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A Defiant Viceroy. LONDON, Aug. 25.—A special dispatch received here from Shanghai, dated August 25, says: "Viceroy Chang Chih Tung, of Hankow, declares that he will resist an attempt to extort territory or to interfere with the armies of the various viceroys."

Americans Return to Tien Tsin. LONDON, Aug. 25. A special dispatch from Peking, dated August 25, says: "Party Americans, with an escort of United States troops, start for Tien Tsin tomorrow."

The Maine at Hong Kong. LONDON, Aug. 25.—Admiral from Hong Kong reports that the American battleship Maine, which sailed from Southampton for China July 21, arrived there today.

PROBLEM OF THE CENTURY. Present Complication is but the Beginning, Says John Bookwalter.

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Summary of Important News. It is rumored in Che Foo that Russia, Germany and Japan declared war on China.

Large masses of Boxers are still in Peking. France's policy in the Orient is explained.

The Russian Commander in Peking forbids communication with the Chinese. Germany's war plans in China are unchanged.

Foreign. France is apparently preparing for a war. The controversy between the Vatican and the Quirinal breaks out again.

Domestic. The Grand Army encampment was opened in Chicago last night. The President will not attend the G. A. R. encampment.

Commercial. Gold exports have been temporarily checked. Discount rates very firm in London.

Local. Miss Alice Thayer was elected Queen of the Carnival, receiving 14,000 votes. Francis Murphy, the apostle of temperance, will speak twice today.

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Disagreement Between the Various Commanders.

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NAVAL BASE IN GUAM.

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