STATEMENT OF POWERS.

Says Bis Trial Was Political and

of law, no well-informed man can

\$100,000 and the methods of Campbell-

ism against you. The rectitude of

one's past life counts for naught. They

say Taylor is guilty, because he was at his office, and that I am gulity be-

for political purposes, and no greater

mistake has been made by the Demo-

cratic party since they robbed us of the

offices to which we were fairly elected

the campaign until now I have stood with what little of merrit I have had

only offense I have committed. That

is the only thing they have proved

against me. I swore to that myself in

testimony. I have never had, and 1

now have no apology to make for be-

ing true to the trust imposed upon me

by a majority of the voters of this

state. History will draw its dark

lines around those who have outraged me and disgraced the judiciary and

\$25,000 PACKAGE GONE.

Burlington, Is.

between Chicago and Burlington, Ia.,

an express package supposed to con-

tain \$25,000 is alleged to have gone

astray. The Commercial National bank of this city sent the package to the Burlington agent of the Chicago,

Burlington & Quincy railroad a few

days ago on orders given from the Bur-

lington headquarters in this city. The

money was sent by the Adams Express

Company. When the money was sent

from the Chicago bank it was wrapped

in the usual way in which money is

transmitted. In due course of time the

Burlington agent of the railroad re-

ceived a similar package, but it con-

tained nothing by brown paper. The

wrapper containing the worthless pa-

per was returned to Chicago and the

bank officials are certain it is not the

one sent by them. Representatives of

the corporations interested in the mat-

ter spent a busy day today investigat-

ing the mystery of the missing pack-

age, and laying plans for the arrest of

the robber, if the money was stolen

Drouth in Kansas

ot Kansas, west of the three eastermost

Kansas City, August 22 .- Two-thirds

between Chicago and Burlington.

s 225,000,000 bushels.

bout 145,000,000 bushels.

Coburn's report of conditions in Au-

then there have been two weeks of hot,

dry weather, which has further materi-

ally reduced conditions, and the most

liberal estimates of well-informed men

Porto Rico Strikers Ask Ald.

New York, August 22 .- The Social

were on a strike in San Juan, and the

strike was beginning to spread over the

whole island,. In all, 20 strike lead-

ers were arrested. The subject was brought up at today's meeting of the

Central Federation Union, where the

letter was read, and it was decided to

send a contribution to the Porto Rico

strikers and also to ask President Mo-

Bodies Located-Mine Still Burning.

Mahoney City, Pa., August 22 .- Af-

ter many hours of desperate battling

with deadly white damp, one of the

successive rescuing parties succeeded today in locating the bodies of George

and William Thompkiss and Charles

ning colliery. The 60 mules which

were in the mine when it was discov-

ered to be on fire are also dead, and

fire is still burning fiercely, and the

mine officials are bending every effort

Son Killed Father.

Lincoln, Neb., August 22.-James

Paris, August 20 .- A street-car col-

lision, resulting in injuries to 35 per-

sons, occurred last evening at the cor-

ner of the Boulevard des Batignoles

and the Rue St. Petersburg, where electric and horse lines cross. All the

N. Burnham, publisher of the Wymor-

were raised to the surface today.

to extinguish the flames.

the officers.

Kinley to act in the matter.

Chicago, August 22.-Somewhere

Lost Somewhere Between Chicago

Innocence is no shield with

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Pres to . ta a Con-lensed Zevan-

American troops shared in the as eault on Pekin.

Fire in Wellington, Ohio, caused a

loss of \$50,000. Frenchmen accuse England of dupli-

city at Shanghai. Unirrigated crops in Idaho are suf fering from drouth.

Another attempt was made to assas

sinate the shah of Persia. The Typographical Union has refused to enter the political field.

Two persons were killed in an acci-

dent at the Paris exposition. The population of Greater New York

is shown by the census to be 3,437,202. Four deaths and 15 prostrations as a result of another hot wave in Chicago. Steel mills at Wilmington, Delaware, shut down, affecting 1,500 men.

The Shanghai muddle is beginning to assume a serious aspect, international troops being landed.

Puget sound salmon pack for this season is about 199,000 cases, compared with 528,000 for 1899.

Philip Koenigberger, a New York tohacco dealer, cut his throat in a bar ber shop in San Francisco.

Caleb Powers was convicted of com plicity of in the Goebel murder and

sentenced to life imprisonment. Lord Roberts will be recalled from

Africa in October and appointed commander-in-chief of the British army.

War in China caused the closing of a large mill in Biddeford, Me., throwling 3,000 hands out of employment.

Shipments of lumber from the state of Washington for the year just ended amount, approximately, to \$7,500,000.

Foreign anarchists, said to have come to this country to assassinate President McKinley, are under arrest at New York.

Ex-President Ignacio Andrade, who was deposed from the presidency of Venezuela and succeeded by Cipriano Castro, the present incumbent, is dead,

A forest fire near Encampment. Wyoming, has barned over a territory eight by 10 miles to extent and now threatens two towns. Two thousand sheep and one man have perished in the

Fort Sherman, Idaho, is unsuitable for an Indian school.

Ex-Secretary Boutwell announce that he will vote for Bryan.

Seven persons were killed in a train wreck near Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Frink slate went through the Washington Republican convention.

The war department publishes Filipino correspondence captured by Fun-

Pritchard Morgan says the powers have decided on a new form of governprent for China. General Chaffee reported the allies

at Ma Tou, 20 miles from Pekin, three or four days ago. Preparations to extend the railroad

down the Yukon from White Horse to Selkirk are in progress. China will send a high official to

Tung Chow to arrange for delivering the foreigners to the allies. Foreign and domestic wheat markets

have a downward tendency, and the local situation continues dull, Oregon supreme court decides that

district attorney's fee must be deposited with clerk when divorce suits are

The transport Thomas, which left Nagasaki August 10, will bring 216 sick and four insane soldiers from the Philippines.

Severe floods have occurred in Japan and it is reported that 2,200 persons

have been drowned. Railway traffic is Three lives were sacrificed by fire as the result of an explosion of natural

gas in Thirty-fourth street, Chicago. Three other persons are supposed to be in the ruins. Secretary Gage, of the treasury de-

partment, says that as long as the United States maintains the gold standard and keeps the public credit good it can retain for its own use all the gold

A severe hailstorm destroyed 40,000 acres of the finest grain in North Dakota, even that cut and in the shock being destroyed. Many of the hailstons were from three to four inches in

Maurice Brennan, who is under arrest at St. Louis, charged with being a dynamiter, was indentified as one of the men connected with the blowing up of the street cars in the southern part of the city several weeks ago.

Over 5,000 Roumanian Jews are en route to Canada. The majority are penniless.

President McKinley and the king of Portugal exchanged congratulatory messages over the new direct cable. H. N. Ross who washed out the first

gold in the Black Hills 25 years ago is now the marshal at Custer City S. D. Statistics compiled by the Railway Age show that 28 companies, control 147,000 miles of railroad in the United

States and Canada.

LATER NEWS.

The foreign envoys are on their way

The flags of the allies float from the Pekin imperial palace.

Two men went insane in Des Moines, la., on account of heat.

Five men were smothered in a or mine at Issaquah, Wash. Fitzimmons refused to take \$100,000 to lose his fight to Sharkey.

Forest fires caused \$10,000,000 damage in Colorado and Wyoming.

Seven persons were killed in a freight train collision at Kenscio, N. Y.

The new treaty with Spain has been signed by Minister Storer at Madrid.

The United States government has rejected Li Hung Chang's peace terms. Democratic papers demand the with-

drawal of American troops from China. Six men lost their lives by the caving in of a well at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Chinese viceroys ask that no indigni-

ties be shown the emperor and em-Intense heat killed four persons in St.Louis, where the thermometer regis-

tered 99 degrees.

The transport Sherman left San Francisco for Nagasaki with 1,600 officers and men for China.

Queen Wilhelmins, of Holland, is engaged to Prince Frederick Adolf, of Mecklinburg-Schwerin.

St. Paul's population, according to he United States census, is 163,632; that of Minneapolis, 202,718.

Several lives were lost and much property destroyed by terrific electrical wind and rain storms in Maryland.

Colonel Marchand, of French Fashoga fame, has been appointed to the general staff of the China expeditionary force. One fireman dead, four injured and

\$30,000 worth of property destroyed is the work of a firebug in two fires at Peoria, Ill. Operations have been resumed at all the factories of the National Glass

Company at Pittsburg. The resump-

tion gives employment to 4,000 men. Sol Bloom, a music publisher of Chicago, has brought suit for \$25,000 damages against the Union, restaurant and hotel for refusing to serve him while he was clad in a shirt waist and minus a coat. The manager of the restaurant, when questioned regarding the refusal, said that patrons wearing shirt waists would only be served at tables adjoining the main dining room. No person would be permitted to enter the dining room unless wearing a cont.

Count von Waldersee started for

Roumania and Enlgaria are on the verge of war.

The emperor and empress dowager have left Pekin. Schator Stewart, of Nevada, will

A tornado did great damage in sev

eral Wisconsin towns. Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls left an estate valued at \$250,000.

Japanese are beginning to distrust the Continental Europeans.

Chicago's population as shown by the United States census, is 1,698,575 More rebels are reported to have surrendered in the United States of Co-

A drunken Kansas doctor killed three persons, and was shot dead by a sher-

William M. Johnson, of New Jersey, succeeds Perry Heath as assistant postmaster-general.

Lord Roberts issued a proclamation prescribing severe penalties for Boers who violate their oaths.

Estimates of the shortage in the Pacific coast salmon pack vary between

600,000 and 1,000,000 cases. A posoffice employe killed a Kansas City woman and wounded her husband as a result of a quarrel over rent.

The Chinese government asks that Conger or some other American be appointed to open peace negotiations.

The Willamette valley hop crop is practically out of danger. The yield

will be heavy and prices are advancing. The state Board of agriculture orders the erection of 150 additional stalls for livestock exhibit at the state fair at

Caleb Powers, ex-secretary of state of Kentucky, issued a statement in which he declares his innocence, and says he had a poltical trial.

The reported of the plague in Manila for the two weeks ending July 17; as just reported to the marine hospital service, is seven new cases and five deaths. Of the new cases four were Filipinos and three Chinese.

The Kansas City firemen, in a class created at the Paris exposition for paid firemen, won the world's championship cup. The officers received gold medals, and silver medals and the money prize, 600 francs, was divided among the officers and men. The minister of war, General Andre, presented the prizes to Captain Hale. Portugal won the volunteer championship.

Mrs. Samuel Swartwood, wife of railroad engineer living in Wilkesbarre, Pa., has just given birth to her 25th baby, 20 of whom are living.

Lewis Wilkins, a farmer near Paul, thinks he's the tallest man on earth. He was six feet when 10 years old, and is now 8 feet 11 1/2 inches.

Chauncey Depew in London denied that American railroads are over capitalized, and says every business in the United States is healthier than ever

The Frink Slate Adopted by Washington Republicans.

ALL BUT ONE BY ACCLAMATION

Superintendent of Schools-The Platform Put Forth.

Congressmen-W. L. Jones, of Yaki-

ma; F. W. Cushman, of Pierce. Governor-J. M. Frink, of King. Lieutenant Governor-H. G. Mc-Bride, of Skagit.

Secretary of State-S. H. Nichols, of Spohomish. Treasurer-C. W. Maynard, of

Auditor-J. D. Atkinson, of Chelan. Attorney-General-W. B. Stratton. Land Commissioner-Samuel A. Cal-

vert, of Whatcom.
Superintendent of Public Instruction -R. B. Bryan, of Chehalis. Judges of Supreme Court-Wallace Mount, of Spokane; R. O. Dunbar, of

Thurston. Presidential Electors-Chas. Sweeny, of Spokane; J. M. Boyd, of Okanogan; blackened the history of the state." F. W. Hastings, of Jefferson; S. G. Congrove, of Garfield.

Tacoma, Wash., August 17 .- J. M. Frink, of King, was nominated for governor by acclamation at the Republican state convention today. Every candidate on the Frink slate was successful. All were named without contest, with one exception, the candidate for superintendent of public instruc-tion, R. B. Bryan, of Chehalis. Professor Bryan appears to be objectional to many leaders of the state, who are not satisfied with his former administration of the office, and a very sharp fight was organized against him. It resulted in nothing except an acrimonious discussion in the King county delegation. Several delegates insisted on voting for Professor Layhue, and ap pealed to the convention to be permitted to cast their votes, despite the unit rule enforced in the Seattle delegation. The King county leaders violently protested, and a very lively row ensued, to the edification of the convention, and the great delight of Pierce county, who was seated near. Bryan was nominated by a small majority.

The Platform.

The following platform was unani-

mously adopted: Four years ago, the Republicans of Washington met to mourn over universal calamity and despair under Democratic rule. Today we meet to rejoice over universal prosperity and happiness under Republican rule. Democratic theories become dangerous when coupled with political power; and they are not improved by a mongrel mixture of free silver and Populist vagaries They can be rendered harmless only by maintaining Republican rule in the nation, state and county; and to such maintenance we pledge our strongest effort.

'We are proud of President McKinley, and indorse his able, fearless and patriotic administration. Under his leadership protection and reciprocity have again been restored to their proper place in public law; the Hawaiian islands have become part of the Union; Spain has been compelled to lift her beavy hand from off the Western hemisphere; Cuba has been made free; Porto Rico is happy under our flag; the Philippines are rapidly learning to appreciate and accept that kind of liberty which is known and understood only by the American people; our army and navy have been ably sustained; the honor of our flag has been

maintained at home and abroad. "We indorse the Republican nationa platform adopted at Philadelphia, and commend it to voters of this state as an able exposition of Republican doc trine and of correct public policy.

'We unreservedly indorse and ap prove the work of Senator Addison G. Foster and Congressmen W. L. Jones and F. W. Cushman in behalf of the

"We favor the building of railroads within our state as an essential means

'We stand for the loyalty of the flag for the gold standard of value for all our money; for protection and reciprocity; for the Nicaraguan canal owned, operated and defended by the United States: for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the Iritis, who were entombed in the burnpeople; for the further enlargement of our trade and commerce; for the immediate rescue of our people imperiled in China, and for ample restitution for

loss of life and property therein.
"In concluding this address to the voters of the state of Washington we invite their aid and co-operation upon the principles and purposes herein enumerated, without regard to past political affiliations, in the firm belief that the best conduct of our public affairs can, at Wymore, Neb., shot and killed will be assured by this convention."

Fort Snelling. Minn., August 17. The depot battalion of the Eighth infantry, United States army, started for China via San Francisco today, under command of Major W. L. Pitcher. There were 500 men in line,

Safe Conduct of Ministers.

Washington, August 17 .- The statenent was made tonight on reliable authority that the Pekin government would designate some high official to meet the commanders of the allied armies at Tung Chow and agree with them on some measure for the safe conduct of the members of the foreign legations in the capital. Information to this effect was received here today.

The United States army will aid des-The hop yield of California is retitute miners at Cape Home, feeding there those that cannot be gotten home.

PITCH DARK AT NOON

Georgetown, Ky., August 22.-Ca leb Powers issued a statement to the public tonight, in which he says: Tornado Burst Over Town "That one of the greatest judicial of Sheboygan. farces known to history has been en-acted here in my trial, under the forms

SWEPT AWAY ALL IN ITS PATH

Was Preceded by An Intense Heat-Thi

No One Was Killed Seems &i-

cause I was away from mine. This has been a political trial throughout, Milwaukee, Wis., August 22 .special from Sheboygan, Wis., says: A terrific wind storm struck the city this afternoon. The storm came very suddenly from the north. Eight large by the people. From the beginning of buildings were completely wrecked and follows:

200 small houses were blown down. The loss will be more than \$300,000. for the rights and liberties of the peo-ple. That is my crime. That is the At noon it was dark as night and intensely hot. A few moments before I o'clock the storm broke, increasing in of themselves by killing more than 200. force until a tornado was blowing. Persons were thrown down and fences and signs hurled hundreds of feet. The storm raged for some minutes and passed off to the south. The storm started in the western part of the city, near the cemetery, and swept down or to the south side and off into the lake. It was two miles wide and wrecked

everything in its path. All was over in 10 minutes, although it seemed hours to the panic-stricken people.

The roof of the large warehouse the Crocker Company was blown off and thrown against the large factory. The building was wrecked and a large stock of chairs was left without protec

tion from the rain, which tell in torrents. The street car barns were wrecked and street cars were smashed to pieces. The electric wires were all blown down. The roof of the malthouse of the Keneid-Schriver Brewing Company was lifted from the building, carried over 150 yards and thrown into the street. It was carried over the huge ventilators of the brewery. The American Folding Bed Company's plant was demolished and the sheds in the Simball & Sons brickvard were blown down and the debris scattered in every direction.

The storm struck the South Side Lutheran church, and the steeple was blown down on to two residences, smashing in the roofs. The Fourth ward school house, a beautiful building, was completely wrecked, one side and the front being blown in, causing the roof to fall and crushing the floors down into the cellar. The plant of th Opetenberg & Sonneman Company was partially wrecked. Several freight cars standing on the Northwestern railroad tracks were blown over on their

tiers of counties, is experiencing one of the most severe droughts in the history of the state, and the general opina miracle. The wind wrecked buildion is that the Kansas corn crop will ing after building, with the greatest be the smallest in proportion to its re- rapidity, and there was little warning lations between Spain and the United quirements for feeding, that has been of the approach of the storm. The peoraised in many years. In 1899 there ple in every case were out of their homes before the storm broke and thos who were struck by flying debris were gust indicated a yield this year of only slightly injured. In the factories the employes were in many cases bruised and cut from wreckage.

The 5-year-old son of Mrs. Thomas

Atkins had a remarkable escape. The

house was torn into shreds and scat-

on change do not exceed 10,000,000 tered about in the roadway. What bushels, while many place the crop at not over 75,000,000 bushels. The plowwas left of the house was only about three or four timbers where the building for winter wheat is delayed by the ing stood. The child was buried in the dry condition of the soil. Pastures are ruins, and when found was standing in dry and stock water in many cisterns the corner, with timber piled in front of him in such a manner as to shield him, and he escaped with only bruises. Four box cars in the Chicago & Democratic party received a letter to-day from Alwin Hushler, secretary of track and stood straight on end. Some the Federation Libre, a central labor of the bricks from the Crocker Combody of San Juan, Porto Rico, asking pany's warehouse were thrown with for aid on behalf of a number of strike such force against the adjoining buildleaders who were arrested there. The ings that they passed through the sides letter stated that the cigar makers, of the buildings and yet no one was injured. Other portions of the building painters, carpenters and bricklayers

of the Crocker Company were torn to pieces. There is scarcely a whole pane of glass left in the tornado district. Telephone, electric light and troller wires and poles are torn down, and a street car has not run in the city since the storm struck. Sidewalks and trees

were carried away like chaff. The principal sufferer is the Crocker Chair Company, whose loss is \$250,-

Three Bathers Drowned. Cape May, N. J., August 22.-Ellen Young, Salina Newhouser and Albert J. Schwab, all of Philadelphia, were drowned in the surf at Cape May point today. They were bathing and got beyond their depth. Schwab made a

noble effort to save his companions, holding their unconscious bodies above the water to: some time. Just as a boat, which went to their rescue, reached his side, he loosened his grasp on the women and sank out of sight The women were taken ashore and although the usual methods for resuscitating drowning people were resorted to, they could not be brought back to

his father, Captain Collins A. Burn-Wichita, Kan. August 29.—Mr. Huff, cattleman and farmer, was shot ham, at their home today. A puroper's jury immediately exonerated the son. Both father and son were prominent dead in his home in Custer county, Oklahoma, Friday night by some on political workers in the county in who fired through an open window. The herd there is said to be the cause which they reside. The killing was in seif-defense. The son gave himself to of the crime and more trouble is feared.

Washington, August 22.—Sergeant 'Buck' Taylor, 42 years old, known as "King of the Cowboys," a dashing cavalryman, and one of the best-known of the Rough Riders, died at Providence hospital today of consumption, injured will recover. No American the result of illness contracted during the Cuban campaign. Taylor's correct name is said to have been Berry F. Tatum. He was the son of a former

well-to-do merchant of Montgomery,

Sergeant "Buck" Taylor.

THE FIGHT AT CATUBIG. Particulars of the Assault on the San

Manila, August 28,-It has been ex

pected that some of the 275 garrisons the United States maintain in these islands would sooner or later be surrounded by the enemy and attacked with such determination and advantage in point of numbers and ground that the American soldiers would be powerless to resist the onslaught. This has happened at Catubig, on the Island of Samer, and the detachment of the Forty-third volunteer infantry, the troops in question, jost 20 of its 30

men. No one is surprised at this result, considering the cricumstances; but surprise is manifested that a similar fate has not overtaken other small garrisons in isolated towns. The official report of the Catubig incident is as

non, our men gave an heroic account

A. M., April 15, almost simultaneouswhen a large number of the insurgents got into the adjoining church. 10 volunteers Sergeant George charged on the church, killing a large number of men, but he could not hold it. From the windows of the same the insurgents threw a quantity of hemp saturated with kerosene aganist the side of the convent, and thus set it on fire. As this building eoon became untenable, the detachment attempted to escape to the river and cross it; and here occurred its first considerable losses. All of the men of the detachment, exbegan intrenching themselves near the river, and there that little band held out (under Corporal Carson), two days longer, in the face of most adverse circumstances, until rescued. Sergeant Hall and two others were killed, and

two were wounded during that period. NEW TREATY WITH SPAIN.

Again We are on Friendly Terms With Our Late Enemy. Washington, August 23 .- Minister storer, at Madrid, informs the state legartment that a treaty of amity. commerce and navigation and general intercourse has been signed, provisionally, by the minister of state and him-

self. This practically marks the last

step in the complete restoration of re-States The new treaty modernizes the treaty Prior to the severance of all communication upon the declaration of war with Spain, the two governments were proceeding under terms of a treaty ne gotiated in the last century. It was very cumbersome, and in some respects wholly inapplicable to existing conditions, one provision, for instance, relating to trade between the United States and Florida as a colony of Spain. Several efforts were made to remedy the defects, but only one was partially suc-

of the Cuban affairs caused the effort to fail. It is understood that Minister Storer negotiated with Dupuy de Lome, ex-Spanish minister to the United States, and now under secretary of state, who, of course, is thoroughly conversant with all the conditions of trade likely

cessful, the adoption of the Cushing

protocol. The last attempt was made

when Mr. Olney was secretary of state, but the strained relations growing out

Although the general provisions are not known in detail at this stage, it is understood that the instrument pro- him. vides the usual facilities for intercom munication, and probably contains provisions which carry out those relations growing out of the territorial conditions resulting from the war.

A Nurse Drowned. New York, August 23 .- The body of Miss Bertha M. Hunt, the nurse who so strangely disappeared from the city hospital on Blackwell's Island, whereshe was empolyed, on Thursday nig) was found yesterday. Miss Hunt one from Chatham, N. Y. She lived with other nurses in the training school. On Thursday one of the patients, under ber care died of epilepsy. This made a strong impression on the nurse's mind, and when she returned to her room she was in quite a nervous state. She told her roommate that she would go down to the river to get a pitcherful of sale water, with which to bathe her head. She was not again seen

Chicago, August 23.—110 chicago, August 25.—110 chicago, August 25.—110 chicago, August 25.—110 chicago, and a at an end to the dilatory me ing used and b fight on the contractor

Trainmen Killed in a Wreck Tazewell, Va., August 28.-A wreck at Maxwell, six miles from here on the Clinch Valley division of the Norfolk & Western, occurred yesterday, resulting in the death of two trainmen and the wounding of seven others. A light engine was running west at 40 miles an hour when it met in a cut a freight drawn by two engines going 30 miles an hour. The crash was terrific.

Pittsburg will spend \$7,000,000 on

APPEAL IS REJECTED

Li Hung Chang's Peace Offer Not Accepted.

NO AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH

The United States Will Act With Es treme Caution in Whatever Action It May Take.

Washington, August 23 .- The cabinet sion today practically opened the consideration of the momentous questions growing out of the capture Pekin and the war in China. Until today's session the absorbing question "In the Catubig engagement, in has been the safety of Minister Conger which the insurgents numbered about and the legationers in Pekin. Now. 600 men with 200 rifles and one canlems of a more intricate and far-reaching character, touching the existence Our loss was 19 killed and five of the Chinese empire and the part wounded. The detachment was at the time quartered in the convent. At 5

try.
The meeting today was devoted enly fire was opened upon it from the hills on both sides, as well as from tirely to the Chinese situation. Secretvery available part of the town. It taries Hay and Root, who have been continued all day and night, and was most active in directing affairs, were vigorously resumed at 5 o'clock the absent from the city, so that the attendfollowing morning. At 8 A. M. the ance was comparatively small, the prescannon began firing nails, pieces of ident having with him Secretaries chain and iron scraps. This sort of Gage, Hitchcock and Wilson and Postattack continued dutil the third day, master-General Smith. Several questions were awaiting attention.

Earl Li's Offer Relected. First of these was the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of Minister Conger or some other commis-sioner to negotiate for the cessation of hostilities. The decision arrived at was to reject the appeal, and a reply of this character will be sent to Minister Wu, to be forwarded to Li Hung Chang. The moving cause for this action is that this government is at present very much in the dark as to whether there is any existing governcept Sergeant Hall, Corporal Carson and 15 privates attempted to get into a boat, and in so doing they were and empress dowager fugitives in hid-ing, and the entire governmental fabric paralyzed, there is no evidence of an authority adequate to conduct negotia-tions and secure results which will be

final and binding.
It was stated by members of the cabinet that the Chinese establishment, instead of being a government, appears to be an enormous headless affair, without knowledge of what is for its best good, and without power to en-force its wishes. With the recgnized ruler in flight, no one seems to know if anybody is directing its affairs. As China is an absolute monarchy, with-out any executive branch, the emperor and empress dowager are all-powerful, and practically they are the empire of China. Under the present remarkable conditions, the United States will act with extreme caution in whatever steps it may take toward a solution of

the pending problems believe that the United States and all the other powers interested will keep their armed forces on the ground, that order may be maintained and at least a semblance of stable government

brought out of the existing chaos. Freight Train Collision.

New York, August 23 .- In a freight train collision at Kensico, N. Y., tonight, seven persons were killed and others are missing. Kensico is on the Harlem division of the New York Central railroad, about 16 miles from New York. At 8:30 tonight, while a freight train was standing at the depot, a second freight dashed into the rear end of it. The engine of the second train smashed the caboose of the first train and then turned over. Reports from the scene of the accident say that the engineer and fireman of the second train are dead under the wreck, and two others of the train crew are buried in the debris. So far as can be learned the accident was caused by the engineer of the second train running past a block signal that had been set against

St. Paul, August 23.—An Arlungton, My , special to the Dispatch says: Weiert, who yesterday butchered hy rife and four step-children and sly wounded another 16-yearold ... son, was captured this mornir R.h a barn on the place of his sister, Ts. Steinborn, about two miles from the scene of the crime. He was hidden under a manger. Wallert made a somewhat incoherent confession, but became more confused under questioning. When Wallert, in custody of officers, passed through where the bodies of the murdered family lay, a hastily organized crowd attempted to lynch im, but he was taken away in safety

Pittsfield, Mass., August 28.-Miss May Posburg, the 24 year-old daughter of R. L. Fosburg, a contractor of Buffalo, N. Y., was shot and killed early this morning by a burglar. Her brother, E. F. Fosburg, was badly beaten by one of the men, whom he tried to capture. There were three of the burglars and all escaped. Mr. Foeburg is living in this city while sugaged on some work for an electrical

by the officers.

London, August 22.—The vicetoy of India, Lord Curson of Keddleston, elegraphs that the heavy general rainall has continued in most of the affall has continued in most of the affected tracts. The crops promise well in the central provinces and Berar. Sowing is active elsewhere, and the necessity for free kitchens will shortly disappear. Prices, however, are still very high everywhere. Cholem is prevalent throughout Hydershad and in Bombay. There are 5,688,000 people receiving relia! receiving relief.