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# CHINESE WIN A FIGHT

Allies Repulsed in an Attack on Old Tien Tsin.

OUR LOSS INCLUDES COL. LISCUM

20,000 Orientals Behind Breastworks.

President Returning to Washington, Where an Exciting Day Is Passed -Details of the Battle as Far as Received.

Shanghal, July 17.-An Associated Press copyrighted dispatch from Tien-Tsin, dated Friday, says: "At 2 o'clock the city. The attack began at daylight. Its success is doubtful. The Chinese on the walls are estimated conservaterrific hall of artillery, rifle and machine-gun fire upon the attackers. The Americans, Japanese, British and French troops are attacking from the west and the Russians from the east.

Our Forces Suffered Terribly. "The Americans suffered terribly. As the Associated Press representative left the field the chief surgeon of the Ninth infantry said a conservative estimate was that 25 per cent. of the Americans were hit. Colonel Emerson H. Liscum is reported to have been mortally wounded as he was walking in front of the troops. Major Regan and Captains Bookmiller, Wilcox and Noyes are among the wounded. The marines' losses include Captain Davis, killed, and Butler. Leonard and several others wounded.

Chinese Know How to Fight. "Officers declared that it was hotter 1,000 inhabitants. than Santiago. When the correspondent left the Americans were lying in the plain between the wall and the fire. It was equally difficult for them

Washington Gets a Confirmation. of the reported allied disaster at Tien- where little girls were screaming for Tsin came to the navy department July 16: "Reported that allied forces attacked native city morning 13th; swift current, and all were drowned. Russians right, with Ninth infantry | Kerrville, Tex., July 17.—A torrent | and marines on left Losses allied of rain occurred north of this place and marines on left. Losses allied forces large; Russians 100, including artillery colonel; Americans over thirty; British over forty; Japan, fiftyeight, including colonel; French, twenty-five. Colonel Liscum. Ninth infantry, killed; also Captain Davis, marine corps. Captain Lemly, Lieutenants Butler and Leonard wounded. At 7 evening allied attack on native city yet incomplete; details not yet con-

#### NOT YET AT WAR WITH CHINA. That Is the Decision at Washington-An

Eventful Day. Washington, July 17 .- The decision of the administration at the end of a most eventful day is that the United States government is still not at war with the government of China. The big happenings at Tien-Tsin, coming the theatre, concert hall and large on top of the stories of the last strug- marquees. The speakers included Rev. gles at Peking, have not affected the attitude of the administration on this point-the United States and China are technically at peace. But this statement should not be accepted as | the platform. indicating a purpose on the part of the United States government to hold its hand in the administration of swift and adequate punishment upon the Chinese, without regard to station, who may be responsible for outrages of the past few weeks.

The day was the most exciting Washington has known since the battle of Santlago. At the very beginning came Admiral Remey's cablegram announcing the defeat of the allied forces at Tien-Tsin, and then came the Assoclated Press account of the fight. A special cabinet meeting was held on receipt of this news, with such members present as are in town. Great reluctance was manifested on the part of the participants to answer questions as to the nature of the deliberations. The best indication of its nature was the departure for the White House of Secretary Hay immediately after the meeting. He sat down and had a long talk with President McKinley over the long distance telephone, and it soon became known that the president had decided that it would be best for him come back from Canton to the na-

tional capital. A statement prepared by Adjutant General Corbin shows that there are now a grand total of 10,665 officers and men in China, en route to China, en route to Nagasaki or under orders for Nagasaki. This table of course includes the ill-fated Ninth infantry, which may not be in condition for further service. General Wood's last reports indicate that owing to the tranquility prevailing in Cuba it will be entirely safe to decrease the military force there quite largely. General Miles was called upon by Secretary Root during the afternoon to counsel with him as to the projected troop movements. He favors the prompt dispatch of a large force to China.

Chairman Cannon, of the house appropriation committee, is authority for the statement that money in plenty is at the disposal of the president to meet the present emergency and that there is no necessity for a called session of congress on that score.

## One Ray of Comfort-

Washington, July 17 .- The one ray of comfort in the dispatches received yesterday by the government was contained in a disparen from Consul Goodnow at Shanghai. The dispatch was dated yesterday and the ray of comfort was the fact that he said nothing about the story of the foreign consuls having been informed Saturday by Sheng that the legations at Peking had fallen and the legationers been annihilated. Not only did he say nothing of this alleged-by-the-special-occur- Indians now depend for food on the Merker went down at once, and Dallrence, but he stated that there was few who still have provisions and the man, an expert swimmer, went to his nothing mere to report since his cable supply cannot last long. of July 13. That cable said the report was that the attack on the legations at Peking was about to begin.

The number of Bryan's house at Lincoln is 1625 and his next-door neigh-

Cholera Continues Navy Fried Pairs For Cholera Continues Very Fatal-Rains Re-

ported-No End to Relief. state for India that there were 9.928 cases of cholera in the famine districts during the week ended July 7. of which 6,474 were fatal, and that in the native states there were 9,526 cases, of which 5,892 were fatal. The Seven Thousand Westerners Against total number of deaths on the relief works was 5,870, which was 3.9 per 1,000. There has been a good rainfall in Surat, Khandersh and the west ern part of the Deccan, and rain has begun in parts of north Gujerat, where

tinue to increase. The viceroy telegraphs that there Rajputana. In central India there ing countles are here, but there was no were moderate general rains. The sowing of crops has partly commenced. The monsoon was heavy in Surat, and this afternoon 7,000 of the allied troops there were good falls in Kattywar and were attempting to storm the wall of Thana. There has been insufficient rain in the Punjab for dry land sow-

the numbers demanding relief con-

Uvely at 20,000. They are pouring a peets no diminution of relief is possible. On the contrary, the figures last week were the highest reported, vil-

#### LOSS OF LIFE IN A FLOOD. Fifteen Known to Have Been Drowned by a Sudden Inundation.

Coleman, Tex., July 17.-Fifteen a flood here yesterday. Ten bodies have been recovered, but only two were identified. They are Joseph Spath, a leading merchant of the village, and John Fuleissitine. It is feared that many more lives were lost in the valley below Coleman. The rain-a torrent-which followed three days' unprecedented rainfall, caused Ford's creek to burst its banks and rush through Coleman, a village of less than

Bewildered citizens, roused from their slumbers, rushed into the streets and were swept away. Many were river under an entilading and a direct saved by catching hold of pieces of timber and navigating them into eddies to advance or retire. The correspon- formed by the swift current, where deut counted 300 wounded men of all they were drawn ashore. Spath and formed by the swift current, where Fuleisstine managed to mount their horses. They dashed into the water Washington, July 17.-Confirmation and swam their horses to a house help. Each rescued two of the chilyesterday in the following dispatch dren, whom they took up on their from Admiral Remey, dated Chefoo horses. The animals were swept away, last night. Many farms were inun-

> dated and loss of life is probable. Split Their Boat in Two.

Eau Claire, Wis., July 17.-Percy and Mrs. W. K. Atkinson, of Eau Claire; Mrs. Matt Johnson, of Su- he saw a window in Power's office protected by any light. As they drove perior, and a Superior gentleman were wrecked Sunday on Lake Chetek. was repulsed with great loss. Returns Their boat struck a stump an split in two. The water was over their heads, and they clung to a log and pieces of the boat until rescued. They were nearly exhausted, being in the water over two hours.

> London, July 17 .- About 20,000 people participated yesterday in the World's Christian Endeavor convention on the Alexandra Palace grounds. Meetings were held simultaneously in Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kas., and Rev. Dr. George C. Lorimer, of Boston. "Father" F. E. Clark was given an ovation when he appeared on

Conductor Killed in a Wreck. Fort Dodge, Ia., July 17 .- By a rearend collision one mile west of Tara on the Illinois Central Sunday morning Conductor Melville, of Cherokee, was instantly killed. Conductor Melville was in charge of a gravel train from Cherokee and was making for a siding, the front of his train being on the switch and the rear end on the

caboose, and the passenger train following close behind crashed into it.

main track. There were no light on the

Plenty of Logs on Hand. Black River Falls, Wis., July 17 .-Lumbermen are sending driving crews up the river as a good stage of water is reported on the upper end of the stream. There are 30,000.000 feet of which will start business in the mills

some weeks. Four Prisoners Break Jail.

Sycamore, Ills., July 17.-Four prisoners in the Da Kalb county jail Sunday evening removed the bars from a small window and crawled out. One at the point of a revolver. Two were in custody on the charge of burglary and larceny, the other on a minor

charge. Smothered with Paper.

Chicago, July 16 .- Miss Kate Kempanowska arrived in Chicago from Austria ten days ago, and entered the employ of the Pioneer Paper Stock company. She was set to work in the paper-baling bin on the second floor of the concern. The paper falls into floors, and at the baling box the atmosphere is exceedingly close and warm. The young woman suffered fainted. The bin soon choked up and the absence of the girl was noticed. The employes searched for her and discovered her body buried two feet beneath the loose paper in the bin. She had died of suffocation.

## Indians Suffering from Drought.

Phoenix, A. T., July 16 .- The prolonged drouth, probably unprecedented in the history of this portion of Arizona, has greatly augmented the sufferings of the famine-stricken Pima Indians on the Sacaton reservation. Members of the tribe have told Superintendent Cowan of the Indian school that their cattle are dying rapidly from

Child Scalded to Death. Marshfield, Wis., July 17 .- Victor, the 4-year-old son of Albert Soohafer, a farmer living near here, fell into a quarters in the Metropolitan Life In-I died shortly afterwards.

London, July 17.—The governor of Bombay telegraphs to the secretary of Murder Trial.

TELRGRAMS WERE TAMPERED WITH

So a Telegraph Operator Swears-Some Messages Sent by the Defendant - Gory Exhibit.

Georgetown, Ky., July 17 .- The trial of Former Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with being accessory were heavier general rains last week to the Goebel murder, was resumed in Berar and the central provinces of yesterday morning. This is county Hyderabad. The rainfall was good court day in Scott county, and hunand sufficient for present needs in dreds of farmers from this and adjoinexcitement. A squad of burly deputy sheriffs still remain on duty at the court room door, and search all persons entering the room to prevent any one entering with pistols. A letter signed by Caleb Powers, in which the Notwithstanding the improved pros- expression was used: "I have had a hard time getting Taylor and others to start, but they are all right now, and this thing will soon end," was lage relief and advances replacing re- filed and made a part of the record. Telegrams from Powers Read.

Mrs. W. B. Anderson, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Barboursville, the home of Powers, resumed the stand to identify telegrams sent through that office which lives are known to have been lost in are supposed to have a bearing on the case. Mrs. Anderson reiterated her statement, made on Saturday, that hany of the telegrams on file in her oflice for the months of January and February had been tampered with. The defense objected to introduction of several telegrams as evidence because they were only copies. The objection was over-ruled. The first telegrams read were from Powers to the various captains charged with the business of getting up the excursion of mountain men to go to Frankfort, and most of them read: "How many can you insure from your county? Wire immediately. C. Powers." The defense filed a formal objection to their com-

petency as evidence. Chinn Tells of the Murder. Dr. John South, one of the physicians the wounds. He was followed by Colonel Jack Chinn, who was with Goebel when the shooting occurred. Chinn said there had been crowds in the state house yard every day during January. and members of the legislature had to elbow their way through daily to get to the state house. At the time or the assassination there was not a human Atkinson and wife, Mrs. Ida Kidder | muffled, and the witness could not tell | crushed stone, which had been care slightly raised.

Identifies a Grewsome Exhibit. Colonel Chinn was asked if he could Goebel when he was shot. The bloodstained garments were removed from the trunk and he identified them. During this ordeal the two Goebel brothers, Justus and Arthur, sitting behind the attorneys for the prosecution sorrowfully looked in another direction. The defendant Powers, engaged in reading and did not look up. Continuing, the witness aid that in eight or ten minutes after a e assassination the troops took charge of the state house. The cross-examination did not reveal anything new.

One Witness Withdrawn. W. B. Anderson, who kept a hotel at Barbourville in January when Caleb and John Powers, Wharton Golden, Charles Finley and others held conferences there, was introduced, but was withdrawn and will be recalled later. He was withdrawn from the stand by the prosecution upon failing to answer several questions which the prosecution expected him to answer, and which, it is supposed, would have an important bearing on the case. His son, Finley Anderson, was then put on the stand, but did not conclude his testimony.

## M'GOVERN THE INVINCIBLE.

He Licks Erne, the Lightweight, in the Third Round. New York, July 17 .- Once more a

fighter pitted against a boxer has clearly demonstrated the superiority of logs tied up between this point and the fighter. Last night, in the presence Hemlock and a fair stage of water will of 14,000 persons in Madison Square land them in the booms at Onalaska, garden. Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, defeated Frank Erne, of Buffalo, at LaCrosse, which have been idle for the lightweight champion of the world. It was a hurricane fight from bell to bell, without a second's let-up. McGovern rushed Erne at the very

beginning, and sent left and right in such quick succession that Erne, fast as he is, was nonplussed. Erne unwas captured by Alderman W. F. Sell doubtedly is the cleverer of the two. but his cleverness availed him nothing against the bulldog rushes and fierce attacks of the little featherweight champion, and in the third round he was so near out that his seconds threw up the sponge.

Senator Gear's Remains at Burlington. Burlington, Ia., July 17 .- The remains of Senator Gear arrived at 9 p. m. last evening and were escorted to the Gear homestead by a large body of citizens. The body wil lie in state all the bin from the third and fourth day tomorrow until the hour of the funeral at 3:20 p. m. Congressman Hedge will deliver the oration. Burial will be at Aspen Grave cemetery. The funerfrom the heat, and was overcome and at will be private by request of the family.

> Olp, of Springfield, Walworth county, was struck by lightning Saturday afternoon and instantly killed. He was 22 years of age and was to have been married today. His bride-to-be is pros-

trated with grief.

Was To Be Married Today.

Burlington, Wis., July 17 .- William

Expert Swimmer Also Drowns. Springfield, Ills., July 14. - Louis Merker, a well-known resident of Springfield, and William Dallman, of Petersburg, were out rowing on Sangamon river near Petersburg, when the aid and was pulled to the bottom by

Merker, both being drowned. New York, July 16.—The Republican of this city, son of Rev. and Mrs. Arnational committee will open its headtub of scalding water Sunday and surance building No. 1, Madison months. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are supdied shortly afterwards.

Two Laborers at Fisticuffs on Top of Chicago's Collseum.

Chicage, July 17 .- At the height of 175 feet Richard Collins and J. R. | Movements the Democrats Hope Howland, laborers, indulged in a pugilistic combat yesterday morning which nearly ended in the death of both. They fought on the roof of the Coliseum, at Wabash avenue and Fourteenth street, Collins was employed shoveling cinders on the roof, while Howland was working about the foot of the building. A brick fell from the roof and nearly hit him in the head. He then climbed to the top to see who did the throw-

Suspecting Collins, he went to the side where he was working and accused him. Collins denied any knowledge of the matter. Then, it is said, Howland began to call Collins names. This led to the fight. Howland re-ceived a heavy blow over the eye, while his opponent was uninjured. would slide down the slanting roof.

GIRL ENDS A LONG TRAMP

And Will Soon Start on Another-San Francisto to New York.

Saginaw, Mich., July 17 .- Miss Marie Schmidt, a pretty German girl, aged 18 years, reached this city Saturday night from San Francisco, having covered the distance on foot, about 4,700 miles. Miss Schmidt left San Francisco March 25 last on a \$500 wager, made by a social club of San Francisco, that she could not reach Saginaw by Aug. 1 and beg her living en route.

The young lady states she had a pleasant trip, making her overland journey along the route of the Southern Pacific and avoiding the track as much as possible because she was afraid of meeting tramps. The pretty "hobo" will visit relatives in this county for several weeks and then she will make a journey on foot to New York

House Committee for Gear's Funeral. Washington, July 17 .- The speaker of the house has appointed the following committee to represent the house of representatives at Senator Gear's funeral tomorrow: The entire Iowa delegation and Cannon of Illinois, Bingham of Pensylvania, Babcock of Wisconsin, Tawney of Minnesota, Grosvenor of Ohio, Steele, of Indiana, Mercer, of who attended Goebel, testified as to Michigan, Grout of Vermont, Bankhead of Mississippi, Myer of Louisiana, Williams of Mississippi, Moody, of Massachusetts, Payne of New York, Richardson, of Tennessee, Clark of Missouri, Lanham of Texas, and Livingston of Georgia.

Serious Driving Accident. Waukesha, Wis., July 17 .- Sunday being in the yard except possibly one evening while Mr. Van Dyke was out or two about the gates. He described driving with his wife and Mrs. C. D. the scene. The first shot seemed to King and daughter a serious accident come from a window in the secretary | happened. At the corner of Wisconsin of state's office. The other shots were and East avenues there was a pile of where they came from. Witness said lessly left in the road, and was unalong in the dusk, Mr. Van Dyke did not see the obstacle, and the sudden jolt was so severe that the cushion on identify the clothing worn by Senator the back seat siid but and two of the women were thrown into the road. Mrs. King was seriously injured, being thrown out upon the stone and pavement.

## Their Cattle Going Blind.

Clinton. Ia., July 17.—Young of the farmers in the vicinity of Maquoketa and across the river in Illinois say their cattle are going blind and some report that large herds are becoming sightless. General alarm is felt over the situation. So far no remedy has been found that will prevent the spread of the disease. The first symptoms is a watering at the eyes, which lasts about three days. Very Bright Young Man.

son of Mrs. R. S. Brain left home and, will be nominated for governor withit is alleged, carried away with him a gold watch, \$5 in money, a revolver tions are that there will be a lively and a box containing jewelry. Before adoption his name was Fred Bucknell and he came from the state school at Sparta six years ago. He is 13 years old, and his father, Harry Bucknell, resides at Edgerton, Wis.

#### NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE. Colonel John Hamilton, United

States army, retired, is dead in Brookfrom Indiana in 1847. A dispute over the possession of a chair led to the killing at Chicago of John Barnum in front of John Bloom's

saloon. Ex-Speaker Reed's daughter Katherine is one of forty-eight young women who received certificates of the woman's law class at the University of

New York. Finley county, Kas., which has only one pauper, maintains a poor farm which cost \$30,000.

Twenty-four consecutive years Joseph Pabian has been assessor of Bohemia precinct in Saunders county,

Count Carl Axel Wachtmeister, formerly secretary of the Swedish consulate at Chicago, has received the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

Mrs. Mary Yeardley, of Chicago, was told by the doctors she would die young. She is now 105 years old. Mrs. C. W. Buttre, of Chicago, was badly burned about the feet and legs

and lost most of her hair as a result of the explosion of a can of gasoline. Part of the roof of the Church of the Mystic Three at Chicago blew off Sunday a the preacher was criticising other churches.

. Mrs. Ann Slote, whose son was the 'Dan" of Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad," celebrated her 100th birthday in New York last week. More than 9,000,000,000 gallons of water was pumped from the lake for

the use of Chicago last month. Will Support Bryan and Stevenson Richmond, Va., July 16 .- J. Haskins Hobson, state chairman of the Populist party in Virginia, announces his purpose to support Bryan and Steven-

Pure Food Law Is Valid. St. Paul, July 16.-The supreme court has declared that the baking powder law requiring manufacturers and dealers to affix a label bearing the names and amount of ingredients on

each can is constitutional. Probably Murdered by Bezers. Beloit, Wis., July 16 .- Henry Smith has not heard from his parents for two

# FIGHT AT A DIZZY HEIGHT. FOES OF IMPERIALISM.

Will Benefit Bryan.

LEADERS TO HOLD A CONVENTION

Perhaps Lew Wallace Will Preside-Democratic Demonstration at Indianapolis-Political Notes.

Indianapolis, July 16.—General Lew

Wallace may preside over the meeting of the National Anti-Imperialistic League here Aug. 15 to 17. He is being urged by correspondence to accept the position, and it is believed that he will accept. It is especially desired that he preside because of his national Spectators feared the combatants reputation and his avowed hostility to the expansion policy of the present administration. It is expected that if he presides he will make an address on accepting the chair that will be good campaign material for the antiimperialists. The national leaders of the Democracy are looking forward to the coming meeting with a great deal of interest. If they have their way the league will adopt resolutions committing anti-imperialists to the support of the ticket nominated on the Democratic national platform, which embodies the ideas for which the league is contending. Such an indorsement, it is felt, would mean a great deal to the Democratic cause.

Edward Atkinson to Speak. Indications point to a large attendance at the meeting. Speeches will be limited to half an hour. The announcement that Edward Atkinson will attend and deliver an address is causing wide interest. A letter just received states that John Dewitt Warner, the prominent New York gold Demoerat, who has recently declared for Bryan will be here and will speak.

Bryan-Stevenson Reception. The Democratic managers are arranging to make the reception of Bry-an and Stevenson, when they come here Aug. 8 to receive the formal notification of their nomination, one of the most memorable events that ever took place in this city. A number of Nebraska, Long of Kansas, Corliss of large committees on reception, entertainment of visitors, decoration of hall and speakers will be appointed, and on the night following the notification ceremonies there will be a parade and torchlight procession that will be participated in by thousands. It is proposed to have Bryan, Stevenson, Chairman Jones and members of the notification committee ride in front of the parade, and these will members of the national committee and other distinguished persons who

may be present. Cheap Fares on the Rallways. and other Democrats were in confer- senator of Iowa was in poor health, ence Saturday afternoon and discussed the details. The passenger agents of and caused profound regret in official the several railroad lines that center circles here. here have practically agreed to make a round trip rate of one and one-third fares for the two days that Bryan will celved a common school education he be here, and it is expected that not less than 100,000 persons will take advantage of the low rate and come to the city. If the weather is auspicious the notification will take place in the open air, but if not in Tomlinson's hall.

POLITICS IN OLD KENTUCKY.

Both Great Parties to Nominate State Tickets This Week. Lexington, Ky., July 16.-Both par ties hold their state conventions in Kentucky this week. The Republican state convention convenes at Louisville tomorrow and the Democratic state convention meets here on Thurs Baraboo, Wis., July 17.—The adopted day. At the former John W. Yerkes out opposition, but the present indicacontest among the Democrats here for a successor to the late William Goebel. Governor Beckham is strongly in the lead according to the returns from the county conventions of Saturday, but it is denied that he has a majority, and

it is stated that the field will combine against him. The field includes ex-Governor and Representative McCreary, Judge Jas. lyn. He was appointed to West Point P. Tarvin, James D. Black, Judge Joseph H. Lewis, W. B. Smith and Jas. B. Garnett. If the field should be Beckham men would regard him as their most formidable opponent.

Talk of Debs Withdrawing.

Chicago, July 16.-It is asserted in local Democratic headquarters that Eugene V. Debs, presidential candidate of the Social Democracy of America. will withdraw Oct. 1 in favor of William J. Bryan. The reason assigned therefor is that there are strong indications that the Republican managers will seek to use the Debs' movement as a means of alienating the labor and railroad vote from the Demo-

Quiet Sunday for the President. Canton, O., July 16.-Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, and General Rus-sell Hastings, of Bermuda, were guests at the McKinley home yesterday. Governor Allen came to talk over a number of matters connected with left last night for Washington. General Hastings was on his way west and stopped for a social visit, being an intimate friend of the family.

Cannot Retract His Consent.

Ottumwa, Ia., July 14.-Judge Roberts, of the district court, has decided that once a property-owner consents that a saloon may be conducted within fifty feet from his property he may not withdraw his consent. This is the first time this question has been decided in any court in the state.

Successor to Senator Gear. Des Moines, Ia., July 16.-Governor Shaw will probably call a special session of the legislature to elect a successor to Senator Gear. Whether the extra session will come shortly after river. the Republican state convention August, or whether it will not be held until after election, is unsettled.

Agent Got His Gun Into Action. Wichita, Kan., July 14.-At Loraine.

## FIRE STARTS THE TOWN.

Nearly All the Business Part of Prescott, Arl., Is Wiped Out.

mains of the principal business portion of this town is tottering walls and piles of charred and burning debris. The fire, which started at 10:45 p. m. Saturday, was not under control until LATEST NEWS FROM SHANGHAI BAD 3 a. m. yesterday, when the fire-fighters went a considerable distance in advance of the flames and blew up the buildings on the south side of Goodwin street, preventing them from crossing that street. The most conservative estimate of the total losses are from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The burned district embraces five blocks in which are located the principal mercantile houses, both banks, both telegraph offices, the three newspapers, four hotels, every saloon and every restaurant except one in the town, besides scores of private residences. Insurance, about \$350,000.

At daylight yesterday morning teams were at work hauling lumber to the public plaza and covered in with tents and temporary frame buildings. The occupants were ready for business this morning, including the banks. All the sufferers from the fire are provided with food, shelter and clothing, and it is not thought any outside assistance will be required. The only business houses remaining in the town are three dry goods stores, three grocery stores and two drug stores.

## DEATH OF SENATOR GEAR.

Iowa Statesman the Victim of the Deadly Heart Fallure.

Washington, July 16 .- Senator John Henry Gear, of lowa, died suddenly ropean troops defending the legations in his apartments at the Portland at made a sortie, killing 200 soldiers of an early hour Saturday morning. Death | General Tung Fuh Siang. The Boxwas due to heart failure. Without dis- ers have been unable to take the legaplaying any signs of illness the senator | tions, but the situation is very critical.' retired Friday evening, and no premon- Sheng considers the situation dangerition of his dangerous illness was re- ous."



SENATOR GEAR.

ceived until 3 o'clock Saturday morning, when a physician was called. But his efforts were unavailing. Although Mayor Taggart, Chairman Martin it was generally known that the junior his death came entirely unexpected

John Henry Gear was born in Ithaca, N. Y., April 7, 1825 After having removed to Galena, Ills., in 1836; to Fort Snelling, Iowa territory, in 1838, and to Burlington in 1843. Here he became engaged in business. After a residence of twenty years he was elected mayor of the city. He was a member of the Iowa house of repre sentatives, of the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth general assemblies of the state, serving as speaker for the last two terms. He was elected governor of Iowa in 1878-79, and re-

elected in 1880-81. He held the office of assistant secretary of the treasury under President Harrison, and was also a member of lied forces shelled and occupied the the Fiftieth, Fifty-first and Fifty-third congresses. On Jan. 23, 1894, he was elected a senator from the state of Iowa for six years, beginning March 4. 1895. He was re-elected for six years last winter.

Burlington, Ia., July 16 .- It has been decided to hold the funeral of Sena- atack upon the railway station in great tor Gear in this city at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Washington, July 16 .- The remains of Senator Gear left here Saturday at konwn, but is believed to have been 3:30 p. m. for the Gear home at Bur-

lington, Ia.

Wealthy Irom Man Dies. Harrisburg, Pa., July 16 .- Colonel Henry McCormick, one of the wealthfest and most prominent men in the able to concentrate on McCreary the fren business of this state, died at his country home in Cumberland county, after a long illness following a stroke of paralysis three years ago. He was 69 years old. He leaves a widow and three children, one of the latter being Vance McCormick, the Yale athlete.

> Money for a Brave Fireman's Widow. San Francisco, July 16 .- The fund raised for the benefit of the family of | ger. The government is intensely anx Fireman Sweeney, who was burned to lous." death while saving an old man's life a few weeks ago, has been closed. It amounts to \$18,405 and will be invest- Hong Kong yesterday and proceeded ed in government bonds to be held in trust for the widow and children.

Refuses to Support Boer Independence. Capetown, July 16 .- Replying to a deputation of his constituents, W. P. Schreiner, former premier of Cape Colony, refused to support the demand for unimpaired independence of the Boer republics, but said he thought the administration of the island and they should retain a certain amount of independence.

> Denby's Son Safe. Evansville, Ind., July 16 .- Ex-Minister Denby received definite news of the escape of his son, Charles Denby, Jr., and family from Tientsin to Shanghai, China. Previous efforts to locate them have been fruitless. The Denbys guidance of the government and the have a wide acquaintance in the United States.

The Rotterdam Strike. Retterdam, July 16 .- Owing to the threatenings of the dock strikers, the garrison of the riverside towns have been instructed to furnish detachments of troops to protect vessels in transit to and from Germany, and torpedo hoats have been ordered to patrol the

Goes Back on His Confession.

St. Louis, July 16.-Charles W. Barnes, the Illinois Central train robber, was sweated by Chief of Detectives Desmond and made a confession of his share in the hold-up at Wick- tion a third ticket for president and Kan., two masked burglars attempted liffe, Ky. The confession was made to enter the 'Frisco station. They voluntarily, but later, when he had fired through the window at the night seen a lawyer, he declared that the agent, who hid. Then they attacked statements he had made were made the door, but the agent got his gun solely to secure the release of his wife, and fired at the descradoes. He and that his replies were dictated and York, Massachusetts, New Hamph suggested to him.

Prescott, Ari., July 16 .- All that re-Seems Certain to Have Been Committed By Chinese.

Briefly Says That After a Gallant Defense the Foreigners Were All Killed.

Minister Wu Gets News He Believes Correct and There Is No Hope in It-Chinese Beaten at Tien-Tsin.

Shanghai, July 16 .- An official telegram was received last night from the governor of Shan Tung stating that a breach was made in the wall of the British legation at Peking, after gallant defense and when all the ammunition had given out. All foreigners were killed.

Sheng Has Another Dispatch. Brussels, July 16.-The minister of foreign affairs, M. de Favereau, has received an official dispatch from Shanghai, dated July 14, saying: "Sheng (taotal of Shanghai) communicates the following from the governor of Shan Tung, dated July 7. "The Eu-

Minister Wu Gets a Dispatch.

Washington, July 16 .- Such news as came to Washington yesterday from China was distinctly bad. It consisted of a cablegram to Minister Wu from Sheng, the imperial director of posts and telegraphs at Shanghai, and according to the minister was in reply to the urgent message he himself had sent Saturday to that official asking him to try to secure some news from the Chinese capital. This cablegram Minister Wu regarded as of sufficient importance to carry in person directly to Secretary Hay, who was waiting at his home for news. The message, as resolved from the cipher was as follows: "Peking news of July 7 says that General Tuan Fuh Siang, in disobedience of imperial orders, was about to use guns. Legations and the government will be in peril."

London Almost Abandons Hope. London, July 16.—It seems impossible to entertain any longer the least doubt as to the fate of the Europeans in Peking. The Associated Press learns that Lady Hart, wife of Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs, on July 5 received the following telegram from her husband: "Our people, including the women, are in the legations. Prepare to hear the worst." CHINESE ARE BADLY DEFEATED.

Japs Flank and Cavalry Rout Them-Later They Are Repulsed.

Lendon, July 16 .- The following dispatch from Admiral Seymour was published last night:

"Tien-Tsin, July 9.—The enemy's position southwest of the settlement was attacked at 4 this morning. The Japanese, by a flank movement, drove the enemy out and captured four guns. Cavalry pursued and completed the rout of the enemy, killing large numbers of soldiers and Boxers. The alwestern arsenal, capturing two guns. The arsenal was burned, as the allies were unable to hold it. The enemy's loss was 350 killed. The loss of the allied force was small.

"Tien-Tsin, July 12 .- The Chinese at 3 a. m. yesterday made a determined force. Finally they were driven off at 6 a. m., but the allies lost 150 killed and wounded. The Chinese loss is unheavy. The forts were bombarded at noon by British and French guns. A fort and a pagoda used as a signal tower were demolished. The allied forces have been increased by the arrival of 1.500 Americans.

Under date of July 12 the governor of Shan-Tung wires as follows as to the Peking situation: "Native soldiers and Boxers have been attacking the legations for some hours, but have not yet effected an entrance. They are now bombarding with large cannon to make a breach for a heavy onslaught I fear that all the ministers, and the government as well, are in great dan-

General Gazelee and staff, with a force of Punjabs infantry, arrived at for Taku. The French consul at Shanghai, at a reception Saturday made an impassioned speech. He said "The history of the world can show no parallel to such a situation, and if the abominable crime—the mere thought of which makes us shudder-has been perpetrated, then it is our desire that swift and summary punishment shall fall upon the perfidious nation which committed it.

Appeal of American Missionaries, Shanghal, July 16.-The American missionaries ask the Associated Press to publish the following: "To the Christian People of the United States The missionaries in China ask a spe cial prayer from every pulpit for the speedy succor of Americans and native

converts in extreme peril." Looks Like a Case of Foul Play. Marshalltown, Ia., July 14.-The body of an unidentified woman was found in the lowa river near here Thursday by fishermen. The body evidently had been in the water for two weeks, as it was badly decomposed Bruises give strength to the theory of foul play. The woman was apparent ly 45 or 50 years of age, with long

gray hair. New York, July 16 .- A committee of Gold Democrats issued a call for a meeting in this city July 18, to devise the best method of placing in nominavice president upon a platform "de nouncing and combatting the fallac lous and unconstitutional creeds or both of the old parties." The call is shire and Colorado