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CONGER IS STILL ALIVE; SENDS ALARMING MESSAGE FROM CHINESE CAPITAL

Terrible Stories of the Boxers' Brutality Told by a Chinese Merchant—Chinese Envoy at St. Petersburg Has Been Requested to Leave the Country

European Women Stripped and Hacked to Pieces

CHILDREN'S BODIES ON SPEARS

Chinese Invasion of Eastern Siberia Stops Russian Advance From the North of Peking

Special to the Evening Journal.

Washington, July 20.—Minister Wu has received a cipher message from Mr. Conger, United States minister in Peking, implying that all the ministers are alive.

The message contains but eighteen words, and is written in the secret official cipher of the United States government.

It is in reply to the message which Minister Wu agreed to get through from Secretary of State Hay to Mr. Conger.

There is great rejoicing here over the good news received from the Chinese capital.

His message is as follows: "British' legation under continued shot and shell fire from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent general massacre."

While the joy that Mr. Conger and his companions are alive is universal, his message is of such grave import that the government is apprehensive that relief cannot reach Peking in time to avert the great international tragedy.

London, July 20.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express says: Intense indignation is felt here at the honors which the British in Hong Kong have accorded to Li Hung Chang, who is looked upon in Shanghai as the originator of the whole fiendish anti-foreign plot.

A Chinese merchant, who has just arrived from Peking gives horrible details of the massacre. He says he saw European women hauled into the street by shrieking hordes, who stripped them and hacked them to pieces. Their dismembered limbs were tossed to the crowd and carried off with howls of triumph. Some were already dead, having been shot by foreign civilians. He says he saw Chinese soldiers carrying the bodies of white children aloft on their spears, while their companions shot at the bodies. He gives other details too horrible to be particularized here.

CHEERS OF THE BLUE AND GRAY MINGLE IN THE SUNNY SOUTH

Five Thousand Members of the G. A. R. and U. C. V.
Meet in Atlanta, Ga., and Swear Undying
Fidelity to the Flag

Atlanta, July 20.—Five thousand members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans last night cheered the commanders of these two organizations, Gen. Albert E. Shaw and Gen. Joe B. Gordon, as they sat together upon the stage of the Grand Opera House at the kindling of the campfire of the blue and gray reunion here last night. The occasion was the formal beginning of the reunion of the surviving veterans of the Union and the Confederates who fought in the battles around Atlanta in July, 1864. The auditorium of the theater was filled with the veterans, who mingled in fraternal peace and cheered the battle tunes of "Dixie" and "Yankee Doodle" with equal enthusiasm.

When Gen. Gordon, who was the first speaker of the evening, was presented to the audience by Col. W. A. Hemphill, master of ceremonies, the cheering continued for several minutes. He was frequently interrupted by vociferous applause and cheers. He said in part:

"For more than a third of a century I have earnestly and unwaveringly labored for the realization of this era of American brotherhood. All hail the power of an all pervading Americanism which shall make of us in truth as in name one people, inspired and awayed by the one lofty and re-

Some Boxer leaders had organized a plan including the offering of rewards and rich loot for the annihilating of Europeans throughout China, and Prince Tuan's generals have been emphasizing the opportunity the soldiers have of seizing the bodies of white women.

"The Washington idea of sending Mr. Rockhill to China," says The Standard editorially this morning, "is an excellent one, and might advantageously be imitated by the British and other governments."

The Standard then proceeds to comment upon the great ignorance prevalent in Europe, not only of recent events, but of Chinese affairs generally.

The cabinet council convened by Lord Salisbury yesterday came a day earlier than usual, and it is expected



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that it will be followed by a statement in parliament throwing light upon the situation. The Chinese assertions that the members of the foreign legations are still safe have been so often repeated that they are again beginning to raise hopes in some quarters. According to The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent, however, the Russian government is already in possession of definite news that all the foreigners in Peking were massacred on July 8.

The Russian government has received a circular from M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, which, it is understood, has been dispatched to all the powers, proposing an international agreement for joint action in China and the future attitude of the powers.

Lord Salisbury, the British premier and minister of foreign affairs, it is understood, has already replied in a friendly spirit.

The replies of the United States and Russia have not yet reached M. Delcasse, nor has the reply of Germany. The latter government, it appears, had previously made a somewhat similar proposal to the United States alone.

It is reported that President McKin-

ley hesitates to join with the other nations, but it is regarded as practically assured that all the powers, in view of the danger of the situation, will negotiate regarding M. Delcasse's proposal and finally sign an agreement on the China question.

In St. Petersburg there are many who believe the story of the assassination of M. De Giers, the Russian ambassador at Peking, and his wife, and the government is urged to exact vengeance.

Diplomats regard the Chinese aggression against Russia as a practical defiance of the whole western world. The invasion of Russian territory by the Chinese in itself is equivalent to a declaration of war. That the czar so construes it is shown by the fact that the Chinese envoy at St. Petersburg has received his passport and been requested to leave the country. The Chinese minister in London also has prepared for immediate departure.

Altogether the Peking government is estimated to have under arms no fewer than 1,000,000 men, splendidly equipped with Mauser rifles, smokeless powder and quick firing ordnance and carefully trained under European officers. The Yokohama correspondent of The Daily Mail, who repeats his statements regarding the jealousy felt among the allies on the subject of a Japanese commander-in-chief, and the general lack of unity among them, adds: "The Japanese correspondents charge the Russian soldiers with appalling barbarity toward the Chinese. They declare that the Pei Ho is full of the corpses of women and children, and that the Russians loaded 300 bodies on a junk and burned them."

Shanghai reports that three mission stations on Po-Yang lake have been destroyed, but it is believed that the missionaries escaped. All the missionaries at A-Shu-Ho, Kirin and Kuan-Chang-Yu, in Manchuria, have arrived in safety at Vladivostok.

It is rumored that Yu Lu, the military viceroy of the province of Chi Li, has committed suicide. Various conflicting stories are published of the manner of Gen. Nien's death. It is stated that when the allies entered the native city, Chia Tsin they found the Chinese dead, and great high, and

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AMATEURS ROW SIX EVENTS; WACHUSETTS WILL GO TO PARIS

New York, July 20.—The 28th annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen was commenced yesterday under the auspices of the Harlem Regatta association. The course was on the Harlem river between Fordham Heights landing and Washington bridge, a distance of one and a half miles straight away. A very strong breeze blew direct abreast the oarsmen, which made fast time out of the question. There will be three days' racing in all. On yesterday's program there were seven events, but one, a seat in the four oared shell race, was put off until today. Of the six races rowed three—the international fours, a heat of the intermediate singles and the pair oared shell race—were rowed with the incoming tide. The intermediate fours, first heat, the senior eight oared shells and the Paris four shells were rowed against the outgoing tide.

The first event was the international four oared shell race. The starters were the Wachusett Boat club, of Worcester, Mass., and the Detroit Boat club, of Detroit. The Wachusett crew was stroked by E. H. Ten Eyck, the ex-Henley champion, who introduced his sculling style of sweep rowing. Both crews steered badly, but of the two the Wachusetts were the worse, and if they should commit the same

JOHN McMAHON HEAVILY FINED

Charged With Assaulting Conductor John Potts

FIGHT ON A STREET CAR

Long Session of City Court During Which Judge Ball Disposed of Many Cases

In City Court this morning John McMahon was fined \$20 and costs for committing an assault and battery upon John Potts.

Potts, who is employed as a conductor by the Wilmington City Railway Company, testified that on July 12 McMahon got on his car and refused to pay his fare. When asked for it McMahon struck him several times.

John Leque, motorman, corroborated Potts' evidence. There were four passengers on the car at the time who witnessed the occurrence, but each refused to give their names.

Two of the passengers were young men, James Leach and Harry Williams, who to-day testified in McMahon's behalf. They corroborated McMahon's statement that Potts struck him first. A fine of \$20 and costs was imposed.

William Oberly, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of committing an assault and battery upon Annie Williams, colored. Annie testified that she had knocked her off her steps last evening and kicked her in the abdomen. As the assault was an unprovoked one the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

Theodore Carlin was arrested last night by Officers Shields and Davidson on a charge of drunkenness. Under his arm was a bundle containing nine pairs of overalls, which are believed to have been stolen. Judge Ball continued the case this morning until to-morrow, holding the defendant in \$200 bail for his appearance. The police will investigate the matter.

Albert Hendle, charged with disorderly conduct by his wife, was fined \$5 and costs. Daniel Leventowski, disorderly conduct, was assessed \$3 and costs. The case of Della Lockerman, charged with disorderly conduct, was continued until to-morrow.

Kate Bailey, a young colored girl, was arraigned on a charge of the larceny of fifty cents from Miss Isabella Carpenter, of Sixth and Market streets. Miss Carpenter testified that for the past four weeks she had lost money from a trunk in her residence, amounting to nearly \$25. Last night she missed fifty cents from her pocketbook, and accused the Bailey girl, who was em-

ployed by her. Kate at first denied the offense, but when questioned by Sergeant Daniel Kelleher she admitted taking fifty cents, and said she wanted to buy a skirt that she had seen in King street. The case was continued until to-morrow, pending an investigation of the girl's age by Agent Stout.

STOLE ONE TOMATO.

William McKinley was charged with the larceny of one tomato of no particular value. The prosecuting witness, Jesse Tyson, said that while his wagon, loaded with tomatoes, was being driven from church street wharf last night, McKinley took one tomato off the basket. The tomato had no value but its loss spoiled the appearance of the entire basket. McKinley claimed that he was given permission to take the tomato by one of Tyson's sons who was driving the team. The case was dismissed.

SINCE McKINLEY'S ELECTION.

Thomas Brown, a diminutive colored boy, was charged with being incorrigible by his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brown. When they appeared in court they presented the appearance of a mountain and a mole hill.

"Do you mean to say, Mary, that you cannot control that boy?" asked the court.

"Well, he's not so bad," responded Mary.

"Where is his mother?" queried Judge Ball.

"She's dead."

"Where is his father?"

"He's more than dead; he's no good."

"How long have you had charge of him?" continued the judge.

"Since the day McKinley was elected President. His mother died that day."

"Sad calamity," said Judge Ball, but whether he referred to McKinley's election or the death of the boy's mother was not made clear. Agent Stout is looking up the case.

WAS NOT CONCEALED.

John Gillespie was arrested in Brandywine Park last night by Park Guard Black on a charge of carrying a revolver. When taken into custody Gillespie handed the gun to the officer wrapped up in a handkerchief. The official could not say whether it was taken from Gillespie's pocket or not as at the time of his arrest he was sitting upon a bench with a young woman. The case was dismissed.

The following drunks were disposed of: James Jones, Edward Moran, William Dorsey, John Jennings, John Tobin and James McCreary, \$1 and costs each.

James Smith, a colored boy, charged with disorderly conduct by Special Officer John Gordy was fined \$1 and costs. Wade Spence, charged with assault and battery and Jackson Thompson, disorderly conduct, were dismissed.

Severed an Artery

Mrs. John S. Seidel of No. 523 West Second street fell at her home this morning and running her hand through a window glass severed an artery in her wrist. Dr. Harvey J. Spruance dressed the injury.

Complain About Noise

Residents in the neighborhood of Fourteenth and Market streets make complaint about the screeching noises made by the trolley cars in turning the corner at that point.

AMERICAN ATHLETES 'HANDICAPPED OUT

Barred From the Pole Vaulting Contest in a Mysterious Manner and Left Sitting Beneath a Tree

ONE FRENCHMAN VICTORIOUS IN THE MARATHON FOOT RACE

REPORT ON POSTAL FRAUDS
Submitted to Postmaster-General Smith by Fourth Assistant Bristol

Washington, July 20.—The report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol on the Cuban postal frauds was submitted to Postmaster General Smith late yesterday afternoon. The latter left here early this morning for Atlantic City, and will carry the report with him, carefully going over it between now and Monday, when he expects to return. It will be made public soon after his return.

First and Only French Win in the Sports

AMERICANS TAKE ONE "FIRST"

On Previous Days They Had Won

Four-fifths of the Paris

Games

PRESIDENT RETURNS TO HIS CANTON HOME

Canton, O., July 20.—After a stay of two days in the capital, during which he had several consultations with his cabinet on the Chinese situation, President McKinley returned to Canton today. He was accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou, Col. Webb Hayes and Mr. William Barber, the president's nephew. Before leaving Washington he was met at the station by several members of his cabinet, including Secretary Root and Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, both of whom had a brief private consultation with him before the train left. Gen. Corbin also was at the station.

LIGHTNING STRIKES MOURNERS IN CHURCH

Cleveland, July 20.—At Chatfield yesterday afternoon lightning struck a church in which a funeral was in progress. The office was packed to the doors and a panic ensued. The lightning ran down a pillar, Mrs. Simon Shade, who was leaning against it, was prostrated and may die. Twenty-five others were injured, two of them, Miss Dora Bowers and George Booker, it is believed fatally. Many women fainted. In the excitement the coffin fell from its supports to the floor. The church was but slightly damaged.

Make Reports Every Day

Enumerators of the census are sending in regular reports to the Supervisor Jonathan S. Willis telling what they do every day. The cards are of a special kind, which can be used for nothing but official business, and are supposed to be mailed every day the enumerators are at work, showing how they are progressing. These reports are sent in pretty regularly, and in this way the supervisor keeps in touch with them.

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ASTOR MAKES AN APOLOGY; PROBABLY ANDREE'S BALLOON

Millionaire Saves Himself From Expulsion From the Marlborough Club—Confirmation of Report of a Balloon Wrecked in Arctic Regions

London, July 20.—William Waldorf Astor has apparently reached the conclusion that he made a grave blunder when he publicly insulted Captain Sir Archibald Berkeley Milne. Yesterday Mr. Astor published in his newspaper, The Pall Mall Gazette:

"We desire to express regret that a paragraph which appeared in this column July 2, with regard to the presence of Sir Berkeley Milne at Mr. Astor's court, preceding Thursday evening, should have been published under a misapprehension of the exact circumstances. Explanations of a complete categorical kind now show that Sir Berkeley Milne's presence was due to a misunderstanding that entirely absolves him from any intentional discourtesy."

Mr. Astor's apology was without doubt forced by the action of the Prince of Wales, who, when the matter was placed before him, unhesitatingly expressed his indignation and declared that unless an ample apology was forthcoming Mr. Astor could not be permitted to retain membership in the Marlborough club. Though Mr. Astor has narrowly escaped the ignominy of public expulsion from the club, it is widely asserted that his forced repentance will not save him from being cold shouldered by all who are not dazzled by his wealth.

Winnipeg, Man., July 20.—George Renison, who has arrived at Port Arthur from Hudson's Bay, brings news confirming the report of a balloon, supposed to have been Andre's, having been wrecked and three men having lost their lives at Ungava, on the east coast of Hudson's Bay. The story was carried by Indian hunters to Port George, on the northeast coast of James Bay, thence by the same band to York factory, whence in turn it was carried to Moose factory. Here Mr. Renison was paying a visit to his brother and two days after the arrival of the Indians, June 25, he left Moose factory and has just arrived at Port Arthur. He says the Indians when a considerable distance north of Port George came upon a sight unusual to them. Two men dead and one badly injured, beside the wreck of the balloon. They gathered around the injured man, who was evidently in great agony. The Indians could not understand the language used by the man, but by the signs he requested them to kill him, which they did. When Mr. Renison left Moose factory the Hudson Bay officials at that point were arranging to have a party of Indians repair to the scene of the wrecked balloon and bring in such papers and such other articles as may be found and are capable of being transferred.

RAIN SAVES THE GRASS

Storm Last Night Resulted in Much Good to the City

Despite old St. Swinburn, the weatherman gave Wilmington a shower last night. It was a gentle rain and did considerable good, although the weather this morning was sultry, and a steam seemed to be coming from the damp ground.

Yesterday was slightly cooler than the preceding days, the thermometer only reaching 96 degrees.

The slightly cooler weather had the effect of bringing out a number of bicycle riders yesterday and last evening.

The shower meant salvation to grass plots in the city, which had been scorched by the sun.

Auditors' Report Printed

Twelve hundred copies of the report of P. Q. Churchman and C. C. Kurtz, the auditors to examine the accounts of the Levy Court, have been printed.

MISSIONARY MEETING HELD AT BISHOPSTEAD

On the porch in the rear of Bishopstead a missionary meeting was held yesterday afternoon. Many clergymen and men and women interested in missionary work were in attendance. After the meeting those present were invited into the house and refreshments were served. Bishop Colman presided at the meeting and addresses were made by Major Moses Veale of Philadelphia and the Rev. Dr. Arthur P. Lloyd, associate general secretary of the Board of Christian Missions. The clergymen were the Revs. H. Ashton Henry, M. B. Dunlap, K. J. Hammond, E. E. Atkinson, who is supplying the pulpit at St. Andrew's, C. B. DuBelle, E. K. Miller of Newport, W. J. Wilkie, of Middletown, and T. E. Page of Delaware City.

Talk of the town is the "Sporty Boy" 5-cent cigar.

ELECTION WAS HELD UP

Wilmington Attorneys Decline to Act on Republic Loan Affairs

Upon the suggestion of Herbert H. Ward and William Michael Byrne, the election of officers at the annual meeting of the Republic Savings and Loan Association in New York, on Wednesday, was held up pending the decision of the New York Court of Appeals on the matter of receivership. Messrs. Ward and Byrne were present with proxies from a number of Delaware shareholders of the association, which has gone into the hands of receivers.

Messrs. Ward and Byrne each declined the chairmanship of a committee appointed to make a special investigation of the affairs of the association.

Repairs to New-Century Club Building

Workmen are repainting the exterior of the New-Century Club building in Delaware avenue. Before Fall the entire building will be renovated.