclusively to the education of the negroes, it bore the name of the well-known philanthropist. No negroes were found in the schoolhouse, but a number who emerged fro houses in the vicinity were pursued for quite a distance.

#### Dr. Brooks' Comet.

GENEVA, N. Y., July II.—Dr. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory, secured another observation of the recently discovered comet this morning in the eastern heavens. Its position was right ascen-sion, 2:46:30, declination north 21 degrees, one minute, with motion north of nearly three degrees daily. The comet is now about 10 degrees west of the Pleiades.

Congressman Sheldon Renominated. Ultimately it was decided that the only way to get Charles out was to burn the building in which he was entrenched. There were, however, some scruples about today.

CALUMET, Mich., July 27.—Congressman C. D. Sheldon was renominated by the Twelfth District Republican Convention today.

French Comes Up With the Rear of the Dutch Army.

IT IS IN DISORGANIZED RETREAT

Making for the Mountains in the Lydenburg District-Bethlehem Boers Hemmed In.

LONDON, July 27, 11:59 P. M.-The War ffice has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"French and Hutton continued their pursuit on July 25. The former crossed Oliphant's (Olifants) River, and from the high ground on the east bank he could see Middleburg and the enemy retiring in great disorder. The main road north was blocked for several miles with horsemen and wagons. The enemy recruited the country of men and wagons. The enemy's rear was then seven miles north. Mounted forces were still west of the river. Night was closing in; the rain was falling in tor-rents, and so it was impossible to fol-low. The night was terrible. In addition to the rain, a strong east wind made the bivouac most uncomfortable. One officer, I regret to say, died of exposure, and the mortality among the mules and oxen was great. The men made light of the hardships, and were in famous spirits when I saw them.

"Hunter has occupied Forierburg, and so far as I know did not suffer loss. He found Mrs. Steyn, wife of the ex-President, and several of our men whom Dewet had captured at different times and whom he was unable to send to Machodo-

dorp, "The enemy in the Bethlehem Hills are now closed in upon. Basutoland is closed to them. Harrismith is the only line open, and it will not be easy for them to

and it will not be easy for them to reach there with guns and wagons. "Broadwood is still watching Christian Dewet, who has taken up a position on high hills near Reitsburg, about seven miles south of the Vaal. P. Dewet, a younger brother of Christian, surrendered at Kronstadt vesterias. at Kroonstadt yesterday.
"Barron reports from Krugersdorp that he has reconnoltered the railway to Bank

Station, where the train was wrecked on July 19, and been enabled to replenish his "Methuen's column, which reached the Krugersdorp-Potchetstroom Railway, is now moving on Potchetstroom.

"Buller reports that the railway was opened to Heidelberg yesterday, giving us

#### through communication to Natal. THE OREGON DOCKED.

Wilde Cables the Ship's Structural Strength Is Intact.

WASHINGTON, July 77 .- The Navy Department today received the following cablegram from Captain Wilde, commander of the Oregon:
"Kure, July M.—Secretary Navy, Wash-

Ington-Ship docked. Structural strength intact. WILDE." While the dispatch omits the technical details of the injury received by the Oregon in running on a rock in the Guif of Pe Chi Li. Captain Wilde is known to have supplied some of these details. They indicate that, although the structural strength of the great battle-ship is still intact, her injuries were of an ugly charupon the marble slab in the morgue a ne- acter. None of the longitudinal frames gro woman, who was alleged to have known Charles intimately, came to the badly torn, and some of her pumping connections broken. The main injury sus tained was to compartment A, as it is technically known. Captain Wilde, in his cable message of several days ago, extimated that it would require a few weeks to make temporary repairs, and at least four months to make complete repairs. The Navy Department authorized Captain Wilde to patch her up with temporary repairs in order that she might return to the Chinese coast for service. These ordera will stand, unless, after full con-sideration of the character of the Oregon's injuries by the bureau chiefe Washington, it is desirous to proceed in mediately with the necessary permanent

### SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS

China. A Chinese edict that reached London declares the Ministers were safe July 24, and were being supplied with food by the government. The United States has refused the Chinese proposition to suspend military operations in return for the delivery of the foreign Min-

istors. n a fight between Boxers at Pekin Sunday Prince Tuan is said to have been killed. nperor William urged his soldiers going to China to spare nobody and take no pris

A letter from the British Minister at Pekin, received at Shangaal, says the foreigners w holding out July 6. The buttle-ship Oregon has been docked at

Kobs. Her structural strength is intact. Foreign. Roberts reports that the Boers are retreating northward in disorder.

peace treaty has been signed between the Colombian Government and the rebels, Yellow fever is spreading among the troops in Spain will sell the Islands of Stbutu and Ca-gayen to the United States for \$100,000.

The first conference of the Republican Campaign Committee was held in New York yes-terday.

Populist ticket about August 15. Bryan's speech at the notification meeting will Domestic.

It is said that Towns will withdraw from the

Charles, the New Orleans murderer, was shot to pieces after he had killed four men and fatally wounded four others. The report of the Borchgrevinck Antarctic ex-pedition has been received at San Francisco.

Pacific Coast. Wallace, Idaho, city officers are under arrest for enforcing a fire-limit ordinance. The new smelter at Sumpter, Or., has made a successful trial run.

Property worth \$20,000, including a dozen horses, burned in the Buckley fire. Commercial. Wheat markets improved on light Argentine shipments and smaller estimates of English

on and steel trade continues in bad shape. Trade reviews show numerous favorable influences at work. Marine.

In-bound cargo ships making slow passages. British shipowners investing in sailers.

Local. The first work of moving headquarters of the Pacific States Telephone Company to Portland has begun.

'he funeral of Judge Shattuck will take place at 10:20 this morning. Portland hotels are unusually busy for this season of the year.

Baseball game 3 P. M. today on Multnomah field for Baby Home benefit.