

## JAPS STILL ON TOP

The Chinese Warship Chen Yuen Sent to the Bottom.

## HOUSE AND SENATE LOCK HORNS

And the House Will Stand By the Wilson Bill—Queen Lil Wants Her Throne.

## Japs Sink One of China's Best War Ships.

TIEN TSUN, July 31.—A naval battle was fought yesterday between the Chinese and Japanese fleet. The Japanese sank the Chinese warship Chen Yuen. Two large cruisers supposed to be the vessels built for China by Armstrong, were captured or destroyed. The Chen Yuen was a battleship of 7,400 tons displacement, carrying 14½ inch armor and compound armor at water line. Her battery included four 12-inch guns protected by armored breastworks, and two small Krupps, eleven Hotchkiss cannon and tubes for Whitehead torpedoes, two 8¼-inch and 6-inch Krupp, and a secondary battery of Hotchkiss revolving cannon. The Chen Yuen was built for China at the Stettin works. She is a sister ship of the Ling Yuen, and the most powerful ship in the Chinese navy, with the exception of the Ling Yuen.

The battle was hotly contested, but the Japanese handled their guns, ships and torpedoes with more skill than the Chinese. The Chinese fleet engaged carried nearly one thousand men and a large number are reported killed or drowned. Later dispatches say that few, if any Chinese engaged in the battle escaped. Two German officers in command of the Chen Yuen, are reported to have met death with the crew.

**China No Match for Japan.**  
YOKOHAMA, July 31.—The following official statement of the difficulties between China and Japan has been issued by the Japanese government:  
"Japan and China were approaching a settlement of their difficulties when China suddenly suggested that Japan withdraw their fleet from Korea and give a formal compliance with the Chinese demands by the 20th, otherwise the whole Chinese force were to land, and a sea advance upon the part of China was to be made. The Japanese regarded this as an ultimatum but acting upon the advice of friendly powers agreed to the proposals in principle in an amended form, at the same time declaring that if the threatened Chinese advance was made on the 20th, it would be regarded as an overt act. It is conjectured the Japanese commanders were instructed to be on the watch for Chinese war ships, and seeing the latter advancing July 27th opened fire. The Japanese do not believe the Kow Shung was flying the British flag but using the flag as a ruse."

**The Deadlock On.**  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—The tariff deadlock is breaking up. After being together two hours this afternoon the house conferees said positively there would be no agreement this week. One of the conferees added that concessions would be made to the house. The senate conferees say it stands very much as it stood all along.

The house conferees insist that if the bill is reported back on the lines they propose it be found that there are votes enough in the senate to pass it, and urge the senate conferees to give the bill a trial on these lines.

**At It This Afternoon**  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—The president has approved the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bills.

The railroad strike investigation commission met today.

Democratic members of the tariff conference committee did not accomplish anything this morning. Chairman Voorhees, of the senate conferees and Wilson of the house, were both absent on account of illness. When the meeting adjourned it was understood the conferees would get together again at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

**But They Won't Get Her.**  
PITTSBURG, July 31.—Judge Weideman, of the Hawaiian royalist commission, who is on his way to Washington,

said today in an interview: "We want to bring about an adjustment of affairs. Queen Lilioukalani abdicated under protest and is waiting for her answer. We are on our way to Washington to receive it from President Cleveland. We are anxious to have the queen restored and believe we will be successful in our mission."

**The House Getting Backbone.**  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Friends of the Wilson bill are full of hopes today. They assured the chairman and other house conferees on the tariff that the house democrats could now be depended upon to stand by the house bill, and Chairman Wilson and his friends are likely to take a conspicuous part in the caucus.

**A Splendid Selection**  
PORTLAND, Or., July 31.—There is a general impression here that in the event of a separate receiver being appointed for the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern, R. W. Baxter, formerly superintendent of the Pacific Division of the Union Pacific, will be appointed receiver.

**A Local Strike On.**  
HAMMOND, Ind., July 31.—By unanimous vote the Chicago branch, No. 149, of the American Railway Union, decided to call the strike off on the Chicago and Calumet Terminal Railway. There is every assurance that all the old men will be given their old places.

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**The Troops Removed.**  
CHICAGO, July 31.—Mayor Hopkins wired Governor Altgeld to recall eight companies of the First regiment, I. N. G. This order removes three of the six companies at Pullman.

**Got a Keg Full.**  
PARIS, July 31.—A cask of gold valued at \$50,000 shipped from New York was stolen from the train between Havre and Paris today. There is no clue to the thief.

**The Wheat Market.**  
PORTLAND, July 31.—Wheat—Valley, 80 to 82½. Walla Walla, 75. San Francisco—Irregular December, 100¼. Chicago—Cash, 52; September, 53½.

**The House on Its Mettle.**  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—The house, by a vote of 176 to 52, refused to agree to the senate million-dollar thistle appropriation.

**Killed By an Explosion.**  
CHICAGO, July 31.—Three men were killed in an explosion today in the stone yards of Dalz & Shepard at Hawthorne.

**Debs in Terre Haute**  
TERRE HAUTE, July 29.—Packed like sardines were the people who listened to Debs in the opera house tonight. Debs said that he had always been in favor of arbitration and opposed to strikes until the gauntlet was thrown down and an effort made to crush organized labor; that there was a time when not to strike meant degradation and dishonor, and this was that time. He made quite a lengthy address and was vociferously applauded. His statement was:

"I want to say that I did everything in my power to prevent the Pullman strike. He declared he had no voice in ordering the Pullman strike, and said he was unalterably opposed to strikes. He quoted from a Chicago paper of May 1893, which showed, he said, that the general managers of the roads had at that time so organized themselves that sympathetic strikes on every road in Chicago would be forced. Debs entered largely into the political features of the strike and declared himself a populist. Throughout Debs' speech was temperate in tone and clear in diction. His remarks were so stirring as to frequently cause outbursts of applause from the audience. The labor leader did not admit defeat, but on the contrary, declared that the war against Pullman would be carried to the bitter end. He said farther that so far as he was concerned

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this would be the last strike in which he should engage, and that hereafter he would fight out the battle along political lines, appealing to the ballot for restitution of the laborers rights.

**Tariff Bill vs First.**  
WASHINGTON, July 29.—The proceedings in the senate during the present week will depend largely upon the conferees on the tariff bill. If they should reach a conclusion during the week, as everyone expects they will, the report will be made in the senate, that body having granted the request for a conference, and the report will be taken up at the first opportunity. Whatever the nature of the report, there is sure to be more or less debate upon it. Even should the senate bill be accepted in its entirety by the house, there will be some speeches on the part of the tariff leaders and possibly other senators, though in this event there would be a general disposition to curtail them both in length and number on account of the desire which is felt in all quarters to bring the session to a close at the earliest date. This disposition would be allowed to control in case the report should indicate any material concessions to the house. In case of reductions on coal, iron ore or sugar, there are democratic senators who would resist the report, and another family quarrel on the floor of the senate would be the inevitable result. There are also democratic senators who would make strenuous opposition to material changes in the metal, woolen and cotton schedules, and the republicans would in the latter event be found participating. It is not probable that Quay will submit quietly to any important modification of the metal schedule, nor that Aldrich would permit changes in the rates on woolsens to be made without entering a vigorous protest and resulting in the prolongation of the debate with the end of forcing a return to the senate rates.

The first day of the week will be given up to the sundry civil appropriation bill, which the committee on appropriations expects to report Monday. This always arouses more or less debate. The bill this year will probably prove no exception, and it is likely that two or three days will be devoted to it unless it should be sidetracked by the tariff.

With the sundry civil bill disposed of, the general deficiency bill would be the only appropriation bill remaining unacted upon by the senate. That has not yet been considered by the committee on appropriations but will probably be in shape to be considered by the senate by the time the sundry civil bill is out of the way. Four of the appropriation bills are in conference and reports upon these may be expected during the week, with the possibility of more or less debate on each. If time permits, the general calendar presents a great variety of matter for the consideration of the senate.

**Labor United Against Tammany.**  
New York, July 29.—Delegates to the Central Labor Union meeting, held at Clarendon hall today, came to a unanimous agreement in favor of a solid front labor movement to down the Tammany ticket at the polls in November. For a long time the labor organizations have been divided among themselves. Today the question was forced to an issue. In desperation the delegates decided to drop internal dissensions and make overtures to the other bodies looking to a united plan of campaign in the common interests.

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