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Conspirator Neeley Again in Court. By Associated Press to the Journal. New York, July 23.—C. F. W. Neeley, the Cuban conspirator, who is charged with defrauding the government out of many thousands of dollars through the perpetration of postal frauds, was brought into court today from Ludlow street jail, where he has been confined since his second arrest. Neeley looks careworn

and worried, and it is evident that jail life is having a bad effect on his nerves. Muller Dies in the Chair. By Associated Press to the Journal. SING SING, N. Y., July 23.—Joseph E. Muller, who was convicted in New York of the murder of his wife, will be electrocuted in the prison here today. As in former electrocutions, the voltage to execute the death sentence will be 1,750.

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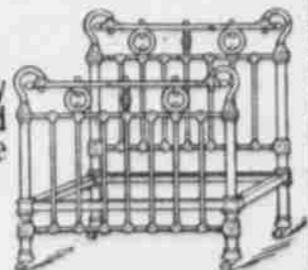


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WANT M'KINLEY TO MEDIATE

Conger Dispatch Considered a Fraud by Foreign Officials.

WILL TRY TO COMMUNICATE WITH PEKIN AT AN EARLY DATE

Two Chinese Encounters With British Reported—Transport Hancock to Sail Direct to Taku.

By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, July 23.—The state department was the center of interest on the Chinese situation today. The Chinese minister was with Secretary Hay for some time.

The state department has received a deluge of dispatches from all quarters of the globe relative to the Conger message. Without exception the official view taken by the foreign officers is that the dispatch is not genuine, and does not afford any basis for action.

Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, also communicated to the state department his disbelief in the authenticity of the message.

Notwithstanding this flood of doubt from foreign official quarters, the state department has not varied its position as to the authenticity of the message. Secretary Hay feels that there is absolutely no motive for the perpetration of such a monstrous deception.

Concerning the proposition of mediation made by China, the state department is not prepared to make any statement.

The state department and the Chinese officials deny the report that plans are on foot toward the delivery of Minister Conger by the Chinese authorities to Admiral Remy at Tien Tsin.

There is reason to believe the government is again using every effort to secure communication with Conger.

TWO ENCOUNTERS WITH BRITISH

By Associated Press to the Journal. ST. PETERSBURG, July 23.—Two encounters are reported between the British and Chinese forces near Wei Hai Wei. The latter, it is reported, were repulsed. No dates are given.

HANCOCK TO SAIL DIRECT TO TAKU

By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, July 23.—The war department is considering the advisability of sending the Hancock, which sails from San Francisco the 28th, with four batteries of artillery and 500 marines direct to Taku instead of Nagasaki.

ENGLAND DOUBTS SAFETY OF LEGATIONS

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, July 23.—In the house commons today Wm. St. John Broderick made certain statements with regard to the safety of the legations at Pekin, and said that the Chinese minister declared them unharmed. Frederick continued: "Seeing that the Tsung Li Yamen is in communication by messenger with various Chinese authorities, her majesty's government cannot give credence

to any statement or any decree attributed to the Chinese government until fortified by letters signed and dated by Sir Claude MacDonald or by cablegram in our cipher."

SALISBURY DOES NOT AGREE WITH HAY

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, July 23.—The request of Secretary of State Hay to the powers to make an immediate forward movement upon Pekin is not likely to meet with any success in England. Lord Salisbury is just as eager as the American Secretary

ANOTHER REPORT OF SAFETY.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The state department has received a dispatch from Goodnow consul-general at Shanghai, saying that Prince Tuan wires that an officer of the Young Li Yamen saw all the ministers on the 18th, that none was injured and no attack at that time was being made. Officials of the state department after the receipt of Goodnow's dispatch, express the belief that a mistake was made in transmission and that the same Tuan should have been Yan, Governor of the Province of Shan Tung.

of State to adopt such a step, but he is practically convinced that it will not be possible until September, owing to local conditions and the allies' lack of equipment. Beyond a courteous reply that England is willing to co-operate in any movement that the commanders on the spot may deem advisable, nothing is likely to come of the latest American effort to reach the Chinese capital, for all of the advice received here indicate that a dash toward Pekin in the immediate future would be military suicide.

Pekin Situation Growing Hopeful. Sir Chih Chen Loh Feng, the Chinese Minister in London, took the unusual step yesterday of paying a Sunday call at the Foreign Office. As Lord Salisbury was absent, the visit was without special result, but its importance may be gathered from an interview with the Secretary of the Chinese Legation, Sir Holliday McCartney, in which the Legation officials seem to have assumed at last something like personal responsibility.

Sir Holliday admitted that communication had been practically reopened with Pekin, and that messages from Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, and the other foreign envoys, might be expected almost immediately. He said that he hoped the trouble would soon be over, since the Chinese government was doing its utmost to overcome the difficulties and to control the lawless element. In his opinion, the Americans had taken the most commonsense view of the situation, and he insisted that China ought not to be misjudged. Against the suspicion that Li Hung Chang had any but a sincere pacific object in view, he protested warmly, declaring that all stories about the perfidy and treachery of Earl Li were "absolutely baseless."

Thus, according to the Secretary of the Chinese Legation, a few days more should bring a solution of the great mystery. Nevertheless, no one in England believes that the alleged dispatches and edicts are anything but subterfuges to hide the real situation as long as possible and to avert retribution by sowing discord among the powers.

WANT M'KINLEY'S EARLY MEDIATION

By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, July 23.—President McKinley has received what purports to be a direct appeal from the Chinese Imperial Government to use his good offices to extricate that government from the position in which it has been placed as a result of the Boxer uprising. Although

the exact text of the appeal made by the Emperor of China to France, as outlined in the cable dispatches of yesterday, has not been made known here, it is believed that the dispatch to the president is similar in terms. In our case, the communication was made through Minister Wu to the State Department. Thus far a final answer has not been returned.

MISSIONARIES ARE PARTLY TO BLAME

By Associated Press to the Journal. NEW YORK, July 23.—Rev. Dr. A. Woodruff Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, speaking of the Chinese situation, said: "The missionary has had his share in fomenting this trouble, and must bear his share of the blame. Some of the missionaries have been politicians, as well as Christians, and their grasping, unselfish attitude has helped to bring about the present condition."

ANOTHER LEUTGERT CASE IN CHICAGO

By Associated Press to the Journal. CHICAGO, July 23.—The police of this city are investigating a mystery at the stock-yards which they think is another Leutgert case. A human skull and a pair of shoes have been found in the rendering tank owned by one of the packing-house firms at the yards. Several men recently in the employ of the company have disappeared, and the police are searching for them to see if any light can be shed upon the mysterious find. It is a theory of the police that the victim was pushed into the tank.

DELAGOA BAY AWARD IS PAID

By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Delagoa Bay arbitration closed, so far as Portugal is concerned, by the announcement to the state department by Senator Duarte that his government had deposited the amount of the award—about \$3,000,000—with the Contra Disconto, in a Parisian banking institution with which the Portuguese government does business. It will remain for the British and American claimants to arrange for an equitable distribution of this fund.

PEOPLE'S CAUSE WINS IN IDAHO

By Associated Press to the Journal. BEAVERFOOT, Idaho, July 23.—Senator Dubois returned home yesterday from the Pocatello convention. He says: "A fusion between the three parties in the state is absolutely assured. The Populists feared the nomination of Steiensenberg or one of his naming, and on that account refused to join the combination. They are now satisfied and in due time will withdraw their ticket and support the Democratic and Silver-Republican ticket. Success in the state is certain. As the candidates for the Senate, I will carry every county with the possible exception of two, Ada and Latah."

LITTLE CYCLONE BACK IN OHIO

By Associated Press to the Journal. LEONTON, O., July 23.—A terrific wind, rain and hail storm swept this section over last night, and demolished a planing mill, unroofed many houses and uprooted trees.

Blender Twine at the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co. branch, at 10 1/2 cents per pound.

A BOER VICTORY

Gen. De Wet Cuts Roberts' Line of Communication.

A BOLD RAID BY THE FEDERALS

The Transvaalers Capture One Hundred Highlanders and a British Supply Train

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, July 23.—De Wet has cut Lord Roberts' line of communications, captured 100 Highlanders and a supply train.

The story of the federal commanders' bold raid comes in a telegram from Forester Walker, at Cape Town, forwarding a dispatch from General Lennox, as follows: "Hard and sharp fighting was experienced at Palmfontein, July 19. Our casualties are five killed and seventy-six wounded."

The enemy doubled back through Paarde kral in the darkness. The wire and the main line of railway north of Honings are cut, also the telegraph to Pretoria, via Potchefstroom. General Kelly-Kenny telegraphs from Bloemfontein: "The railway has been cut north of Honing's Point, and a supply train and a hundred Highlanders were captured. A large force of the enemy is marching on Homspruit. All communication with Pretoria is cut off."

Boers Beaten Off At Trail Head. The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, July 23.—The Boers made a determined attack yesterday to destroy

a post at Trail Head, 16 miles east of Heidelberg, which they attacked with three guns and a pom-pom and surrounded. They were, however, beaten off after a sharp engagement, before reinforcements summoned from Heidelberg had arrived."

POLITICAL PULLS WORKED IN HAWAII

By Associated Press to the Journal. SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Advice from Honolulu state that there is dissatisfaction with Governor Dole's boards of registration. The objection is not to the individuals appointed, but to the fact that they are all Republicans. Emile Uhlbrecht, at one time the champion bicyclist of the United States, was drowned on July 15.

HOLDING WOOL FOR BETTER PRICES

By Associated Press to the Journal. HOUSTON, Tex., July 23.—The Post prints reports from various points in Texas showing that 2,000,000 pounds of wool are being held in the state because the growers refuse to accept current prices and that there is perhaps as much more held at uncounted points and on ranches. The growers have held a conference and agreed to hold the entire clip indefinitely.

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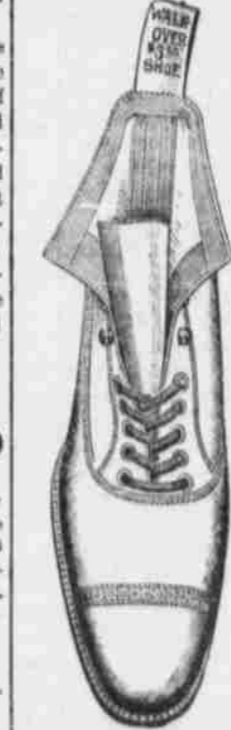


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