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 Presents .

to a Cordensed From-Five hundred marines left Washing-

ton for China, via San Francisco. A well known packer says he fears

salmon will soon be exterminated. Texas woolgrowers are holding about 4,000,000 pounds of wool for better

The allied feet bombarded the fort at Taku all night before they were suc-

The report of the state banks of Washington show a heavy increase in involved. General Dewet has again cut Lor'

Roberts' communications and captured 100 men and a supply train. Citizens of Porcupine district, Alaska, have issued a petition protest-

ing against British aggression . Joseph E. Mullen, who was convicted in New York for the murder of his wife, was electrocuted in the prison at

A terrific wind, rain and hail storm swept over the town of Ironton, Ohio, roofing several houses and uprooting

Senator Pettlgrew has a letter from a Filipino general, purporting to give the terms of an interveiw with Dewey at the outbreak of the Spanish war, in which the admiral promised Philippine independence.

Four of the officers and employes of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company were arrested charged with manslaugther for the Fourth of July street railway disaster, in which 43 persons were killed and over 60 injured.

The American policy of proceeding as if the good faith of the Chinese government were not doubted, while in no wise relaxing effort to reach our minister, is believed to hold two chances of success to the one chance of the other foreign governments.

The St. Paul Cold Storeage & Warehouse Company's large warehouse at St. Paul, Minn., was destroyed by fire throughout the country to the Pacific The total loss is estimated at about seaboard. \$150,000, with an insurance of \$50,-000. The warehouse was fixled with butter, fruit, tobacco, eggs, whisky and other commodities.

Lebanon, Or., had a \$10,000 fire, Lord Roberts has attacked Middle-

Tien Tsin and neighborhood are clear

Oriental war is affecting the world's money markets.

Forty persons were injured at a street car accident at Niles, Obio.

The New York Republican state convention will be held September 4.

Minister Wu has word that the Pekin authorities are protecting the

Crop prospects in the Pacific Northwest indicate a yield of 40,000,000 bushels of wheat. The Cunary liner Campania cut in

rying down 11 men. Colombian troops will fight the revolutionists outside of Panama, so as not

twain a bark, which sank at once, car-

to endanger the city. Populists refused to go into the Idaho fusion, and nominated a full ticket, Democrats and Silver Republicans

Li Hung Chang got a cool reception at Hong Kong. Russia has called on

the border provinces of Siberia for the The Eight infantry is returning from

Cuba to go to China. Heavy artillery Chinese. has been ordered to leave Fort Reilly

to move to the Pacific islands on a vannah harbor. three years' contract.

Documents relating to a plot against have been found in a rebel recruiting student at Vashon college instantly office in San Miguel. The Yaqui Indians, of Mexico, are

ments to return to their farms. The Frazer river fishermen's strike is now deemed beyond settlement, a

serious collision between peace officers and strikers having taken place.

Count Castellane, husband of Anna taking strychnine. Despondency due Gould, fought a duel with Count to ill health was the cause. Orlowski in the suburbs of Paris, in which Orlowski was slightly wounded.

The executive conneil of the American Federation of Labor issued an ap- ment and the powers, on condition peal to all wage-workers to organize that anarchy in the empire be supanions or join those aiready in ex- pressed and foreigners be given complete protection.

The United States court of claims jurisdiction over more than 102,000 cuit court.

and editing a newspaper.

LATER NEWS.

Chinese soldiers are killing the Box

Relgium proposes to send an expeditionary corps to China. Civil govenrment has been establish-

ed in Vigan, Luzon.

China has appealed to France to use her good offices with the powers. Desolation and ruin in Tien Tsin. Pigs and dogs are eating the bodies of

A mob in New Orleans killed three negroes and wounded several others,

The police prevented a lynching. An explosion and fire in a collar actory at Chicago, caused the death of four women, and five others were in-

Colombian rebels are fighting hard for the possession of Panama. Heavy hai, July 23: artillery fire is being directed against

the city

A passenger train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railway was wrecked near Benton, Ill., killing one man and

The Boers have evacuated all their to Lydenburg. Many burghers are auxious to see peace come.

At Truckee, Cal., a faro bank in the rear of a saloon was robbed by two masked men, who covered five players with revolvers and secured \$750

The admirals, it is said have decided demolishing a large planing mill, un- that an advance on Pekin cannot be made with less than 60,000 men. About half that number have been

country, and he expects to be seated contradicted these facts.' "

chon is alive, and he will transmit a within five days. Particulars of the fighting at and capture of Tien Tsin are at hand, and

show that the Ninth infantry suffered terribly. There is some inclination on the part of correspondents to censure for eventualties by fitting out trans-

Peace reigns in Venezuela.

Colombian revoltuionists have cap-

Honolulu Chinese will ask powers to restore Emperor Kwang Sui.

Russian advance at New Chwang.

"Aunt Mary" Walling, a pioneer, died at Amity, Or., aged 82 years.

There was a stampede from Juneau to the new placer diggings on Glacier

and Wilson. D. Alexander, a prominent business man of New Watcom, Wash., met

death by asphyxiation. Four out of a party of five prospectors lost their lives as a result of a terrible trip to the head waters of the Stew-

art river, in the Klondike. The Kumassi relief column has re turned to Fumsu, bringing the defend-

the point of giving up when rescued. Turkey is considering the subject of with the powers. The Sultan is greatly affected by the barbarous acts of the

The Gaynor-Greene hearing developed the fact that Captain Oberlin M. Carter Hawaiian plantation owners are made heavy purchases of bonds while trying to induce 5,000 Puerto Ricans in charge of government work in Sa-

Two fatalities at Tacoma. Coal passer on transport Rosecrans fell the American authorities in Manila through a trestle and drowned and a city regrets the trouble, and hopes that

killed while felling a tree. Famine threatens the city of Tien reported to have been broken up, and Tsin. Hundreds of thousands of Chithe government will offer them inducedistricts where fighting is going on,

without means of support. Harry Arinott, locator and part owner of the Little Annie group of mines in the Big Bug district, Arizona, has committed suicide at Prescott by

Presdent McKinley has replied to China, signifying his willingness to mediate between the imperial govern-

Dr. Pigg, of southwest Missouri, has has just settled a case 102 years old.

Dr. Pigg, of southwest Missouri, has proclaimed his bethrothal succeeded in having his name changed to Mme. Draga Maschin, a widow, who New York's Masonic grand lodge has to Peak with the assistance of the cir- to Mme. Draga Maschin, a widow, who

Buffalo county, Neb., boasts the The prince of Wales is credited with largest alfalfa field in the world. It the ambition of anonymously owning is from one-half to two miles wide and

eight miles long. The League of American Mothers has Dr. G. R. Wieland, of Yale, found issued a call for a national convention a turtle in the black hills that lived to be held in Chicago August 1, 2, 3 millions of years ago, which proves that the region was once an ocean.

China Promises to Deliver Pe-

kin Ministers Safely.

Their Massacre Rumors About Li Hung Chang's Mission.

Information from Pekin, dated July were restored last night. 18, says that the Tsung Li Yamun de-Pants makers of New York City puted Won Jai, an under secretary of Roodeval were 200 Welsh Fusiliers, have struck for shorter hours and an the department, to see the foreign min- most of whom had been prisoners. inrocease in wages. Five thousand are listers, and he found every one well, Dewet's force is continuing to move cepted. General Yung Lo is going to July 22, with Broadwood not far be all under escort to Tien Tsin, in the lowing Broadwood. hope that the military operations will

positions and are retreating northward Daily Mail, telegraphing July 23, says: frove 1,000 Boers from a very strong Shang Tung has been received by an delerable loss. Our casualties were active functionary here, containing the dx killed and 19 wounded."

following passage: " 'At the beginning of the month Roberts has also been received: the foreign missionaries made several attempts to send messages out of Pekin, marched here today. This is the place but, thanks to the strict watch kept on where the Ninety-fourth was attacked the city, the bearers were all caught December 20, 1880. The graves of the and executed. On the 4th inst. only officers and men are in fair preserva-400 foreigners were left alive in Pekin, tion, and will now be kept in good and one night, when the big guns were order. The march was unopposed, but Senator Clark, of Montana, says his incessantly fired, it was known that all French's cavalry and Hutton's mountcredentials have been pronounced good the legations and foreigners were fin- ed infantry, making a wide detour on

Li Hung Chang assures the French | the Daily Mail asserts that there are also captured. Our casualties were one consulat Shanghai that Minister Pi- differences of opinion in the Russian killed. council of war. The minister of war, message to him requesting an answer General Kuropatkin, wishes to send He was waiting at Vredefort until Lit-100,000 men to clear the rebels out of Manchuria. On the other hand, according to this correspondent, Emperor Nicholas wishes the operations limited to the defense and pacification of the frontier districts. Let two strong armies, one of the allies in the south and the other of Russians in the north, The navy department is preparing confront the Chinese, and the rising -so the czar is said to argue-would ports to carry coal and stores to the be bound to collapse. "We want no a reason that the Boxers deceived them the Japanese, the threat against them fleet in Chinese waters. Army troops are hurrying from various posts

Ten thousand Chinese oppose the patches were addressed yesterday by. pecially if the foreigners in the capital tack the Japanese upon their return the Chinese minister to the Pekin gov. were safe. This appears to present the from their fishing trip late tonight, ernment and the administration of bel. general native opinion here, as far as and the canners think that the backegraphs, strongly recommending the it is possible to ascertain it. restoration of telegraphic communication, so as to enable the powers to learn of the safety of the foreign ministers. Until such proofs are secured. no one here is inclined to alter the quell the striking fishermen on Fraser opinion that the Chinese are merely and contradictory. It is now thought turned today and advised the strikers

juggling to gain time. shallow lake near Ventura, Cal., and personality of Li Hung Chang. He is was at first intended, possibly by the come to their terms, but many strikers credited with a mission to offer to cede | end of this month, but nothing definite | do not take kindly to this deal, especialto the allied powers two provinces as The brigadier-generals who will indemnity for the Pekin outrages and Geveral Sir Alfred Gaselee, commandserve under Chaffee are Grant, Barry also to offer to restore order and give facilities for trade with the outside world, on condition of the surrender of Kiao Chon, Wei Hai Wei and Manchuria by the powers and the withtrawal of all missionaries.

Chinese Laundries Close.

Chicago, July 25,-The Chinese the city that because of Caucasian an ment of arms and ammunition ers of the town. The besieged were on tipathy aroused by trouble in the Celes- Asiatic ports from Puget sound, which tial empire a boycott has been institut- may be used in China to harm Ameried against Chinese laundries and truck can residents there, and he is further sending a force to China to co-operate farms. Wu Sung Lee, a banker in instructed to detain all vessels about to Chinatown and probably the richest clear for the Orient or islands of t Mongolian in the city, says four laun- Pacific with arms until the departme dries have been forced to suspend busi- can ingvestigate. Collector Huesti ness during the past week, and Chinese has notified all owners and agents o laundries generally report a falling off vessels engaged in Oriental trade of this of 50 per cent in their business. Bank- order, and will also place a force of iner Wu said today: "The white people | spectors to watch the loading of vessels think we are in sympathy with the for the Orient. Boxers, and that they have our moral support. Nothing could be further from the truth. Every Chinese in the the foreigners have not been murdered. Some of us have even authorized the Chinese consuls at San Francisco to offer to the Chinese government our services and our property, to the end that the foreigners, especially the Americans, in China may be saved."

Yellow Fever at Pinar del Rio enth United States cavalry and the police, is believed to have a quieting First United States infantry in Pinar effect. The present situation at Stevdel Rio. There have been nine deaths eston is one of quiet and order. during the last month, and 11 cases are now under treatment in the hospitals. Today General Lee moved the camp three miles into the country, and the quarantine will be strictly en-

King of Servia Engaged. Belgrade, July 24 .- King Alexander:

Queen Nathalie, the king's mother. . Took Morphine and Died.

morphine, taken with suicidal intent. living near Eureka.

GENERAL ADVANCE BEGUN.

Soberts' Army Is Pushing the Boers Into the Mountains. London, July 27 .- The war office

"Vandermerwe Station, July 25 .-We made a general advance yesterday from the position we have been holding NOTHING PROVES THEM ALIVE sast of Pretoria since June 12. Ian 600 STRIKERS WARNED BACK flamilton, from the north, reached Rustfontein, seven miles north of Another Account Comes Through of Brenkherst Spruit, July 22. This so completely surrounded the enemy's line of setreat that they abandoned the strong position they had been occupying in front of Pole-Carew. Stepheon London, July 25.—The Chinese min- son's brigade advanced yesterday unister, Sir Chi Chen Len Feng Lob, has apposed to Eland's Riverstation. Our communicated to the press the follow- right was protected by the First and ing dispatch from Sheng, director of Fourth brigades of cavalry, under the Chinese railways and telegraphs, French and Hutton's mounted infantry. and Tao Tai, of Shanghai, dated Shang. The former crossed east of Wilge river. Telegraph and railway communication

"In the supply train captured at without any missing, the German ex- northeasterly. It was at Roodepoort, memorialize the throne to send them hind, and Little's cavalry brigade fol-

"Baden-Powell reports as follows: " 'Magato Farm, July 24 .- Colonels The Shanghai correspondent of the Arey and Lushington, with 450 men, "A letter from a Chinese official in position and scattered them with con-

The following dispatch from Lord "Bronkhorst Spruit, July 24 .- We by the best constitutional lawyer of the ished, although pretended telegrams our right, met bodies of the enemy. These were driven back, leaving several The St. Petersburg correspondent of dead and wounded. A good many were Broadwood reports that he captured five of Dewet's wagons today.

:le joined him. CHINESE DISSENSION.

Imperial Troops Killing Boxers-Conditions in Pekin. Tien Tsin, July 27.—Chinese coming onquests," he is reported to have de- into embarking on a hopeless struggle. by the strikers, and the rumor that the clared at the conclusion of the sitting An intelligent Chinaman said he re- strikers planned to burn down all the of the council. "What we desire is to garded this as a sign of widespread dis- 47 canneries on the Fraser river, insmooth waters the Chirese ship of short time, he declared, before the same Steveston, backed by three magistrates, all probability, Jung Lu, commander-There is nothing further this morn- in-chief of the Chinese forces, and ing that throws any light upon the mys- Prince Ching would be able to regain the loaded rifles. Colonel Worsnop terious situation. Two urgent dis- sufficient influence to make peace, es- does not believe they will dare to at-

In the meantime, reliable news as to events in Pekin and whether the foreigners are alive is entirely lacking, or again voted to decline the 20-cent rate is only obtainable from Chinese sources, and even this is most meager that the forward movement of the allies to abandon the Fraser river as a place of Rumor circulates briskly around the will probably take place earlier than employment if the canners did not will be decided before the arrival of ly as they realize the canners can get the Indian contingent. A runner Japanese are under military protection. who arrived from Pekin vesterday reports that the foreigners were safe Ju'v 10, and that there has been considerable fighting between Boxers and sol-

diers inside of the city.

Port Townsend, Wash., July 27. Collector of Customs Huestis received population of Chicago is perturbed over instructions today from Secretary Gage the reports from the various parts of to use every precaution to prevent ship-

Vancouver, B. C., July 27 .- The crisis in the cannery difficulty has been reached and safely passed. It is true that the military forces and provincia policemen at Steveston are still on luty at the canneries, but there has been no mob violence of any kind. It is probable that the militia regiment will remain at Steveston for a week. No attack by the members of the Fishermen's union on the Japanese fishermen is apprehended so long as the Havana, July 25 .- Yellow fever has troops remain. The presence of the broken out in the barracks of the Sev- militia, in addition to the provincial

Fire at Yuma.

Yuma, Ariz., July 27 .- Fire last night swept Main street from First to Jones, destroying everything in its path. The total loss is estimated at \$25,000; insurance, \$4,800.

Kalispell, Mont., July 27 .- One of the worst forest fires ever known in Northwestern Montana is now raging was formerly a lady-in-waiting to in the Swan lake country, on the western part of the Lewis and Clark forest reserve. Gus Mosler, superintendent of the reserve, reports that Indians de-Seattle, July 24 .- Joe Greenwald, a liberately set fire to the timber, and sporting man, well-known all over the are slaughtering the game. He will Pacific coast, died here today from proceed against the perpetrators. Within the space of 30 miles up and His people are well-to-do Californians. down the river, he says, there are over 80 fires now burning fiercely.

has received the following dispatch Troops Protect Nonunion Fishermen.

The Minority of the Fishermen Cannot Tie Up the Entire Salmon Industry of the Eiver.

Vancouver, B. C., July 26 .- The crisis has come in the strike which has paralyzed the *almon canning industry on the Fraser river. Three thousand Japanese fishermen, occupying 1,500 boats, started out from the fishing village of Steveston today under the protection of the Sixth regiment. The militiamen were formed in line around the wharves, and with loaded rattes warned back the strikers, who had hitherto prevented any fisherman this season from plying his calling on the Fraser. For Steveston is under martial law, and the 600 members of the Fishermen's union who had sucessfully intimiadated six times as many Japanese and Indians, found it a hopeless undertaking to continue the fight when their enemies had secured military authority as an ally. Lieutenant-Colonel Worsnop, who is in command of the regiment, sent to Steveston early this morning and made his position more emphatic by his declaration to the strike leaders that he and his men were there for business, not play, and that at the first evidence of an attack upon any fisherman, be he Japanese or Indian, the troops would shoot to kill. Under the Canadian regulations, blank ammunition in never supplied to riflemen upon such occasions as this. Every member of the four companies at Staveston today had 24 rounds of ball ammunition, as deadly as any soldier in South Africa is supplied with.

It is due to the action of the Japanese that the precipitation of the climax in the existing difficulty must be ascribed. For a time the Japanese were frightened into acquiesence with the strikers but their supplies became exhauste and hunger was a frequent visitor a their boats and in their cabins. They held a monster-mass meeting and decided to go out this morning, despite the threats of the white fishermen, who in from the country report that the had been holding out for 25 cents a Chinese soldiers are killing the Boxers fish, while the canners refused to pay wherever the latter are seen, giving as more than 20 cents. This decision of

to appeal for military protection. The white fishermen are very bitter against the soldiers, but are afraid of

bone of the strike has been broken. The Fishermen's Union, at a meeting today, 600 members being present, accepted by the Japanese. Their leaders, who left Steveston last night, reall the fish they want so long as the Many of the strikers are individually in favor of accepting the 20 cents per fish which the Japanese are earning today, and the Indians, who have hitherto sided with the whites, are now ready to follow the example of the Japanese.

The Burlington's Plans. Denver, July 26 .- A special to the Republican from Sterling, Colo., says: From action taken in this city today it appears that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company contemplates entering the railroad field in Alaska. February last articles of incorporation were filed with the county clerk of this county for a railroad from this city to Akron, Colo., to be known as the Akron, Sterling & Northern. These papers bore the signatures of the officials of the Burlington. Today an amendment to these articles was filed, permitting the building of a line from the head of Valdes bay, in Alaska, to Keystone canyon, thence through

Dutch valley to Thompson pass. Yellow Fever Serum a Success. Vera Cruz, July 25 .- The first patient treated with the yellow fever serum by the young Brazilian experimenter, Dr. Belingzahi, is fully conprogressing favorably. There is intense of war and act accordingly. interest in the experiments. Patients respectfully, "LOUIS KEMPFF, very low with violent vomiting have been treated, and the effect is marvel-

A Runaway Freight. Salt Lake, Utah, July 26 .- A freight train on the Utah Central branch of the Rio Grande Western today got bestriking a sharp curve toppled over.

A New Comet.

Park City.

Geneva, N. Y., July 26,-Dr. Wil liam Brooks, director of the Smith of scrvatory, discovered a new comet this morning in the eastern heavens. Its position at discovery, July 24, 13 hours, was right ascension 2 hours, 42 minutes, 40 seconds; declination north 2 degrees, 30 minutes, with northerly motion. The comet is in the constellation of Aries, has a bright stellar nucleus, and a broad tail. This is the that soda water is one of the necessar-22d comet discovered by Dr. Brooks.

A PERILOUS JOURNEY.

Through the Whirlpool of the Chicago Drainage Canal.

Chicago, July 28 .- Drawn into the maelstrom of the great windage basin of the drainage canal at Lockport, carried 20 feet beneath the surface of the whirlpool; rising again, only to be caught by the current that was pouring hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of water into the valley below, and hurled through the great sluicegate opening and carried 200 feet through the foaming rapids of the open channel, to be finally rescued alive and in a fair way to recovery was the experience of Peter Simth, of Joliet, Michael Ryan, who is superintending the work at the controlling works, and his assistant, John Herman, escaped the Ronde valley was consumated yester-

same perilous journey by a narrow margin. The whirlpool in the windage basin has been cause by the raising of the bear-trap dam and the opening of the sluice gates, through which it was originally intended that the greater portion of the 360,000 cubic feet of water should flow every minute. The bear trap had been raised above the surface of the basin in order that the big force of men working on the falsework of the proposed suspension bridge could proceed with the operations without endangering their lives.

Smith, Ryan and Herman were in a boat crossing over the basin, and had their back to the whirlpool. Suddenly the boat was sucked in to the maelstrom. Herman and Ryan sprang into the water and swam to the shore, but Smith was thrown by the force of the whirling boat into the whirlpool, disappearing from sight instantly.

Down through 20 feet of water he shot. With tremendous force he was caught by the current and hurled through the gates. Luckily his knee was the only portion of his body to come in contact with any of the masonry, otherwise he certainly would have been crushed to death. Below the gate he was caught in the rapids and carried 200 feet through the swirling, turbulent waters, tossed about like a rubber ball.

Finally his feet struck the rocks in the shallow, and he managed to hold on until rescuers reached him.

ACTED UNDER ORDERS.

Why Rear-Admiral Kempff Did Not Fire On the Taku Forts. Washington, July 27 .- The navy department today made pulbic the mail plaining his reasons for refusing to join with the ships of the other powers in the attack on the Taku forts, and that nothing could be done until news

giving an account of the attack, which includes many details not heretofore protect our frontiers and to steer into sension. It was only a matter of a duced the municipal authorities of published. Admiral Kempff also incloses the report of Commander Wise, Monocacy, giving a graphic account of the action. Rear-Admiral participate in the attack of the fortifications of a power with which we were at peace is warmly commended by Secretary Long. The reports are as fol-

Taku, China, June 17, 1900 .- Sir: I would state what follows in regard to the happenings previous to the resolve yesterday by other senior foreign naval

officers here to get possession of the Taku forts: "2-On Thursday, June 14, Rear-Admiral Bruce called and asked what I thought of the matter, and I informed him that I was not authorized to initiate any act of war with a country with which my country was at peace; that my limit was to protect American interests, both by regulations and under

recent instructions from both the de-

chief of the United States naval force on the Asiatic station. "3-On the 15th, at a consultation of the other foreign naval officers, it was agreed that the railroad station at Tong Ku should be taken (the railway is under Chinese government control). and in case any Chinese government force acted against the force of any foreign nation, all should be involved and act unitedly. Under my instructions, I could not join in taking possession of Chinese government property, and did

not care to become a party to such an agreement without special authority. "4-Yesterday, June 16, the same oreign naval officers signed a compact that it was necessary to take temporary possession of the Taku forts and notice was served on the viceroy at Tien Tsin and on the commandant of the forts. Consuls at Tien Tsin were informed of what was contemplated. I did not join in the attack on the forts. Captain Wise, of the Monocacy, had orders to protect American interests, based upon the department orders, but in case of attack by a Chinese government force, valscent. Other patients treated are he was to consider it as a declaration Rear-Admiral, U. S. N.

"To the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C."

Colombian Rebels Surrender.

Washington, July 28, -The state department has received a dispatch from yond the control of the engineer, and, Consul-General Gudger, at Panama, announcing the collapse of the revolu-Engineer J. P. Ferguson was instantly tionary movement there. He states killed, and Fireman Wiseman badly that the liberals unexpectedly surrenscalded. The accident occurred near dered and that quiet now prevails at Panama.

> Hoyt, the Playwright, Has Gone Crazy. New York, July 28 .- Charles H. Hoyt, the playwright and theatrical manager, has been adjudged insane at out at noon today in the building at Hartford, Conn., and taken to a retreat 225-227 South Water street, occupied there. His condition his critical.

nearly the total population.

A Concord, N. H., judge has decided ies of life and may be sold on Sunday.

BIG MORMON COLONY

To Be Located on Grande Ronde Beet Lands.

7,500 ACRES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT

Scheme-Will Raise Beets for the La Grande Factory.

La Grande, July 28 .- The largest land deal ever made in the Grand day, when A. B. Conley, the Grand Ronde wheat king, sold to a land company within the Oregon Sugar Company 7,500 acres of wheat land for \$31.50 per acre, the total amounting to \$230,000. The sale has been pending for more than a year, and was finally completed at a late hour last night, with the exception of minor details.

gets \$1,000 for as many acres of summer fallow. The land, it is understood, will be divided into small tracts, and occubied by a colony of Mormons from Utah. whose attention will be devoted chiefly to beet culture for the La Grande factory. Their coming will add several

Mr. Conley reserves all the crops and

hundred people to the population of the valley. Not the least important phase of the transaction will be the building of a railroad from a point on the Elgin branch to Cove. The land lies in a continuous tract along the sand ridge on the west side of the Grand Ronde river. the nearest being three miles from

Mr. Conley has owned some of the land for 26 years and is the wealthiest farmer in the county. He is yet by no means out of the wheat business, for be still retains 2,000 acres of fine land.

ADVANCE ON PEKIN.

Forward Movement Will Begin in Two

Weeks. London, July 28 .- All the powers appear to have received an identical Chinese appeal for mediation, but, in the absence of definite news regarding the fate of the ministers and of any reliable indications of the real origin of the appeal, it seems that Lord Salisbury, the premier, considered it was not even necessary to publish the fact reports of Rear-Admiral Kempff, ex- that the appeal had been received or to do anything beyond formally acknowledging it, with perhaps an intimation

from Pekin had arrived. If it could be ascertained beyond doubt that the reports of a massacre at Pekin were unfounded, and there is disposition here, to believe that the ministers may, after all, be held as Kempff's explanation for refusing to hostages, Lord Salisbury's policy would probably incline more toward the conciliation attributed to Washington than to the revenge attributed to Berlin. But while there is no cessation of the deluge of rumors, it is beginning "United States Flagship Newark. to be believed at Shanghai, Canton and other points that the viceroys are as completely in the dark as to affairs in

Pekin as the Europeans themselves.

Meanwhile the doings of Li Hung

Chang are regarded with ever increasing suspicion, while the situation in the southern provinces daily grows With the report that the allies will begin to advance on Pekin in a fortnight, and in view of Admiral Seymour's visit of inspection to the Yangtse river, the feeling is that no great time will elapse before matters assume a more definite shape. The viceroy of partment and from the commander-in-Nankin still professes to be able, with the aid of the other viceroys, to keep order, but he declares that if Europe sends warships this will assuredly lead to an anti-foreign outbreak. If it be true that the Japanese have started a

campaign from Shang Hai Kwan, that

also will precipitate matters, but the report to this effect lacks confirmation San Francisco, July 3 structions from the war General Shafter has appointed at hour of officers which is ordered to meet on Alcatraz island today to examine all general prisoners in confinement at that station and submit recommendations looking to the release of such prisoners as deserve elemency. The board is instructed to make careful inquiry into the merits of each case, so far as can be done with the light of the records on file. When possible the statements will be taken of any witnesses, be they prisoners or others, cognizant of the facts. The report of the board is to be rendered as soon as possible and in the recommendations special consideration is to be given to the conduct of prisoners since confinement, and to cases of young men convicted of purely military offenses. There are about 500 military prisoners on the island, many of them, it is said, having been convicted of trivial offenses.

A San Domingo Plot. San Domingo, July 28 .- A plot to assassinate the governor of Santiago, Ramon Caceres, has been discovered, and 25 of the conspirators have been imprisoned. Several military efficers are involved. The accused will be tried by court martial. President Jiminiz is visiting the interior. The country generally is quiet.

Six Thousand Roasted Chickens. Chicago, July 28 .- Fire which broke by the commission firm of H. L. Brown & Co., caused damages esti-Ireland's Lutheran church has about mated between \$50,000 and \$75,000, 72,000 baptised members, which is and created a panic among a score of girls, caused the death of 6,000 chickens, and for a time threatened the whole block. Three girls were reported missing, but it is believed they