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[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 13.—The best informed men in Washington regard the sentence in Minister Conger's latest message to the Department of State saying, "Rifle firing upon us daily by imperial troops," as equivalent to a declaration of war by the government of China against the nations whose ministers are prisoners—twist or turn the situation as you will that is what they really are—in the British legation in Peking. The fiction that the Chinese government is helpless because of the ascendancy of the anti-foreign element cannot be maintained much longer, in the face of Minister Conger's declaration. Call them Boxers, or what you will, those who control the imperial troops of China will have to be recognized and dealt with as the government of China by the nations interested, and what the U. S. is going to do about it becomes a more important question than ever. A protest, which some consider an ultimatum, has been sent to China. A declaration of war against China is expected from one or more European governments, and then the U. S. will have to do likewise or withdraw its troops from the little allied army that is trying to fight its way to Peking under difficulties, and is being opposed by imperial Chinese troops. This government has no authority to declare war, that authority being vested solely in Congress, but the President can have Congress in extra session inside of ten days, and the impression is daily increasing that he will have to perform that duty, regardless of the Presidential campaign.

According to Senator Daniel, who has just returned from an extended western trip, the people of that section are not exciting themselves over the political situation. To use his own words, I went to the Pacific coast for a little vacation, and between Kansas City and San Francisco, going and coming, I did not see a political banner nor hear a hurrah for Bryan or for McKinley. That certainly indicates a good, healthy condition. I have never seen a campaign so quiet at

this stage."

It seems as though the officials of the Department of State would get ashamed of repeating that same old story about the Sultan of Turkey having been again told that he must at once settle those American missionary claims. It is a well recognized fact among the governments of Europe that the only "must" that gets the serious attention of the Sultan is that which is backed by a show of force. To use a bit of slang, it is up to this government to send a warship or two to collect those claims, or to stop talking about them.

Admiral Highborn, like the dissenting jurymen, believes the other members of the Board of Bureau Chiefs of the Navy Department—Admirals Melville, Bradford, and O'Neill, and Captain Sigsbee—to be an obstinate lot, and he has refused to agree with them as to the plans for the three protected cruisers authorized by the Naval appropriation bill for the current fiscal year, and has plans of his own. The controversy will be referred to Secretary Long for settlement when he returns from his vacation, and naval officers are not envying him the job.

Mr. H. S. Aldrich, of Ohio, who lives in the vicinity of a factory that makes shrapnel shells for Uncle Sam, has been telling some official news that had not before leaked out in Washington. He said: "Although little fuss is being made about it the government is straining every resource in anticipation of a long conflict in China. Hurry orders have been sent to all parties working on contracts for munitions of war, and some of them are working day and night under those orders."

From every part of the world comes news of new competitors in the commercial and industrial race. The general idea of the Argentine Republic has been that it was a country which had frequent revolutions and sold an enormous quantity of hides to our leather workers. An Englishman, who passed through Washington on his way to investigate the machinery and methods of our best shoe factories, in the interest of Argentine capitalists who intend to establish shoe

factories in that country, said: "The Argentine Republic will in time not only manufacture shoes to supply the home trade, but will ship the product of her factories to England and continental Europe, where there is a good market for such goods. We now ship hides and leather to all the world, and the freight would be no more on the manufactured goods than on the raw material. We have cheap leather and an unlimited supply, as well as cheap labor. We believe we can make shoes and undershoes most of our competitors."

The Department of Labor has issued a bulletin on Trusts and Industrial Combinations and their effect on wages and prices, which on the whole rather favorable to the trusts, especially as to wages. Several labor leaders have been saying the same thing for months.

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Silas Rucker to T. A. and J. W. Rucker, 60 acres of mining ground in Foothills creek district.....	25 00
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H. A. Mears to J. Fitzgibbon, same property.....	475 00
W. B. Neff to W. Houghton, 20 acres of mining ground in Foothills creek district.....	5 00

During the civil war, as well as in our late war with Spain, diarrhoea was one of the most troublesome diseases the army had to contend with. In many instances it became chronic and the old soldiers still suffer from it. Mr. David Taylor of Wind Ridge, Greene Co., Pa., is one of these. He uses Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and says he never found anything that would give him such quick relief. It is for sale by E. J. Eastman, Gold Hill, or Ben Haymond, Rock Point.

What is probable the smallest working electric railway in the country is reported as now under construction at Vacon, Mo. It is owned by the Bles Miniature Rapid Transit Company, and when completed, will be a mile in length, running around the grounds of a private park. The gauge is 3 feet 2 inches, and each car will carry eight people.

The road is a miniature in its corporate as well as its physical body, for its officers are children. Frederick Bles, 13 years old, is president and motorman; Alvin Bles, 10 years old is vice-president; Roy Denslow, 13 years of age, is secretary; the treasurer is 8-year-old Willie Bles, and the assistant superintendent is Raymond Kirsch, who is 13 years old. The road operates in Mrs. Bles's park, and is capitalized for \$10,000.

Wisconsin produced 100,000,000 pounds of butter and 64,000,000 pounds of cheese last year. The butter was valued at an average of 20 cents a pound, or \$20,000,000, and the cheese over 12 cents, or \$7,680,000.

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Story of A Slave.

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