

NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

The condition of Emperor Frederick continues unchanged.

Purchase of 500 cavalry horses in Oregon has been ordered by the war department.

A provincial government is in course of formation in Tarlac, a northern Luzon province.

General Chaffee is not to join in the German expedition in China under Von Waldersee.

Fire destroyed the Union Railway Company's barns at Elwood, R. I., and 30 trolley cars, causing a loss of \$162,000.

Governor Rogers has appointed G. Meade Emery, as an additional judge for King county, Wash., to serve until the next election.

Eight alleged Boxer leaders, after trial by officers of Chang Chi Tung, the viceroy of Hanko, have been decapitated at that place.

William P. Hill, for over 50 years a prominent New England newspaper editor, is dead of grip, at the home of his son-in-law in Denver, Col.

The schooner Alice, which was in the Nemo trade last year, ran on the rocks near the West Point lighthouse, while en route to Seattle from San Pedro. The full extent of the damage is not known. She was towed to Port Townsend.

Fire destroyed the Pythian opera house, the Second National bank building and the building occupied by the Southern Express Company, at Jackson, Tenn., causing a loss of \$100,000. It is believed two lives were lost in the falling of the opera house walls.

The bank of Omaha, at Omaha, Tex., has been robbed of \$3,000 in cash and paper amounting to \$2,000. The robbers made their escape upon a hand-car. The lone occupant of the bank was decamped from town by bogus telegrams, and remained away from Omaha on the night of the robbery.

A verdict for \$1,500 for the plaintiff was rendered in the circuit court in the case of J. J. Hecker vs. the O. R. & N. Co., at the Dalles, Oregon. Hecker, in June last, while driving across the railroad track four miles west of town, was struck by an engine, and sustained severe injuries for which suit for \$2,500 was brought.

Money scarcity in England continues. The president will call an extra session. The end of the Boer war is not in sight.

Severe cold weather prevails throughout Europe. A 13-inch gun exploded on the battleship Kearsarge. An Englishman's letter created a sensation in Manila.

Five rebel officers and 20 men were captured near Manila.

Civil government was established in Pangasinan province.

All the volunteers will be home from the Philippines by June 30.

The czar is suspicious of Emperor William's doings in England.

Appropriation bills have the right of way in the house this week.

Russia has imposed an increased tariff on imports from America.

The senate will practically devote this week to appropriation bills.

Louisiana mob hanged a negro who killed a white man and his family.

Six persons were killed and as many seriously injured in a train wreck in Nevada.

Nine prisoners in the Spokane county jail overpowered the jailer and escaped.

Official list of the victims of the Union mine accident places the number at 64.

One regiment and a portion of two others will be mustered out at Vancouver, Wash.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the colonial tour of the Duke of Cornwall and York.

Two Bridal Veil, Or., factories and the O. R. & N. railroad bridge were damaged by the breaking of a drift jam.

Danish government has broken off negotiations with the United States regarding the sale of Danish West Indies.

Colonel W. T. Hart, a well-known Western promoter, committed suicide by jumping from a moving train into the Snake river.

To hasten peace negotiations, Von Waldersee has planned an 80-day expedition and asks American and French to co-operate with the Germans.

Queen Victoria had 73 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lord Roberts is the first man ever entitled to wear the Garter, the Victoria Cross and the order of St. Patrick.

Thirty-five prominent American sculptors will contribute to the embellishment of the grounds and buildings of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

Doings of Importance at the State Capital—Bills Passed.

To Prevent Hobnobbing. A bill to prevent persons beating their way on railroad trains was passed by the house Monday. The bill was introduced by Poorman, at the request of railway employees and managers. It is a copy of the law now in force in Alabama, and is designed to put a stop to the tramp nuisance. The result of such laws in Alabama was shown by Mr. Poorman to be far reaching in its effect, putting a stop to car robbing. The bill was passed, there being no negative votes.

Passed by the Senate. The senate passed the following bills Monday: House bill 11, to authorize clerks of school districts and county judges to bid in property sold for taxes and to direct the manner in which such property may be disposed of; senate bill 222, to regulate surety companies; by Senator Booth, fixing the salaries of the county treasurers of the state; senate bill 237, to authorize the capitol building commissioners to construct a ditch in order to secure water for the state institutions.

To Pay State Taxes Twice a Year. Senate bill 223 was passed by the senate Monday. It provides that state taxes shall be payable by the counties in two semi-annual installments. This change in the law is proposed in order to harmonize with the new law which makes taxes payable in the counties semi-annually.

The Senatorial Vote. The vote for senator Monday stood: H. W. Corbett, 32; Binger Hermann, 28; R. D. Inman, 26; George H. Williams, 1; C. E. S. Wood, 1; absent, 2.

Two Railroad Bills Killed. The house after spending nearly another half day in consideration of railroad bills, disposed of two more Wednesday. One of these measures was Poorman's fellow-servant bill. It was debated at length, and although even its opponents admitted it had good points, it was defeated by a vote of 31 to 22. The other railroad bill which was disposed of, and which met a similar fate, was the bill of Harris to fix the liability of railroad corporations for injuries. But 19 votes were cast in favor of this bill.

No Holiday at Salem. Washington's birthday, February 22, is a legal holiday, but it is not a legislative holiday unless the legislature by specific act chooses to make it so. Inasmuch as Washington's birthday happens this year to fall on the 40th day of the session (the usual day of sine die adjournment) it is probable that business will be proceeded with as usual. The constitution of the state does not limit the sessions to 40 days, but does limit the total compensation of each member to \$120 at \$3 per day; therefore, few legislators can be expected to be so self-sacrificing as to work long for nothing.

Bills Passed. The senate Wednesday passed the following bills: Senate bill 79, to correct the description of the boundary of Wheeler county; senate bill 143, to protect hotel and boarding house keepers; by Hunt, regulating street railways in Portland; senate bill 73, to enact the Torrens system of registration of land titles; senate bill 172, to regulate insurance companies; senate bill 31, to provide for the election of road supervisors; senate bill 137, to create the office of county auditor of Multnomah county; senate bill 217, to amend the charter of Sherwood; senate bill 216, to fix the salary of prosecuting attorney in the Seventh judicial district.

The house Wednesday passed bills as follows: house bill 27, providing for a uniform system of mine bell signals; house bill 146, making it a crime to remove or interfere with mining location marks; house bill 127, regulating the supply of water for irrigation purposes.

The Senatorial Vote. The joint vote for senator Wednesday was: H. W. Corbett, 32; Binger Hermann, 28; George H. Williams, 1; R. D. Inman, Democrat, 26; W. E. Robertson, Democrat, 1; absent, 1.

Oregon Notes. The Robins saw mill, six miles east of Union, has been leased by a man from the East.

Eugene veterans of the Spanish and Philippine wars are planning to organize a local association.

A paper is being circulated at Newberg soliciting subscriptions to stock for the purpose of operating a cannery.

Tom Gilliam's log drive, consisting of 4,000,000 feet, is stranded in the Mohawk waiting for a freshet. It is consigned to the Booth-Kelly mills at Coburg.

Barbed wire telephone lines are coming back into fashion in Morrow county. The latest is one between the ranch of C. E. Jones, near Eight-Mile pasture and Heppner, via O. E. Farnsworth's ranch on Rhea creek and the public road to Hardman.

The recorder and clerk of Washington county collected \$211.80 in fees last month.

It is announced from Harrisburg that David Busby has sold his farm on Lake Creek to Mr. Busbee, from Washington. The consideration is said to have been \$7,000.

The Heppner Milling Company last week shipped a lot of second-hand machinery to Portland. As soon as the water opens up again the mill will be run to its full capacity day and night.

IS IN CAPE COLONY

Dewet Engaged a British Force Near Phillipstown.

CROSSED ORANGE RIVER AT SAND DRIFT

The Inniskillings Charged the Enemy Who Left Five Killed and Six Wounded—Ten Boers Were Captured.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Feb. 15.—Our troops are now engaged with Christian Dewet's force north of Phillipstown, which we hold, Dewet having crossed the Orange river at Sand Drift, apparently moving west."

"French, reporting from a point 25 miles southeast of Ermelo, states that a large force of the enemy is being driven on the Piet Reef, their efforts to break back having so far been frustrated. The Inniskillings charged the enemy, who left five killed and six wounded on the ground. Ten Boers were captured, and there was a large capture of wagons, carts and cattle. Our casualties were one killed and five wounded."

The Evening News, dated Thursday, February 14, which says:

"The government here is advised that Christian Dewet and ex-President Steyn entered Cape Colony and occupied Phillipstown. The British attacked them yesterday and drove them out of the town with loss."

Cape Town, Feb. 16.—A Boer commander crossed the Orange river yesterday, in the Phillipstown district. It is reported that Dewet was in command. Van Wyksval was occupied Monday by 300 Boers who were retreating from Calvinia. The Boers are reported in force 24 miles west of Carnarvon. A Boer convoy of 65 wagons and 45 prisoners has been captured north of Amsterdam.

Boers Near Cape Town.

London, Feb. 16.—It is reported from Cape Town that the wife of Commandant Botha left Pretoria with a military escort to endeavor to get her husband to surrender.

The Boers tried unsuccessfully to destroy a culvert near Cape Town. Several fighting ensued, the Boers leaving three killed and 23 wounded. The British lost one killed and two wounded.

Boers Worsted at Aberdeen.

Cape Town, Feb. 16.—Fighting is reported to have taken place near Aberdeen Friday and Saturday last, the Boers being worsted.

CHICAGO HOTEL FIRES.

Attempts Were Made to Burn Four Structures—Robbery During the Excitement.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Flames were started simultaneously on four floors of the Palmer House this afternoon, and 45 minutes later were discovered on two floors in the Great Northern hotel. Two men supposed to be hotel thieves were seen to run from the Palmer house. During the excitement, \$500 worth of jewelry was stolen from one of the rooms of the Great Northern. About the same time, a blaze of light was discovered in the Sherman house. Another fire of suspicious origin had been discovered only 24 hours before. The fires convince the police that an organized gang of incendiaries is operating in Chicago. Good descriptions have been secured of the two men who were seen running from the Palmer house, and a number of detectives are at work on the case. The four fires, with the circumstances attending them, were:

Palmer House—Four fires started simultaneously in baskets of linen on different floors. Towels saturated with kerosene were found. The fire was extinguished by guests and employees. Two suspects were seen, but allowed to escape. Damage nominal.

Great Northern Hotel—Simultaneous fires were discovered on the 11 and J floors. Odor of kerosene on H floor. J. S. Priest, of New York, reported that \$500 worth of jewelry had been stolen from his room. Damage of \$1,500 by fire and small panic among the guests.

Sherman House—The blaze was on the upper floor and was attended with little commotion. Damage, \$100.

Hotel Grace—Fire of suspicious origin discovered in a linen closet. Damage nominal.

The most dangerous fire in the Palmer house was on the fifth floor. It was extinguished at personal risk by John M. McWilliams, Jr., a senior at Princeton university. The police agree that all the fires were incendiary and tonight every important downtown hotel was guarded by a detail of officers in plain clothes, watching for the men suspected of having started the fires. These officers, as well as the hotel managers, have the theory that the blaze was started by some discharged hotel employe who wished to satisfy his grudge and was able to do so through his intimate knowledge of opportunities.

Robbed of \$3,000 Worth of Jewelry.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Mrs. F. H. Osgood, of Seattle, who arrived in this city on the Oregon express this morning, has reported to the police and railway officials that she was robbed during last night of \$3,000 worth of jewelry. She stated that the gems were in a leather bag which she suspended from her neck, but that they were taken while she was sleeping. The police officers have arrested a man on suspicion.

SIX WERE KILLED.

Five Passengers and Fireman on Wrecked Train—As Many Seriously Injured.

Winemucca, Nev., Feb. 19.—The eastbound overland limited Southern Pacific train, officially known as No. 2, was wrecked at a point 27 miles west of this place, while running at a speed of 50 miles an hour, the train went into a washed out culvert, and the result was the worst wreck known on this division of the road. Six persons were killed and six injured.

The disaster occurred at a point where an embankment 3 feet high crosses a ravine. Melting snow from the mountains caused a heavy rush of water which broke through the embankment some time during the night. The washout was about 75 feet in width, and into the raging torrent the ill-fated train plunged without warning. The engine nearly cleared the break before the rails gave way, the tender falling back. The mail car and composite car followed into the chasm, and the train continued the first of the Pullman sleepers nearly half its length.

Two sleepers and the dining car remained on the track. The bodies of two men, evidently tramps, who were stealing a ride, are in the wreckage.

Train No. 4, the eastbound express, was following the limited train very closely, and the rear brakeman of the latter had only a few minutes in which to flag No. 4 and prevent a rear end collision.

At 7:20 A. M. a special train left this place for the scene of the wreck, carrying doctors and nurses, and the injured were given every attention possible, being taken to the hotel at Mill City, the nearest station. The dead and injured were later taken back to Wadsworth on a special train, and will be carried on to San Francisco.

It will be two or three days before the track can be put in condition so that the running of trains may be resumed. It will be necessary first to build a trestle across the chasm in which the wrecked cars are lying.

OVERPOWERED THE JAILER.

Nine Prisoners in the Spokane County Jail Escape—Officer Gave Pursuit.

Spokane, Feb. 19.—Arthur Spencer, of San Francisco, charged with impersonating a United States officer, and eight other prisoners overpowered Jailer Thompson in the Spokane county jail this morning and are now at large.

Thompson says he was seized from behind by prisoners who were hiding behind a door, was beaten in an insensibility, robbed of keys and revolver and gagged to prevent an outcry. When the jailer got loose he took a Winchester and went out to look for the escaped prisoners. He spotted a citizen who, frightened by the jailer's appearance, started to run. The jailer gave pursuit and began to shoot at the man, who finally was rescued by a jury out for an airing.

Poses have been sent out everywhere, but not one of the jail breakers has been sighted.

NEGRO WAS LYNCHED.

Killed a Man and His Family and Ransacked the House.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—Thomas Jackson, a Negro, was lynched today at St. Peter, 20 miles above this city, for a series of crimes. This morning he visited the home of Alexander Bourgeois, the engineer of a drainage machine on Bellepoint plantation, some distance from the plantation quarters. He told Bourgeois the manager wanted him, and the engineer mounted the tricycle with the Negro. Jackson stabbed the engineer in the back and threw the body into a ditch. He then returned to the house and butchered Mrs. Bourgeois and her two babies and ransacked the house. Two boys visiting the family hid in the woods. After the negro's departure the boys went to St. Peter and gave the alarm, returning with a mob of several hundred men.

The negro was tracked to his home and fully identified by the boys. He was hanged and his body riddled with bullets before the sheriff arrived.

Composer Nevins Dead.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 19.—Ethelbert Nevins, musician and composer, died suddenly here today of heart disease. Mr. Nevins came to New Haven about five weeks ago to be associated with professor Parker, of Yale university, in his musical work. Ethelbert Nevins was born in Nevinac, Pa., in 1863. As a composer, Mr. Nevins attained a name hardly second to any musician, and his songs are known throughout the continent. Among these are "The Roary," "Narcissus," "Good Night," "Good Night, Beloved," and an arrangement of Heins' "The Heiden Reinsel."

Mexican Troops Defeated Indians.

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—The federal troops had another engagement with Maya Indians yesterday, and the troops turned their flank and drove them from all their fortified places. The new Mauser rifles are found to be extremely effective against the enemy.

Three Soidiers in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Soldiers were epidemic in this city today. Three men suffering from despondency took their lives. A Lewis, a shoemaker in his health, ended his life tonight by asphyxiation. Robert McKenna, a painter, quarreled with his wife and swallowed a dose of arsenic. A Moller, a baker, who grieved over the death of a son, who was killed in the terrible football accident last Thanksgiving, took carbolic acid.

IN A DEATH TRAP

Sixty-Five Miners Are Entombed—No Hope for Them.

CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Only Exit is the Mouth of the Shaft, Which is Filled With a Huge Volume of Smoke—Relief Measures Have Begun.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 18.—Sixty-five miners are imprisoned in No. 6 shaft of the Cumberland coal mine on Vancouver island. The only exit is the mouth of the shaft which is filled with a huge volume of smoke. There is considered to be no possibility for the unfortunates to escape.

Details of Disaster Meager.

The Cumberland mine is one of the properties of the Union Colliery Company, situated near Comox and reached from Union bay by the private colliery railway crossing the Trent river on which the memorable bridge disaster occurred a year or two ago. It has been singularly fortunate heretofore in immunity from disaster and was counted an especially safe mine to work in by reason of the character of the formation in which the coal lies. It is well constructed and timbered with a mud wall, the pit bottom being timbered with 12x18 sawn bulks, bairt solidly together, 16 feet wide and 12 feet high. The shaft is located close to the railway, and the ventilation of the mine is effected by 14x5-foot Guibal fan, which, when run to its full capacity, gives 85,000 cubic feet of air circulation per minute. The air enters by the haulage slopes and is divided into separate splits, the main split being at the point where No. 2 branches off the main slope, part of the air going down each slope. Further down each of these slopes the air is again split, and sent to the workings east and west of the respective slopes.

A second explosion occurred in No. 5 shaft tonight, but it had been expected, and all the men had left the workings. There were no casualties. This explosion prevents any further efforts being made to rescue the entombed miners through No. 5 shaft.

Killed by a Tiger.

Indiapolis, Ind., Feb. 18.—Albert Neilson, aged 15, employed as an animal keeper at the Zoological garden, in this city, was killed by a Bengal tiger today. He entered the tiger's cage and was attacked by the beast. A terrible struggle followed in which Neilson was torn in a hundred places. Red hot irons were thrust into the blood thirsty animal, but not until severe bullets had been fired into its body did it release its hold on its victim. Neilson was dragged from the cage more dead than alive, and was hurried to the city hospital, where he died as he was being carried in. The tiger was not fatally wounded. Neilson had been employed by the Zoo company three years. He was in charge of the lion's cubs, and it is supposed opened the tiger's cage by mistake.

Generals to Retire Today.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Generals J. H. Wilson, Fitzhugh Lee and Theodore Schwan will be retired tomorrow, the last named on his own application. Colonel A. S. Daggett, Fourthteenth infantry, will be promoted to a brigadier-generalship, succeeding Schwan, and will be retired immediately.

May Arrest Without a Warrant.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—In the suit of John B. Bennett against Secret Service Agents Flynn and Berriman and Deputy United States Marshal W. S. Blair, who were charged with malicious trespass assault and battery in connection with the arrest of the plaintiff, Judge W. M. Achin, in the United States court, handed down an important opinion. He makes a precedent in deciding that United States marshals or their deputies can make arrests in emergency cases without warrant.

Found Dead on the Desert.

Tucson, Ariz. Feb. 18.—George Wheatley a well-known mining man and two Mexican miners were found dead in their tent, one mile from the mining camp of Schultz, 30 miles from Tucson. When found the parties had been dead for several days. Indications point to death from charcoal fumes. Some believe that the men were poisoned. The body of one of the Mexicans was being consumed by fire when the remains were discovered.

MOSCOW PAPER SUPPRESSED.

For the Publication of University Bulletins—320 Students Have Been Arrested.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The minister of the interior, M. Sipiaguine, on Saturday ordered the suppression for three months of the Novosti Dnja, a Moscow newspaper, which has violated the prohibition against the publication of university bulletins. A secret circular has been issued reminding all the newspapers that the prohibition is now effective.

Information has been received here that 320 students have been arrested in Moscow, presumably the whole assembly which obstructed the lectures among the students. Eighteen students were arrested here, but were subsequently released. Pending a decision in their case, however, they were forbidden to re-enter the university. Sixteen additional arrests were effected by the forestry institute, near by, held a meeting and declared the institute closed until the sentences against the students should be revoked and military law repealed.

The institute of railway engineers, by a vote of 230 to 100, declared for obstruction. The military and medical academy students met, with the permission of General Kouroptkin, the minister of war, the latter merely warning them that he could not prevent the operation of military law if obstructive tactics were adopted. Of the 800 who were present at the meeting only 150 favored obstruction.

LEFT \$70,000,000.

Huntington's Estate Has Since Increased \$10,000,000—Pays \$700,000 Inheritance Tax.

New York, Feb. 20.—Executors of the estate of Collis P. Huntington, have deposited with the controller a certified check for \$700,000, to cover the amount of the inheritance tax which will be collected by the state. The deposit indicates the worth of the estate at the time of the testator's death to have been approximately \$70,000,000, which has now been increased about one-seventh, making the present worth \$80,000,000.

The size of the check indicates that the Huntington estate in value will more than double the estimate placed upon it at the time of the death of the California pioneer. Owing to the rise in railroad securities during the last six months the Huntington estate is now worth almost, if not quite, \$100,000,000 more than it was when the will was offered for probate. As the inheritance tax is based upon the value at the time of the death of the testator, the estate would now seem to be worth approximately \$80,000,000.

No accurate idea as to how the Huntington millions are invested has yet been made by the executors.

TRIED BY A MOB.

Tennessee Negro's Jurors Hanged Him—He Confessed, Implicating Others.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Feb. 20.—An unknown man broke into the residence of Dr. Arnold, a prominent physician here, yesterday, and struck Miss Eliza Arnold on the head and side with a hatchet. She fainted without seeing the assailant, who became frightened and fled. Bloodhounds followed the trail from the young lady's room to the house of a negro named Fred King, where a hatchet was found in a bureau drawer. King and two other negroes were arrested but the latter were released. A mob formed and would have lynched King but for the pleadings of Dr. Arnold, who insisted upon having better evidence of guilt. A mob formed today and took King from the jail and tried him before a jury selected from the mob. He confessed, implicating several other negroes, and was then hanged. Another negro named Beebe has been captured, charged with complicity in the assault, and probably will meet the same fate.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF

Danish Government Will Not Sell Us Danish West Indies.

London, Feb. 20.—"The Danish government," says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, "has suddenly broken off all dealings with the United States regarding the sale of the Danish West Indies. This is due to a satisfactory offer made by the Danish East Asian Steamship Company to assist and in the future to administer the islands. The American government has been notified as to this decision."

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Times says:

"From a competent source, I learn that the Danish West Indies will not be sold during the present parliamentary session. The syndicate will form a new trans-Atlantic steamship company and undertake other commercial enterprises in connection with the islands, whose excellent ports will be, it is presumed, invaluable when the Nicaragua canal is finished.

The negotiations are still uncompleted, but they will be settled before October, and the negotiations with the United States will then be dropped.

Skagway to Dawson.

Tacoma, Feb. 20.—Advice has been received here that the White Pass & Yukon road have purchased the property of the Canadian Development Company, to take effect April 1. By this extensive acquisition of property the railroad company practically extends its line from Skagway to Dawson. This practically gives the White Pass Railroad Company the control of all the waterways to the interior, as it also controls the Atlin route.

Strikers Riot in France.

Chalon-sur-Saone, France, Feb. 20.—Striking metal workers marched through the town today, compelling other factories to close, forcing open the doors and bringing out workmen. Until the strikers numbered about 800 men. The guardsmen and troops were summoned and the rioters were dispersed with fixed bayonets, after the reading of the usual proclamation. Fifty arrests were made. Nobody was seriously injured.

HE WILL NOT GO

Chaffee Is Not to Join the German Expedition.

THE GOVERNMENT FACES A CRISIS

State Department May Try to Dissuade Berlin Authorities from Undertaking This Campaign—Chinese Are to Blame.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The United States government is facing a serious crisis in China, owing to the announcement of the purpose of Field Marshal Count von Waldersee to begin another offensive campaign. General Chaffee has been invited to join in the expedition, which is to be mobilized on a larger scale than anything attempted in China since the allied army began the march to Peking. The general so informed the war department today, and the officials of the state department have been advised of the situation.

This German movement is viewed with absolute dismay here, for it is feared that it requires an immediate decision by the United States government of its whole line of policy toward the Chinese question. General Chaffee will be told that he is not to participate in this campaign. He has been keeping the American forces in Peking ever since the city was pacified, simply as a legation guard, and the German government is fully aware that the United States government purposely deprived the American contingent in China of its offensive military character and withdrew it from the control of General von Waldersee in order to hasten peace negotiations and prevent, so far as it could, the continuance of military movements against the Chinese, which were baneful in their effect upon the peace movement. So our government, not having changed its policy, cannot do otherwise than to cause General Chaffee to refrain from any participation in military movements so long as the present peaceful conditions continue.

But another very serious point under consideration is, not whether Chaffee shall join the German movement, but whether it is not the duty of our government to exercise all proper efforts to dissuade the German government from undertaking this campaign.

The Chinese government is unfortunately delaying the peace negotiations in an exasperating fashion, and is not responding in proper spirit to the effort of the United States government. Word has just come from Minister Conger which confirms the press advices relative to the Chinese declaration to accede to the demands of the ministers in the matter of capital punishment of the leaders implicated in the Boxer movement. Mr. Conger's message gave it to be understood that the Chinese government had agreed to exile Prince Tuan and Lu without capital sentences; to recommend suicide to Prince Chang; death for Yu Hsien and Chao Chi Chao; imprisonment and degradation from office for Chi Hsai and Hsu Cheng Yu. It is said an edict has already been issued to execute these sentences.

A visit from the Japanese minister to the state department served to give color to the story that our government is casting about to ascertain how far the other power party to the Chinese question would endorse this proposed campaign. It is impossible to secure exact information on the subject. The whole subject, it is said, is to come before the cabinet meeting tomorrow, when the course to be pursued by the United States government will be determined.