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CHINA WILL RESIST



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## Be Renewed. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 .- The following cablegram from Minister Conger was received tonight by the State Department: "Tsi Nan Yamon, Aug. 7 .- Secretary of State, Washington-We are still besieged. Our position is more precarious. The Chinese Government is insisting on our leaving Pekin, which would be certain death. There is rifle firing upon us daily by the Imperial troops. We have abundant courage, but little ammunition or provisions. Two progressive members of the Tsung il Yamun have been beheaded. All connected with legation of United States are well at the present moment. "CONGER." The word "Yamen" following the name of the city Tsl Nan, at which the cablegram from Minister Conger was put on the wires, as understood here, probably refers to the official building or residence or building from which it was transmitted or at which it was received by courier from Pekin. GOVERNMENT DETERMINED. Relief of the Ministers the Question of the Hour. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.-Another cable-gram came to the State Department this gram came to the State Department this afternoon from Minister Conger, at Pe-kin, which is the second received direct from him since June 12. It is the first which has come direct from the Minister since the above date, the other having been received through Minister Wu. To-day's telegram shows that the situation in the Chinese capital is very serious; that the Ministers are still in danger

from the Chinese troops, and that their supplies of ammunition and provisions have been reduced to a very considerable extent. So important were the state-ments contained in the dispatch that a conference was held by wire between several of the officials here and the Presi-dent, at Canton, lasting for several hours, At its conclusion, the cablegram from Mr. Conger was made public. The cablegram came in the official cipher of the State Department. It is

checked by the telgraph company as hav-Ing been put on the wires at Tsi Nan, a large city about 80 miles southeast of Pekin, on August 7. The dispatch reached the department at 4:20 P. M. but was not made public, until late in the evening. Those who were at the White House in conference with the President included Acting Secretary Ades, of the State De-partment: Secretary Root and Adjurantpartment; Secretary Root and Adjutant-General Corbin. What the result of the conference was the officials decline to say. That the dispatch will stimulate the ener-gies of the Government to its utmost endeavor to press forward the advance movement toward Pekin is certain, for Mf. Conger's message makes it clear that for the Ministers to leave Pekin would result in their death. The officials had been lead to believe from the more recent dispatches which had purported to ema-

dispatches which had purported to ema-nate from Chinese sources, as well as from Imperial edicts that the condition of the Legationers was much improved, but today's advices show a very different aspect of affairs.

May Be Renewed at Any Moment.

mission as soon as she can be fitted out, which will be about August 20. She is to take the place of the gunboat Machins, which is now at Boston under orders to go out of commission to receive repairs. The Bancroft is well fitted for service in the shallow rivers of China if any neces-sity for sending her to the Aslatic station should arise. TOWNE WITHDRAWS **Declines Populist Nomination** for the Vice-Presidency. TO PREVENT FOREST FIRES SAYS GOOD WORD FOR STEVENSON Commissioner Hermann Institutes Thorough Patrol on Reserves.

### WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.-Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, has His Candidacy Would Have Weakened Bryan's Chances, and He Instituted a very thorough system for guarding against fires within the forest reservations of the West during the pres-ent season, and hopes by a most rigid Saw No Show of Election.

surveillance to prevent any or all fires from working great damage to the pub-lie forests. He has telegraphed each of DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 7 .- Ex-Representhe superintendents of reserves, asking if, in their judgment, the present force of forest rangers is sufficient to cope with emergencies, and if there are now any

exposed pinces in these reserves that are not guarded by an adequate patrol. If in their judgment an increased force is required during the heated season these superintendents have been author-ized to recommend new appointments, which will be made as long as the available funds last. Several such appoint-ments have already been made, and many others will follow when the requests ar-rive. This same protection cannot be ex-

tended to the forests on the public do-main outside the reserves, but where special agonts report spreading fires, the Land Office is ready to assist, as far as possible, with funds in extinguishing them. Up to this time no fires have gained headway on the reserves, and the Commissioner hopes this thorough patrol will prevent any extensive conflagrations.

## BRITISH WAR LOAN.

#### One-Half of It Subscribed for in United States.

LONDON, Aug. 7.-In the House of Com-mons today Benjamin Louis Cohen, Conmons today benjamin Louis Conch. Con-servative, asked the Chancellor of the Ex-chequer.\_Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the reason for the early closing of subscrip-tions for exchequer bonds. The Chancel-lor said the lists were closed as soon as the bonds had been subscribed for. He had received an offer from an Anglo-American house to place half the issue in America on the same conditions as issued here. This, he added, assured the success of the loan. But there was an other reason. Last Thursday the reserve of the Bank of England stood at the lowof the Bank of England stood at the low-est point for years, and he was advised that great relief might be afforded here by the movement of gold from the United States. if a large part of this loan (£10,000,000) was taken there. It is under-stood here that the Chancellor of the Ex-chequer has allotted £5,000,000 of the loan to the United States.

Treasury Balances WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 .- Today's state-ment of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemp tion, shows:

# HARRISMITH SURRENDERS.

Lord Roberts Reports the Neighboring Country Quiet.

LONDON, Aug. 7.-Lord Roberts' re-port to the War Office, under date of Pretoria, August 6, is as follows:

"Harrismith surrendered on August 4. The neighboring country seems to be quiet. Kitchener is with the force south of the Vaal River. He was joined yes-terday by a strong detachment of Brabant's Horse and the Canadian Regiment.

"The Boers attacked the garrison at Eland's River on the morning of August

DECLINES THE POPULIST NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

sas City. I had the honor, to receive from you the official nomination of your Na-tional convention for the office of Vice-President, I requested, in the wo of the anomalous and deloate circumstances in the Presidential sfuration, that you per-mit me to take the subject under careful advisement before announcing a decision. This request you were pleased to grant, and now, after mature consideration of all the factors involved, that concern the welfare of the cause of political reform

nate me, and the Vice-Presidential nomi-nation was finally referred to the Silver Republican National Committee. Later this committee placed the name of Mr. Stevenson on the ticket for Vice-Presi-"This recital clearly develops the situation as it now is. Everybody knows that either Mr. Stevenson or Mr. Roose-velt is to be the next Vice-President of veit is to be the next Vice-Freident of the United States. I am expected to take a laborious part in the campaign. I shall of course advocate the election of Bryan and Stevenson. The Democratic conven-tion, before which I was a candidate, nominated Bryan and Stevenson. The Sliver Republican convention has nom-inated Bryan and Stevenson. In what light shuld I courses before the avera

light should I appear before the Amer-lean people if, while advocating the election of one ticket, I should be go-ing through the form of running on another? Nobody in the United States would think I had the slightest chance of being elected, and nobody would betative C. A. Towne, who was nominated for Vice-President by the Populist con-vention, held in Sloux Fails in May, has sent the following letter to the commit-tee on notification: "Gentlemen: When on July 5, at Kan-

CHARLES A. TOWNE.

Will Not Permit the Allies to Rescue the Ministers.

NOT DISPOSED TO AVERT A WAR

Li Hang Chang's Dictum Received in London and Laid Before the British Government.

LONDON, Aug. 8, 4:35 A. M .- "In case the troops advance the Chinese must fight. The suggestion that the allies should be allowed to enter Pekin in order to escort the Ministers to Then Tain is abalitate to enter this? utely impossible."

absolutely impossible." This is the dictum of Li Hung Chang. It was transmitted last evening to Wil-liam Pritchard Morgan, member of Par-liament for Merthyr Tydvil, by his agent at Shanghai. The agent has carried to Earl Li a message from Mr. Morgan, urg-ing that the alled troops be permitted Hari Li a message from Mr. Morgan, urg-ing that the allied troops be permitted to enter the capital, and attains that a settlement could be made at Then Tain, whereby a war of the world against China would be averted; but even the optimistic Li failed to hold out the slightest hope of its feasibility, although he reiterated to Mr. Morgan's agent his declaration that the Ministers had left Pokin, fixing the days of their departure as August 2. The agent makes this comas August 2. The agent makes this com ment: "The Consuls are without con firmation."

The messages have been sent to Lord The messages have been sent to Lord Salisbury, accompanied by a statement by Mr. Morgan, urging that the allies should take no step to endanger the lives of the Ministers. A message from the Belgian Minister, dated Pekin, August 2, seems effectu-ally to dispose of the rumors that the Minister house difference to a stated.

Ministers have either left, or are intending to leave, Pekin. The Chinese Minister in London, Sir

Chi Chen Leh Feng Loh, says he has Chi Chen Len Feng Loh, any ne hay received a telesprin from China announs-ing that a long Imperial edict was issued on August 2, authorizing the immediate and safe conveyance of all Europeans in Pekin to Tien Tsin.

### SUNDAY'S BATTLE.

#### Chinese Forced to Retreat, But Saved Their Guns.

LONDON Aug. T.-Several dispatches are printed giving hearsay accounts of Sunday's battle. The Daily Mail's corre-spondent at Che Foo, telegraphing Mun-day, says: "The fighting lanted seven hours, and the allies, when my report left, were pursuing the Chinese, but, ow-ing to the floods, progress was difficult. Thus the Chinese will have to re-form and to recover from the effects of the battle. Only a small garrison with 14 guns remained at Tien Tsin, where some anxiety is felt because of a report that 15,000 Chinese are said to be moving two days' march to the southeast." All of the correspondents agree in praising the brav-ery and organization of the Japances, but none of thein bring the story much beyond General Chaffee's report. A special dispatch from Shanghal, dated today, says: "It is reported that heavy fighting took place has Sunday east of Feit Sang, the allies losing 60, of whom 55 wers British. The Japances srillery did micedid service in the face of a sail. LONDON, Aug. 7 .- Several dispatches

Yett Sang, the aires losing we do whom 65 were British. The Jupanese artillery did splendid service in the face of a gall-ing Chinese cross-fire, under which they lost heavily. The Chinese were forced to retreat, but saved their guns. Their rear guard was attacked and practically

Li Ping Hong, according to the Shang-hal correspondent of the Standard, has been appointed Generalissimo of the Chiness forces, and has left Pekin to com-

mand the troops outside the city. A Shanghal special says that official advices from Tokio announce that armed collisions have occurred between parties of Russians and Japanese outside Taku. As this comes by way of Shanghal, it must await confirmation before being credited. object of my mistaken following to ad-vance. Consistency and candor in poll-tics, therefore, my own self-respect, a proper deference to the People's party,

lation

Towne a Patriot.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 7.-Chairman Ed-miston, of the Populist Nutional Commit-

tee, tonight gave to the Associated Press

a statement on the withdrawal of Mr. Towne. He conceded the logic of Mr.

Towne. He conceded the logic of Mr. Towne's letter and declared that Mr. Towne's conduct has been patriotic

HOT WEATHER IN THE EAST

Deaths and Prostrations at Milwan-

kee and Other Places.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 7.-Three deaths and four prostrations resulted from the intense heat today.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 7.-Two prostra-tions from heat and one death, that of an Italian laborer, occurred here today.

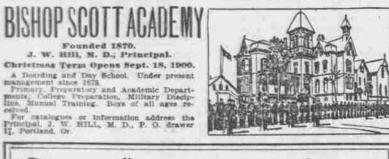
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SHANGHAI, Aug. 7.-The Japanese Consul here received by wire today a mes-aage to the effect that the foreign Min-isters at Pekin were safe August 1, but that they expected a renewal of the attack by the Chinese at any moment. It was added that only 25 cartridges each and six days' provisions were left. It was also said that the Japanese Secretary had died of his wounds. PROVISIONS NEARLY EXHAUSTED

Ministers at Pekin in Hope of Deliverance.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 7.-M. De Favereau, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has received the following message from the Belgian

Minister at Pekin: "Pekin, Aug. 2-We succeeded in de-fending our legation from June 4 to June 16 with the aid of eight Austrian marines, but were unable to save it. The Austrian, Dutch and Institute location Dutch and Italian legations were also burned and the French legation is in ruins. All the foreigners are at the Brit-ish legation, where we have been besieged by Chinese troops since June 20. Up to the present 58 marines have been killed and 70 wounded. The attack has ceased since July 17. Provisions are almost ex-hausted. We hope to be delivered next week. All the Belgians here are well." EUROPEAN PREPARATIONS.

#### Russia Will Send 125,000 More Troops to China.

LONDON, Aug. 7.-The Schastopol cor-respondent of the Daily Graphic says that the Russian Government will send 15,000 additional troops from Odessa to the far East before the end of the year. Berlin dispatches say it is rumored there that an agreement has been reached hetween Emperor Nicholas and Emperor William whereby German troops will be permitted to proceed to China by way The royal arsenal at Woolwich has been ordered to send 30,000,000 rounds of small-arm ammunition to China.

## TRUST FIGHTS TRUST. American Wire Company Will Now

Build Structural Steel.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 7 .- The Chronile-Telegraph says today: It is stated that the American Steel & It is stated that the American Steel & Wire Company has entered the structural steel market as a competitor with the concerns which comprise the structural steel or "Beam pool." The wire com-pany is accused of having shaded the prices of the pool companies and taken contracts which the associated mills would have secured at an even price. The result is that there is a ruinor the pool will be dissolved. pool will be dissolved.

# Standard Oil Dividend. NEW YORK, Aug. 7 .- The directors of the Standard Oll Company, of New Jer-

share, payable September 15. In Ju per cent was distributed, and in Mar was distributed, and in March, 10

# Bancroft Fit for China Service. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.-The gunboat Bancroft, which is at the Charlestown navy-yard, Boston, is to be put in com-

who was on the way to Eland's River. Ian Hamilton, who reached Rustenburg yesterday, reported hearing heavy firing in the direction of Eland's River. To-day the firing seems more distant, which looks as if the Eland's River garrison had been relieved and was retiring towards Zerust.'

## WILLING TO SURRENDER.

Kruger Anxious to Know What Will Become of Him.

PRETORIA, Monday, Aug. 6.-It is stated positively that President Kruger is willing and anxious to surrender, providwilling and anxious to surrender, provid-ing a satisfactory promise is given as to his ultimate destination.

# SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS

Towne declines the Populist nomination for

Vice-President. Page 1. Bryan has arrived at Indianapolis, and will be formally notified today of his nomination. Page 2.

#### Foreign.

Germany favors keeping the Yangtse Hinng Valley open for commerce. Page 2. Memorial services for Humbert in a Catholic church at Washington augur better relations between the Papacy and the Italian Gov-ernment. Page 2. Harrismith surrendered to the British August 4. Page 1. President Kruger said to be willing to sur-

render. Page 2. President Steyn III. Page 2.

Philippines. Insurgents are troublesome in the vicinity of Cagayan, Island of Mindanao. Page 2.

Domestic. St. Louis strikers blow up a car with dynamite.

Page 8. Local. Railway for \$130,000 and asks for a receiver. Page 12. D. C. O'Reilly has sued the Columbia Southern

colonel Edward Everett has written tendering the Third Regiment, O. N. G., for service in China. Page 12,

#### Pacific Const.

new railroad survey has been made up Maiheur River, Oregon, Page 4. vernor Geer says he will offer Oregon troops if war shall be declared against China. Page 4

Quarts mining has begun in the great placer camp, Boise Baan. Page 8. The Idaho Supreme Court denied Paul Cor-coran's application for a rehearing, Page 8.

Commercial.

weithere or the cause of pointer terms in this country, and my own duity there-to, I am constrained to inform you, in all respect, that I must decline the nomina-tion tendered me by that convention. "In announcing this conclusion, I can-"In announcing this conclusion, I can-not forbear to express to you and through and a sincere regard for the welfare of the cause of political reform in the United States, all counsel that I now you to the great convention whose com-mission you hold, as well as to that pa-triotic body of advanced political thought respectfully place in your hands the honthat your convention represented, my deep sense of the honor conferred upon me to be the unanimous choice of that orable trust which your great party com mitted to me in contemplation of a dif-ferent complexion of affairs than that which has resulted.

me to be the unanimous choice of that convention for the second place in the service of the Nation. Two circum-stances, however, add emphasis to this consideration in the present issue-first, the nomination was unsolicited by me, and, second, the convention, as in the case also of its nominee for the Presi-dency, went out of its own political or-ganization to select a candidate. To my mind, this action of the Sloux Falls con-vention in nominating for President a **China. China.** onger cables that the situation of the Minis-ters is precarious. Imperial troops are firing on the legations. Page 1. **mind, this action of the Shout Fills Con-vention in nominating for President a and for Vice-President a representative of the Shout Fills Con-vention in nominating for President a and for Vice-President a representative of the Shout Fills Con-vention in nominating for President a and for Vice-President a representative of the Shout Fills Con-vention in nominating for President a and for Vice-President a representative of the Shout Fills Con-vention in nominating for President a and for Vice-President a representative of the Shout Fills Con-<b>China.** on the legislions. Fage 1. Li Hung Chang says the Chinese must fight it the allies advance. Fage 1. Chinese reported to have 170,000 troops between Tien Tain and Pekin. Fage 3. Russian troops looted, tortured and murdered at Tien Tain. Page 3. Americans want General MacArthur to lead the International forces. Fage 3. Political. Political. Tien Second Se

"It is, of course, the expectation of your

"It is, of course, the expectation of your convention that its nomination for the Vice-Fresidency would prove acceptable to the conventions of the Democratic and Silver Republican parties, called to meet in Kansae City on the Fourth of July. The Silver Republicans-1330 delegates, representing 28 states and territories-ware, indeed, eager to name the ticket chosen at Sloux Falls, but to the great Democratic convention another commend-ed itself. The name of your nominee was presented to that convention, and it was received with remarkable demonstrations received with remarkable demonstrations of approval by the enormous number of citizens and with the greatest respect by the delegates. But geographical consid-

cause, but also by name and profession, determined the selection of Adlai F. Sterenson, of Illinois, a man of unim-peachable character and of ripe political experience, who, as a member of Congress

experience, who, as a member of Congress more than 20 years ago, was a close as-sistant and laborer of General J. B. Wea-ver and other great laborers for the re-form political movement of those days, and who as Vice-President from 1833 to 1997 distinguished himself by rebelling against the betrayal of Democratic prin-tables by Brasiland Cloveland.

eples by President Cleveland. "When Mr. Stevenson was nominated, what was it my duty to do? My name had been before the convention along with his, and I had been beaten. The with absolute fairness. The candidate chosen was positively unexceptionable.

### AGREED UPON A PLAN.

All the Allies, Except Germans, Apparently Working in Concert.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.-The informa-tion which came today, that American troops were engaged in the battle at Peter "In conclusion, I may be permitted to express the profound satisfaction which I feel in contemplating the present at-Sang, established positively for the first time that, notwithstanding the difficul-ties which General Chaffee had encountered in debarking troops and sup at least a considerable part of our titude of the Democratic party. In 1896 I was one of those, who, keenly feeling the recreancy of the Republican party, was much in doubt whether the memorable was in the vanguard of the forward movement. General Chaffee's dispatch to the War Department conveyed the most Democratic convention in Chicago, in satisfactory evidence that the command-ers had thoroughly agreed in sevene upon a plan of action, and that there is every indication that this plan has been adopting its splendid platform and nom-inating W. J. Bryan for the Presidency, was actuated by an impulse or by a purpose. The magnificent achievements at followed, as General Chaffee on Friday Kansas City have settled all doubts on that subject. The platform is not only a sent a cable saying that the attack upon the Chinese at Peit Sung would be made on Sunday, the day when Admiral Remer re-enactment of the principles of 1896, but in language, whose force, dignity and beauty have never been equalled in a sim-liar document, responds to the new isand the press correspondents say the fighting occurred. General Chaffee's ancouncement that the present objective of aues presented in the growth of the the international column is Yang Tsun is interpreted by the officials at the War Department to mean that this point, where river, railroad and wagon road trust monopoly and the imperialistic pol-icy of the Administration, by an enuncla-tion of those sublime doctrines of human meet, is to be made the advanced base rights and liberties, whose profession and observance have been the peculiar glory of our country and are the sure basis of for the operations on Pekin. In addition to the news of the day was a line from the Associated Press correspondent at Tien Tsin, stating that the Ninth and the ultimate happiness of mankind, And again the duty of carrying the banner of the cause has been committed to that tried and trusted hand, whose grasp has Fourteenth Infaniry, Rellly's Battery and the Marines were in the battle of Pelt Sang. It was this force which, with the Japanese, hore the brunt of the attack on the left flank, which was to turn the ennever weakened, which no fear can make to falter, and no burden can dismay. The leadership of Bryan, which could have redeemed a bad platform, sunctifies a emy's position. This plan had already been made clear by General Chaffee's dispatch, although be did not mention what American troops would be engaged. good one. It made memorable an unsuccessful contest; it will crown a vic-tory with imperishable splendor. 'With every sentiment of respect and gratitude, I remain, most sincerely yours, "CHARLES A. TOWNE"

In view of the participation of the Amer-ican troops, the War and Navy Departi-ments are anxiously expectant of a re-port of the part theor by our troops, and of any losses which the Americans may

They are a set of the would seem to indicate that none been agreed upon. This movement was planned evidently by the commanders in conference, and the part which each com-mand was to play agreed upon in ad-vance. It is perhaps noteworthy and sig-nificant that in this plan of attack upon the neutron of Dett Court the Americans the energy at Pett Sang the Americans, British and Japanese wore joined in the movement to turn the energy's flank, while the Russians and French operated together on the opposite side of the river against the energy's left. This may indiwhose general dissensions were reparted at Tien Tsin II is also exceedingly sig-nificant that General Chaffee does not mention the German force at all. The War Department officinis do not belleve that this could have been due to an over-sight on his part if it was arranged that Kansas City court decides that grain quota-tions cannot be withheld from brokars. Page 11. Argyll brings a big consignment of grain bags. Page 8. Dodwell's Oriental line to be successed by the O. R. & N.'s. Page 8. It therefore seems likely that the Ger-mans were not engaged at Pelt Sang. It is thought possible that they may be

the delegates. But geographical consid-erations, and the fact that in certain parts of the country it was deemed wise to de-fer to a sentiment that the candidate should be a man already identified with the Democratic organization, not only by holding its principles and advocating its cause, but also by name and profession, determined the selection of Addini E.